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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

When you hear the word church, what comes to mind? For some, the word church denotes a building, for others a body of believers. For many years, when I heard the word church, I thought of a building, not a body of believers. Over the years, I have come to realize that what I called the church should actually be called the church building, not to be confused with the body of believers associated with it. As a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, one who also is a pastor, I must ask myself from time to time what is of the greater importance to me. As a pastor, the obvious answer should be the body of believers who worship in the church building. In light of that statement, I ask myself what makes the body of believers grow? After years of being involved in *church* as deacon, SS teacher, interim pastor and finally a called pastor, there is only one answer, and that answer is youth.

Bethel for years was blessed with the ability to grow from within, large farm families being the norm for this area. Sadly, however, those days are gone and never to return. Now Bethel is faced with the task of growing from outside its walls and in order to achieve that goal, the church needs help. Help in the form of a youth pastor and in order to do the job successfully that youth pastor must be full time. Full time in order to meet the needs of the youth,

having the time to operate on the schedules of the youth, and being available to meet the needs of the youth.

There are plenty of youth in our community who are unchurched and need to be reached for Christ. Studies have shown that when youth come and participate in church, the adults follow. When adults follow, growth happens, and when growth happens the body of believers is strengthened and that thing we call the *church* stays opened.

We have a prayer need and that prayer need is a full time youth pastor, an important part in keeping the church alive and opened.

In His service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Notes of Thanks

Thanks to Betty Tilly, Lill Clinkenbeard, and Edna Rinsch for help with the Chimes. News for the April Chimes is due on March 15.

I would like to thank members of Bethel church for all the prayers and concerns for Kenny while he was sick. Thanks to Pastor DeCoursey for his prayers, visits and concerns. Thanks to the Women's Guild for the delicious meal. Thanks to all the sympathy shown to the family after his death and to all of those who donated to Hospice in Kenny's memory. We know he is now at peace, but sadly missed.

-Etta Boberg & family

Memorials

In memory of Kenny Boberg

Linda Hammelman

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2009:

March/April	Preschool
May/June	Faithful Families
July/August	Christian Generations
September/October	Christian Partners
November/December	Children's Church



“We must know that we have been created for greater things, not just to be a number in the world, not just to go for diplomas and degrees, this work and that work. We have been created in order to love and to be loved.”

-Mother Teresa

Bethel Sunday School News

Spring is just around the corner and as I write this, Lenten Season is upon us. This is a time of reflection about our Savior's sacrifice and also of the state of our own hearts. I hope as you come to Sunday school during this time, you will draw closer to Jesus as He reveals himself to you in new ways.

Thinking ahead to the Sunday school picnic, each class is to select a volunteer to be on the S.S. Picnic Committee. I have most of the selections, but am still waiting on a couple. Thanks to all who have said "Yes". It is a great tradition and a day full of fellowship and fun. Keep praying for our Sunday school to be a place of worship and that the Holy Spirit will draw people to be there.

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6

Superintendent- Janet Clinkenbeard

Youth Group

The youth would like to thank the congregation for their generosity on Souper Bowl Sunday. A collection of \$461.48 was collected. The youth added \$40 to the collection for the North Knox Social Ministries. The youth would also like to thank everyone that has purchased bracelets. The first night the youth made 52 bracelets and then more were made during the Super Bowl game. We have sold 85 bracelets and still have orders for more. The youth will continue to sell bracelets until the end of February.

The youth would like to thank Brian and Lou Ann Lindsey for having the youth to their home for the Super Bowl game. Theresia has a web site that anyone can go to to listen to Joel and Julie McMillan on the Moody radio station. It is a wonderful thing how God was with them every step of the way through their adoption and the arrival of their children. The web site is:

http://podcasts.moodyradio.org/ChrisFabryLive/2010-02-03_Chris_Fabry_Livemp3.

Also, the youth will once again do a food drive for the NK Social Ministries. We will be sending flyers out the second Sunday in April. On the third Sunday the youth will be around to pick up food items. Be watching for our flyers.

