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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

Have you ever found yourself asking God what to pray for? That seems to be a common theme for believers in the United States. We live in a society where “self” is above all else. Just look how advertising is directed to the consumer; it is all “self” oriented, so then many times our prayer life consists on concentrating on self. We pray for our own needs, wants and desires. Even when we pray for others, sometimes we wonder how the outcome of that prayer will have an effect on us.

Maybe it is time that we learn to ask God what will bring Him glory as we pray. If we put Him first in our thoughts, actions and, yes, even in our prayers, I believe we will find that not only will the focus of our prayer life change but we will enter into a deeper, more meaningful prayer life with our Lord.

It is time for the believer to adopt the attitude-more of Him and less of us.



In His service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Notes of Thanks

Thanks to Lill Clinkenbeard, Edna Rinsch, and Reda Boberg for help with the Chimes. News for the January Chimes is due December 20.

We would like to thank you so much for the donations we received through your Bethel 600 project. These items are things that don't get donated very often, but are very much needed by our clients. The clients greatly appreciate the soap, toiletries, diapers, laundry detergent etc. These are items that cannot be purchased with food stamps and they must rely on our organization to try to supply them. It means so much to us to have these items to pass on.

We would also like to thank Bethel for everything that you do for us through your Sunday school classes and women's guild and for all the monetary donations that we receive. We are seeing an increase in clients the last few weeks because of the economy and cooler weather approaching. Thank you for helping us take care of our clients needs.

Sincerely,
Pam Allen Co-president
and all volunteers at NK Social Ministries

My sincere thanks,

I am happy to be home after having been in the hospital and living at the Freelandville Community Home. The workers took great care of me and were very friendly and the meals were delicious. Thank you to my family, Pastor Mike, and friends who visited. I received many lovely cards and notes which I look at over and over while I am at home.

Thank you and God bless,
Helen Hankins

Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall.

-Larry Wilde, The Merry Book of Christmas

I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month.

-Harlan Miller

“Christmas is the day that holds all time together.”

- Alexander Smith

Bethel Sunday school News

Advent beckons to us! It is a joyous season of preparing our hearts for celebrating the birth of Jesus. May He truly be your focus during this time. Someone from Bethel gave me a book called Joy to the World, which lists 100 ideas and Scripture references to help us have a Christ-centered Christmas.

Here are just a few:

- **Keep Christ in your heart: don't leave Him in the manger.** *"My son give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways."* Proverbs 23:26
- **Be patient while waiting in long shopping lines.** *"In your patience possess ye your souls."* Luke 21:19
- **As you address your Christmas cards, ask God's blessing on each individual who will receive that card.** *"The fervent prayer of a righteous man availed much."* James 5:16
- **While driving during the busy holiday season, remember that the Christ of Christmas is one of your passengers.** *"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."* Colossians 3:23



And...God's hands and feet will continue to prepare the way for celebrating Christmas at Bethel! The Christmas trees and decorations should be in place by December 10th for the Preschool Christmas Program, so assignments for Sunday School classes are:

Mustard Seed – Put up trees prior to Tuesday, December 7 and take them down

Christian Generations –Decorate trees

Faithful Families – Decorate Sanctuary arch

Friendly Circle – Decorate Bethel Hall

Christian Partners – Decorate the vestibule and outside

Good Neighbors – Lights outside and outdoor Nativity scene

Thank you to Mary Ann Miller for decorating the windows!

As in past years we will be working together in a Decorating Party on Tuesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. Afterward there will be doughnuts, cider and coffee in the Social Room.

Please feel free to come and go as you need that evening as we share in the JOY of Christmas preparations.

The Children's Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Sunday evening, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. The committee will be communicating later with teachers and parents as to parts, practices (only 1, hopefully), and costumes.

Continue to be in prayer for an assistant treasurer for the Sunday School. And thanks again to Shelly Trotter for so willingly continuing to fill that position every Sunday!

This season remember that **“the Lord will give you love that warms your heart, hope that lights your way, and joy that fills your home.”**

See you in Sunday School!



