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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

With the New Year upon us, let us take a time of reflection on the old. As we reflect, can we honestly say that we were pleased with the choices we made in the old year, especially those choices concerning our spiritual lives? We are fortunate to serve a God, who when we humbly bow down before Him, not only forgives us but also forgets our sins and transgressions. So, let us put the past in the past and press on into the future in 2010.

Paul writes in Colossians 3:24b that it is the Lord Christ whom we serve. The choice is ours. Whom will we serve in the New Year, the Lord Christ or our own desires? If we want to be pleasing to our God, let us choose to serve Him. As believers, let us strive to make 2010 a special year, a year unlike any other we have experienced. Choosing Christ above self is a guaranteed recipe for success.

In His service,
Pastor Mike James 5:16



Notes of Thanks

Thanks to Betty Tilly, Lill Clinkenbeard, and Wilma Strange for their help with the Chimes last month. News for the February Chimes is due on January 18. Also, a big thanks to Nancy Tilly, Wilma Strange, Edna Rinsch, and Betty Tilly for help with the Christmas flyers that were mailed out. I greatly appreciated the extra helping hands.

Thank you for your prayers, kind words and support this last year. Thanks to the Bethel congregations for the 214 ties received to make the 35 stars for Bethel's Christmas trees. God is good.

-Butch and Bernettia Hollingsworth

Dear Bethel Friends and Family,

We had very generous donations from individuals, families, and classes plus the offering from the Children's program in December and we want to tell you how grateful we are to receive them. Because of you, children had Christmas gifts; water bills, gas bills, and electric bills were paid, babies had diapers and formula, a furnace payment was made, a father had gas to go to work, and a mother had gas to take her child to the doctor! There will be many more needs in the coming months and because you shared, many more people will be helped!!

Thank you all so-o-o much!
God bless you for your generosity and kindness!
The Nurses' Fund

I wish to thank the Bethel Women's Guild for the delicious plate of cookies. Your thoughtfulness and remembrance is greatly appreciated.

May you all have a wonderful New Year.

In Christian Love,
Louise Rinsch

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

Memorials

In memory of Nelda Horn:

Memorial Fund

Sallie Mae Technology Infrastructure and Operations Teams

In memory of William and Emelia Luetkemeier:

Memorial Fund

Pauline A. Schaffer

Bethel Sunday School News

By the time you read this, we will have already celebrated our Lord's birth with family and friends. It is certainly a Joyous time of year in that the Savior brings eternal hope! As we begin 2010, let us continue to celebrate our Lord by sharing our hope with others. We have decorated Bethel Church, now we need to "undecorate" and pack away for a few months. Class assignments will be the same and we will once again meet together and work with each other to get the job done. Thanks to all of you in advance for helping. We would like to take down the trees and decorations on Monday night, January 4th beginning at 6:30 p.m. Hopefully there will not be too many conflicts that night.

As mentioned previously in the Fall, I would like each Sunday School Class to pick one willing person to be on the Sunday School Picnic Committee. Please have that person's name to me by the end of January. I wish all of you a healthy, happy and Blessed New Year! Let's work together to make Bethel Sunday School a great place to draw closer to Christ! See you on Sunday morning!

-Janet Clinkenbeard

Youth Group

The high school youth have been meeting every Sunday evening. The first two Sundays we meet at the Edwardsport Baptist church and the last two Sundays we meet at Bethel. We have been viewing a video series entitled 24/7. The series is about different ways people evangelize. We have seen lawyers, musicians and many other people who love God and are on a mission for His word. We also spent an evening at the pumpkin maze and a haunted house. On November 29, the youth decorated doors at the Freelandville Community Home and then went out for something to eat. We are only meeting one Sunday in December due to school and other church commitments. For January, we are planning a lock-in.

-Theresia Barrett

Life After Meth

Dear Bethel Church,

On behalf of the Life After Meth participants of the Knox County Jail and the Life After Meth Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your generous gift of \$500. With this gift, we have been able to purchase journals, pens, paper, and folders for the participants. These supplies enable them to continue the L.A.M. Program in the 24/7 drug rehabilitation classes.

The L.A.M. Program continues to offer hope for those here at the jail who are sick and tired of being sick and tired. This hope is the hope of a new life without drugs and alcohol. These participants are constantly warned of the difficulties of a life of recovery when they try to “go it alone.” We constantly direct them to attend a church of their choice.

