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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-**

As we sit here in the midst of a drought with no end in sight, one must wonder where God in all of this is. While the media focuses on the physical aspects of the drought and the destruction to the crops that it has brought, perhaps we as believers need to take a look at the spiritual drought that faces our nation. We read of a drought in 2 Chronicles 7:13. A drought brought on by the peoples disobedience to God. We must realize that when we as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ choose to disobey scripture there will be a price to pay. Is this happening now? Perhaps it is time for the people of God to return to the teachings of the Bible and enjoy the fullness that God's Word promises. 2 Chronicles 7:14 gives us the remedy. Turn from our wicked ways, humble ourselves and pray God will hear our prayers and heal our land. Not just heal our land from the current drought, but more importantly, heal our land from the spiritual drought that currently afflicts our nation.

Just like the children of Israel of the Old Testament, we too have a choice, serve God or serve ourselves. Who do you choose to serve?

In His service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## **Youth Corner**

First of all, I would like to send a big thank you out to our entire congregation. The Jackson Hole trip was a huge success, and it was all thanks to people like you for supporting our youth! A second big thank you goes out to my amazing hosts and chaperones, the Brocksmith family, and my driving buddy, Sarah! And lastly, a huge thanks goes out to my amazing wife who let me leave her 7 ½ months pregnant to go minister to our youth in the mountains. Without amazing volunteers and support, our youth group can't function the way it does, and we are very appreciative to be so blessed.

With an amazing team building trip behind us (but always in our hearts), it's time to look to the future. Already we have several things in store for Bethel Youth in this new school year. The middle school youth will be having a back to school bash and lock in on August 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be 12 hours filled with fun, excitement, and a whole lot of Christian fellowships. The Middle School and High School youth will be diving into a new Wednesday night study starting in August called Project Maui. The series takes all kinds of religions and throws them all together on an Island to find out which religion reigns supreme!! With this and so much more, this coming school year is sure to be filled with new adventures and packed full of spiritual growth.....so excited to start the new school year – let's make it our best year yet!!!!

Your Youth leader,  
Shayne Spurgeon

## **Sunday School**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of Hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee. Psalm 84: 11-12

The Sunday School picnic is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>. We are planning to have an auction like we have had in the past. The committee would appreciate if slightly used (white elephant) items be omitted this year. Put your creativity hat on and be thinking of something to donate for the auction.

## Sunday School Nursery Workers for August 2012

*August 5th - Krista Telligman & Nancy Rinsch*

*August 12<sup>th</sup> – Cheryl Hagemeyer & Kate Hammelman*

*August 19<sup>th</sup> – Brandy Williams & Lana Dike*

*August 26<sup>th</sup> – Diane Telligman & Carole Albrecht*

Cheryl Hagemeyer

### **Preschool**

August-already!! We are excited about the upcoming preschool year here at Bethel. We will begin classes on August 20. Our room is being transformed and decorated to welcome in our students. Please pray for each unique child coming to us this year. We look forward to meeting our new students and welcoming the returning ones back.

Loving a child is a circular business...  
the more you give, the more you get,  
the more you get, the more you give.

Give and it will be given to you...For by your standards of measure it will be measured to you in return (Luke 6:38 NAS).

Mrs. Hammelman

Mrs. Durall

### **Mission Committee**

What a wonderful picnic we shared with the Lighthouse group. Good food, conversation, football, bean bag toss, washers, and volleyball were shared by about 90 of us. The weather was warm as we shared a great time together. Thank you all!

As the approach of school is near, we will again be asking for Preschool prayer partners. The Mission Committee would like to thank Bethel for all you do to help.

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## **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2012**

**July/August – Mission Committee**

**September/October/November – (Fall) – Mustard Seed**

**December – (Christmas) – Faithful Footprints**

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### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Pastor Mike and everyone for their prayers, cards, calls and caring thoughts while I go through my little ordeal. Surgery was a success and radiation will begin soon. All reports are excellent.

Sincerely,  
Evaline Johanningsmeier

Dear Bethel,

Although I was with Jake in the hospital on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, I understand that God lead Pastor Mike to preach on the topic “Do Something”. I am so grateful for the timing of this message, and Bethel’s wonderful response. Your loving gifts have allowed me and my family to be with Jake during this difficult time without worry. Your generosity even allowed me to buy lunch for a desperately needy mother and child in the cafeteria of Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Your prayers are being felt daily. Jake continues rehab in Franciscan St. Francis Health in Indianapolis. This is a very nice facility, and his rehab is scheduled for 30 days. Jake is still paralyzed from the chest down, but is regaining some minor nerve response in the lower part of his body. We are making plans and preparing to move forward, and in this process your continued support and prayers are coveted.

The signed Bible brought tears to Jake’s eyes. Your acts of kindness have showered us with blessings. Again, I say thank you, thank you.

Jake and Heather Kail

Notes and cards can be sent to :  
Jake Kail, Room 619  
Franciscan St. Francis Health  
7855 S. Emerson Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46237

Jake's cell phone: 813-582.2437

We would like to thank our Bethel church family for their support of our youth group! Most recently the youth were blessed with an opportunity to go on a trip to Jackson Hole, WY and see all of Gods glory! They not only had a blast, but also had some personal one on one time with God! Please continue to support our youth minister and our kids as they continue to grow in their spiritual faith!

Also, a special thank you to Bill and Joann Brocksmith for opening up their homes and their hearts and making this trip possible!! To Shayne and Sara Lambert: much gratitude for bringing our kids home safely!

