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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

In the 9th chapter of Matthew, we read in verse thirty-six of Jesus seeing the multitudes and having compassion towards them. Are we seeing the multitudes? Are we daring ourselves to opening our eyes at the suffering around us? As we read further in this verse, we read about His compassion towards the multitudes. Are we feeling the same compassion that Jesus felt as He looked upon those who were distressed and downcast?

We read in verse thirty-seven that Jesus spoke to who? His disciples, not to the multitudes, but to those who had been with Him, had learned from Him. He spoke of the harvest being large, but that there were few workers for the harvest. Are we willing to be workers for the harvest?

Are we brave enough not only to open our eyes but also to work for the Kingdom to bring in that harvest? The Lord has left that choice to us. What do we choose to do?

In His service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Youth Corner

Something that bothers me in today's world is the fact that there are so many hurting people who think so little of themselves. The world has beaten them up and they face so many trials in this life and fail, that they think they are worthless, they think they are not special. As a youth leader, I have seen that a lot of teens go through these same feelings. It's a tough time in these teens' lives filled with lots of changes, choices, and hormones. A lot of teens leave their adolescent lives with a sense of failure or regret. We as a church, the body of Christ need to grab these teens by the shirt collars and lift them back to their feet! We need to let them know that it's ok to fail as long as we learn from our mistakes and keep pressing on; we need to let them know that we serve a God that loves them no matter what happens in this life. God made us to be special... set apart from all other living creatures. God spoke into existence all of creation, except us. With us it was different, it was special. God handmade us, he got down in the dirt and formed us, and then he took it even further and breathed life into our nostrils!! God is amazing and we have to share the good news that we know. Every teen should feel extremely special knowing that God made them unique and with a purpose... flaws, Failures, and all!

God Bless,
Shayne Spurgeon

Sunday School

“Let your light shine before men.” Matthew 5:16

Thank you to Randy Hammelman for letting your light shine for Jesus by being the Sunday School Superintendent for the next year. Randy is in need of an assistant. If God is tugging on your heart to “let your light shine”, please let Randy or me know.

The Sunday School picnic was held on September 16th. God provided us with beautiful weather, a large turn-out, and generous givers for the auction. The proceeds from the

auction will go into the General Fund. A huge “thank-you” for all the help committee members, the people that donated desserts and everyone that helped in any way.

Sunday School Nursery Workers for October 2012

October 7th - Krista Telligman & Nancy Rinsch

October 14th – Cheryl Hagemeyer & JoAnne Brocksmith

October 21st – Brandy Williams & Lana Dike

October 28th – Diane Telligman & Mary Ann Miller

Cheryl Hagemeyer

The auction at the Sunday School picnic was a big success and raised \$5,067.50 for the General Fund.

Preschool

September was a very busy month at preschool as we spent lots of time learning our preschool routine and also about how much God loves each one of us! The Spiritual Bond packets began this month and are always so thoughtfully put together for each child. This is such a blessing as God’s love is shared with our preschool classes. A big thank you to Nancy Tilly for taking the time each month to get a packet ready for each child!!

We were so busy during our first full month of school and I have so much to share. Something new to preschool is our “Superheroes of Kindness” project. I was very excited to introduce this project to the children and our first month’s activity went over so well!! We first read a book called, “If Jesus Lived in My Heart” – would it show? What are all the ways Jesus could use us to be kind and generous to others? And then we talked about different Superheroes and what made them special – they help people! We wondered what would happen if we decided to become “Superheroes of Kindness”. We decided that it could be a fun and wonderful thing to be! With that, we got to thinking that nearly every superhero has a cape....hmmm...well, in steps the Bethel’s Women’s Guild and

Quilters!! They spent a whole day with us at preschool and helped each child make their very own superhero cape. ☺ Each cape has a heart emblem on the back that these wonderful ladies took the time to help each little one sew onto the back of their cape. (This was not always an easy task! One little boy insisted that he was not allowed to play with anything sharp! He finally agreed that with lots of adult supervision and a promise that I would let his mom know. ☺ They also got to write their name and watch it be ironed-on to their cape and then watch it zip through the sewing machine for the finishing touches! Thank you, thank you, thank to all these wonderful women who volunteered this time to us. They helped us begin our project with their very own act of kindness! We have many pictures hanging in the preschool hallway of this very special day if you would like to stop by for a peek!