Preschool News

Notes from Mrs. Durall:

February has flown by and we were very busy. We learned about God's love for us and how He loves us every day no matter what. We should show that same love every day too and not just on Valentine's Day. One little boy shared with us that it is "more funnier" to show love on that special day. After gluing and sticking stickers to our bags, they quickly learned that cards and mail with candy make the day even a little sweeter. We always enjoy party days.

We are counting the days down for our Donuts with Dad. We have been working hard on some new songs. One dad eats 6 dozen donuts, while another drinks 2 gallons of chocolate milk. We will celebrate on February 27. Now we are praying for no snow that weekend.

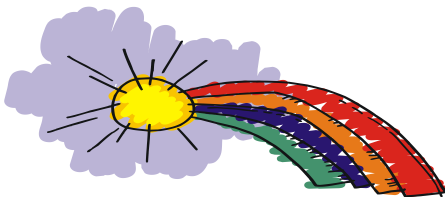
Our prayers go out to Kaleb's sister, Avery. She had heart surgery and is now home doing "Great," according to big brother.

We learned about the special promise God gave all of us when He put the rainbow in the sky. Some kids tried to tell us they have never seen a rainbow. One little boy wanted to go outside and look for one. He thought he could just go and stay until he saw one. We tried to explain that it had to be sunny and raining. Talk about confusing.

We had our lesson on the lost sheep and how we never want to be lost from God. Each child got to hide while several others had to go find. We always celebrated when we found our friend. We know Jesus always rejoices when He finds us. We made a puppet and took home. One preschooler wanted to keep hiding the sheep and have mom and dad find it. There was only one problem; the boy wouldn't give them a chance to find the sheep. He was too excited and kept giving it away where the hiding spots were.

We are hoping that spring will be here very soon.

Mrs. Durall



To Nurture a Child

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn;
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight;
If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy;
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.

But

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient;
If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence;
If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate;
If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice;
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith;
If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself;
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
he learns to find LOVE in the world!

-Dorothy Lawe Holt



A Test of Patience

My six-year-old son seems to demand my attention just when I am most busy around the house. My standard reply has been, "I'm busy right now. Go ask your mother."

The disappointed look often on his face as I sent him away convinced me to change my priorities. I resolved to give him my immediate attention whenever he asked. My resolve was quickly tested. I had just climbed to the top of our two-storied house, paintbrush and bucket in hand. As I dipped my brush into the paint I heard his little voice call, "Daddy, Daddy."

Determined to keep my new resolution, I immediately laid paintbrush and bucket aside and climbed back down to the ground to see what he wanted. I got down on both knees, looked him straight in the face and asked, "Well, now what can I do for you, son?"

His reply: "Daddy, where's Mommy?"

-Church Laughs Newsletter

Missionary Updates

Nathan Graves

Dear praying friends and family,

Below is a current snapshot of our ministry and some prayer requests. Thank you for continuing to support our work and to pray for us regularly.

Because of Christ,
Nathan & Lorraine Graves

Our Church

- Lorraine has begun a new English class and Bible lesson with five teenagers in our neighborhood. It is going really well and the teens are loving it. Please pray for Flori, Ida, Klevi, Klidi, and Herindi
- I have begun meeting with the men for a Bible study again on Monday afternoons. Please pray for Gezim, Agron, Berti and Hamdi
- On Sunday afternoons I am doing discipleship lessons with Gerti and Eri. We are doing a study in the book of Ephesians. Their growth and understanding has been amazing. Please pray for them. They are enduring a lot of persecution from other teens in their school. They go to a school that is mostly M*slims near a madrasa
- Lorraine continues her discipleship lesson with the ladies. Please pray for Kenda, Luchi, Donika, Balli, Rita, Sabi, Drita, and Diana
- In our Friday evening services, I am teaching on prophecy. Please pray for me that I will teach clearly and that everyone will understand and grow more in their love for Christ
- We have located a possible place to meet near our house. We are in the beginning stages of looking it over and seeing if it will be adequate for our needs. Please pray that God will give us wisdom to know whether or not to rent this place, and to provide the funds

Eagles of Peace

- At the end of this month, we will have a brand new website up, with a new logo and new content for Eagles of Peace
- A number of people from across the Balkans have registered for our upcoming conference with Dr. Ravi Zacharias. To learn more about the conference, go to: <http://eaglesofpeace.webeden.co.uk/>
- A number of Balkan leaders still need some scholarship assistance for attending the conference. As a result of those who have given, you have provided partial or full scholarships for Bulgarian, Albanian, Serbian, Bosnian, Montenegrin and Macedonian pastors. They are so grateful!