I would enjoy an opportunity to come to Bethel Church and speak in worship service or Sunday school about the L.A.M. program. Please call me at 887-1472 to set up a date. Again, thank you for all your prayers and support.

-In Christ,
Rev. Peter D. Haskins

Preschool News

News from Mrs. Chattin:

As I write this Chimes article, it is the 23rd of December and I just finished putting up our tree and still have lots of wrapping and cooking to do. I have *never* been this far behind, so this article will be short and brief.

We had our preschool Christmas program on December 11th and it was standing room only! My husband, Jim, attempted to count everyone, but it was hard as many had to stand. Jim counted 522 in attendance, give or take a few. I have never seen Bethel church so packed!

I want to thank everyone who helped me dress the 36 children as Mary, Joseph and animals. My little ones could hardly wait to dress up. They kept telling me, "We are so happy and excited." They all did a wonderful job of singing and looked so cute in their fancy dresses, vests and ties. One little boy was so excited and kept telling me, "I'm going to take a shower before our big program." Thanks also to Pastor Mike and Karen for their help.

I had a special surprise during the program. Jim called me over to announce, "Our boys are here." Needless to say, I was surprised! I knew our son, Brian, had left Florida to attend the winter baseball meetings in Indy. I just didn't know Aaron and Brian had made plans to drive from Indy to attend the program. Needless to say, they made their Momma very happy!

I want to say a very special thank you to Aaron, Brian and Nancy and Herman Tilly for bringing lots of chairs out of the basement so people could sit. Thanks to Chuck Borgmeier and Terry Perkins for their willingness to do the sound and lights.

We will return to preschool on January 4th. We will begin on letter O, and finish letter Z sometime in May. We've got to work very hard once we return to get ready for Kindergarten Round-Up. My children keep asking me when we will have our "Smart Party" and if they can paint their hands on the wall yet. I've told them once we finish learning all the letters, we will paint hands, party and explore the big church.

Once Christmas is over, I plan to hang lots of pictures on our preschool picture board. If you have time, please check it out. I've got lots of cute pictures.

Wishing all of you a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and healthy 2010.



-God bless,
Linda Chattin

Notes from Mrs. Durall:

Hoping each of you had a great Christmas, but continue to keep Jesus as the main focus all through. December was busy at preschool. Many of our lessons focused on the many stories of Jesus and His birth. We had our program and I am still smiling about how well all the kids did. After hearing many excuses, like I am tired, I just can't stand that long, or I can't sing, I was worried about all the kids staying on stage and performing. We even had one girl in tears before saying she just wanted mama. I thought, "Oh, here we go-I have lost them before we even make it upstairs." Before the program began, we had our little prayer in the basement for God to keep those smiles on our faces as we sang about baby Jesus and keep those butterflies away. When the prayer was over, one little boy exclaimed, "Let's rock and roll." That's just what they all did. They all stayed on the risers and sang and danced when they were suppose to. Thanks to many of you for coming and for your support. The church was overflowing with spectators.

We got to go shopping at the "Free Place" for parents with the ladies from Generations. Thanks to our Doris Brocksmith for helping out. I was told by one little boy that his mom would love the free store and would be over after she finished work. We talked about secrets and how at Christmas it was okay not to say a word to mom and dad about what was in the gift. It is so hard to keep secrets when we are so excited. One little girl told mom all about it before mom could say, "How was your day?" "I forgot about secrets," she then told me. We made crafts where we put baby Jesus in the manger, painted tissue paper to wrap parent gifts and even painted our feet to make a reindeer. I love to watch their faces then I tell them what we are making for the day. I get strange looks and comments that whatever we start with will never look like something in the end. Usually by the time we are done with the project, the kids are like, "Oh, I see it now."

I gave the kids a countdown to Jesus' birthday with Hershey kisses. We are suppose to eat one kiss a day starting on the 1st. One little preschooler had all the kisses gone by the 10th. He told me that he didn't need to count how many days til the big day because everybody already knows when it is.

I am thankful for all the families of preschool and pray God continues to be in the center of their hearts forever. Have a safe and joy-filled New Year!!



