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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

The 2nd chapter of the book of Acts is devoted to the day of Pentecost. That chapter is only 47 verses in length, but those 47 verses are filled with the power of God, and we see His power manifested in those verses. We read of the Holy Spirit's appearance, we read of how some 3000 souls came to a saving knowledge of God through Christ that day, and then we read the end of the chapter.

From verse 42 until the end of the chapter we read how the early church conducted business. We find the believers devoting themselves to teaching and learning, breaking bread together and praying. What we read here is a description of a church family. A family who understood worship to be more than a small time set aside on the Lord's Day. Rather, they saw worship as every day, taking time to interact with one another, to be in prayer, to share and to worship together.

I pray that as we read scripture concerning the early church, we understand the need to stick together. News of the modern world is not good and not likely going to get any better. It is time for the church to bind together and to teach and learn, to share and to pray and to bring the lost into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

In His service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Youth Corner

Sometimes when you're a parent, you get so frustrated when you see your kids stumbling through life, tripping over hurdles that you warned them about and thought you prepared them for. You see it as a personal failure and you feel like you've let them down in some way. In the same manner, when you watch your kids get up and work around that hurdle that they just tripped over, you realize that all your hard work and teachings are paying off after all, and you are extremely proud.

As a youth leader, I take this train ride of emotions a lot....instead of one or two kids, I have 30 or 40 kids that feel like my own, and watching them fall is sometimes hard to bear. But watching them rise again lets me realize just how much they are growing, and that all the stress and emotions are well worth it....Watching these boys and girls develop into young men and women devoted to God is what I live for!!

I've been here about a year and a half now, and have been through many ups and downs with my youth. Sometimes I get overwhelmed with my kids' struggles and wonder whether all of this is making a difference at all. But without even realizing it, my boys and girls are growing. It's the little things, like asking one of them to pray – when we started, it was like pulling teeth, but now I get volunteers. When I started, there was so much griping and complaining when I asked the kids to help work, or do service projects – now all I get is hard work!! It's amazing!!

Sometimes in life when things are rough or going badly, we don't think we are making a difference – we want to give up, or stop. But what we need to do is push through the hard times and lean and rely on God. If we are doing what He wants, we will be blessed and we will succeed. God gives us the hard times so that we can grow; He gives us failure so we realize and appreciate success.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18: “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”

God Bless,
Your Youth Leader,
Shayne Spurgeon

Sunday School

Fellowship is wonderful when it brings praise to God. Fellowship is wonderful with Satan left behind. Fellowship is wonderful when spent with our Lord and Savior. In His holy presence, we are healed and restored. When we serve God with all we have, we can find the truth. Fellowship is wonderful, allowing us to draw closer to Christ, our life and way.

As June has rapidly approached, we have many things to be thankful for at Bethel. God has blessed us with many dedicated people. He has called many unqualified people and qualified them for special roles in the church.

Make a new friend, invite someone to Sunday School.

Sunday School Nursery Workers for June 2012

June 3rd – Krista Telligman & Mary Ann Miller

June 10th – Carole Albrecht & Kate Hammelman

June 17th – Brandy Williams & Lana Dike

June 24th – Diane Telligman & Nancy Rinsch

Cheryl Hagemeyer

Mission Committee

This is two ladies in Albania, who listened to the salvation message and received pot holders and seed packets. Bethel collected potholders to send with missionaries George and Julie Holmes to distribute.



Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2012

June – Bible School

July/August – Mission Committee

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

December – (Christmas) – Faithful Footprints

Memorials

In memory of Alvin Schuckman (Cemetery Fund):

Doris Brocksmith

Richard & Marjorie Finke

Freelandville Fire Dept.

Gertrude Hagemeyer

Randy & Ramona Hammelman

Bill & Bessie Hatton

Bob & Vera Jones

Tom & Joyce Kixmiller

John & Marilyn Koenig

Dallas & Shirley Miller

Naomi Pepmeier

Red Hat Jewels

Bill & Jean Schroeder

Triad Mining

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make Graduation at Bethel Christian Preschool such a success! Thank you to Pastor Mike and the Preschool Board who helped leading up to and during the graduation ceremony. A special thank you to Nancy Tilly, Tonya Miller, Chris Horst, Sharon Kahre, Brandy Williams, Liberty Lemberg and Rylee and Reeva Hammelman for helping to dress the graduates and getting them where they needed to go throughout the evening. A big thanks to Brett Telligman and Randy Hammelman for set up and take down of the risers. Thank you to Lesa for helping me with the programs and to Chuck Borgmeier for working the sound system. Also, thank you to Herman and Nancy Tilly for all their work on the church landscaping leading up to graduation – it looks amazing and I know it will be enjoyed by our church family for many months!! Thank you to Beth Durall and Jennifer Jones for all of their support this year. Bethel Christian Preschool wouldn't be the same without them!

