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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-**

We read from Proverbs 22:9 that in order to be blessed, we must be generous. Looking at Bethel's 2011 missions giving one should realize that we have been generous and in turn, I believe we have been blessed as a church. Look out at almost any Sunday, and realize how we have been blessed. Babies abound with more to come. Youth everywhere and continuing to grow in number, but that doesn't tell the whole story, our numbers are increasing and with that increase, our giving has increased, and with that increase, our mission efforts have increased.

But that is not the whole story, for we have not included what Sunday School classes do towards mission efforts or perhaps more importantly, those individuals who meet various mission needs anonymously.

I believe what we are witnessing is scripture in action. God has promised blessings to those who are generous. Make note that while those blessings are not spelled out in detail, they are promised nonetheless. I believe that what we are witnessing with our increase in young families may be one of the blessings we read from this section in Proverbs. Or to put it another way, by being generous in our giving and mission efforts we are investing in the future of Bethel Church, but more importantly in God's kingdom.

In His service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## Youth Corner

The Starfish – Once a man was walking along a beach. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day. Off in the distance he could see a person going back and forth between the surf's edge and the beach. Back and forth this person went. As the man approached, he could see that there were hundreds of starfish stranded on the sand as the result of the natural action of the tide.

The man was struck by the apparent futility of the task. There were far too many starfish. Many of them were sure to perish. As he approached, the person continued the task of picking up starfish one by one and throwing them into the surf.

As he came up to the person, he said: "You must be crazy. There are thousands of miles of beach covered with starfish. You can't possibly make a difference." The person looked at the man. He then stopped down and picked up one more starfish and threw it back into the ocean. He turned back to the man and said: "It sure made a difference to that one!"

As a church, we always try to think big!!! We worry about numbers and figures and who's got more or better stats. Take time to realize that the smaller simpler things we do make big differences. We don't need to be a mega church always making money each year saving thousands of people.....If one person is saved in 2012; it made a difference, and guess what. That one person will probably help someone else be saved and so on and so on. So start small....it will make a BIG difference.

God bless,  
Shayne Spurgeon

## NOTES OF THANKS

I would like to thank the Guild for the Christmas cookies that were delivered to me.

Marge Horst

Dear Bethel Friends and Family,

Thank you so very much for your very generous donations this year for the Nurses' Fund. Charlene gave you an update, but we want all of you to know that because you shared, you have helped many people in many ways....food, clothing, diapers, prescriptions, office calls to doctors and dentists, gas money to go to work, take a child to a doctor, see a dying family member, keep up with classes at VU, plus other needs.

Thank you!

God bless you!  
All of those involved in the School Nurse Fund

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

**January/February - Assigned**

**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**

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### **Guild**

Bethel Women's Guild will meet Wednesday, February 1 at 1:30. We will have our Memorial Service with Doris Brocksmith leading the service. Hostesses will be Doris Richter and Lill Clinkenbeard. Please bring toothbrushes and toothpaste for North Knox Social Ministries.

Lill Clinkenbeard

### **Sunday School**

We have been blessed with a mild January to get out on Sunday mornings and join our brothers and sisters in Christ for Sunday School hour. When we walk in faith, we must have constant spiritual nourishment. We must have an adequate supply of positive beliefs for emergency use in the battle against negative and destructive forces that can conquer us. We have the opportunity to get spiritually nourished each Sunday at Bethel.

The youth departments are continuing to explore a new curriculum which we will be trying soon. Within the next few weeks in your collection basket will be a paper for each class to write what type of curriculum you currently are using.

The Sunday School Picnic is only 8 months away and we all know that time will fly, please be thinking of a representative from each class to help plan this event. I will check with each class next month to get your volunteer's name.