We also had another grand day at preschool last month - Grandparent's Day! We spent as much time as possible getting ready for the special day and how very wonderful it turned out to be. I was so proud of the kids as they said their special poem and sang a couple of songs for their Grandmas and Grandpas. They were very well-behaved and had lots of energy to share. ☺ A tasty brunch buffet was enjoyed by everyone followed by a craft and a tour of the preschool. It was a very special day and I loved seeing the special bonds between each child and their grandparents. Stop by the preschool hallway to see the fall tree craft projects that were completed by the children and their grandparents as well as photos taken of them during Grandparent's Day. ☺ I so appreciate the many kind comments from the grandparents who attended and must thank them for making this such a memorable time for their grandchild. Also, many thanks go out to the Preschool Board for donating so much delicious food, Darlene Resler and Liberty Lemberg for helping to prepare and serve food and, of course, Miss Trudy for taking pictures and helping out in so many other ways. How wonderful it was to have so much love and support go into such a special day!

We had many other wonderful days at preschool last month and I look forward to sharing many more with you this coming school year. Continue to keep us in your prayers as each child grows and is filled with Jesus' love each day.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who came in this month to help in the classroom – your time is such a wonderful gift to the children. I love hearing the conversations they have with each of you. I hope you feel as blessed by your time at the preschool as we do to have you with us.

I'm looking forward to a beautiful October as the signs of autumn continue to surround us with our Heavenly Father's love and blessings.

In His Love,
Mrs. Hammelman



Welcome to the ocean where we are exploring the depths of God's love together. If you haven't been in the preschool area lately, come on down, and "swim" around or just sit on the beach (the brown rug). We are ending week number 4 already and have we been busy. We started off with just a couple of tears that were dried up before parents left the parking lot. I have 17 students with only 4 girls, and one of those told me on day one that "she was a tom boy". Another girl told me she was the princess and those boys are her sweethearts. We are getting adjusted and into a routine.

Our first lessons were "God knows my name and He made each of us special". We decorated plates to look like each of us. Some of us are similar, yet we are all different with our unique characteristics.

We talked about God's great creation and how it only took Him 6 days and then He rested. We took home cute creation wheels to retell the story. We used lots of glue with our stickers for that project.

We welcomed 62 guests for our Grandparent's Day Celebration. The kids did a super job standing on stage introducing themselves. Some of my class are not shy and sang very well, while others were "too scared", according to one little boy later. I was very proud of all of them. We enjoyed great cookies and games together. Thanks to all the cookie makers, decorators, and helpers in the back. You are all greatly appreciated :-)

We started our alphabet with the letter A. We put many Amazing Animals in the Ark and talked about how Noah kept them all safe, just like God keeps us safe. Please come and look around in the basement to see our master pieces. I was so excited and surprised to see the Play Ark in the grove area. What a perfect play date after we read the story. The children really had a great time on the new playground equipment with lots of space and room to roam. A special thanks to Bob and Vera Jones family. We will get lots of use of the ark and continue to discovery something new every time we go play.

We had an apple taste test and got to sample a red, green and yellow one. Some of us thought the green was really sour, while others made puckering faces saying, "no it's good". One little boy went and told his mom that all we do is eat at preschool because he had apples and other snacks all in one day.

We welcome Captain Shayno in the am session. He brings lots of energy and wisdom. Congratulations to his family on the birth of another girl, Chloe. We hope she and her big sister, Eden, come for show and tell soon. Thanks to all of our volunteers who come ready to play, read, or whatever is needed. You are all a blessing to have.

