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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

It seems that hardly a day goes by that I fail to talk with somebody who is worried. I understand that life has many challenges and concerns but there are those folks who just worry, sometimes about everything under the sun. Jesus instructs us in Matthew 6:25-34 not to worry. His illustrations must be taken to heart. We live in a society that has been blessed by God beyond reason and yet many worry. The list of worries varies for each individual, but at the center of those worries is dependence on self rather than on God.

Jesus ends the chapter with an admonishment not to worry about tomorrow because today has enough worries of its own. In other words, don't get ahead of yourself, focus on today; depend on God for today and He will take care of tomorrow. Easy to do, of course not, unless we are willing to sacrifice self and turn to God. Cast your cares upon the One who gives life, Jesus Christ.

In His service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Youth Corner

God's Cake Author Unknown

Sometimes we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God have to do this to me?" Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter is telling her mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her, and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Absolutely, Mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil," her mother offers.

"Yuck" says her daughter.

"How about a couple raw eggs?"

"Gross, Mom!"

"Would you like some flour then? Or maybe some baking soda?"

"Mom, those are all yucky!"

To which the mother replies, "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!

God Bless,
Shayne Spurgeon

Sunday School

1 Peter 5:2, 3 "Be eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock."

Happy November everyone! Fall is upon us and what a great time of the year!

First off, let me start by thanking Cheryl Hagemeyer for her past two years she has dedicated to the Sunday School department. What a wonderful example she has been for our church! Hopefully I won't mess up what Cheryl and all those who came before her have done



As of this writing, I'm still in need of an assistant. If you would be interested in the job or would like to know more about the position, just let me know.

The chili cook-off along with a dessert bake-off will be on the 28th of this month and I hope that everyone is excited about that, I know my stomach is! God has blessed our church with several good cooks and bakers (I personally am just a good eater). So don't forget to mark the date on your calendar.

Many things are always happening with our church members and we are out and about in the community daily, don't forget to be God's example. As the body of Christ, believers must show Christ to the world by being examples.....and good ones at that!

Believe always,
Randy Hammelman

Preschool

As always, a lot has been going on at preschool this past month as I am continually amazed at how quickly those numbers fill up our calendar! This past month has brought us some beautiful fall weather and the kids love getting to go outside and play as often as we can. We also had a few rainy days but they didn't stop us from keeping busy with lots of fun activities in the classroom. ☺

We started off the month with a visit from the kind ladies from Generations who come in for a vision screening for our preschoolers. Each child performs a few simple eye tests (they even get to wear magic glasses!) and leave with a fun sticker for their hard work. They are absolutely wonderful with the kids and we are blessed to have them volunteer their time to us each year.

During P week, Earl Linneweber once again graciously volunteered his time to gather and bring in a little pumpkin for every preschooler. That is always a fun day and the kids get so excited when they look out the playroom window and see his truck pull up. There are plenty of cheers that “the pumpkin man” is here! They love getting to pick out their very own pumpkin and in the following days I get to hear what they did with their pumpkin whether it was to carve it, paint it, or set it out on their porch for a fall decoration. The “Mr. Pumpkin Heads” (our version of Mr. Potato Head) we create for the classroom are always a big hit as well. ☺ During P week, we also read “The Pumpkin Parable” that Miss Doris (Brocksmyth) donated to us and learn about a farmer who grew pumpkins each year and how patient he was as he waited for the perfect time to pick them and then chose one to take and clean out all the ‘yucky’ stuff and then carve 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! We talked about this again as we carved our own pumpkin and then created a pumpkin craft for the preschool hallway! It was a very busy week.

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We were also thrilled to have the Freelandville Fire Department visit us for a day during Fire Safety and Prevention Week. Miss Nataly was especially happy because it was her Daddy who got to bring his big, red fire truck to share with our classes! We loved having Fireman Pat come in and talk to us about fire safety and what number we would call if we ever had an emergency. We even got to see Fireman Kevin in his full fireman gear – it looked heavy!! But, we learned not to be scared if there was ever a fire and we saw a fireman dressed like that – he was there to help. Fireman Pat gave each child a goody bag with a fire safety pamphlet, a fire hat, and a sticker to be a Junior Fire Deputy for the day! We then got to go outside to see the fire truck! We walked all around the outside and got to ask all kinds of questions about the different parts of the truck then we got to climb up to see some of the controllers and, finally, everyone got a chance to sit inside. Thank you so much to Fireman Pat for spending the day with us. I really appreciate everyone from our local fire departments who took the time to talk to our kids at Bethel as well as the North Knox Primary school during Fire Safety and Prevention Week.

