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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-**

The gospel of Luke records a story of the need of building on a firm foundation. We read from Luke 6:46-49 of the story of the difference of building on a firm foundation and the danger of having no foundation. Jesus begins this story by questioning those who call Him Lord, but ignore His instructions.

What are our foundations based on? Have we dug deep into God's Word to establish our foundation, or do we do as the world does and have no foundation? Even without all the trouble the world is in today, we know that trouble will still come in one form or another and we need to have our spiritual foundation established deep, not on the surface.

Jesus is telling us in this story to establish our foundation in His Word and not in the ways of the world. The warning is there, it is up to us to respond. When we cry out Lord, Lord, have we really made Jesus the Lord of our life? Let us not hesitate before the storms of life break upon us. Let our digging be deep and continuous.

In His service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## **Youth Corner**

People often ask me, “Shayne, what’s the hardest thing about youth ministry?” And the answer is always on the tip of my tongue... “parents”.

I’ve never had any real problems with parents, in fact, unless a kid is in trouble, I have very little contact with parents at all...so what’s the problem you ask.....Most are non-Christian!

Proverbs 22:6 says, “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it”. I think as Christian parents we all cling to this promise and do the best to raise our kids up with the love and fear of God in their hearts.....but non-Christian parents don’t understand this and can completely destroy a ministry. I only have these kids for a few hours each week, the parents have them for far more, and if they are not teaching and supporting what I’m teaching them at church, all the hard work can be lost or kicked to the side.

So, where am I going with this? Youth ministry starts with the parents, I’ve been trying my hardest to reach out to unsaved parents, but I’ve got quite a task trying to instill right and wrong in today’s youth.....so I need help!! Most of the parents in the surrounding communities you guys know....help by showing God’s love anytime you get a chance, share the love of Christ with these parents, invite them to church. We can make a huge difference in our future, but it has to start at home.

Your Youth Pastor,  
Shayne Spurgeon

## **Notes of Thanks**

2 Tim 4:7 “I have fought a good fight. I have finished the race....”

We would like to thank our church family for your prayers and concern for mom over the past two years. Thanks to Pastor Mike for being there and supporting us through many difficult days. To those who called, sent cards, flowers and gifts, provided food, for the hugs and kind words expressed and the generous donations to the North Knox Social Ministries in mother’s memory, words cannot express how much everything meant to us.

May God’s grace be with you all.  
John & Jan Spanger and family

Thank you to our Mission Committee for all of their hard work in putting together and distributing Prayer Partner packets for the Preschool children. Also, many thanks to our wonderful congregation for your support in being such powerful prayer partners for Bethel Preschool. Your love and support blesses us in so many ways.

Much love, Mrs. Durall and Mrs. Hammelman

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## **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2011**

Oct./Nov.  
December

Youth Group  
Choir

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### **Sunday School News**

As a new Sunday school year has started. I would like to thank Nancy Tilly and Shelly Trotter for their love and dedication to the Sunday school department. They worked hard and diligently to meet the needs of an incredibly busy and changing area of our church. I would like to give a special thank you to Randy Hammelman for being the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Dennis Kahre for being the Treasurer, and Stacey Kahre for being the Assistant Treasurer for this year.

A meeting was held on October 6, 2011 in the social room with every class being represented. There was discussion of obtaining a new curriculum to replace Faith Weavers. Jane Tiek graciously volunteered to carry out this project. Classroom changes were also discussed which included the primary, Jr. High, and high school classes meeting on the third floor. The Mustard Seed class will move downstairs into the current primary classroom. Faithful Families will meet in the Guild room and the Faithful Footprints will continue to meet in the social room.

There has been a change made by the parents of children from kindergarten to eighth grade in the organization of classes. The new classes will be as follows:

- ❖ Preschool, kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be in the same class
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be in the same class
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be in the same class
- ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> and 8 graders will be in the same class

The nursery for Sunday school hour has started. However, we still need nursery volunteers if anyone is interested in helping out. A Pac N Play has been donated for the nursery in Memory of Fritz Hageemeier.

Just looking ahead into December, Christmas trees and decorations need to be done prior to December 9<sup>th</sup>.