-Mrs. Durall

Ashley Wilson's December Newsletter

So many things these days compete for the attention of our hearts and minds. I have realized that often my heart is lulled to passivity and dulled by the things of this world. The Lord took me to 2 Kings 22 & 23 to remind me what a responsive heart looks like. During King Josiah's reign the Book of the Law was found after being lost for over fifty years. Josiah's hearing of the word *led him to repentance, repentance to reformation, and reformation to celebration*. Verse 18 says, ***"Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the Lord...I have heard you."*** Most of us have heard over and over the Word of the Lord, but does our response look like Josiah's? We hear the promises and instruction for us, His children, the amazing story of His birth, and the call to make disciples of all nations, to name a few yet our hearts often remain passive and unengaged. As I look forward to what my ministry may look like I want my heart to remain responsive. I will have to be guarded to avoid becoming merciless to the vast need and suffering in front of me. I will have to beware of not becoming passive about the injustice encamped all around me. I will have to continue to respond to the call to lay down my life daily. These are huge tasks and nothing that I can do in my own wisdom or strength. My heart will have to be responsive and humbled daily before my King.

The busy holiday season is beginning to be in full swing and I want to challenge you to see where your heart's attention is being drawn. I pray that each of you **respond** to the birth of our glorious King Jesus with much celebration!

Much love, Ashley

- Hundreds of adults and children were fitted with eye glasses by a visiting short term team. Pray that these seeds of compassion and care would produce good fruit.
- Please continue praying for the protection of my teammates on the field and future co-workers as the government is transitioning some of its leadership.
- Pray for continued peace with the communities we are working in.
- The departure for my teammates, Dave and Donna, was delayed. Pray that the Lord would continue to give them patience and heal Donna's minor surgical wound quickly.
- Recently I found out that language school is starting February 13th, a month and a half earlier than I expected! The course is only offered once a semester, which means I am feeling the urgency of needing to be fully funded by January so I can prepare to leave. Currently I need \$1200 more a month. I have been amazed by the Lord's provision and am trusting that He will continue to provide *in His perfect timing*. Thank you to all of you who have given generously!!! *Would you please take this need to the Lord in prayer? Would you consider giving an end of the year gift or partnering with me monthly if you aren't already?*

Shut-ins

Please add the following members' names to the list of shut-ins and members living alone that was printed in last month's Chimes:

Janice Courter-2598 Hwy. 231, Loogootee, IN 47553

Ray Hall-PO Box 242, Freelandville, IN 47535

Marjorie Horst-PO Box 214, Edwardsport, IN 47528

Women's Guild

Bethel Guild will have no meeting in January, 2010. The first meeting of the New Year will be on Wednesday, February 3 at 1:30 pm. More information will come later.

-Helen Harbin

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee has the 2010 calendars available. Each contains interesting pictures and narratives about some of the older houses in Widner Township. They are available in the Good Neighbors' classroom after church on Sundays or see Wendy at the church office. They are \$10 each. The cost to mail a calendar is \$1.90.

Annual Meeting

Bethel's annual meeting has been set for Sunday, January 24. A luncheon will be served after morning worship followed by the meeting.

Please have all end-of-the-year financial papers turned into the office by Monday, January 4.

Morning Exercise

A visiting speaker was impressed by the enthusiasm our Christian school students showed in their physical education class.

"I exercise, too," he sighed, faintly smiling at our pastor. "Every morning I awaken to the alarm, jump from bed, and run around the block six times."

As our pastor expressed surprise and offered hearty praise, the man continued, "Then I kick the block under the bed and go back to sleep."

—Gary Severson, Everson, WA. Christian Reader, "Lite Fare."

Retirement or a New Assignment?

By Os Hillman, October 29

For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill... (Eccl 2:21).

He didn't begin this job until he was sixty-nine years old. He had already had a successful Hollywood movie career and decided to try his hand at politics. He would be known by one job more than any other. He would also be known as one of the United State's greatest statesmen. He had a faith that was genuine but not intruding or very public, but you knew where he stood. He always treated people, even his detractors with grace. He was known for his extraordinary love he had for his wife.

His name was Ronald Reagan, and he did not begin his greatest work until he was sixty-nine years old. By this season of life, most are thinking of retirement in Florida. Ronald Reagan decided to run for President of the United States and successfully served two terms as our 40th President.

It was Reagan's faith that led him to see the Soviet Union as an "evil empire." He'll be remembered as the President who brought down communism in the Soviet Union. And it was his Christian faith that gave him the quiet confidence and self-certainty that made him a great leader and earned him the title "the great communicator."