Nancy Tilly

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SORRY FOLKS, I'M BOOKED SOLID ... GOD HIMSELF COULDN'T GET A ROOM HERE TONIGHT

Youth Pastor

Bethel would like to welcome Shayne Spurgeon as our new youth pastor. Shayne is married to his wife, Amber, and they are expecting their first child in December. Shayne comes to Bethel from Westview Christian Church in Campbellsburg, Indiana. Bethel looks forward to the arrival of Shayne and Amber and of the exciting prospect of making Jesus Christ come alive in the hearts of not only Bethel's youth but also in the lies of the youth of our community. Next month's Chimes will include a more extensive bio of Shayne.



Youth group

The high school youth have had an exciting October. First some of us were able to go out to eat and then on to the pumpkin maze. After that we had a wiener roast and a hay ride. The youth would really like to say a great big thank you to Joe and Virginia Koenig for purchasing and donating the trip to us and also to Andy Miller who took time out of his busy family schedule to provide the tractor, wagon and time for us. Last but not least thank you to the congregation for the vote to hire Shayne and Amber Spurgeon for the youth ministry. We are all so excited and looking forward to the future.

We continue to meet on the third Sunday for prayer breakfast. Don't forget that our next Sunday will be November 21.

Once again the youth will have their mitten tree. Last year with your help we collected over 100 items for NK Social Ministries. We will collect hats, gloves, mittens, or socks from infant to adults. We will begin our collection on November 28 in Bethel Hall.

Thank you to all our veterans that have given us all the freedoms that we so enjoy.

In my teens, I was approached by a total stranger on a crowded city street. She said, "You are Kae Cameron's daughter, I'd recognize her face any where!" And she was right. How I long for the day when people look at my life and say, "Oh, you must be a daughter of the Heavenly Father, I recognize His face anywhere!"

-Katherine Walden
I Lift My Eyes Web Ministries

Preschool News

News from Mrs. Hammelman:

I am amazed that the final month of 2010 is nearly here! The past month has been another busy one but the Bethel preschoolers wouldn't have it any other way – the busier, the better. ☺

The children had fun dressing up for our visit to the Freelandville Community Home and Harvest Parties that had been planned by their parents. The kids all looked so cute in their costumes – how fun to have a day like that. They did a wonderful job singing and were so well-behaved. I had many nice compliments on them! They also had a great time at the parties with all the fun crafts, games, and yummy snacks!! The parents were all so creative and the kids love it when they see their parents or their friends' parents having so much fun.

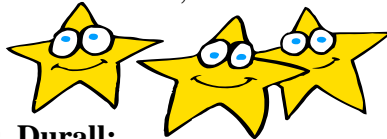
We read the wonderful book, “Leaf Man” by Lois Ehlert. The kids loved the illustrations in the book as we journeyed with the Leaf Man. We decided to take our own nature walk and collect leaves and other items from nature to make our own “Leaf Man” or other favorite creature from the story. This turned into quite a project but the kids are so creative! I hope you have had a chance to see the Leaf Men displayed in the preschool hallway. The children worked very hard on them. At first glance, you might simply see leaves glued to paper but take a closer look and you will discover a leaf man, a chicken, a cow or even a butterfly! Miss Jennifer and I were amazed at the creativity shown. ☺

I am looking forward to our Thanksgiving meal we will be having in each class. We have been talking a lot about the first Thanksgiving. The children were especially amazed to learn that the Pilgrim's homes consisted of only *one* room that served as the kitchen, bedroom, dining room and family room. How hard that is to imagine! For our meal, the children will be helping prepare the food and tables in order to get ready for this day of thanks. They are very excited about this! We will all have to work together just like the Pilgrims and Indians did.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Book Fair and Little Elves workshop, both to be held the week following Thanksgiving. Also, we have been busy working to get ready for the Christmas Program to be held on the evening of December 10. We

are learning new songs and getting excited about this special evening! The kids love the songs and quite often start humming or singing them while working at the tables or during snacks. I have to say that once one of them gets going it's not long before many more join in. Oh, what a time we have! ☺

Blessings to you, our Bethel Church family, as we head into this month of joy and sharing to celebrate the love God shared with us through the birth of His son, Jesus Christ.