As all these changes have taken place, let us to continue to let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. We need each other for encouragement and support.  
Happy Thanksgiving,  
Cheryl Hagemeyer

## Guild

Bethel Guild visited shut-in in October and enjoyed delicious refreshments after our business meeting.

Our November meeting is November 2 at 1:00. We will be visiting shut-in and back and share. Hostesses are Beverly Schuckman and Reda Boberg. Please bring Christmas gifts for children for North Knox Social Ministries.

A mystery quilt was discovered by Ebony Chancellor upstairs. How many years it has been there, no one knows. It is squares of fabric stuffed with nylon hose, and tacked. Come and look at it on display on the Historical case. If anyone has any idea or knowledge of it, let us know.

Lill Clinkenbeard

## Preschool News

What a wonderful fall season we have had so far here at Bethel Christian Preschool! We have been busy enjoying the amazing weather that we've been blessed with as well as learning new letters, shapes and numbers. We had class pictures taken and the children all had their eyes checked by the kind ladies from Generations.

In the past month we worked on the letters P, O and H. Thank you to Earl Linneweber who brought a pumpkin for every preschooler as well as a few special ones for us teachers to display in the classroom! Also, thank you to Sam and Patty Williams and the donation of pumpkins they made for this special time. The children had so much fun picking their very own pumpkin from our "patch". ☺ We spent the week learning a lot about pumpkins through our "Pumpkin Investigation". We first examined the outside of a pumpkin and then cut the pumpkin open to examine what was on the inside. The kids (those that didn't mind the slimy insides!)

helped separate the seeds and we saved them for later use on our pumpkin projects. We loved reading "The Pumpkin Parable" and talked about how the farmer picked a pumpkin, cleaned out all the 'yucky' stuff and carved a smiling face that shined to everyone who passed by just like God has chosen each of us and cleansed us of our sins so that we may shine for Him! Our pumpkin projects show what we discovered on the outside and inside of a pumpkin as well as a smiling face to help us to remember to SHINE for God! They are now displayed in the preschool hallway if you get a chance to stop by for a peek! ☺

During "H Week" we read a story about a sheriff who thought he owed all his bravery to his 10-gallon hat but came to realize it wasn't his hat that helped him be brave and keep order in his town - it was his heart. Later, when the sheriff was asked about his long life he said, "It isn't what you eat or how easy a life you have. It's how you live your life and how you treat others. In other words, it's your heart." The children each got to paint and decorate their very own hat for our Hat 'n Heart Parade. Inside their hat each child placed a heart sticker to help them remember to follow their heart. I loved hearing the stories of kindness the children shared when we talked about ways we had seen or shown kindness and love throughout the week.

We continue to be thankful for the beautiful weather that allows us time to go out and run and play. How blessed I feel to be a part of each one of these children's lives as I watch them learn, play, sing praises, and pray. What amazing amounts of love each of these children has to share. I look forward to this month of thanksgiving with a happy heart and a life full of blessings.

In His Love,  
Mrs. Hammelman

October has been a busy month for us. We have got to play outdoors several times and enjoyed the wonderful weather God gives us. We love to run and race our friends around the fence by the play area, although it really isn't a race when one decides to run after some of the others have finished. We know that if we finish the race, we are a member of God's team, and we love that idea.

We got to go the preschool pumpkin patch and pick our very own pumpkin to take home. We learned that you have to be gentle

or the stem will come off and then you have to carry the pumpkin close to you--not what a couple of preschoolers wanted. A Big thanks to Earl Linnweber for delivering the "round orange rolly things." A special thanks to Sam and Patty Williams for their donation. We read the book "SHINE for Jesus." We learned that we always want to Share His Incredible News Everywhere. We have painted our pumpkins using our fore arm, palm, and thumbprint. Each unique and special like the children who made them. We gave them cross noses, and heart eyes to show God's love for us.

For B week, we painted with balloons, played in the band, talked about the Bible being the best book of all, went bowling, and made a little boy blue. B does a lot, according to one little boy.

We had a lesson on Joseph and his coat of many colors. Our puppets were really cute and the preschoolers did a great job looking at all the colors that God gives us. We then talked about Daniel and the lions that didn't roar. God is so good--we want to remember to pray to Him just like Joseph and Daniel did when they were afraid. God took care of them, just like He does each of us.