Love,
Ramona Hammelman

GUILD

Bethel Guild had a very good day in May with the Preschool students. We brought quilts for them to see, they each made a quilt block, and they were shown how the ladies quilt. Doris Brocksmith made quilt cookies, which they enjoyed for snack time. The ladies enjoyed their time with the students as much as the students did! At noon we shared a salad luncheon and had a short meeting before the afternoon students came. How thankful we are for the Preschoolers.

Our June meeting will be the 6th at 1:30. Program will be by Doris Richter – “Sara, Woman of the Bible”. Hostesses are Sharon Kahre and Joyce Kixmiller. We are to bring school supplies for North Knox Social Ministries.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Preschool News

What a wonderful preschool year we had here at Bethel! Our final month of preschool proved to be just as busy and exciting as the rest of our year has been. ☺

We had a great time learning about the letter Qq and even got to share a very special day with the Bethel's Women's Guild and Quilters! The ladies had so much planned for us to do! We traveled in small groups to each station they had set up for us. At one station each child had the opportunity to "stitch" their own foam cross to take home. At another station, they each got to write their name on their very own quilt block keepsake. Then they moved into the quilting room to see the quilters at work – they loved lying under the loom to watch the needle come down then go back up as the quilters worked. Another area had lots of books about quilts and Miss Nancy read them a story while they were there. Each area was so well thought out and the kids had so much fun at each one. Of course, there were lots and lots of beautiful quilts to look at – it was fun to watch the children exclaim which one was their favorite! For snacks, Miss Doris had made little quilt sugar cookies which the children loved. One little boy declared that he loved them so much he would buy them every day! ☺ So much time and preparation went into this day just as much love goes into each stitch of a quilt and I am grateful to these women for taking the time to share some of their time and love with us!

Later that week we celebrated our mother's with Mother's Day Tea. Of course, it was a wonderful and fun-filled evening as the kids got to spend a little one-on-one time with their mommies. We recited a poem and sang songs, made a beautiful flower craft and, of course, had plenty to eat! Thank you so much to Tonya Miller and Nancy Rinsch for donating fruit trays and yummy cake balls. Also, thank you to Chris Horst, Linda Hammelman, Darlene Resler and Mary Ann Miller for the wonderful cookies and cupcakes. Thank you to Brenda Brocksmith, Jackie Durall, Darlene Resler, Tonya Miller and Nikki Mundy who volunteered their time to help decorate, prepare food and serve that evening. A very special thank you to Dale Tiek for once again donating his time to cut and supply a picture size wood piece for each child which was

then used to create a special gift for the preschooler's mommies. I am so grateful to each of you and the part you played in making this a great evening.

We had another great day when North Knox School Corporation school bus driver, Mike Brock, brought his school bus in for both morning and afternoon classes and shared with the kids important safety information for when they ride the school bus next year in kindergarten. The kids loved it! We learned what all of the flashing lights on a school bus mean, how to sit during the bus ride and how to evacuate in an emergency. We even got to practice making an emergency exit out the back door! Thank you Mr. Brock for sharing your school bus with us!!

Graduation was held on Friday, May 18th. What a special evening it was! The children all looked so adorable in their caps and gowns. I was so proud as I said each one of their names and they came forward to deliver their memory verse to the audience before accepting their diploma. Every child was able to share their verse and it was a very touching part of the ceremony. Something we worked on every class time this year was our bible verses. Each week we had a Bible verse to go along with our letter of the week. They worked hard each week to remember the new verse and one of their favorite things to do was look back at past verses and see if we could remember them. Each child was assigned a memory verse from the book that we had used all year and am proud of how hard each of them worked to learn their verse so they could share it at graduation. As we were learning them, it was so neat to see that not only were they learning their verses, they were learning others' verses as well – if someone got up to say their verse and would get stuck, there was sure to be someone else who could help them without a second thought. How blessed I am to have been a part of those moments. Graduation was followed by a wonderful "Carnival" party put on by the parents down in the social room. The parents did a fantastic job planning and decorating for the party!