Sunday School Nursery Workers for February 2012

February 5<sup>th</sup> – Krista Telligman & Lana Dike

February 12<sup>th</sup> – Cheryl Hagemeister & JoAnne Brocksmith

February 19<sup>th</sup> – Brandy Williams & Nancy Rinsch

February 26<sup>th</sup> – Diane Telligman & Mary Ann Miller

Cheryl Hagemeister

**Preschool News**

I hope everyone was able to keep warm throughout the first month of the New Year! I know we sure have been appreciative of the new heating and cooling system this school year. January was another very busy month at preschool as we got back into our preschool routine. We had fun reviewing past letters, shapes, numbers and then adding more new ones. 😊

We also read more books and played more games. One of my favorite winter books is 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. Afterwards, we played a (fairly loud!) snowman game in which I got to build a whole roomful of "snowmen" who were so still but every time I took a little nap I would wake up to find my little snowmen all out of sorts! How tricky my little snowmen were! 😊 The kids loved it even more when Miss Doris and Miss Liz joined in on the days they were there!

How they laughed with excitement as they tried to run around and play and then get back to their spot before I "woke up". It has become a favorite game and is asked to play nearly every class time. Also, to go along with the book, the kids each made their own construction paper snowman and had a great time thinking of things their snowman might do at night. I was very pleased that so many of the children were able to work fairly independently as they cut out their snowman circles, hats and scarves and glued them onto their paper. Their snowmen are displayed in the preschool hallway – I hope you get a chance to check them out!

We also began our Star Student activity this past month. 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. The children are also getting so good at our prayer times. I have so many volunteers each day who want to say our good-bye prayer. We sometimes have a morning prayer to pray for concerns that just can't wait until it's time to say good-bye. We pray for our families, our volunteers, pets and all of our preschool friends. I love seeing how the children's prayers grow as they get more confident to go to Jesus with all that is on their little hearts.

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



We are off to a great start to the New Year at preschool. We came back from break welcoming just a little bit of snow which lead into a great lesson about how every snowflake is unique and different, just like all of us. We learned that God made each snowflake and each person with his own hands and how both are

very special. We had to use many of our shapes to assemble the cutest snowmen around. They will hang in the hallway for a while-- came on down and take a look. Bernettia Hollingsworth gave each of us each a snowman sticker she had made. We all wore one home on our jackets and thought they were adorable. Thanks, Bernettia, for thinking of us!!

We learned that sometimes we just have to make a joyful noise to the Lord. We love to march around the big church while we play in the band. We also played in play dough. Some liked the smell, while others thought the play dough was a little cold to touch. One little boy was quick to point out that play dough was not allowed in his house because it was too messy. I told him that's why was in preschool so he could make all kinds of things with his dough. We had scary snakes, hamburgers, and even a beach. I love their imaginations.

We started looking at letter L where we learned about love and how God loves each of us. We talked about how we share that love with others. Someone told us she uses the sweeper to clean the house to show love. Some like to give hugs and kisses at bedtime, some just like to be good. We made heart fellows and they too are hanging in the hallway. The kids did a great job making this craft and using their good listening ears.

Earl Linneweber showed his love by sharing pecans with us that he had picked up from the tree right outside our window. We enjoyed eating pecans during snacks that he had cracked and hulled. Then we each got to take whole pecans home. A couple tried cracking the pecans with their teeth before leaving to go home. They quickly decided the shells were not near as tasty as the nuts inside. Thanks, Earl, for sharing with us!!

We played outside in 50 plus degree weather on Tuesday that week, and by Thursday we were watching it snow (just a reminder that God wants us to always be alert and ready for changes). We talked about how God asks us to take care of His creation, especially the birds when the ground is frozen and they can't peck on the grass. We made bird feeder to hang at home to help the birds find food. I just kept saying cover your feeder with the peanut butter and the feeders were still empty. We ate a lot of peanut butter before we finally decided the birds needed some too. We then rolled the feeder in the bird seed. We tied string to the feeder so we could just hang it

up at home. After we were all finished, one little girl asked, "hey is that a toilet paper roll we are using". Yes, it was--and we all giggled. It was funny how nobody said a word about it during the project, but once they figured it out, the toilet paper roll was the talk of the day. One little boy said he didn't think he had any where to hang a bird feeder. When we asked his mom, she was sure they would found a special place to hang it so they could all watch for birds.

After we had finished our show and tell, Miss Lesa came in with her own show and tell. We were happy to celebrate her new grandson, Dillon, born just a few hours ago. She had pictures and was smiling non-stop. Congratulations to the family. We will wait with much excitement for the baby to come see us in person sometime.