We attempted to use scissors one day and cut. One little boy tried very hard to say he had never seen scissors and knew his mom did not have anything like that at home. They are hidden very well at home, for good reason according to mom.

We played "eye games" with the ladies from Generations when they came to check our vision. We appreciate Jewel, Nancy, Jean, and Phyllis for coming and spending the day with us. We talked about how our ears and eyes belong to God and everything we hear and see we want to please HIM.

My morning class had a visit from Mr. Patrick (Reynolds), Mr. Eric (Nettles), and Mr. Josh (Trotter). They brought the red fire truck and the red rescue truck for show and tell. Mr. Josh put on all the fire gear, and we were amazed there was really someone in that suit when we touched him. We he was taking the suit off, one little preschooler noted that Josh was back to normal. We got to climb in and smile for pictures. We were glad we could use our good listening ears to hear the siren when we got back in our room and the trucks were leaving. THANKS to the fireman for a great job showing us and telling us about the trucks.

My afternoon class got to make ice cream in baggies for our snacks. It was really cold, but so fun. Some even sampled a little too much salt because they were so excited to try their creation. Miss Lill (Clinkenbeard) was a great baggie shaker and she said the ice cream was very good. Many students agreed. We love birthday party days and the neat ideas parents come up with.

We are practicing on songs to sing for the residents at the Freelandville Community Home on October 27. We will parade in our costumes and visit with the residents, if you want to come and see us at either 8:45 or 12:00. We are excited about the class trip!

Love in Christ,  
Mrs. Durall

Bethel Christian Preschool has been in operation for 13 years. We have some awesome teachers! Ramona Hammelman teaches Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes, Beth Durall teaches Tuesday/Thursday classes, and their assistant teacher is Jennifer Jones. These ladies are just a blessing to our preschool – they work together, they plan together, and they celebrate together. They practice what they teach. GOD IS LOVE!! Aren't we fortunate to have such caring and loving teachers!

The Preschool also has many volunteers. We thank those ladies for taking the time to help with the classes. You are very much appreciated.

We recently had a fundraiser, selling cook books with recipes of the children, parents, and church members. We want to thank everyone who submitted a recipe or bought a cookbook. Special thanks to Brandy Williams and Stacy Page for all their hard work putting the cook book together. There are a few left in the church office, if you don't have yours yet. They are \$10.00 each.

We have received several donations and memorial gifts. We thank you all.

Please remember that you can designate memorial gifts to the Bethel Christian Preschool.

Linda Kixmiller  
Preschool Board

## **MISSIONS**

The Mission Committee thanks everyone who donated shoes for the Shoeman! His work touches the lives of so many people, both with shoes and with clean water. The shoes will be delivered to him near his headquarters at St. Louis.

We thank you in advance for your donations of potholders for George and Julie Holmes who take them to Albania. Gospel beads are attached and to receive a potholder, the village ladies must listen to the Gospel message. The Holmes really appreciate your kind generosity!

The Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are due Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. This is always a special project for Bethel and the children who receive them are so blessed. If you have the chance to use a computer, it is fun to find out where your box went.

We thank you all for supporting the mission projects of our church. Many people have felt a touch of God's love because you helped, donated, served, committed or prayed for our projects.

Maridell Sargent

## **Bethel Church Council Minutes**

### **October 10, 2011**

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor Mike presented to the council his monthly report. In addition to counseling and visits to members of Bethel and the surrounding community during the month of September, Pastor Mike conducted Sunday Service at the Freelandville Community Home; prepared lesson for and taught Sunday School class; prepared and taught Confirmation classes; attended Sunday School meeting; conducted one wedding; and conducted one baptism. Pastor Mike reported there are 6 youths in Confirmation. Pastor Mike has reviewed and prepared a six-week Bible Study course which was created by Crown Financial which is entitled "God Provides". The Bible Study will begin on October 16 and will continue for 6 consecutive Sunday evenings. The report was accepted as written.