I am so grateful to all of the kind men and women who donate their time, love, and prayers to our preschoolers. It is such a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful place where I get to see God's children learning, laughing, singing and praying each day. I look forward to this month of thanksgiving with a happy heart and a life full of blessings.

In His Love,
Mrs. Hammelman



Happy harvest greetings! What a fun and busy month we have had in preschool! We started off looking and talking about the letter B. We love to read books but know that the Bible is the best of all. We got to paint our names with a balloon and take a tour of the church while playing in the band, making a joyful noise for Him. We went bowling and played bingo. One little boy was walking around making the b sound and decided that a box of bubbles would be a lot of B's. Too cute!!

Letter C lead us to talk about the Cross and how Jesus died there for all of us no matter what our size is. We read "Joseph and His Coat of Many Colors" and then made a puppet with all the basic colors gave us. I tried to confuse the preschoolers and skip letter D (we will go back to that later).

E week we all got to play games while getting our eyes checked. The kids all did a great job listening and following instructions for the ladies. A big thanks to the Generation's Ladies who volunteer and give of their time to help all the preschoolers make sure their vision is "looking good." We paint egg crates to make spiders and pumpkins. One little girl didn't know she could paint an egg crate because they were only for eggs at her house. We learned that our ears and eyes belong to God and we should try to hear and see only things that would make Him smile. We read a story about a little

elephant who taught us to be happy with what God has given us. He loves us all just the same, even if we have big noses and big ears.

Letter F was all about the green frog and how we should Fully Rely On God. The kids thought that Captain Shayno and Miss Shanda were performing magic when they helped the kids turn frogs on yellow construction paper to green ones with blue daubers. "That is so cool," according to one little boy. The Freelandville Fire Dept. sent Firefighter Pat (Reynolds) to help us learn about fire prevention. We had a good time looking in our bags with coloring books and stickers letting us be junior fire fighters for a day. The hats he passed out were a big hit, but the best part was "getting to sit in the big water truck." A special thanks to Firefighter Pat for coming and telling us about his job and showing us his fire truck.

We got to go the "preschool pumpkin patch" to pick out our own "round, orange thing." "It is just my size," was what one very excited boy said. A big thank you to Mr. Earl (Linnweber) for delivering the pumpkins for us.

We have enjoyed many days playing outside and we give thanks to God for the great weather. We love to paint, glue, and figure out patterns. Some of us do not like to color or write our names ("because that just isn't very funny"), but we will keep trying. We are working on songs for the residents at the nursing home when we visit there in a couple of weeks. We are excited to go on a field trip.

Thanks to all who have come in and helped in our room in any way. Thanks for volunteering--you are all wonderful and truly appreciated. Thanks for being prayer partners. Pray changes things and we can never pray too much. We are truly blessed to have a great church family :-)

Blessings--Mrs. Durall

I welcome the chance to prove what God can do through me!!

Mission Committee

The deadline for the boxes for the Operation Christmas Child is November 11th. They will be dedicated at worship service on that morning and then delivered to the collection center.

A big thank you to everyone for your support of the Preschool prayer partners! Each child now has a prayer partner. Remember to pray daily for your child.

Mission Committee

Thank You

Thank you so much for all the prayers, hugs, donations and gifts. My family is so blessed by having such loving church friends. We especially appreciate all the prayers that were sent our way during these last for weeks. We all know that Dad is watching over Mom and is having a reunion with friends and family that were waiting for him.

Thank you again, with loving appreciation!

