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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

Psalm 46:10 admonishes us to be still and know who God is. It further states that He will be exalted among the nations and in the earth. When was the last time you really took the time to listen to God and Know who He is? In this busy world we live in, sometimes we have a tendency to push God off to the side and not listen for His voice. In this winter season, I urge you to take time to get reconnected with your God if you already haven't done so. Turn off the TV and just listen for Him, read His Word and listen for Him, pray and listen for Him. You will find it amazing that by being still, cutting out all the distractions of life, you will find out that He is still God. Stay connected with Him this season.

In His service,

Pastor Mike

James 5:16

Notes of Thanks

Thanks to Lill Clinkenbeard, Edna Rinsch, and Betty Tilly for help with the Chimes. News for the March Chimes is due February 21.

Thank you to the Guild for the cookies in December and for thinking of me. They were lovely.

-Marjorie Horst

Dear Bethel Church Members,

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the preschool Christmas program possible! Thank you to Patty Kixmiller who helped the children learn sign language for our songs, Wendy Wilson for doing such a great job on the programs and to Dale Tiek for filling in at the last minute when Pastor Shayne was called away. Also, thank you to Chuck Borgmeier for providing the sound, my husband, Randy, for the narration, Doris Brocksmith and my mother-in-law, Linda, for helping with costumes, the many hands who helped dress the children, Nancy Tilly and Liberty Lemberg who helped both Friday morning and evening and, of course, Mrs. Durall and Miss Jennifer who also put so much into this program. How blessed the children and I are to have such a wonderful and caring church family and community!

Much love,
Ramona Hammelman

Thank you! Thank you! A box of 125 potholders was sent to Julie and George Holmes and they are now in Albania. All of them have the beads attached so Julie can share the Salvation Message with the village ladies. She was excited to get the box and said to give everyone at Bethel her thanks for the generous gift!

The Nurses' Fund is forever grateful for all of the gifts of money during the Christmas season! We are truly blessed to have classes, individuals and groups donate to the fund!! You have touched the lives of hundreds of people throughout the years..you have kept the electricity on (or turned it back on!) water bills paid, gas bills paid, bought clothing, shoes, prescriptions, furnace parts, paid a phone bill for a lady with a sick husband, paid for gas for people's cars so that they could look for a job, get to work, take a child to the doctor or Riley Hospital or go to the doctor themselves, or visit a dying relative or go to a funeral plus some help in some other situations like paying for 2 physicals so brothers could play sports.

We thank you and may God bless you richly for caring for his children!
The Nurses' Fund

I would like to say “thanks” to the Bethel Women’s Guild for the delicious plate of cookies I received during the Christmas Season. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

May everyone have a Blessed New Year.

Love and prayers,
Louise Rinsch

Bethel church and Mustard Class,

Thank you for all your prayers, donations and support during our time of need.

-Bless you all,
Mike and Brenda McGlone,
Cody, Willie and Brianna Smith

Social Room Bulletin Board Schedule for 2011:

Busy schedules of Sunday School classes and organizations within the church have led to suggestions to improve the scheduling of changes of the bulletin board and those who are responsible for it. Perhaps **changing it with the seasons** and asking for **volunteers** is a better idea. If you or your class or organization has a preference for one of these times, please call the church office before February 21st. Otherwise, a more definite schedule will be in the March Chimes.

March, April, and May..... (spring, Lenten, Easter, etc.)

June..... (for Vacation Bible School)

September, October, & November.....(fall, harvest, etc.)

December.....(Christmas)

Bethel Sunday school News

Brrrr.....it is winter at Bethel! It may be cold outside, but we offer a warm spot to study God's Word together, fellowship with others, and sing praises to God. What a time to invite someone to join you on Sunday morning! As we read about God's plan in Isaiah 56:10, "*As the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return without watering the earth, and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,*" we are reminded that God's winter is preparing the world for the spring in so many ways! We must be patient a little longer!

I want to thank Edith and Edna Rinsch for their faithful service each Sunday morning and also for Edith's help with the Christmas program. Their willing hands over many years have made each Sunday School Opening a special time.

The teachers and officers met to disburse money to be given to missions for 2011. \$3,500 was given to eight mission fields: North Knox Social Ministries, North Knox Nurses' Fund, Habitat for Humanity, VU Campus Ministries, Fellowship of Christian Farmers, Yahweh Center Children's Village, Campus Outreach Center to Ashley Overman, and CMF International for Ashley Wilson.