After graduation, we came back to our final two days of preschool. We spent Monday in our pj's with our favorite pillow pets and blankets and enjoyed a much anticipated popcorn and movie day! On Wednesday, we spent the day playing our favorite games from our year, placing our handprints in the preschool hallway J and Exploring God's House. We found fun trinkets and

keepsakes in different areas of the church and the kids had so much fun as they excitedly explored each area before getting to ring the bell to signal our final day of preschool! Thank you so much to Miss Doris (Brocksmith) who brought in a toy for every boy and girl and took such care in making sure a Bible was provided for each child to find at the altar where we said our last good-bye prayer and thanked God for preschool, our friends, the beautiful day and the love He gives to each of us.

As another school year closes, I am so thankful for our Bethel Family who has been a constant source of support, prayers and love. Please keep our graduates in your prayers as they continue their journey through life.

Much love,
Mrs. Hammelman

Wow--it is hard to believe I am finishing up this preschool year and writing the June Chimes already. The school year has gone very fast. We were busy at the beginning of the month getting ready for our Mother's Day Tea. I learned that we love our mommies because they fix us the best macaroni and cheese or they let us help clean the kitchen. When we were working on our crafts, I had written out Happy Mother's Day and was quickly informed by a couple of girls that I had misspelled one word...HMMMM. They had already written mommy before looking at my paper. However, we spell it; we all have the best mommy in the world. Thanks to all helped make our tea a success. Whether you made something or helped in the kitchen, you are all greatly appreciated!!

One of our lessons was from the book "The Crayon Box That Talked." We were amazed how the book brought the crayons to "life" and how they started out being mean to each other and couldn't get along in the box. They talked a lot and ended up loving the others. We know God wants us to be just like that and always get along with everybody. The world is a much brighter place when we do. We talked about always saying yes to Jesus when he calls us to do something, and even though we are small, God calls on us daily. The story Zacchaeus showed us that God watches out for all of us, wants to tell the truth, even when it is the hardest thing to do.

We talked about putting on the Armor of God and what each piece means to Christians. Even though, we really don't suit up every day to go out, we learned that we have to protect our mind, body, heart, and spirit. I had two boxes sitting on the floor and the girls were quick to point out that they wanted the box with pink and purple--you know the girly one. The suit of armor is grey and red--both boxes. They all loved putting on the suit and showing it off.

We had a picnic in the grove with our teddy bears. We learned that the stuffed animals are a lot like God, because we can tell them anything and they listen, they can go anywhere with us, and they give the best hugs. Sounds a lot like the Holy Spirit. We enjoyed the "old new playground" according to one little girl. New because we have never played there and old because some toys we couldn't play on. Every day since, someone has asked to go back to the old new playground.

We have had great weather and enjoyed many days playing in God's great outdoor world. Our Fun and Run day with the ice cream social was no different. We learned that God knows how hard we work and we can never quit, we must always do our best (Rev 2:2). The rule for the day was we could not say "but I can't do it." We had to try and give it our best. We got to race against our friends in many different events like running, and driving a plasma car, bouncing on the hopper ball, and jumping in the sack races. We were the best sundae makers with lots more sugar added than ice cream. We all got to stand in a bubble--That was the best day ever according to a very excited boy. They just thought bubbles came in small bottles with magic wands.

We will finish this week off with a kite lesson and hopefully fly them in the wind. We have had so much fun and my little kids are looking forward to becoming the big kids at preschool. I have enjoyed watching the kids grow both physically and spiritually. We have kids with awesome prayers and a great big love for Jesus. We are blessed to have a wonderful group of loving volunteers who give hugs, read great stories and let the kids crawl all over them. Thanks to all of you for helping at preschool. You are loved and appreciated more than you will ever know. A special thanks to Miss Jennifer for all she does in the classroom with the kids and behind the scenes.

Have a blessed summer!! Mrs. Durall

Our Fathers by David A. Olds

Our fathers toil with hands and heart
to make our lives complete.
They quietly brave the winter cold,
and endure the summer heat.

Our fathers' lives are busy,
but there's always time for us.
They boldly face the ups and downs
and seldom ever fuss.