**Youth Pastor Report** – Pastor Shayne reported attendance for both the High School and Jr High School Youth Groups is very well – average 15-20 youths in each group. The Youth "Lock-In" is set for October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Youth will be traveling to Lark Farm & Corn Maze near Loogootee on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Youth Sunday is set for Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>; the Youth have been preparing and practicing for the Worship Service. That Sunday evening, the Youth will be sponsoring a "Chili Cook-Off" and a Fall Festival here at the church; everyone with a 'special' recipe is encouraged to enter their secret recipe and Chili. The attendance at the "5<sup>th</sup> Quarter" after home football games is a little down,



but still well attended by underclassmen. Pastor Shayne and other area Youth Ministers are planning a more detailed and in-depth gatherings after Home Basketball games this season; “After the Buzzer”. Pastor Shayne’s report was accepted as presented.

**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: \$500 to Knox County Habitat for Humanity, \$500 to Christian Radio – Thy Word Network, and \$1,000 to The Guild. A motion was made and passed unanimously to distribute \$500 from the Distress Fund to a family in Bicknell who lost everything in a house fire on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Deacons Report** – The report was approved as written. The average attendance for Sunday Worship Service for September was 144. The Offering for September was \$22,169.27. \$541.06 was received from Atlas Energy. \$35 was received in Facility Use fees. \$1,446.36 was contributed into Memorial Funds. \$100 was received for the Youth Groups. \$236.96 was received for the Youth Pastor Fund. \$210 was received for the Cemetery Fund and \$393.53 for the Cemetery Trust Fund.

**Elders Report** – Wednesday evening Home Visits with Pastor Mike are continuing are being well received. The Elders have been working with the Sunday School Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent with concerns about Sunday School.

**Old Business** – Security Cameras have been installed and are up and running. Anthis Heating & Air Conditioning and Skill Electric are close to finishing installations and repairs. Representatives from both companies are due at the church on October 20<sup>th</sup> to make a walk-through and make plans to finish their work. Wolfe Construction will begin the installation of the new church roof on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The council received a bid from Pieper’s Carpet of \$3,996 for the installation of new tiling in the men’s restroom, the installation of new carpet in Bethel Hall & the stairway to the Social Room, and the installation of carpet in the Sanctuary where the old radiators have been removed. A motion was made to accept the bid from Pieper’s; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**New Business** – Council members were asked to start forming consideration for Nominating Committees for the November meeting. As Sunday School attendance has begun to grow in numbers, the question as to additional classroom space has arisen. A plan for locations of classrooms has been distributed to each individual class for their consideration and input.

**Coming Events:**

October 30 – Youth’s Chili Cook-Off & Fall Festival

October 27 & 31 – Bethel Preschool Harvest Parties

November 6 - Totenfest

November 6 – Worship at Freelandville Community Home  
 November 14 – Council Meeting  
 November 27 – First Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion  
 December 9 – Bethel Preschool Christmas Program

## Bethel Church Treasurer's Report

1/1/2011 through 9/30/2011

### Income:

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Mabes Income          | 163,639.39   |
| Offering              | 141,527.09   |
| Preschool Income      | 23,597.13    |
| Interest Income       | 10,142.11    |
| Mission Income        | 7,843.97     |
| Atlas Gas             | 5,420.59     |
| Misc. Income          | 3,254.80     |
| Cemetery Income       | 2,703.53     |
| Memorial Income       | 1,465.00     |
| Youth Pastor Income   | 892.00       |
| Rental Income         | 480.00       |
| Bethel Youth Income   | 400.00       |
| Cemetery Trust Income | 40.00        |
| Organ Repair          | <u>10.00</u> |
| Total Income          | 361,415.61   |

### Assets:

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Brocksmith Mission | 24,979.20       |
| Building Fund      | 25.00           |
| Cemetery Fund      | (4,188.15)      |
| Cemetery Trust     | 244,749.30      |
| Choir/Music        | 2,266.49        |
| General Fund       | 118,399.39      |
| Insurance          | -0-             |
| M. L. Mabes        | 446,340.29      |
| Memorial Fund      | 23,081.14       |
| Mission Fund       | (16,009.38)     |
| Mission Trip       | -0-             |
| Scholarship Fund   | 2,307.55        |
| Shelter House      | 13,171.63       |
| Strate 40 Acres    | 2,391.50        |
| Van Fund           | <u>(105.12)</u> |
| Total Assets       | 857,408.84      |