Family

- A few weeks ago, Josiah soloed at LeTourneau. He has since made about 50 landings!
 - Justin is doing very well in his studies and is especially excelling in Science. I was watching an Einstein documentary and couldn't understand $e=mc^2$. I called Justin into the room and he explained it like he was explaining something as simple as how to change a light bulb! He even gave examples of light traveling between two points, and light traveling away from you if you were moving at the speed of light. I was amazed at the simplicity in which he understood and explained it all.
 - These days have been cold and rainy. For fun, we do a few things like walk in the park (when it's not raining), watch "I Love Lucy," go to a local restaurant on Saturdays and play a game of chess, or sit near the fireplace and just talk
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Ashley Wilson

Greetings from Central Asia!!!!

I have safely arrived, unpacked some things and am watching my teammate roll out some sugar cookies for her boys in celebration of Valentine's Day.

Everything still seems a bit surreal.

I will update soon.

Many of you have been asking about how to be in touch with me, what to say and not say, sending packages, etc. Below are a few guidelines that should help the communication process. Please realize that these guidelines are there for a reason. Communication mistakes could cause me to lose my visa, put national Christians in danger, or jeopardize the local church and expat communities.

Communication Guidelines

Writing

--I will be using this email address asjwilso@gmail.com and should have access fairly consistently. I would love to hear from you--about your family, recent events, the news, etc.

Please DO NOT...

- Use terms such as "missionary", "mission", "testimony", "convert", "believer" or "supporters"
- Talk about religion or politics
- Mention my teammates or specifically what country or town we are in
- Refer to spiritual warfare, death to sin, revolution, or any other words that could be mistaken as anti government sentiment or activities

If you have questions in the future you can always email janetsmith@cmfi.org for clarification, instruction, or she could view the content of your email then forward on to me.

--Also for all of you Facebook users I am going to keep my account as of now. Please follow the instructions above for any postings on my wall.

Packages

My current teammates have found that when people want to send them packages the best case scenario is to send them with a visiting team. Our organization has teams coming in frequently. If you want to send anything please contact me via email and I will direct you to whom you need to send your package to so they can pack it.

Please email me if you have any questions and I will do my best to answer them.

Thanks,
Ashley*

Women's Guild

The Bethel Women's Guild met on February 3 with a memorial service for our two deceased members in 2009. We purchased a book for the library for Neva Hagemeyer, "One by Simple Act", and for Nelda Horn, "The Power of a Praying Woman".

Our March 3 meeting will be starting at 9am to clean the church kitchen. Lunch will be served by hostesses Doris Richter and Doris Brocksmith.

We will have a meeting after lunch to plan for our Lenten Breakfast. It will be on Saturday, March 20 at 9am in Bethel's Social Room. All ladies are welcomed to attend. Our guest speaker will be Donna Hinkle of Vincennes.

For our March meeting, please bring toothbrushes to give to North Knox Social Ministries.

-Lill Clinkenbeard,

Historical Committee

We thank all of you who have purchased 2010 calendars! We do not have many left if anyone still wishes to purchase one. We also thank those who brought antique toys for the Christmas display case. Currently, we have old valentine cards on display.

Bill Albrecht brought some items of interest to be put in our archives and we appreciate his generosity in sharing them. If anyone else has material to share, we would be most happy to add it to Bethel's collection.

We, also, would welcome anyone who would care to join us on the Historical Committee.

Vacation Bible School-2010

It's that time of the year to begin thinking about this summer's Vacation Bible School. This program has been growing every year with over a 100 children attending VBS last summer.