The specific amounts are in the annual meeting report for the Sunday School.

Even though the Sunday School Picnic is 8 months away, please be thinking of a representative from each class to help plan this event. I will check with each class next month to learn your volunteer's name! Also, we are still in prayer for an assistant treasurer.

See you in Sunday School!

Nancy Tilly

Kid's Club

The Kid's Club program for 1st through 5th graders will begin meeting on the second and fourth Sunday of every month beginning in February instead of every Sunday. There will be no more Kid's Club meetings for January.

Youth Corner

Bethel youth group is underway and will be experiencing the thrill and blessings of their first youth conference this month. The conference takes place in Nashville, TN on February 25-26 and then we come home on Feb. 27. It will be a middle school trip with a theme that challenges the youth of today to take a stand in a broken world and help lead others to know Christ! The conference entitled "Acquire the Fire, (Collision)" will be sure to inspire our kids and hopefully enable them to acquire the fire of Jesus Christ and bring it into their school communities. Some of the highlights of the event will be: Worshipping with thousands of other Christians; music guests Jimmy Needham and The Almost; special speakers, Joel Johnson and L. G. Wise, drama productions and much more!!!! Registrations have been sent out to the kids who have signed up and are due the 13th of this month...looking forward to an awesome experience full of the wonders of Christ!!

In Christ,
Shayne Spurgeon



"And now for the privilege of telling the custodian about the all-night-junior high water-balloon and caramel-corn party."

Cartoonist: Larry Thomas

Preschool News

News from Mrs. Hammelman:

We have had quite a month at preschool since coming back from Christmas break! Due to snow days before the break, we started our first day back with our Christmas party – the kids loved it! ☺ The moms did a great job for both class parties and tons of fun was had by all.

Since then, we've been busy getting back into our daily routine by reviewing past letters, shapes and numbers we have learned and, also, adding more new ones. We love to read so we read a story about a little boy who made a snowman only to come back the next day to find him all droopy and out of sorts. The little boy came to the conclusion that his snowman must have snuck away during the night and then imagined all the things he might have done. The kids each had the opportunity to paint their own snowman and had a great time thinking of things their snowman might do at night. They have great imaginations and it was decided their snowmen had some pretty good times. The snowmen seemed to especially love baseball and sledding and one of them even liked to ride horses and catch cows at night! Miss Jennifer and I love to hear all that they come up with. ☺ Their snowmen will be displayed in the preschool hallway until we get February valentine projects up if you would like to see what is new at preschool.



We have begun having a Star Student each week who gets a special spotlight each day we are at school that week.

The Star Student brings in a poster that is all about them full of pictures and drawings and anything else they want to include. They also bring in three favorite items, their favorite book, and a special letter from their parents that are shared throughout the week. I love getting to know each preschooler a little better as they bring in their favorite things to share.

Each week we have a memory verse to go with our letter of the week. The children catch on so quickly and one of their favorite things to do is try to remember all of our past verses. The long break slowed them down just a little but by working together they usually figure them out. It truly amazes me! ☺

With Valentine's Day just around the corner we are looking forward to making valentines and our Valentine party. We will be talking about the love we have for others and the love that Jesus has for us – an amazing love... a love that never ends!!

May you be blessed with Jesus' amazing love not only this Valentine's Day but each and every day of your life!

In His Love, Mrs. Hammelman

News from Mrs. Durall:

January has to be the shortest month on record for me. We have only met three times this year due to the weather that the kids just love. "When can we play in the snow?" has been a favorite question. It would take Miss Jennifer and me a long time to bundle 14 kids and get out to play. We will stay indoors and play for a few more times.

Our first day back after break was a fun Christmas party with lots of good sweet treats, games, and crafts. The children love when parents get to come in and play with us. One little boy must of been told mommy could only come on party days because he told us that mommy had too much to do the other days like watch tv and stuff.

With all the snow outside we decided to bring the snowman to life inside. We read the book "All You Need to Build a Snowman".



Of course we talk about the eyes, hat and scarf, but first we learned that it takes many snow flakes. We know that God knows all the flakes that fall just like he knows each of us. We talked about how a snowman needs a friend, just like we all need God. Our snowmen are on display in the hallway--come on down and look around.

