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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 13:13 that we need to abide in faith, hope and love, with love being the most important of the three. As we move toward the season of Easter, let us never forget the love God has showed us through His Son, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate our risen Lord, let us reflect on the goodness of god and how He allowed His Son to be our atoning sacrifice on Calvary's Cross. With that in mind, let us look for opportunities to share the "Good News" with those less fortunate, who have never experienced what is had by having a saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ. May we all become ambassadors for Christ in word and in deed.



In His service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Notes of Thanks

Dear Ladies of the Women's Guild,

Thanks so much for the cookies that were given to me.

They were much appreciated. It was very nice to be remembered.

Gladys Brocksmith

Thanks from Bethel church to Keith Bosecker for donating his labor to lay the brickwork in front of the preschool area in memory of his loved ones at Bethel.

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2009:

January/February

Mustard Seed class

March/April

Preschool

May/June

Faithful Families

July/August

Christian Generations

September/October

Christian Partners

November/December

Children's Church



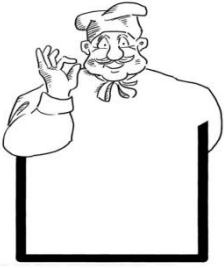
Bethel Sunday School News

Winter greetings to everyone! I am sure you are all as anxious for spring to get here as I am. Again, I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work with Christmas decorations, programs, etc.

I would like to remind each Sunday school class to get 1 volunteer from your class to be on the Sunday school picnic committee for 2010. Please turn this name in to me by Feb. 28. Remember 2 chairpersons will be chosen out of those names. Thanks!

I would like to mention that if anyone has not been coming to a Sunday school class and is interested in doing so, please see Nancy Tilly or myself and we will be glad to assist you in finding one. We are very blessed to be able to continue to have Sunday School Classes for all ages. We would love to see our attendance go up, but most of all want people to grow in their faith. We do have some wonderful Sunday school teachers who put in a lot of time preparing lessons. Come, participate, learn and draw closer to Christ. See you on Sunday morning!

-Janet Clinkenbeard



Christian Partners Luncheon

The Christian Partners Sunday school class is sponsoring a soup and salad luncheon after the worship service on Sunday, February 14. All donations will be used to fund class projects. Everyone is welcome. Come and enjoy the good food and wonderful fellowship.

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Youth Group

The youth continues to meet every Sunday evening. We hope that others will join us for our Sunday evening meetings. We are missing you. We had a lock in on Saturday January 9. We had lots of food, games, movies, a lesson and very little sleep. What a wonderful group of kids we had.

We are making plans for SOUPER BOWL Sunday-February 7. The youth will have soup pots ready to be filled with your donations for the North Knox Social Ministries. The Souper Bowl of sharing began in 1990 and since this time over 60 million dollars has been generated for soup kitchens, food banks, and other charities across the nation. In Romans 12:13 we are told: *Share with God's people who are in need.*

We are once again planning our food drive for spring. Also, we are discussing some possible ways to help the people of Haiti. The youth continues to look for ways to serve God.

-Theresia Barrett

Preschool News

Notes from Mrs. Durall:

We are back into the swing of things after a great Christmas Break. We weren't ready for a snow day that quickly after coming back, but we got one anyway. Some of us even got to play outside in the snow. One little boy told me he was outside for 6 hours.

We thank Doris Brocksmith for the surprise egg. We were convinced it was an alligator in one class and a frog in the other class. We put it in water and watched it hatch for a few days. We were so excited when a 2 1/2 inch dinosaur came out of the shell. Dino sits on the piano and watches our class every day.



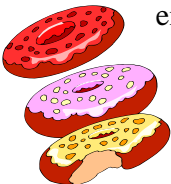
We had a lesson on helping take care of God's creatures and how it is hard for birds to find food when the ground is covered in snow. We got to make bird feeders. I had one little girl licking the peanut butter off of the tube. She told me the birds didn't need all of it, they would share with her. Then one little boy told me there were 4 birds fighting over his feeder.

We talked about Prayer being the most important thing we do. We decided we can pray when we are in the car driving mom crazy, instead of watching tv, or just about any time we want. We know God always listens to us and we are thankful for that. Miss Ruth and I get to hear many great prayers every day.

One day we painted whatever we wanted. We had many colorful messes and many darling shapes and pretty faces or cute trucks. Grandma Sug (Shirley Miller) is a great artist. Thanks for coming, Shirley.

Sidney Kahre has brought in a goat, sheep, and a baby puppy for show and tell. We decided she truly lives on a farm with lots of animals and is not afraid of any of them. Some of her friends are just the opposite. They don't have any animals and are afraid of everything. We thank her dad for taking time to share with us.

We are working on new songs for our Donuts with Dad at the end of the month. One little boy told me Dad was sleeping in before coming, but he would be ready for donuts. We are getting excited.



We have added two new students and welcome them. The two boys fit right in already.