Yours in Christ,  
Travis, Stacey, Hailley, and Trevor Kahre

## GUILD

Bethel Guild met Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Freelandville Community Home with the residents for the monthly birthday party. Two residents had July birthdays – Helen Hankins and Bill O'Dell. We enjoyed Edith and Edna Rinsch playing the organ and piano. Doris Brocksmith had devotions, and we all played bingo. Delicious refreshments of cookies, ice cream and punch were enjoyed by all.

We are taking August off, so our next meeting will be September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Lill Clinkenbeard

The Bible is the only book whose author is always present when one reads it. ~ Unknown

## Treasurer's Report 1/1/2012 through 6/30/2012

### Income:

Offering	104,102.12
Mabes	69,905.48
Preschool	19,990.90
Misc.	5,928.38
Atlas Gas	4,424.23
Interest	3,166.48
Mission	1,590.92
Cemetery	1,585.00
Bethel Youth	640.00
Memorial	485.00
Rental	50.00
Organ Repair	<u>10.00</u>

**Total Income**                    **\$211,878.51**

### Expenses:

New Roof	31,660.00
Pastor	28,745.00
Storm repair	26,310.00
Strate Expense	20,944.14
Youth Pastor	14,613.68
Employee withholding	13,736.64
Mission Expense	13,200.00
Insurance	13,195.71
Maint. & Repair	9,726.28
Preschool teacher M/W/F	6,253.10
New furnace/AC	6,052.92
Custodian	5,937.58
Bethel Chapel	5,882.56
Preschool teacher T/TH	5,520.10

### Expenses (cont.)

Secretary	5,437.44
Groundskeeper	4,676.00
Electricity	4,312.90
Music Director	4,278.74
Misc. Exp.	4,113.84
Preschool Aide	3,322.20
Gas	3,279.85
Telephone	2,247.46
Office Supplies	1,766.88
Cemetery Exp.	1,324.96
Pastor travel	999.38
Pest Control	817.00
Custodial Supplies	642.81
Sub. Pastor	600.00
Choir Exp.	589.75
Van Exp.	546.95
Waste Exp.	522.00
Sub. Music Person	400.00
Water	394.80
Postage	297.34
One Call	269.22
Books & Lit.	209.71
Memorial exp.	<u>178.50</u>

**Total Expenses**                    **\$243,005.44**

**Grand Total**                        **(\$31,126.93)**

# Bethel Church Council Minutes

## July 9, 2012

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike shared his monthly report, which included conducting the worship service at the Freelandville Community Home, hospital visits, holding counseling sessions, teaching a Sunday School class, officiating at a wedding, and conducting a graveside service.

**Youth Pastor's Report:** Pastor Shayne shared a list of his many involvements with the youth and their activities and also had preached two sermons, sung a solo during church, and taught Sunday School lessons. He shared highlights of the youth retreat at Jackson Hole, stating that it was a wonderful experience where the youth were able to experience God in nature and share in many Bible lessons he had prepared and led.

**Secretary's Report:** It was approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were made: Nurses Fund, \$1,000 and Gideon's, \$400.

**Deacon's Report:** The average attendance for June Sundays was 146, and the monthly offering was \$12,551.33. June income included: Atlas Gas, \$291.60; Facility Use, \$25; General Misc. Fund, \$821.74 (VBS); Interest Income, \$408.64; Brocksmith Mission Fund, \$111.12; and, Youth Fund, \$100.

**Elder's Report:** Elder visits with Pastor Mike were discussed, and a proposed schedule of visits was made. Summer communion on July 29<sup>th</sup> was also discussed.

**Building and Grounds:** Steve Page was asked to submit an estimate for painting the trim on the custodian's house, and it was shared that the church carpets will be cleaned the week of July 16. Trees in the cemetery that are in need of removal will be cut down, and the grate near the road's edge between the church and the custodian's house is broken and will be repaired.

**Old Business:** Pastor Shayne has ordered the projector for the basement, which is on back order.

**New Business:** The deacon's will explore hiring a substitute custodian when Ebony is on maternity leave. When the insurance company inspected the premises, they noted some safety changes that need to be made in order to be in compliance with their requirements, which the Deacons will correct. It was shared that worship in the grove and the Sunday School picnic will be held on September 16.

**Coming Events:**

- July 15 – Picnic for Lighthouse Mission
- July 29 – Summer Communion
- August 15 – Preschool Orientation
- August 19 – Preschool Open House
- August 20-21 – First day of Preschool

**Parish Records:**

**Attendance:**

- June 24            133
- July 1             135
- July 8             136
- July 15            158

**Greeters:**

- August 5 and 12 – Herman & Nancy Tilly
- August 19 and 26 – Justin & Traci French

**Ushers:** Andy & Andrea Miller

**Nursery Notes (Worship):**

- August 5    Debbie Telligman/Ashley Durall
- 12    Virginia Koenig/Beth Durall
- 19    Andrea Miller/Hallie Durall
- 26    Bonnie Organ/Cally Miller

**Children’s Church:**

- August 5    Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst
- 12    Cally Miller/Kelci Anderson
- 19    Micah Morgan/Chris Horst
- 26    Dale Tiek/Nancy Tilly

**August birthdays:**

- |    |                        |    |                      |
|----|------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 5  | John Clinkenbeard (80) | 21 | Lucille Robbins (84) |
| 6  | Susie Walters (92)     | 22 | Herb Grabbe (83)     |
| 8  | Harold Huffman (97)    | 24 | Dallas Miller (84)   |
| 10 | Bertha Conrad (87)     | 31 | Ruth Varns (88)      |
| 19 | Don Clifford (84)      |    |                      |

Chimes news will be due on August 20<sup>th</sup>.



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