We also read "The Good Samaritan" where we talked about showing others God's Love. It is easy to do if we just do it was how one little girl retold the story. We know that the symbol for love is the heart and we made heart mobiles to help us remember to love everyone always.

We are now planning on getting ready for Valentine's Day and Donuts with Dad, both taking place next month. Hopefully, the weather will be nice that we can learn a few new songs before then.

Thanks to everyone who has left us stickers, books, and pudding. We love all of your donations and always put them to good use somehow. A special thank you to Mame (Sharon Kahre) for donating the new blocks. We noticed the new ones immediately and have already played many different games with them. We love our blocks!!!!

To love God with all your heart, mind and strength is very important. Mark 12:33

Beth Durall

Preschool Cookbook

The Bethel Preschool will be putting together a cookbook which they hope to have available for sale this spring. They are accepting recipes during the month of January. Anyone who wishes to submit a recipe may submit as many as they'd like. Recipes may be e-mailed to the church office at bethel@wirelessilliana.com or placed in the box in Bethel Hall. For any questions, please contact Brandy Williams.

Women's Guild

Bethel Guild will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 2 for their monthly meeting. This is our Memorial Day to honor those women deceased in 2010. Hostesses are Doris Brocksmith and Naomia Pepmeier. We'll be collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for NKSM.

We bought a portable ice maker and want you to know ice will always be in deep freeze to use for all church functions.

Parish Records:

Attendance:

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| Jan. | 2 | 144 |
| | 9 | 166 |
| | 16 | 164 |
| | 23 | 121 |

Greeters:

January 23 and 30

Kevin and Linda Hammelman

February 6 and 13

Clint and Beth Durall

February 20 and 27

Bill and Darlene Resler

Nursery Notes:

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| Feb. | 6 | Brenda Maddox |
| | 13 | Emily Telligman |
| | 20 | Beth Durall |
| | 27 | Kelci Anderson |



Children's Church:

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| Feb. | 6 | Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst/Jesse Organ |
| | 13 | Lenora McCrary/Tracey Kahre/Kelci Anderson/Bridget Brocksmith/Madison Meurer |
| | 20 | JoAnne Brocksmith/Chris Horst/Jesse Organ |
| | 27 | Dale Tiek/Bridget Brocksmith/Madison Meurer/Nancy Tilly |

Happy February Birthday to:

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| Feb. | 4 | Wayne Dunkerly-(Happy 83 rd birthday) |
| | 21 | Ray Hall-(Happy 88 th birthday) |
| | 28 | Wilma Chester-(Happy 90 th birthday) |

**Bethel Church
Treasurer's Report
(1/1/10-12/31/10)**

Income:

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Offering | 173,530.26 |
| Misc. Inc. | 45,122.15 |
| Mission Inc. | 41,016.00 |
| Preschool Inc. | 36,652.17 |
| Strate Inc. | 25,024.22 |
| Youth Pastor Inc. | 8,162.21 |
| Memorial Inc. | 5,835.00 |
| Shelter house inc. | 5,572.50 |
| Interest Inc. | 5,009.56 |
| Choir Inc. | 5,000.00 |
| Cemetery Inc. | 4,567.27 |
| Rental Inc. | 810.00 |
| Cem. Trust Inc. | 70.00 |
| Organ repair | <u>20.00</u> |
| Total Inc. | 365,391.34 |

Expenses:

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Mission expense | 59,643.22 |
| Pastor | 55,438.80 |
| Maint. & Repair | 28,978.24 |
| Employee w/holding | 20,885.38 |
| Strate Expense | 17,088.00 |
| Secretary | 14,821.68 |
| Insurance | 14,479.00 |
| Electricity | 12,842.18 |
| Preschool Director | 12,171.74 |
| New equipment | 11,269.69 |
| Custodian | 9,663.84 |
| Preschool teacher | 9,552.60 |
| Groundskeeper | 8,808.72 |
| Music Director | 8,064.96 |
| Gas | 6,772.69 |
| Preschool Aide | 5,420.11 |
| Misc. Expense | 4,545.07 |
| Memorial Expense | 4,235.98 |
| Office Supplies | 2,934.60 |
| Youth pastor | 2,750.00 |
| Telephone | 2,484.56 |
| Cemetery Expense | 2,442.53 |
| Pastor Travel | 2,424.75 |
| Custodial supplies | 1,867.76 |
| Postage | 1,464.20 |
| Sub music person | 1,000.00 |
| Pest control | 902.80 |
| Water | 815.22 |
| Waste expense | 787.80 |
| Pastor Training | 591.31 |
| Scholarship Exp. | 400.00 |
| Youth P. Exp. | 276.00 |
| Rental Expense | 263.50 |
| Evangelism Exp. | 240.00 |
| Books & Lit. | 198.95 |
| Sub pastor | 100.00 |
| Choir expense | 84.95 |
| Van expense | <u>59.50</u> |
| Total expenses | 326,770.33 |
| Grand Total | 29,621.01 |