Our fathers are the greatest dads;
we know you know this, too.
But thank you for the chance to share
our love for them with you.

SUITABLE ADVICE ABOUT A TEST OF FAITH

I was listening to a lady who called a radio pastor. The pastor was a wise, grandfatherly gentleman who had that calm reassuring voice that can melt all fear.

The lady, who was obviously crying, said, "Pastor, I was born blind, and I've been blind all my life. I don't mind so much being blind but I have some well meaning friends who tell me that if I had more faith, I could be healed."

The pastor asked her, "Tell me, do you carry one of those white canes?" "Yes, I do," she replied. "Then the next time someone says that, hit them over the head with the cane," he said. "Then tell them 'If you had more faith, that wouldn't hurt.'!"

~unknown

Fruits of the Spirit

All the words listed below are in the puzzle – left, right, up, down or diagonally.

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I K I N A S T O
U E D N T E I Y
R E L E I N A S
F S V T E K F U
G O O D N E S S
L P E A C E S E
L O R D E M G J

Faith
Fruit
Gentle
Goodness
Jesus
Joy

Lord
Love
Meekness
Patience
Peace
Spirit

GRADUATES

Jordan Paul Buescher – son of Charles and Janet Buescher, 2012 graduate of North Knox High School. Jordan plans to attend Vincennes University for two years, and then continue his education at Indiana State University to obtain his degree in Music Education. Jordan has been a member of the Show Choir and Band. He was also a member of the State Runner-up Fine Arts Academic Team.

Barron Richard Brocksmith – son of Bill and JoAnne Brocksmith, 2012 graduate of North Knox High School. Barron has been accepted at both New York University and Indiana University and will be making his decision this summer where he will attend. He will be majoring in Marketing and Art History and plans to be a retail executive based in New York City. **High School Activities:** 4 Year Member, Show Choir, President and Co-Captain; HOBY Participant; Member of Social Studies and Interdisciplinary Academic Teams; Student Council Secretary; Senior Editor of NK Scout; Indiana Math League; Knowledge Masters; SADD; Vice President of Business Professionals of America; Secretary of National Honor Society; Bethel Church Past-Choir member, Soloist, and VBS Leader; Member of Bethel Youth Group; Knox County Youth Leadership, Teen Court, 4-H, and Youth in Philanthropy. **Academic Awards and Honors:** Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) – several Gold and Silver awards in solo and mixed ensemble divisions; 2012 Indianapolis Star Academic Regional All-Star; National Merit Scholarship Program, Commended Student; Captain of the State Runner-up Fine Arts Team.

Brody Roberts O’Niones – son of Robert and LaTamra O’Niones and Nick and Susan Welte, graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, with a certificate of Business. Brody is working in Booneville.

Haley Resler – daughter of Bill and Darlene Resler, graduated from Purdue University with a degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. She received the Amstutz Bovine Award and the Comperative Theriogenology Award at the Senior Awards banquet. Haley will be employed at Ord Veterinary Clinic in Ord, NE as a primarily large animal vet.

Kayla Richter – graduated from Vincennes University with an Associate Degree in Nursing. She is pursuing her Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing this fall.

Patrick Steven Sargent – son of Mark and Deanna Sargent, graduated from Purdue University with a BS degree in Agriculture Econ. He will be working with Exact Ag (selling agricultural GPS systems). His girl friend, Whitney Horrall, who has come to church several times, also graduated with a BS in Interdisciplinary Agriculture.

Bethel Church Council Minutes

May 14, 2012

Prior to the meeting conference calls were held with financial institutions concerning the church's investments. Herman Tilly will conduct one more interview, and the council will meet to review the proposals and make a decision at a later date.

President Kevin Hammelman welcomed Ed Hagemeyer to the meeting and thanked him for his willingness to complete John Trotter's term as a deacon since John resigned due to having accepted an interim pastor position.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike shared his monthly report, which included conducting the service at the Freelandville Community Home, visiting a new family in the community and other church members as needed, and holding counseling sessions. He is also exploring a new Bible Study which will be held on alternating Tuesday evenings either this summer or fall.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Shane reported that the youth have been very busy. The last six weeks their focus of study has been on evangelism, and they have also been actively involved in raising funds for their spiritual retreat in Jackson Hole, WY, this summer. He is also finalizing plans for VBS, which will be held June 4-8.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for April Sunday services was 190 and the month's offering was \$19,334.25. April income included: \$2,813.12, Atlas Gas; \$25.00, facility use; \$98.40, miscellaneous for the Chimes and from Rural King receipts; \$3,998.18, Bethel Preschool; \$111.12, Brocksmith Mission Fund; \$390.00, Youth Fund; \$236.96, Youth Pastor/Mabes Fund; \$70.00, Memorial Fund; and, \$685.00, Cemetery Fund. Mission allocations were: \$800.00, church camp; \$500, NK Social Ministries; and, \$500.00, international missions. The written report was approved written.