Where did he get his spiritual values? There were a number of influences. First and foremost was his mother, Nelle Reagan. I'm confident that had Nelle Reagan died in the winter of 1918-19 - a near-victim of the devastating influenza epidemic that killed millions of healthy, middle-aged mothers around the world - Ronald Reagan very likely would not have become President. It was Nelle who insisted her boy go to church-a request he happily obliged-and it was in church that Reagan picked up not only those core beliefs and values, but also the intangibles so vital to his success: his confidence, his eternal optimism (which he called a "God-given optimism"), and even his ability to speak. Indeed, history has also overlooked the fact that the Great Communicator found his first audiences in a church. He learned to speak in a church.*

Consider this: Your greatest work may yet be ahead of you. Don't let age keep you from being used by God.

*<http://www.heritage.org/Research/PoliticalPhilosophy/h1832.cfm>

Life Lessons from Andy Rooney

...sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
...opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
...the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.
...everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

Parish Records:

Births:

Fritz Charles Hagemeyer, son of Nick and Molly Hagemeyer was born on Friday, Dec. 4, 2009. Bethel grandparents are Ed & Cheryl Hagemeyer and Great Grandfather is Fred "Fritz" Hagemeyer

Braxton Paul Farmer, son of Paul and Amy Farmer, was born on Friday, Dec. 4, 2009. Bethel grandparents are Mike and Pam Loheider and great-grandparents are Wayne and Vera Dunkerly.

Attendance:

Nov.	22	166
	29	151
Dec.	6	144
	13	117
	20	235

Greeters:

December 27 and January 3

Bruce and Terri Miller

January 10 and 17

John and Marilyn Koenig

January 24 and 31

Clint and Beth Durall

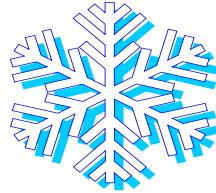
Ushers:

January Kevin and Linda Hammelman

January 17 Youth

Nursery Notes:

January 3	Beth Durall
10	Ramona Hammelman
17	Kelci Anderson
24	Stacy Page
31	Beth Durall



Children's Church:

Jan.	3	Cally Miller/Austin Miller/Chris Horst
	10	Micah Bowman/Tracey Kahre/Bonnie Organ
	17	Brenda Maddox/Kelci Anderson/Chris Horst
	24	JoAnne Brocksmith/Barron Brocksmith/Nancy Tilly
	31	Ramona Hammelman/Patrick Sargent/Bonnie Organ

Happy January Birthday to:

Jan.	6	John Repass-(Happy 80 th birthday)
	13	Don Johanningsmeier-(Happy 80 th birthday)
	17	Agnes Lee-(Happy 80 th birthday)
	19	Gertrude Hagemeyer-(Happy 86 th birthday)
	23	Roy Grabbe-(Happy 92 nd birthday)
	31	Marge Finke-(Happy 90 th birthday)

Church Council Meeting
December 14, 2009

Pastor's report-read and approved.

Secretary's report-approved as written.

Treasurer's report-The Bethel Church Cemetery Trustees, Terry Perkins, Brett Telligman, and Jan Spanger, have now accepted full responsibility as of November 25, 2009, of investments for the Cemetery Trust. Old National Bank transferred to the Bethel Cemetery Trustees the remaining balances.

Deacon's report-approved as written.

Building and Grounds Committee-Maintenance and repairs were made on various tasks in and around the church. The Carillon Chimes timer is in need of repair and an estimate will be sought. Proper procedure of this committee was discussed and it was decided to first notify the senior deacon and/or the committee chairperson.

Elder's report-the Elders had a meeting to discuss goals for 2010. A revival has been set for a weekend in April after Easter with Craig Cook as speaker. Darrel Bobe will be guest speaker on Dec. 27.

Old Business:

Mission Funds-Mission funds were disbursed-\$1,500 to missionaries, \$1,200 to Merom Church camp and \$1,000 to the North Knox Nurse's Fund. This will finish out the Mission Ministry Budget for 2009.

New Business:

Hands and Feet of Jesus-Sharon Kahre has agreed to take over as the chairperson for the Hands and Feet of Jesus.

Plot Transfer-A cemetery plot transfer was made from Louis and Joyce Meyers to Jeff and Susan Meyers.

Life After Meth-A motion was made and approved for Bethel Church to sponsor a dinner table at the “Life After Meth” fundraiser.

Annual meeting agenda-A tentative agenda for the annual congregational meeting consists of discussion of the Mables estate, the Cemetery Trust Fund, Youth Pastor, and a change to the constitutional amendment, and the 2010 budget.

Coming events:

January 3-Pew Communion

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