The theme for this year's VBS is:

High Seas Expedition-Exploring the Mighty Love of God.

This summer, VBS will begin on Monday, June 7 and continue through Friday, June 11. If you have any questions about this fun event, please contact JoAnne Brocksmith.



Parish Records:

Deaths:

Kenny Boberg, age 76, passed away on Thursday, February 4. His funeral service was held at Bethel on Monday, February 7 with burial in Bethel cemetery.

Dan Hooper, age 55, passed away on Tuesday, February 9. His funeral service was held on Monday, February 15 with burial in Bethel cemetery.

Attendance:

Jan.	24	157
	31	124
Feb.	7	128
	14	145
	21	131

Greeters:

February 21 and 28

Laverne and Betty Tilly

March 7 and 14

Randy and Ramona Hammelman

March 21 and 28

Dale and Jane Tiek

Ushers:

March		Brad and Julie Hislip
March	21	Youth

Nursery Notes:

March	7	Theresia Barrett
	14	Brenda Maddox
	21	Debbie Telligman
	28	Beth Durall

Children's Church:

March	7	Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst
	14	Cally Miller/ Kelci Anderson
	21	Micah Bowman/ Chris Horst
	28	Brenda Maddox/ Nancy Tilly

Happy March Birthday to:

March	4	Anna Mae Koenig-(Happy 85 th birthday)
	17	Louise Rinsch-(Happy 99 th birthday)
	20	Jack Perkins-(Happy 85 th birthday)
	23	Carl Johanningsmeier-(Happy 81 st birthday)

I have only just a minute. Only sixty seconds in it. Forced upon me. Can't refuse it. Didn't choose it. But it's up to me to use it. I must suffer if I lose it. Give account if I abuse it; just a tiny little minute-but eternity is in it.

Lenten/Easter Service schedule

February	24	Peter Haskins
March	3	<i>To be announced</i>
	10	Richard Crabtree
	17	Lighthouse Recovery Center
	24	Darrell Bobe
	28	Rite of Confirmation Confirmation Reunion
April	1	Maundy Thursday service
	4	Easter



Church Council Meeting February 8, 2010

Pastor's Report – Read and Approved.

Secretary's Report – no report due to illness of Secretary.

Treasurer's Report – approved as written.

Deacon's Report – read and approved as written. Average attendance was 129 for January.

Elder's Report – The Elders did not have a meeting in January due to scheduling conflicts. Home visits have been limited due to illnesses and weather related issues. Plans are being finalized on the Spring Revival with Craig Cook. Also, plans are being finalized on the Prayer over Our Schools project.

Building and Grounds – Mr. Kidwell did not show up to look at the pews that are in need of repair; he will be contacted and asked for a more specific date when he can come to the church. The Women's Guild is in the process of cleaning the kitchen.

Old Business:

Youth Pastor – A recent advertisement on a new web site has generated twelve new applications. The applications are being reviewed by the Search Committee and Pastor Mike.

Carpet Cleaning – The carpets in the office and kitchen will be cleaned when the weather breaks in April.

Carillon Chimes Repairs – Chuck Borgmeier was able to make the necessary repairs to the Carillon.

New Business:

New Council Members – The Council welcomed new Council members; Scott Page, Deacon and John Koenig, Elder.

2010 Church Events Calendar – Reviewed and approved as presented.

Worship at FCH – A member of the Council will be accompanying Pastor Mike each month for the Worship Service at the FCH.

The Love of Basketball

There is a huge rivalry in college basketball between Purdue University and Indiana University. The story is told that at one of the games between the two schools, an elderly woman was sitting alone with an empty seat next to her. Someone approached her and said, "Ma'am, I have rarely seen an empty seat in Mackey Arena, let alone at a game between these two teams. Whose seat is this?"

The woman responded that she and her late husband had been season-ticket holders for 28 years, and the seat had belonged to him.

"Well, couldn't you find a friend or relative to come to the game with you?" the observer asked.

"Are you kidding?" she replied. "They're all at my husband's funeral."

—Robert Russell, *May All Who Come Behind Us Find Us Faithful*

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