February will bring us many more days to talk about love as we celebrate Valentine's Day and look forward to our parties. We are working on new songs to share with our dad when we have a date with him and have donuts on Feb. 25. We are all getting excited. Looks like we will continue to stay active at preschool.

Love in Christ to all,  
Mrs. Durall



## **MISSIONS**

Blessings to all who have helped in any way with the Mission Projects in 2011. Your donations of items for the Bethel 600, food for meals, money and animals for the WILD Project, potholders, shoes, money for other projects, your time, your prayers, and your support have been very much appreciated! Bethel is not only a "House of Prayer", but also a "House of Loving Care".

Maridell Sargent  
Mission Committee

# Treasurer's Report

1/1/2011 – 12/31/2011

Income:		Expenses (Cont.):	
Offering	\$191,373.36	Grounds Keeper	9,194.40
Mabes inc.	170,335.39	Music Director	8,414.88
Preschool inc.	35,616.67	Gas	6,887.36
Insurance inc.	32,586.88	Preschool Aide	5,918.56
Strate inc.	20,976.56	Telephone	4,300.21
Interest inc.	13,771.24	Office Supplies	4,213.11
Mission inc.	11,790.97	Custodial Supplies	3,681.92
Atlas Gas	6,803.91	Cemetery Expense	3,261.50
Cemetery inc.	3,628.53	Misc. Expense	2,486.74
Misc. inc.	3,338.28	Pastor Travel	2,181.90
Memorial inc.	1,565.00	Youth Expense	1,373.45
Youth Pastor inc.	1,242.00	Water	1,084.68
Rental inc.	615.00	Waste Expense	938.14
Bethel Youth inc.	575.00	Van Expense	920.85
Cemetery Trust inc.	40.00	Postage	901.95
Organ Repair	<u>10.00</u>	Pest Control	860.00
Total Income	\$494,268.79	Books & Lit.	706.67
		Sub. Music Person	550.00
Expenses:		One Call	534.92
New furnace	\$167,385.39	Choir Expense	487.74
Pastor	56,547.58	Scholarship Expense	200.00
Storm repair	34,950.00	Sub. Pastor	200.00
Mission Expense	31,303.35	Rental Expense	152.50
Youth Pastor	29,048.80	Cemetery Trust Exp.	40.00
Employee With.	24,636.46	Youth P. Expense	<u>15.99</u>
Insurance	16,698.00	Total Expense	\$502,525.30
Maint. & Repair	13,725.08		
Secretary	12,670.05	Grand Total	(\$8,256.51)
Electricity	11,992.46		
Custodian	11,680.56		
Strate Expense	11,399.04		
Preschool Teacher			
--M/W/F	11,132.98		
Preschool Teacher			
--T/Th	9,848.08		



# If I Give My Heart To You

The heart gets mixed reviews in the Bible. It can be good or evil (see Mark 7:21 or Matthew 12:34; 15:19). Valentine's Day reminds us that the heart can be fickle (How many valentines have you had since first grade?), but also steady and committed. Here are some familiar Bible verses in which the heart is mentioned. Can you supply the missing word in each?

1. "Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord \_\_\_\_\_."
2. "\_\_\_\_\_ me, O God, and know my heart!"
3. "Get yourselves a new heart and a new \_\_\_\_\_"
4. "The heart is \_\_\_\_\_ above all things."
5. "Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ in heart."
6. "Where your \_\_\_\_\_ is, there will your heart be also."
7. "I am gentle and \_\_\_\_\_ in heart."
8. "O foolish men, and slow of heart to \_\_\_\_\_ . . . ."
9. "Let not your hearts be \_\_\_\_\_."
10. "That Christ may dwell in your hearts through \_\_\_\_\_."

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| 1.  | rejoice, Psalm 105:3     |
| 2.  | Search, Psalm 139:23     |
| 3.  | spirit, Ezekiel 18:31    |
| 4.  | deceitful, Jeremiah 17:9 |
| 5.  | pure, Matthew 5:8        |
| 6.  | treasure, Matthew 11:29  |
| 7.  | lowly, Matthew 11:29     |
| 8.  | believe, Luke 24:25      |
| 9.  | troubled, John 14:1      |
| 10. | faith, Ephesians 3:17    |

# Bethel Church Council Minutes

## January 16, 2012

**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 for and taught Confirmation classes; conducted one funeral. Pastor Mike was pleased to report that he had no hospital visits for the month – great to see that everyone is being blessed with good health. Pastor Mike reported that the first class of the thirteen-week Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class was held on January 15<sup>th</sup> and was very well received by those enrolled in the class. The report was accepted as written.

