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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

Following is a reprint of an earlier Chimes article from a couple of years ago that I thought was worth repeating in the light of the level of participation that was witnessed at Vacation Bible School this summer. There was a lesson to be learned from the children who participated in VBS and that lesson is found in this reprint. As I grow older, I find myself yearning for more of the child like faith exhibited by the kids at VBS.

I happened to see on an office wall one time a saying that said "I was asked to join the human race, but instead chose to stand on the sidelines and just watch. While meant to be funny, it unfortunately speaks of the spiritual condition of the believer today. In the ninth chapter of 1 Corinthians, Paul gives the believer instructions on how to participate in the spiritual race. These instructions are easy to follow and understand. They are as follows:

1. We must deny self of anything that would hold us back.
2. We must keep our eyes on Jesus, not on the world.
3. We must find our strength in the Lord.
4. We must place our “all” on the alter of the Lord.
5. We must refuse anything that would hinder our spiritual progress.

In short, Paul is urging us to not be spiritual spectators but active participants as we strive to gain the imperishable prize of salvation found only in faith through Jesus Christ.

In His service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Notes of Thanks

Thanks to Betty Tilly, Sharon Kahre, and Reda Boberg for helping with the June Chimes. News for the August Chimes is due in the Church office by July 18th.

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2011

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| July/August | Mission Committee |
| Sept./Oct./Nov. | Youth Group |
| December | Choir |

A Matter of Perspective: Three clergymen were deep in a discussion of the best positions for praying while a telephone repairman worked nearby. “Kneeling is definitely best,” claimed one. “No,” another contended. “I get the best results standing with my arms outstretched to heaven.” “You’re both wrong,” the third argued. “The most effective prayer position is lying on the floor face down.” The telephone repairman could contain himself no longer. “Hey, guys,” he interrupted, “the best prayin’ I ever did was hangin’ upside down from a telephone pole.”

Sunday School News

“Sow your seed in the morning and in the evening let not your hands be idle,” are words we find in Ecclesiastes 11:6. The hands and feet of those at Bethel are not *idle*, as a busy week of Vacation Bible School is behind us, teachers and officers are preparing lessons for classes or duties, and plans for the Sunday School Picnic are underway. My thanks to Carole Albrecht, Theresia Barrett, Dennis Kahre, Bonnie Organ, Maridell Sargent, and Herman Tilly who have begun to plan for this event on September 18th.

Again, be in prayer for officers for the 2011-12 Sunday School year. Shelly Trotter has served for 2 years without an assistant, so a treasurer and assistant are needed for this position. Also, an assistant superintendent will be needed to help Cheryl Hagemeyer beginning in October.

The remaining words from Ecclesiastes 11:6 are *“for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.”* This seems to be words spoken to us as we pray for guidance for plans for our Sunday School. These are plans not to just increase our numbers, but to reach out to those who would like to study the Word of God with us. Continue to pray for this purpose.

. . . see you in Sunday School!
Nancy Tilly

Youth Corner

First things first, for the youth involved in the first fully youth led youth Sunday... thank you! So many times youth are looked down upon because of their maturity level and just for the sheer fact that they are youth. I think that your youth is one of your strongest traits. You are young. You are fresh. Without youth, a church will eventually die. This church is alive and well and it definitely showed in its youth's ability to run a successful service that touched people's lives. Our youth shirts have a verse from I

Timothy that really is a staple for what I want these kids to know and become... I Timothy 4:12 says, "Let no one despise you for your youth but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." I want these kids to know that just because they are young doesn't mean they can't be mature and do amazing work for the Body of Christ. Bethel youth... I am proud of you!!!

On the other end of youth Sunday was the congregation. I've been hearing mostly positive comments from youth Sunday and we appreciate the support. Youth Sunday will continue to be very different from normal Sundays and I hope you accept this change with an open heart. I know change is very hard especially when stuff has been the same for so long, but change is good when done for the glory of God. I assure you, we are doing this for the glory of God. Each generation has had its own style and ways to worship and for the most part there is not a thing wrong with any of the ways. This younger generation worships God in a little more contemporary style and there is nothing wrong with either style. I hope you can learn to love and enjoy this style of worship and continue to grow and learn with our youth. We are looking forward to our next youth Sunday on July 31. See you there. Thank you and God bless!

Your Youth Minister,
Shayne Spurgeon

Women's Guild

Bethel Guild had a salad luncheon for our June meeting, which was enjoyed by all. Our guest speaker was Pastor Shayne, who told us of growing up and how he was led to be a youth pastor. He is excited to lead the youth at Bethel and North Knox youth to Christ. The hour was very good. We thank him for sharing with us.

Our July meeting will be held at Freelandville Community Home at 1:30 on July 13th, followed by the annual birthday party at 2. Come and enjoy with the residents.

Mission News

Thank you! Thank you! For all your generous donations to the W.I.L.D. project for Mother's Day and Father's Day! We will have a report soon....there is still money coming in. There has been more than \$3,000.00 given so far! We appreciate your generous response in helping your neighbors in needy countries.

Thank you also for sharing in the Bethel 600. July will be school supplies since school starts in August, and the material are needed that month. With so many families struggling with everyday needs, they are very grateful to have help with paper, pencils, etc.

Blessing to you all for caring and sharing!!