Deanna, Mark, Patrick and Chris Sargent
Gary, Beth, Sarah and Lori Jenkins
Greg and Roberta Jenkins

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2012

November – (Fall) – Mustard Seed

December – (Christmas) – Faithful Footprints

Answers to Quiz

1. the Pharisee, Luke 18:11
2. Jesus, Luke 22:17
3. a Samaritan leper, Luke 17:12-16
4. Daniel, 6:10
5. Paul, 2 Corinthians 9:15
6. David, 1 Chronicles 29:9-13
7. Jesus, Matthew 11:25
8. Anna, Luke 2:36, 38
9. priests and Levites, Ezra 3:10-11
10. Jonah, 2:1, 9

GUILD

For our October meeting, we enjoyed visiting with our shut-ins, and we are sorry we didn't make it to more. We hope to visit next year, and we'll make it to those we missed.

Our November meeting is November 7th at 1:30. The program is "Rebecca, Woman of the Bible". Hostesses will be Gertrude Hagemeier and Beverly Schuckman. Please bring Christmas gifts for children at North Knox Social Ministries.

Ladies, come for an afternoon of inspiration and fellowship.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Chimes news will be due on November 19th.

Thanksgiving

You have probably heard the prayer, "Lord, you have given so much to us, give us one more – a grateful heart." And surely thanksgiving is inherent to the Christian life. Can you identify who is giving thanks?

1. He gave thanks he was not like other men.
2. He took a cup and gave thanks.
3. He was healed and returned to Jesus to give thanks.
4. He knelt and gave thanks three times a day.
5. He gave thanks to God for His "inexpressible gift."
6. He thanks God for gifts to build the temple.
7. He thanked God that God's truth was revealed to babes.
8. She gave thanks when she saw the infant Jesus.
9. They sang thanks to God when the temple foundation was laid.
10. He thanked God from the strangest of all places.

Treasurer's Report

1/1/2012 through 9/30/2012

Income:

Offering	150,223.75
Mabes Income	69,905.48
Preschool Income	23,661.29
Interest	6,968.29
Misc.	5,928.38
Atlas Gas	5,315.67
S.S. Auction	5,067.50
Insurance refund	2,890.50
Cemetery income	2,310.00
Mission income	1,590.92
Bethel Youth income	1,240.00
Memorial income	485.00
Rental income	95.00
Organ repair	<u>10.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME \$275,691.78

Expenses:

Pastor	43,164.62
New roof	31,660.00
Storm repair	26,310.00
Youth Pastor	21,968.96
Strate Expense	20,944.14
Employee withholding	19,109.94
Mission expense	18,900.00
Insurance	16,002.46
Maint. & repair	11,747.87
Custodian	8,916.10
Electricity	8,644.22
Secretary	8,126.16

Expenses (cont.)

Preschool teacher M/W/F	7,503.72
Groundskeeper	7,021.88
Preschool teacher T/TH	6,624.12
Music Director	6,425.24
New furnace/AC	6,052.92
Bethel Chapel	5,882.56
Misc. Expense	5,496.94
Preschool Aide	3,716.52
Gas	3,492.95
Telephone	3,175.42
Custodial Supplies	2,816.45
Cemetery expense	2,184.18
Office supplies	2,160.43
Pastor travel	1,701.46
Choir Expense	855.75
Pest Control	817.00
Waste expense	809.10
Youth pastor training	800.00
Water	617.21
Sub. Pastor	600.00
Van Expense	546.95
New equipment	499.99
Postage	497.34
One Call	403.83
Sub. musician	400.00
Books & Lit.	209.71
Scholarship exp.	200.00
Memorial exp.	<u>178.50</u>

Total Expense 307,184.64
Grand total (31,492.86)



Bethel Church Council Minutes

October 8, 2012

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Shayne shared that he has completed the "Gospel Journey" study with both the Jr. and Sr. high youth groups and is in the process of planning the Fall Festival/Chili Cook-off, which is scheduled for October 28. The Bible Scenario Paint Ball trip has been postponed until November, and he will begin an after school program for fourth and fifth graders in January.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike shared his monthly report, which included hospital and home visits, conducting the service at the Freelandville Community Home, conducting a funeral, and holding counseling sessions. He has begun a Bible Study on the book of James, and plans are being formulated for teaching another Dave Ramsey course beginning in January.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. These mission allocations were made: Missions (both domestic and foreign), \$3,300; NK Social Ministries, \$796 (half of the loose offering from Harvest Home Sunday); and, Youth Groups, \$1,091 (half of loose offering from Harvest Home Sunday plus loose offering from Youth Sunday).

