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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

With Easter just around the corner, let us take time to reflect what the season is all about. While we reflect on the crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection of our Lord, let us take the time to realize that while we remember the events of Easter do we really take the time to worship God in His holiness?

When we think of holiness do we really know just what holiness is? The absence of sin, being in a state of total righteousness, all of the time, since the beginning of time, that is who God is. This is who turn His back on His Son as He hung of the cross. Why? Not because that Jesus was sinful for He knew no sin, but rather that Jesus took upon Himself the sins of the world, your sin and my sin, that is what God could not stand to see. For God is a holy God and as we worship Him, we must realize that fact. The only way to become righteous is by the blood of our Savior, shed on our behalf.

I urge all of us to really think this Easter what has been done on our behalf, something that we could not do for ourselves. A Holy God sent His son to be the sacrifice for our sin that we might be made righteous. Rather mind boggling, isn't it? Rejoice and grab hold of what has been done for us by a holy God as we have never before grabbed hold of.

In His service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Youth Corner

Do you have a plan? Life is crazy; there is so much work to be done, so much to do, that sometimes we need to plan for God! So what does it mean to plan for God? Well, it means simply this.....What are you doing to make sure you spend time every day in the word, in prayer, and what are you going to do to further the kingdom? **(1) Prayer:** This is how we build that relationship with our Lord. We need to set a time aside every day to talk to Him. Just like with any other relationship, you have to talk. **(2) Reading the Word:** This is how God talks back. Stop looking at the Bible like a boring history book, and pick it up knowing this is the voice of God speaking to you.....how awesome is that! **(3) Have a Plan to Further the Kingdom Of God:** Look at it this way – a football team practices, they perfect and then they go in on game day with a plan. They keep doing that until they are winning games. As Christians, we have to do the same thing – we practice and perfect at church and in Bible study, and hopefully in our homes, and then when we go out into the world (the game) and use our plans to try and get a W. So many times, we as Christians get stuck in this rut of just going to practice, staying in the huddle; but what's the point of practicing if you never get in the game? Answer: There is no point. It's not just the pastor's job to play – you are all players. So put on your pads, strap on your helmet, and get in the games. This isn't a football game, this is the game of life and souls are at stake. Some people are happy with just going to church on Sundays....but it's not enough! Practice, perfect, plan, and GET IN THE GAME!!! God's waiting....what's your plan?

God Bless,
Shayne Spurgeon
Youth Minister

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2012

March/April/May – (Lent, Spring, Easter) – Christian Partners
June – Bible School
July/August – Mission Committee
September/October/November – (Fall) – Mustard Seed
December – (Christmas) – Faithful Footprints

Memorials

In memory of Ray Hall:

Frances and Priscilla Walsh
Patty Bobe (*Cemetery Fund*)

In memory of Jack Perkins:

Patty Bobe

In memory of Royal and Winona Hankins Draime:

David W. and Linda Walton (*Cemetery Fund*)

GUILD

Thanks to all who helped do the spring cleaning in the kitchen at our regular meeting. We had a delicious meal of soup, sandwiches, and dessert.

All the ladies were truly blessed by our Lenten breakfast. Our speaker, Shirley Bright, had an inspirational message “The Fragrance of Jesus”.

Our April 4th meeting will be at 1:00. We will visit shut-ins, then come back and share. Please bring diapers for North Knox Social Ministries. Doris Brocksmith will be the hostess.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Preschool News

Spring greetings from Bethel Preschool! As I write this letter on the final day of Spring Break, it is hard to believe that there are only two months until school lets out for summer! I have no doubt that they will fly by just as quickly that the rest of the year has but I also know that we will enjoy them to the fullest at preschool. ☺

In my last letter I shared that Donuts with Dad was fast approaching. It is easily one of the most anticipated days of the year! The kids and I counted down on our class calendar until the day finally arrived and what a great morning it was. We celebrated with a Nascar/Disney Cars theme and had fun wearing our favorite racing attire – one little girl’s mom even made her a shirt that said, “My Daddy thinks he a race car driver!” and was she ever proud to wear it! The kids were so excited for this day and I was so happy to see so many little boys and girls share this special time with their dad or other special guy that had set aside this time for their child. I couldn’t have been prouder as the kids got up and recited the “Daddy Poem” and a boisterously sang, “I’m in the Lord’s Army”. A special thanks to Mary Ann Miller for donating the donuts, Nancy

Rinsch for delivering them that morning and to Pastor Mike for joining us and leading us in the ABC Prayer.