In His Love,
Mrs. Hammelman

News from Mrs. Durall:

Preschoolers are so fun!! They have taught me a lot about the movies of "Toy Story", which I had to admit I have never seen. They tell me all about trains, dinosaurs, and pimples. Seriously, a 4 year old knows about that stuff?!?! We are having such a great time.

We had a great time singing at the home. The children did really well. I was very proud of them. They all looked really cute in their costumes.

We learned about the miracle where Jesus fed 5,000 people with just two fish and 5 loaves of bread. (We found lots of uses for the letter F in just one lesson). "How did He do that?" was a great question from one little boy. We used 2 gold fish crackers and 5 zesta crackers to feed our ever hungry crew. We were amazed that we even had a few leftovers.

We enjoyed the beautiful falls colors and found several leaves on our leaf hunt for our craft. We got to play in a pile of leaves, throw them up as high as we could, and then catch them to crunch up as little as we could. We have pictures on display in the hallway. Come down and look sometime.

We talked a lot about being thankful and how we have so many things that God give each of us. We were very thankful for our families, beds, pets, McDonalds and so much more. We read many stories from that first Thanksgiving to what it really means. I am

thankful for all the families of preschoolers, the volunteers, and the support from such a great church family. We are looking forward to our very own celebration.

We learned about the giant named Goliath and how David was a brave little boy to stand up to him. Some children tried to tell us the giant was 50 feet tall, although I know that was not in the story we read. We know we are not to fight, but if we had to, God would help us too, according to one little boy.

We learned that our hands and heart, along with everything else about us, belong to God. We made a craft with our hands so we could lace up our heart and put Jesus right in the center where he should be. We always want Jesus to live in our hearts. Our story was "Where do you live?" We learned that God made ponds for the frogs, pastures for the horses, and homes for us.

We played with icing one day to make an edible turkey out of cookies. The "glue" was really good to eat and we had to replenish several times. The children did well listening and had adorable turkeys to show off. One little girl was going home to eat hers right away. A little boy was saving his til Thanksgiving. Another little boy told us that his mom would never let him eat that whole turkey. I questioned why. He said "mom will have to eat some of it."

In the middle of talking about Thanksgiving, we have had to listen and sing, practice and sing some more of our Christmas songs. The children are doing so well. I just hope they don't get tired of our "same old songs" in a few short weeks. We thank Patty Kixmiller for helping us learn some of our parts. We are excited to perform for our big show which is December 10, at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see many of you there!!



Blessings to all!
Mrs. Beth Durall

Mission Committee

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.” This is how the Mission Committee feels about what is going on at Bethel church. I know we aren’t suppose to “HONK” our own horns, but we are so thankful to belong to such a wonderful Christian church family. Sunday evening, November 7, 2010, we invited members from the Lighthouse Mission at Washington, IN and gathered together to share a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. We were so blessed to have approximately 225 people from both the Lighthouse and Bethel dine and fellowship together. It was definitely a “Wow” but also “Humbling” experience to see the joy and gratitude flowing from all who attended. Many from the Lighthouse had never had the experience of being “served” a meal. This could not have been accomplished without the help from a loving church family and we thank God for each one of you. Thank you for your donations of food, time, talents, and service. Our youth and the youth from the Edwardsport Baptist church did a wonderful job serving; the food and drinks were wonderful; the fellowship was great! We really appreciated all who helped place the desserts and salads on the tables ahead of time and all who helped with the clean-up. Thank you! We love you all!

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010, was the last day to collect shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Monday, with the help of Nancy and Herman Tilly, Bill Brocksmith, Pastor Mike and Marilyn Koenig, we loaded 86 boxes and delivered them to the Free Methodist Church in Washington, IN to be sorted and delivered to their next destination. Many have paid online for shipping costs and are anxious to see where their boxes will go. No matter if you that or not, God has a special child somewhere who will receive a box and hopefully will realize the depth of love He has for them. Thank you, Bethel, for helping with this wonderful project.