God Bless and have a great February.

Mrs. Durall

Dancing With God

When I meditated on the word **Guidance**, I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word. I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right.

The movement doesn't flow with the music, and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky. When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another. It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully. The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other.

My eyes drew back to the word **Guidance**.

When I saw "G": I thought of God, followed by "u" and "i".

"God, "u" and "i" dance."

God, you, and I dance.

As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust that I would get guidance about my life. Once again, I became willing to let God lead...

Dance together with God, trusting God to lead
and to guide you through each season of your life.

-unknown author

Women's Guild

The next Women's Guild meeting will be on Wednesday, February 3 at 1:30 pm. Hostesses will be Lill Clinkenbeard and Helen Harbin. All women are invited to attend.

Historical Committee

The new 2010 Bethel calendar is now available for sale. It features 100+ year old homes in the local area. The Historical Committee would like to thank everyone who has helped in producing this calendar as well as all the past calendars. We also give thanks to those who provided pictures and/or information for the calendars.



The committee would really appreciate your help and would like to have new members who are interested in the history of the church and the community. Please call the church office at (812) 328-2358 if you are interested.

North Knox Social Ministries

In November and December, NKSM had 429 requests for food involving 1,511 people. Twenty-two of these requests were new ones. It also helped six families with heating, one with water, five with rent, and one with firewood. In addition, it helped three individuals in getting glasses, three with dental work, and three with medicine.

The North Knox Social Ministries thanks everyone who gave them money or other help recently.

The next meeting will be held on March 16 at 7pm at Sandborn Methodist Church.

Lord, Prop Us Up

Every time I am asked to pray, I think of the old deacon who always prayed, 'Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side.' After hearing him pray that prayer many times, someone asked him why he prayed that prayer so fervently.

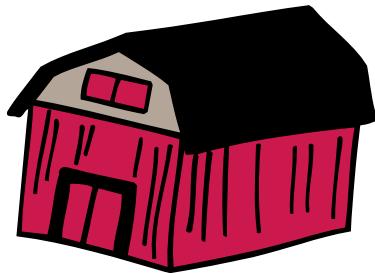
He answered, 'Well sir, you see, it's like this ... I got an old barn out back. It's been there a long time; it's withstood a lot of weather; it's gone through a lot of storms, and it's stood for many years.

It's still standing. But one day I noticed it was leaning to one side a bit. So I went and got some pine poles and propped it up on its leaning side so it wouldn't fall.

Then I got to thinking about that and how much I was like that old barn. I've been around a long time.

I've withstood a lot of life's storms. I've withstood a lot of bad weather in life, I've withstood a lot of hard times, and I'm still standing too. But I find myself leaning to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop us up on our leaning side, 'cause I figure a lot of us get to leaning at times.

Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, leaning toward bitterness, leaning toward hatred, leaning toward cussing, leaning toward a lot of things that we shouldn't. So we need to pray, 'Lord, prop us up on our leaning side, so we will stand straight and tall again, to glorify the Lord.'



Bethel Library

The books this month are books that were given to the library in memory of loved ones.

1. The Delany Sisters' **Book of Everyday Wisdom**-Sarah and A. Elizabeth Delany Their philosophy and example create a standard for everyone. C 1994
2. **Joseph**-Charles R. Swindoll A man who modeled a life anyone would consider great. C 1998
3. **Just Between Friends**-compiled by Patsy Clairmont, etc. Women sharing and learning together C 1999
4. **The Miracle of Love**-Charles L. Allen Rev. Allen focuses on the characteristics of love so beautifully described by St. Paul in the moving passage of I Corinthians 13. C 1972
5. **Present Moments**-Stephen M. Miller Cherishing everyday experiences-a book of reflections. C 1999
6. **Reaping in Joy**-Kathy Stephens Her journey to intimately understanding God in the darkest of circumstances. Only a loving Heavenly Father could bring joy and peace from loss and grief. C 2004
7. **Saint Augustine**-Rachael M. Phillips An early church father. One man's search for truth led him to the "unchangeable Light" of Jesus Christ. C 2002
8. **Senior Spirituality**-Harold R. Nelson Awakening your Spiritual potential-a book that may become a fountain of life, health, strength and courage. C 2004
9. **Sister Images**-Mary Zimmer "Suddenly I sense the presence of the women of the Bible. They offer their stories, their pain and triumph and their joys to us. We can, with open hearts, receive and learn from them." Guided meditations from the stories of Biblical women. C 1993
10. **A Woman's Guide to Getting Through Tough Times**-Quin Sherrer and Ruthanne Garlock Contains: Making adversity work for you and Finding help, hope and healing. C 1998
11. **Women's Wisdom through the Ages**-Vinite Hampton Timeless quotations on life and faith. C 1994

Please take time to check out these wonderful, thought-provoking books. If interested in any of these books, they will be available for check-out on a table located next to the Social room.