Last month was such a busy month! We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading Dr. Seuss books and had lots of fun with rhymes and opposites! Two of our favorite books were "The Foot Book" and "If I Had Duck Feet" – we made a bulletin board for the preschool hallway entitled, "Our Feet Walk With God" – if you know one of Bethel's preschoolers stop by to see if you can find his or her feet! We also had "Silly Sock" Friday and had so much fun wearing crazy and silly socks. The kids loved it so much they took their shoes off and we had preschool in our socks that day!

We had fun learning about rainbows and the promise God made to us when he sent the very first rainbow. We got to make fun rainbow crafts and I had some very talented moms make us some healthy rainbow snacks from fruit – they were so yummy that not a single piece of fruit was left after snack time! We got to spend a day in the social room making rainbow crayons. (Thank you to the wonderful Guild ladies who shared with us for the day – we even got a little help peeling the paper off of our crayons!!) Miss Doris was unable to be with us that day but we were excited to meet her daughter, Miss Jane, and Miss Jane was just amazed – she had never met crayon makers before! ☺ We had another fun day when Miss Lenora helped us plant a flower during her time with us – we love getting dirty and the soil definitely got plenty of holes poked in it for the tiny seeds! Also, thank you to Miss Nancy for leaving alphabet stickers for us to work with – we love stickers!! We are so blessed to have so many caring people care for and watch over us at Bethel Preschool!

I am thankful for the beautiful weather we had over Spring Break and am happy I was able to spend time with my family and enjoy the sunny days – I hope you were able to do the same. With the Easter season upon us, and the flowers and trees about to bloom, it helps me to remember the beauty of God's love for us and His most precious gift to us, Jesus Christ. How wonderful it is to know that He continues to live in our hearts and our daily lives!

In His Love,
Mrs. Hammelman

Preschool is so fun. We ended February with our annual Donuts with Dad. My kids were so excited to be a date with our favorite guy (glad to see some grandpas and uncles join us). They did a great job singing and entertaining their special guy. Thanks to the board for their support, Nancy

Rinsch for picking up the delicious donuts, and to Mary Ann Miller for her contribution. We enjoyed a great morning ☺

We talked about letter R and the rainbow we sure wish we could have seen that day when we looked outside. We know that rainbows are God's way of keeping His promises. We made a big colorful rainbow out of magazines and everybody had to find and cut certain colors. Big thanks to Miss Jennifer for putting it all together for us. We were happy to have Miss Lill with us and help, too.

We combined letters S and T so we could celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and read the book "Ten Apples on Top." We each put apples on top of our heads--come a take a look in the hallway. We learned from reading many of the Cat in the Hat books that characters do a lot of funny and silly things that we should not even try at home, like riding a bicycle while crossing a tight rope or eating green things (eggs and ham). We read books with reads that rhyme and tried to come up with our own--too funny to listen to as the kids all tried their own rhyming words. Dr. Seuss encourages reading and that's why we celebrate. The kids love story time.

We also talked about being the one lost sheep in a field and how God always finds us. We love to play hide and seek inside or outside, as long as someone comes to find us soon. We are blessed God always knows where we are.

We read the book "The Sower and the Seed." We talked about how things grow with God's love, soil, sunlight, prayer and rain. One little girl corrected me and said, "Actually all we need is water--not rain." Okay, good point since our seeds were planted for the indoors and we will be giving them just water from the faucet. We are praying hard to have plants growing soon. A special thanks to Mary Ann and teaching us the seed song!! I loved it.

We then talked about the Ten Commandments that God gives us. We "love God more than any stuff", according to one little boy.

The day before spring break, we went to the kitchen for "cooking school." We know that God made each of us special and different. It even shows in our thumbprint cookies--they were all different and unique. They turned out really good and the kids did a great job listening to instructions and sampling our tasty experiments.

Some of my kids do not like to get dirty either with dirt or in the kitchen with a flour mixture. Others--love to get as messy as allowed whether we are playing outside or in. I give thanks to God for each child at Bethel and their unique personalities.

Looking forward to a beautiful Spring!!

In His Love,
Mrs. Durall

Bethel Church Council Minutes

March 13, 2012

Pastor's Report – Pastor Mike shared his monthly report, which included sermon preparation, conducting the Sunday service at the Freelandville Community Home, teaching a Sunday school class and the confirmation class, facilitating the Financial Peace University class, attending “Donuts for Dads” and an elders’ meeting, conducting two funerals, holding counseling sessions, and visiting church members and others within the community. His written report was accepted as written.