We are still collecting potholders to be sent with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers as they travel to Albania in January. If you haven’t donated and plan to do so, the deadline for collecting them is Dec. 1, 2010. Colored beads and a wonderful message about Jesus will accompany each of these pot holders. Thank you for helping with this project.

We have completed our Bethel 600 to North Knox Social Ministries and each time we have delivered the items we have collected, we have been greeted with much gratitude for everything donated. Thank you again, Bethel, for being the hands and feet of Jesus. That’s what it’s all about.

In November, we celebrate Thanksgiving and in December, we celebrate the birth of our Savior. We can each truly say:

“PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

North Knox Social Ministries

Suggested items for children for Christmas 2010

(Needed by December 12)

Toboggans and gloves
Dolls and doll clothes
Items for teen-age girls
Coloring books
Reading books
Games
Cars and trucks



Basketballs, soccer balls, footballs
Puzzles for 2-3 years of age
Toys for 0-3 years of age
Batteries-Size AA, AAA, C, 9-volt

Baby items:

Lotion
Powder
Shampoo
Baby wipes
Squeeze toys
Rattles
Bottles



For men: socks, hankies, gloves

For women: socks, gloves, bath towels, wash cloths

Women's Guild

The next women's guild meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1. The women will be putting together cheer plates for shut-ins. Anyone who wishes to donate cookies for the cheer plates should bring them to the social room by 9 that morning. A luncheon will be held at noon.

A portrayal of Mary, the mother of Jesus, will be given. Everyone is asked to please bring a gift for a child to be given to North Knox Social Ministries.



Shut-ins

Freelandville Community Home
P.O. Box 288
Freelandville, IN 47535
Gladys Brocksmith
Ralph Buescher
Ruth Sager



Lodge of the Wabash
723 Ramsey Road
Vincennes, IN 47591
Harold Wagner

Crestview Nursing Home
3801 Old Bruceville Road
Vincennes, IN 47591
Helen Smith

KCARC
2525 N. 6th Street
Vincennes, IN 47591
Gary Hammelman

Those living on their own or away:

Anna Mae Koenig-8291 N. Pieper Road, Edwardsport, IN 47528
Margaret Koenig-12601 E. Max Koenig Road, Edwardsport, IN 47528
Hyla Richter-6771 E. Freelandville Road, Oaktown, IN 47561
Ruth and John Richter-1715 W. State Road 58, Carlisle, IN 47838
Louise Rinsch-12430 N. State Road 159, Edwardsport, IN 47528
Helen and Wendell Stoelting-12679 E. Stoelting Road, Edwardsport, IN 47528

Mary Ann Frye-1402 Liberty Park Blvd. #307, Sedalia, MO 65301
Marjorie Putnam-300 West Airport Blvd. #331, Sanford, FL 32773
Marjorie Horst-P.O. Box 214, Edwardsport, IN 47528
Martha Enmeier-5213 Heathwood Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46237
Janice Courter-2598 Hwy. 231, Loogootee, IN 47553
Ray Hall-P.O. Box 242, Freelandville, IN 47535
Helen Hankins-P.O. Box 205, Freelandville, IN 47535

If any names are missing from this list, please call the church office at (812) 328-2358 so that we may add them to the list.

Bethel Family's Military Members

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son-in-law of Scott & Lana Dike
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Virginia Beach, VA 23454

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Camp Ramadi
APO AE 09396

Major Shane Turner
son-in-law of John &
Marilyn Koenig
1111 Valley Glen Dr.
Dixon, CA 95620



Parish Records:

Baptisms:

Reece Clinkenbeard, son of Matt and Jennifer Clinkenbeard was baptized on Sunday, October 24 at Bethel. Godparents are Eric Lafferty and Elaina Holscher.