Bethel Church Council Minutes June 6, 2011

Pastor's Report – Due to his son, Clay, having surgery at the Jasper Memorial Hospital, Pastor Mike was unable to attend the Council Meeting; but he did submit a written monthly report. In addition to counseling and visits to members of Bethel and the surrounding community, during the month of May, Pastor Mike prepared two Sunday School lessons and taught two classes; conducted one wedding; conducted two baptisms; attended a baptism conducted by Pastor Shane; and took the Youth to the Pastor Shayne's grandmother's funeral. Pastor Mike is preparing a new Bible Study series. The report was accepted as written.

Youth Pastor's Report – Pastor Shayne reported Youth studies have been taken from the books of 1st & 2nd Timothy. Work on the area wide youth group is going very well; the kick-off for the weekly meetings will be sometime in August. A meeting place for the Area Wide Youth Group meeting is still being sought. The Youth's trip to the Creation Museum was a

huge success and was enjoyed by the entire group. The Youth will be traveling to Kings Island in July to attend the Spirit Song Festival. The 60's Grill-out in Grove Fundraiser has to be re-scheduled due to a large number of the youth being out of town in May and June attending sports camps, church camps, family vacations, etc. Pastor Shayne expressed that the Indian Creek Church Camp was extremely appreciative of the Mission Ministry Funds which the Camp received from Bethel last month; the funds were used to repair plumbing on the camp's pool, repair the camp's basketball goals, and to purchase new pool equipment. The Youth are continuing to seek donations to purchase a video projector; anyone wishing to make a donation, please see Pastor Shayne or Pastor Mike or drop off donations in the office.

Secretary's Report – The report was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – The report was approved as written. The council approved the following dispersal of funds to the Ministry Budget: \$700 to VU Campus Ministry, \$500 to Heart to Heart, \$500 to the Nurse's Fund, \$400 to the Gideons, and \$300 to Life After Meth.

Deacons Report – The report was approved as written. The average attendance for Sunday worship service for May was 157. The Offering for the May was \$15,204.56. \$3,054.85 was received from Atlas Energy. \$35 was received in Facility Use fees. \$83.49 was earned on CD interest payments. \$62.56 was received from Rural King. \$111.36 was contributed into Memorial Funds.

Elders Report – Wednesday evening Home Visits with Pastor Mike are continuing and are being well received.

Building and Grounds – Repairs to the church and the grounds from the weather-related damages are underway. The installation of the new heating/cooling system by Anthis Heating & Air Conditioning remains to progress well. A

Special “Thank You” goes out to Mark Telligman for painting the walls where the old radiators were removed.

Old Business – The council approved to seek a bid for the installation of Security Cameras.

New Business – A motion was made and unanimously approved to release the funds raised for the Japanese Earthquake Relief to Samaritan’s Purse. The council approved that if there is a fifth Sunday in a month, the Worship & Service will be lead by the Youth. The council received and reviewed one bid for repairs/replacement of the church roof due to damages from the spring storms.

Coming Events:

- July 3 – Worship at FCH
- July 7-9 - Spirit & Song Youth Trip
- July 11 – Council Meeting

Take Time

- *to Think: It is the source of power.*
- *to Play: It is the secret of perpetual youth.*
- *to Read: It is the fountain of wisdom.*
- *to Pray: It is the greatest power on earth.*
- *to Love and Be Loved: It is a God-given privilege.*
- *to Be Friendly: It is the road to happiness.*

-----*Author Unknown*

An artist makes himself an artist by painting, a musician make himself a musician by playing, an athlete makes himself an athlete by running or rowing or wrestling, a merchant makes himself a merchant by buying and selling and so a professing Christian make himself a real Christian by doing Christlike things.

-----Charles E. Jefferson

Parish Records:

Attendance:

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| May | 22 | 141 |
| | 29 | 155 |
| June | 5 | 160 |
| | 12 | 188 |
| | 19 | 122 |

Greeters:

July 3 - Garland & Lisa Richter
July 10 & 17 – John & Jan Spanger
July 24 & 3 – Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard

Ushers: July – Andy and Andrea Miller

Nursery Notes:

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| July | 3 | Stacy Page |
| | 10 | Debbie Telligman |
| | 17 | Tracey Kahre |
| | 24 | Bonnie Organ |
| | 31 | Ramona Hammelman |

Children's Church:

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| July | 3 | Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst |
| | 10 | Cally Miller/Kelci Anderson |
| | 17 | Micah Morgan/Chris Horst |
| | 24 | Brenda Maddox/Nancy Tilly |
| | 31 | No Children's Church |

July birthdays:

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|------|----|---|
| July | 1 | Margaret Koenig (Happy 86 th birthday) |
| | 2 | Laverne Tilly (Happy 81 st birthday) |
| | 8 | Beverly Schuckman (Happy 82 nd birthday) |
| | 12 | Lois Wampler (Happy 84 th birthday) |
| | 14 | Leroy Pieper (Happy 80 th birthday) |
| | 15 | Stella Pieper (Happy 84 th birthday) |
| | 18 | Lorene Huffman (Happy 86 th birthday) |
| | 23 | Harold Wagner (Happy 92 nd birthday) |
| | 24 | Helen Stoelting (Happy 84 th birthday) |
| | 24 | Joyce Telligman (Happy 80 th birthday) |
| | 27 | Helen Hankins (Happy 89 th birthday) |
| | 30 | Marjorie Horst (Happy 87 th birthday) |

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