### Expenses:

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| New Furnace/AC         | 160,689.39   |
| Pastor                 | 42,410.68    |
| Mission Expense        | 23,853.35    |
| Youth Pastor           | 21,984.16    |
| Employee Withholding   | 17,315.35    |
| Insurance              | 16,698.00    |
| Strate Expense         | 10,702.54    |
| Maint. & Repair        | 10,151.55    |
| Electricity            | 10,115.86    |
| Secretary              | 9,921.33     |
| Custodian              | 8,760.42     |
| Preschool teacher MWF  | 7,381.12     |
| Groundskeeper          | 6,895.80     |
| Preschool teacher T/TH | 6,536.02     |
| Music Director         | 6,311.16     |
| Gas                    | 6,048.67     |
| Office Supplies        | 4,664.31     |
| Preschool Aide         | 3,925.24     |
| Telephone              | 3,226.86     |
| Storm Repair           | 2,950.00     |
| Cemetery Expense       | 2,613.50     |
| Pastor Travel          | 1,832.15     |
| Misc. Expense          | 1,158.99     |
| Custodial Supplies     | 1,115.20     |
| Water                  | 884.65       |
| Van Expense            | 703.04       |
| Youth Expense          | 700.00       |
| Waste Expense          | 652.14       |
| Pest Control           | 645.00       |
| Postage                | 467.95       |
| Choir Expense          | 425.70       |
| Sub. Music Person      | 325.00       |
| Scholarship expense    | 200.00       |
| Sub. Pastor            | 200.00       |
| Books & Lit.           | 149.23       |
| Youth Expense          | <u>15.99</u> |
| Total Expense          | 392,630.35   |
| Grand Total            | (31,214.74)  |

## **Totenfest**

### *Service of Remembrance*

May we remember those who have passed on to  
life eternal in the past year.

Richard Hill – age 83 – died November 11, 2010

Lawrence Koenig – age 77 – died December 30, 2010

Martin Pieper – age 89 – died February 1, 2011

Louise Rinsch – age 99 – died March 11, 2011

Alma Sandefur – age 81 – died March 14, 2011

Robert Bohmeier – age 93 – died June 23, 2011

Frederick “Fritz” Hagemeyer – age 87 – died August 16, 2011

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## **Veteran's Day**

Lt. Col. Shane Turner  
(son-in-law of John and Marilyn Koenig)  
1111 Valley Glen Drive  
Dixon, CA 95620

2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer Todd Ricketts  
(son-in-law of Scott and Lana Dike)  
6111 Enterprise Dr., Apt. 1907  
Pensacola, FL 32505

Please remember to give thanks this Veteran's Day to those  
who serve to protect us.

# Parish Records:

## Attendance:

Sept. 25      123  
Oct. 2        199  
Oct. 9        150  
Oct. 16      154

## Greeters:

Nov. 6 – Sam & Cally Miller  
Nov. 13 & 20 – Mark and Deanna Sargent  
Nov. 27 & Dec. 4 – Tim & Tonya Miller

Ushers: Mark & Deanna Sargent

## Nursery Notes (Worship):

Nov.        6    Kelci Anderson  
              13   Bonnie Organ  
              20   Cally Miller  
              27   Beth Durall

## Children's Church:

Nov.        6    Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst  
              13   Cally Miller/Kelci Anderson  
              20   Micah Morgan/Chris Horst  
              27   Brenda Maddox/Nancy Tilly

## November birthdays:

Nov.        5    Naomia Pepmeier (Happy 85<sup>th</sup>)  
              14   Wendell Stoelting (Happy 87<sup>th</sup>)  
              23   Marvin Deerhake (Happy 81<sup>st</sup>)  
              24   Roy Langdon (Happy 83<sup>rd</sup>)  
              29   Shirley Miller (Happy 83<sup>rd</sup>)  
              30   Helen Mackey (Happy 84<sup>th</sup>)

**Chimes news will be due on November 21st.**

Need that perfect Christmas gift?

Bethel Christian Preschool has a few cook books left. They are \$10.00 each. If interested, see Lesa in the office, talk to a board member, or the teachers. Thanks for all of your support.

*November 2011*

*Bethel*

*Chimes*

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