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for September Sundays was 150; and the monthly offering was \$17,180. September income included: Atlas Gas, \$354.49; Facility Use, \$25; General Misc. Fund, \$5,067.50 (Sunday School Picnic Auction); Interest Income \$320.68; Preschool, \$3,670.39; Brocksmith Mission Fund, \$222; Youth Pastor, \$150; Mables Fund, \$155.69; Cemetery Fund, \$325; and Cemetery Trust Fund, \$149.97.

Elder's Report: Home visits with Pastor Mike and an elder were scheduled. Building a ramp at a home in which the Jake Kale family will be moving into was discussed. This project will be investigated.

Buildings and Grounds: After harvest the trees in the grove needing to be removed will be dealt with. It was reported that there is an apparent leak in the porch roof of the custodian's home, which will be corrected.

Old Business: Pastor Shayne reported that the projector for the social room is ready to be installed. Brooke Boyles has been hired as an interim custodian when Ebony will be on maternity leave.

Thank you notes were read from the Gideon's for a \$400 donation to be used for purchasing Bibles they will distribute and from Woody Hicks for allowing him to continue to clean our carpets. The council also wishes to thank Randy Hammelman for serving as the auctioneer for the Sunday School picnic.

New Business: It was reported that Pieper's Carpet will begin installing a new floor covering in the upstairs men's bathroom October 15. Replacing the kitchen flooring was discussed and tabled.

Coming Events:

October 28 – Fall Festival/Chili Cook-off

November 4 - Totenfest

In Memory of Helen Hankins:

Memorial Fund:

The Goodwin's and the Boyd's

Janet Tilly

Gertrude Hagemeyer

Friend

Dale and Jane Tiek

Collin and Amy Tiek

Cemetery Fund:

Joan Richter

Totenfest

Service of Remembrance

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

Jack Perkins – age 86 – died January 10, 2012

Helen Smith – age 91 -died February 13, 2012

Ray Hall – age 88 -died February 14, 2012

Ralph Buescher – age 86 – died March 16, 2012

Alvin Schuckman – age 89 – died April 11, 2012

Charlotte Hollingsworth – age 79 – died July 7, 2012

Edna Gilmore – age 97 – died July 21, 2012

Helen Hankins – age 90 – died September 24, 2012

Parish Records:

Helen Hankins died on Monday, September 24th.

Josh and Bethany Hammelman welcomed baby Jeremiah Clark on October 8th. He weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. Bethel grandparents are Kevin and Linda Hammelman. Bethel great-grandparents are Charles and Evaline Johanningsmeier and Patty Bobe.

Shaun and Liberty Lemberg welcomed baby Crosby Te'o on October 13. He weighed 9 lbs., 1 oz., and is welcomed by Cavan, Carter, Cabella, and Cooper.

Todd and Nicole Ricketts welcomed baby Jace Gottlieb on October 17th. He weighed 8 lbs. and 2 oz. He is welcomed home by big brother Colton. Bethel grandparents are Scott and Lana Dike, and Bethel great-grandmother is Linda Hammelman.

Attendance:

Sept. 23 153
Sept. 30 139
Oct. 7 136
Oct. 14 137

Greeters:

November 4 – Jerry Lee & Kate
 Hammelman
November 11 & 18- Collin & Amy Tiek
Nov. 25 & Dec. 2–Rowe & Maridell Sargent

Ushers: Andy and Andrea Miller

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Nov. 4 Cally Miller/Hallie Durall
 11 Kelci Anderson/Jesse Organ
 18 Emily Pirtle/Madison Meurer
 25 Ramona Hammelman/Hailley Kahre

Children's Church:

Nov. 4 Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst
 11 Lenora McCrary/Tracey Kahre/Kelci Anderson
 18 Jo Anne Brocksmith/Chris Horst
 25 Dale Tiek/Nancy Tilly

November birthdays:

5 Naomia Pepmeier (86)
14 Wendell Stoelting (88)
23 Marvin Deerhake (82)
24 Roy Langdon (84)
29 Shirley Miller (84)
30 Helen Mackey (85)

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