Elder's Report: Visitations with the pastor are continuing, and it was shared that pew communion will be observed on Pentecost.

Building and Grounds: It was reported that most of the painting has been completed on the church's guttering, but some repair work needs to be done on some downspouts before they can be painted. The windows have all been painted on the exterior, and the interior painting that had been contracted is also complete. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept a bid from Steve Page for painting Bethel Hall and the stairway walls leading to the social room and also upstairs to the first landing from Bethel Hall.

Old Business: Bids for the church's insurance package were reviewed, and after discussion the motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the proposal from German American. Shayne will be ordering the projector and necessary components for the social room after May 31 when they will be on sale. Ed gave an update on the projector and screen for the sanctuary.

New Business: It was reported that Gayle Perkins will look at the upholstery on the kneeler to see if it can be cleaned or if it needs to be replaced. It was shared that enrollments are being received for the 2012-13 preschool year, and there are openings still available for the T/Th classes.

Coming Events:

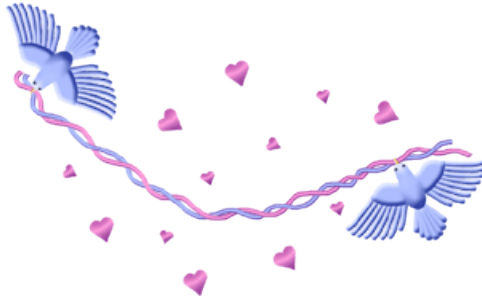
Preschool Graduation	May 18 th
Graduation Sunday	May 20 th
Pentecost-Communion	May 27 th
VBS	June 4-8

LIFE

“Even after all this time
The Sun never says to the Earth,
“You owe me.”

Look what happens with a love like that,
it lights the whole sky.”

~ Hafez



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Resler
and
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Bredthauer
request the pleasure of your company
at the marriage of their children

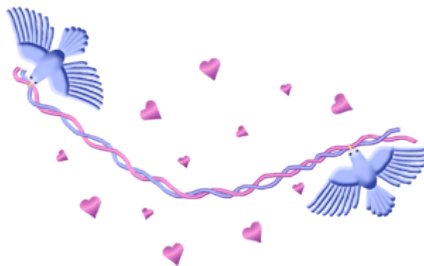
Haley Lynn & Mitchell Craig

Saturday, the twenty-third of June, two thousand and twelve
at half past five o'clock in the afternoon

Bethel Church

13673 East State Road 58, Edwardsport, Indiana

*Dinner and Dance to follow at Villwock Farms
11576 Freelandville Road, Edwardsport, Indiana*



Parish Records:

Births: Stephen and Elizabeth (Miller) Holka welcomed baby William Ernet Holka on May 22. Big brothers are Miles and Henry, and Bethel grandparent is Mary Ann Miller.

Attendance:

April 22	162
April 29	170
May 6	141
May 13	168
May 20	152

Greeters:

July 3 – Doris Brocksmith and Sharon Dunkerly
June 10 & 17 – John and Jan Spanger
June 24 & July 1 – Dale and Jane Tiek

Ushers: Collin and Amy Tiek

Nursery Notes (Worship):

June 3	Virginia Koenig/Beth Durall
10	Andrea Miller/Hallie Durall
17	Bonnie Organ/Ashley Durall
24	Cally Miller/Jesse Organ

Children's Church:

June 3	Bonnie Organ
10	Cally Miller/Kelci Anderson
17	Micah Morgan
24	Brenda Maddox/Nancy Tilly

June birthdays:

June 13 – Patty Buescher (81)
15 – Charles Linneweber (80)
20 – Gladys Brocksmith (95)
23 – Vera Dunkerly (83)
30 – Carolyn Williams (80)

Chimes news will be due on June 18th.

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