January Newsletter
Ashley Wilson, Afghanistan Missionary

Hello from Colorado!!!!

I just finished a two week language acquisition course in Colorado and feel so much more prepared to tackle a new language that lies before me. Excitingly, I will get my chance to tackle the language very soon!!! I wanted to share the wonderful news that I will be making it to language school in K-town if all goes well with my visa. Tentatively I will be leaving Feb 5th but no plane tickets have been bought just yet. I am overwhelmed by God's provision and just want to thank each on of you for your prayers, encouragement, and support.

I will be sending a newsletter with more updates and details at some point but just wanted each of you to be aware that the process is quickly moving forward. Please lift up both my family and me in this time of transition. Pray that we would have abundant joy in the midst of a seemingly sorrowful time as we get closer to having to say goodbye and that the peace of God would resonate deep within us all. Also pray for the processing of my visa that it would happen quickly and without any issues. Lots of preparation for my arrival has to take place as well so please keep my team leaders, Eric and Heather, in your prayers as they secure housing and other details.

Again like I said I will be sending up a more thorough update but for now just wanted to share the exciting news.

-Blessings,
Ashley Wilson

Love Quotes

Falling in love is awfully simple, but falling out of love is simply awful.

-Anonymous

Love is blind—marriage is the eye opener.

-Pauline Thomason

We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread, but there are many more dying for a little love.

-Mother Teresa

This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

-John 15:12

Parish Records:

Attendance:

Dec.	27	147
Jan.	3	115
	10	101
	17	147

Greeters:

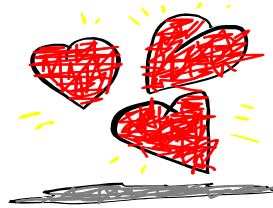
February 7 and 14
Bill and Carole Albrecht
February 21 and 28
Laverne and Betty Tilly

Ushers:

January	Kevin and Linda Hammelman
January 17	Youth

Nursery Notes:

Feb.	7	Cally Miller
	14	Tracy Kahre
	21	Brenda Maddox
	28	Kelci Anderson



Children's Church:

Feb.	7	Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst
	14	Cally Miller/Austin Miller/Kelci Anderson
	21	Micah Bowman/Emily Telligman/Chris Horst
	28	Brenda Maddox/Noah Miller/Nancy Tilly

Happy February Birthday to:

Feb.	4	Wayne Dunkerly-(Happy 82 nd birthday)
	21	Ray Hall-(Happy 87 th birthday)
	28	Wilma Chester-(Happy 80 th birthday)

Morning Motivation

When I woke up this morning lying in bed, I was asking myself;
What are some of the secrets of success in life?
I found the answer right there in my very room.

The fan said....Be cool	The roof said....Aim high
The window said...See the world	The calendar said...Be up-to-date
The door said...Push hard for your goals	
The clock said...Every minute is precious	
The mirror said...Reflect before you act	

And not to forget, the carpet said...Kneel down and pray.
Have a purposeful day in the Lord!!

Church Council Meeting

January 11, 2010

Pastor's report-read and approved.

Secretary's report-council minutes to the meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report-approved as written

Deacon's report-read and approved as written. Average attendance was 160 for December.

Elder's report-The elders were unable to have a meeting in December due to scheduling conflicts but plans are still underway for the Spring Revival with Craig Cook. Also, plans are being made to have prayer over all the North Knox schools with possible community participation. The target date would be this fall.

Building and Grounds-Graves Heating provided furnace maintenance. Lights were repaired in Linda Chattin's preschool office. Thanks were given to Kevin Hammelman for clearing the parking lot for January 10 Sunday services. Mr. Kidwell will be coming to look at some of the pews that are in need of repair.

Old Business:

Youth Pastor-please continue with prayers.

Five Year Financial Plan-This will be discussed at the annual congregational meeting.

New Business:

Carpet cleaning-The carpets for the office and kitchen will be cleaned in April.

Carillon Chimes Repair-Virginia Koenig is looking into options for having the chimes repaired.

Coming events:

February 7-Worship at FCH

February 17-Beginning of Lenten services

March 28-Confirmation and Confirmation Reunion



Disaster Relief for Haiti

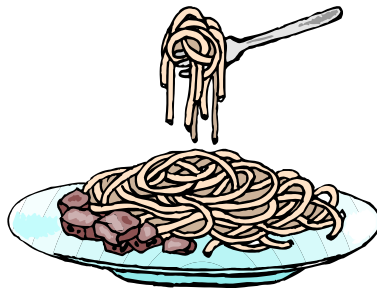
Due to the horrendous events that have occurred in Haiti recently, the Mission Committee will be taken up offerings on the dates listed below.

Love Offering



Sunday, February 14

Spaghetti Dinner



Sunday, March 7

All donations received will go to the Samaritan's Purse charity organization that will use the fund to help bring relief to Haiti.

Please be in prayer for the people of Haiti and all those who are striving to help them during this very difficult time.

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