Assets:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Brocksmith Miss | 24,000.00 |
| Building fund | 25.00 |
| Cemetery fund | 88.78 |
| Cemetery trust | 244,749.30 |
| Choir/music | 2,692.19 |
| Gen. fund | 106,263.41 |
| Insurance | 0.00 |
| M L Mabes | 607,681.86 |
| Memorial fund | 21,616.14 |
| Mission fund | 0.00 |
| Mission trip | 0.00 |
| Scholarship fund | 2,507.55 |
| Shelter house | 13,171.63 |
| Strate 40 Acres | 13,094.04 |
| Van Fund | 0.00 |
| Youth Pastor | <u>14,377.33</u> |
| Tot. Assets | 1,050,267.23 |

Bethel Church Council Minutes

January 10, 2011

Senior Pastor's Report – Pastor Mike presented to the council his monthly pastor's report. The report was approved as presented.

Youth Pastor's Report – Pastor Shayne presented to members of the council his first monthly youth pastor's report. Sunday Night Youth Group is proceeding very well and attendance is growing. Wednesday Night Bible Studies have begun. Tuesday Youth will begin this month; this is for 1st – 5th graders who will be coming to the church immediately after school. Plans are in the work for the Jr High group to attend a conference in Nashville near the end of February. Pastor Shayne is working with other churches and pastors in the community and has been meeting with students at North Knox Jr High on Tuesday mornings with Pastor Seth Alexander and Pastor John Moreland.

Secretary's Report – The Secretary's Report was reviewed. The December report was amended to read that the future of the Strate Acres will be discussed at the Annual Meeting on January 30, 2011. Remainder of the report was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Herman Tilly presented the Treasurer's report. The report was approved as presented and written.

Deacon's Report – Scott Page presented the Deacon's report to the council members. The average Sunday morning worship attendance for the month of December was 139. The offering for December was \$13,637. \$411.23 was contributed to the Youth Pastor fund, and \$60.00 was received in Facility use fees.

Elder's Report – Dale Tiek presented the Elder's report. The Elders and the Sunday School officers have developed a Sunday School questionnaire which addresses issues on how to improve/change the Sunday School format which could increase attendance.

Building and Grounds Report – Debbie Telligman presented the Building and Grounds report. Jay Howder has completed repairs to flooring in the church office's restroom, and repaired plumbing leading to the septic tank. New locks on the doors to the Pre-School Office and Supply Room are going to be installed

Old Business – 2011 Committees Assignments were finalized. The Christian Generations Sunday School Class will be preparing lunch for the Annual meeting.

New Business – Pastor Mike and Pastor Shayne have developed a survey designed to identify and explore the spiritual needs for church members in the twenty to thirty year old age group. The survey is for the intent of collecting information in order to better meet the spiritual needs of our young adults and to strengthen Bethel Church.

Coming Events:

January 16th – Welcome Lunch for the Spurgeons

January 23rd – Youth Spaghetti Dinner

January 30th – Annual Meeting

February 6th – Worship at FCH

February 14th – Council Meeting

Valentine's Day



On Valentine's Day, we focus on the love we share with those of whom we are especially fond. Why not consider the love we share with God, too?

These five verses describe the depth of God's love for His children.

God's love is boundless.

"Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, / your faithfulness to the skies" (Psalm 36:5).

God's love is compassionate.

"As a father has compassion on his children, / so the LORD has compassion on his children" (Psalm 103:13).

God's love is sacrificial.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8)

God's love is permanent.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

God's love is extravagant.

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1a).

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