Youth Pastor's Report – Pastor Shayne reported that the recent middle school trip was very rewarding with those attending being very committed and receptive to the conference program. The high school will be attending a conference in St. Louis March 15-18. To earn money for their anticipated youth trip to the Tetons’ in July, the youth are planning a bake sale after church on March 25, and are also available for “work days” wherever needed. (To schedule help, call the church office or contact Pastor Shayne.) Plans are underway for Vacation Bible School June 4-8, and a youth group for grades 4-5 will begin meeting from 4:30-6:30 in April on alternate Sundays. It was shared that the recent soup cook-off was a success, and Youth Sunday will be April 29. The youth will investigate the possibility of having a food booth at the Knox County fair.

Secretary's Report – Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Approved as written.

Deacon's Report – The average attendance for February Sunday services was 144, and the month’s offering was \$14, 273.78. February income was \$221.04 from Atlas Gas, \$100 from a miscellaneous donation, \$3,998.18 from Bethel Preschool, \$112. 56 interest from the Brocksmith Mission Fund, and \$5,000 from the Martha Enmeier estate. Memorial Fund contributions amounted to \$145. Mission allocations were \$400 to Indian Creek Campground, \$500 to Knox County Habitat for Humanity, \$500 from the emergency distress fund to a family whose home received fire damage, \$500 to Bethel Youth, and \$500 to Heart-to-Heart. The written report was approved as written.

Elder's Report – Elder and pastor evening visits will resume after Easter; the elders will compile a list of suggested visits. It was decided to find an appropriate place for hanging the 150th anniversary banner in the sanctuary. Pastor Mike is exploring the

possibility of separate men's and women's Bible studies later in the year, possibly led by lay persons.

Building and Grounds – The chapel and back hallway projects are now complete, and Wolfe Construction has also completed the balcony repairs. A leak in the flat roof has been discovered, and Wolfe Construction will be contacted to correct the problem. There are several old air-conditioners that are no longer in use. Rowe Sargent will contact Social Ministries to see if they are interested in them. It was noted that there are some damaged floor grates; Anthis Heating will give us a quote on a more heavy duty style to use as replacements.

Old Business – Before renewing the church's insurance policy, new bids are being received and will be evaluated to see if they are more economical and will provide better coverage. The Special Gifts Committee will be furnishing the chapel, and Pastor Shayne is ordering the new projector and blu-ray players for the basement and is also overseeing their installation. Gord Clinkenbeard is having the antique table that had been given as a memorial gift in 1914 and the rocking chair in the guild room repaired. The table will be placed in the vestibule when repaired. It was shared that the Youth will be providing child care for the Lightbearers Women's Conference on April 14, and work is in progress to clear the stage area in the social room.

New Business – The building and grounds committee is receiving bids for painting the guttering and downspouts and also the lounge. It was decided that the board will request presentations from several financial institutions to help them make wise investments. A request was made to donate several memorial benches on the church grounds. The motion was made and seconded to approve this request.

Coming Events:

April 1 – Palm Sunday, Rite of Confirmation
Worship at Freelandville Community Home
Confirmation Reunion Service

April 4 & 5 – Preschool Easter parties

April 5 – Maundy Thursday service with pew communion

April 8 – Easter service with altar communion

April 29 – Youth Sunday

<p>Scholarship applications and guidelines are available in the Church office for any graduating seniors. The deadline for submitting applications is May 1st.</p>

Parish Records:

Attendance:

Feb. 26	125
March 4	119
March 11	137
March 18	140

Greeters:

April 1 & 8 Gord & Janet Clinkenbeard

April 15 & 22 Steve & Deb Telligman

April 29 & May 6 Mike & Pam Loheider

Ushers: Rowe and Maridell Sargent

Nursery Notes (Worship):

April	1	Hallie Durrall/Jesse Organ
	8	Bonnie Organ/Ashley Durrall
	15	Cally Miller/Bridget Brocksmith
	22	Tracey Kahre/Hailley Kahre
	29	Kelci Anderson/Madison Meurer

Children's Church:

April	1	Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst
	8	Cally Miller/Kelci Anderson
	15	Micah Morgan/Chris Horst
	22	Brenda Maddox/Nancy Tilly
	29	No Children's Church

April birthdays:

2	Dorothy Sams (Happy 85 th)
5	Wilbur Boberg (Happy 83 rd)
6	Marilyn Fender (Happy 80 th)
9	Doris Brocksmith (Happy 82 nd)
12	Betty Tilly (Happy 81 st)

Chimes news will be due on April 16th.

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