Henry Oscar and Miles Jonathan Holka, sons of Stephen and Elizabeth (Miller) Holka, were baptized on Sunday, November 14 at Bethel. Henry's godparents are Andy Miller and Alison Holka and Miles' godparents are Gina and Cory O'Brien.

Attendance:

Oct.	24	177
	31	190
Nov.	7	262
	14	173

Greeters:

November 28 and Dec. 5
Tim and Tonya Miller
Dec. 12 and 19
Herman and Nancy Tilly
Dec. 26 and Jan. 2
Bruce and Terri Miller

Ushers:

December	Bill and Darlene Resler
Dec. 19	Youth

Nursery Notes:

Dec.	5	Cally Miller
	12	Emily Telligman
	19	Debbie Telligman
	26	Kelci Anderson

Children's Church:

Dec.	5	Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst
	12	Lenora McCrary/Tracey Kahre/Kelci Anderson
	19	JoAnne Brocksmith/Chris Horst
	26	Dale Tiek/Tracey Kahre/Nancy Tilly

Happy December Birthday to:

Dec.	12	Ruth Brocksmith-(Happy 87 th birthday)
	20	Jean Perry-(Happy 85 th birthday)



Church Council minutes

November 8, 2010

Pastor's report-Pastor Mike presented to the council his monthly pastor's report. The report was reviewed and accepted. Sunday evening Bible Studies are continuing and have been well attended as The Bait of Satan is being studied.

Secretary's report-was read and approved as written.

Treasurer's report-Herman Tilly presented the Treasurer's report to the council members. The harvest of the Strate 40 acres averaged \$200 an acre. Two-thirds of the proceeds go back to the Mustard Seed class. Andy Miller completely farmed this acreage from planting to harvest. The Mustard Seed Class has decided to turn this project over to the Faithful Families class. The church is \$7,049 in the black for the month. The Brocksmith Mission will be placed in a bond fund for 15 years at 5.2%. November distributions are as follows: KC Habitat, \$500 and NKSM, \$523.50.

Deacon's report-The Deacon's report was presented by Scott Page. The average Sunday morning service attendance for October was 172. The offering for October was \$17,757.57; \$785.09 was contributed to the youth pastor fund, \$88.67 to Brocksmith Mission and \$100 to the Memorial Fund. The report was approved.

Elder's report-Dale Tiek presented the Elder's report. Shayne Spurgeon was welcomed into the Elders group. They discussed Sunday school ideas for 2011. A discussion was held regarding wedding policies and these policies will be enforced. The Elder's were very well pleased with the Mission Committee's Lighthouse Mission dinner and that it was well received. More than 200 were in attendance.

Building and Grounds-Jim Anthis, from Anthis Heating and Air Conditioning made a presentation to the council on the church's heating and cooling. Mr. Anthis estimated the boiler to be 45-50 years old, the pipes even older. Much discussion followed the

presentation. Concrete work has begun on the sidewalk replacement project per the congregational vote to approve the work.

A church member who approached the council made an offer to purchase a screen, projector and a computer to operate it for the sanctuary. A committee is to be formed to search for those items and the best way to use these items in the sanctuary.

New business:

The new youth pastor, Shayne Spurgeon, was presented to the church council by the Search Committee. Shayne was welcomed by all council members. A motion was made by Ed Hagemeyer to approve the youth pastor, seconded by John Koenig. The vote was approved unanimously. Scott Page was appointed Council Representative for the Youth Pastor Committee.

Ministries-Special needs within our congregation and community were voiced and prayed for.

Coming events:

First advent with communion-Sunday, November 28

Preschool book fair-Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 2, 3, and 5

Worship at FCH-Sunday, December 5

Christmas decorating event-Tuesday, December 7

Preschool Christmas program-Friday, December 10

Council meeting-Monday, December 13

Sunday school Christmas program-Sunday, December 19

Candlelight service, Christmas morning-Saturday, December 25



*I heard the bells on Christmas Day,
their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
of peace on Earth, good will to men!*

*Best wishes to everyone this Christmas and may your New Year be filled with the knowledge of God's love for you.
Merry Christmas from Bethel Church!!*

December 2010

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