**Youth Pastor Report** – Pastor Shayne submitted a written report to the council; he was in attendance of a Daniel's Lion meeting. Pastor Shayne reported that Youth Sunday is coming up and he has invited the Pre School and their parents; and will be having a special guest speaker, Jordan Morris from Indian Creek. The Youth served over 150 meals at their Hog Roast which was held on January 15<sup>th</sup> and raised \$1,253.55. New Youth Shirts have been ordered; this year theme is "Fight the Good Fight". The Middle School Youth will be attending a conference at the end of February. The High School Youth will be attending the "D2S" conference over Spring Break. Youth will be conducting in the spring a three-weekend "Hire a Youth Group" event. The Youth will be attending Winter Jam in Evansville on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Super Bowl Party Outreach is coming up. The "Souper Bowl" kick-off fundraiser will be held around the end of February. Pastor Shayne will be starting a once every month High School Movie Night outreach beginning on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School Breakfast is working well; it started with only 1 or 2 High School students attending and now has grown to 6 to 10 attending. Plans are under way for VBS; meetings will be starting very soon. This year's Youth Goal is to "Build Leaders" – challenging all youth to lead in prayer, lead scripture readings, and to step up to bigger roles in church – going great!!! Already seeing a change and getting more and more volunteers.

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

**Treasurer's Report** – The report was approved as written.

**Deacons Report** – The report was approved as written. The average attendance for Sunday Worship Service for December was 179. The Offering for December was \$17,408. \$472.74 was received from Atlas Energy. \$1,070.54 was contributed into Memorial Funds. \$3,900.00 was dispersed to local ministries from the Ministry Budget.

**Elders Report** – The Elders discussed the needs within the congregations and of those within the community. Guidelines and Handbooks for each of the church's congregational committees were discussed. A new Church Directory will be looked into for 2012.

**Building & Grounds** – The Water Fountain in Bethel Hall was not working and needed to be removed; upon inspection it was found to have numerous leaks. A replacement unit will be installed. The old flat roof has come loose and is in need of immediate repairs; Wolfe Construction will be inspecting the roof and providing information of what repairs are needed.

**Old Business** – 2012 Committee assignments were completed. The sound system in the church is still experiencing some problems; Sound Designs are going to be contacted.

**New Business** – The Annual Congregational Meeting is set for January 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. A meal will be provided by the Christian Generation Sunday School class immediately following worship service prior to the Annual meeting. The Proposed 2012 Budget was unanimously approved.

**Coming Events:**

January 29 – Annual Congregational Meeting

February 2 – Youth attending Winter Jam

February 5 – Worship at FCH

February 12 – Movie Night High School Outreach program

# Parish Records:

## Attendance:

Dec. 25      174  
Jan. 1        112  
Jan. 8        169  
Jan. 15      166

## Greeters:

Feb. 5 & 12      Frank & Lenora McCrary  
Feb. 19 & 26     Sam & Cally Miller

## Nursery Notes (Worship):

Feb.     5     Ramona Hammelman/Jesse Organ  
          12     Virginia Koenig/Theresia Barrett  
          19     Brenda Maddox/Emily Telligman  
          26     Kelci Anderson/Bonnie Organ

## Children's Church:

Feb.     5     Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst  
          12     Cally Miller/Kelci Anderson  
          19     Micah Morgan/Chris Horst  
          26     Brenda Maddox/Nancy Tilly

## February birthdays:

Feb.    4     Wayne Dunkerly (Happy 81<sup>st</sup>)  
          21     Lillian Clinkenbeard (Happy 80<sup>th</sup>)  
          21     Ray Hall (Happy 89<sup>th</sup>)  
          28     Wilma Chester (Happy 92<sup>nd</sup>)

**Chimes news will be due on February 20th.**



*Happy Valentine's Day!*

*February 2012*

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