The preschoolers love to paint and play outside and would just do those two activities every day, if allowed. I went to ask one little boy, what shape I had in my hand and he replied, "hmmm.... maybe don't need to know that one, but can I go play now." They are all so fun and unpredictable. You never know what they will do or say.

God Bless and Happy Fall!
Mrs. Durall

Mission Committee

It's time to get started with our shoe box ministry. It's a great time to get the kids involved. Take them shopping for other boys and girls – let them help you wrap and fill the shoe box, then bring them out to Bethel. We will be collecting shoe boxes until the week of Nov. 12 – 19. Let's all get involved with sharing the good news of God's love!

Thanks.

Mission Committee

Thank You

Thank you so much to Women's Guild and Quilters for taking a day to spend with us at preschool. It was such a blessing to have you share your love of Jesus with our little ones!

Also, thank you for the wonderful lunch you provided for us!! It was delicious and so very much appreciated.

Love,
Ramona Hammelman
Trudy McCormick

I want to thank our Bethel Church Family for your cards, notes, visits, prayers and concerns, and Pastor Mike's visits while I was in the hospital.

Bob Jones

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2012

September/October/November – (Fall) – Mustard Seed
December – (Christmas) – Faithful Footprints

GUILD

What a great day we Guild Ladies had with Mrs. Hammelman's preschoolers at our September all day meeting. We helped the students make capes to wear when they have helping others day during the school year. They are God's special children. We had a delicious meal at noon and a short business meeting.

Thanks to everyone who brought produce for Harvest Home Sunday. Even if we didn't have a lot of garden produce, the altar was beautiful and we are so thankful for what God gives us.

Our October meeting is October 3 at 1 pm. We will go visit shut-ins and come back to share our visits. Hostesses are Nancy Tilly and Vera Jones. Please bring hamburger helpers, etc. for North Knox Social Ministries.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Answers to quiz:

(All references are found in Matthew.)

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| 1. light, g-salt, 5:13-14 | 6. dogs, i-pearls, 7:6 |
| 2. city, e-lamp, 5:14-15 | 7. bread, fish, c-stone, serpent
7:9-10 |
| 3. moth, h-thieves, 6-19-20 | 8. prophets, a-fruits, 7:15-16 |
| 4. birds, f-lillies, 6:26, 28 | 9. rock, d-sand, 7:24-26 |
| 5. speck, b-log, 7:4-5 | |



The Sermon on the Mount

The focus of this quiz is the rich source of illustrations found in Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount," his "manifesto," as one scholar call it. Can you supply the missing words below? Can you also match the items on the left to those on the right?

- _____ of the world.
- _____ set on a hill.
- _____ and rust consume.
- _____ of the air.
- _____ in your eye.
- give _____ what is holy.
- asks for _____ or _____ .
- beware of false _____ .
- wise man built his house on _____ .
- know them by their _____ .
- _____ in your brother's eye.
- give him a _____ or a _____ .
- foolish man built his house on _____ .
- _____ under a bushel.
- _____ of the field.
- _____ of the earth.
- _____ break in and steal.
- throw _____ before swine.

Bethel Church Council Minutes

September 10, 2012

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Shayne shared with the council the various activities in which the youth are involved and also told of future planned events. Besides preparing lessons for the Youth Groups, he has also taught Sunday school. There have been sleepovers and outings with the youth, and they are preparing for the Fall Festival/Chili Cook-off. He is also in the process of planning winter conferences and fundraising activities. He reported that the first NK Overtime, held after a home football game, included fun activities in a safe Christian environment and was a huge success.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike shared his monthly report, which included hospital and home visits, conducting the worship service at the Freelandville Community Home, conducting a graveside service, and holding counseling sessions. Confirmation classes will begin September 23rd, and he will be speaking at the Harvest Home service. He plans to begin a five week Bible study on the book of James, possibly on Thursday evenings. He is also pursuing conducting another Dave Ramsey course beginning in January, and this nine week course will be made available to the community.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. These mission allocations were made: Nurse's Fund, \$1,000 and VU Campus Ministries, \$700.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for August Sundays was 143, and the monthly offering was \$14,256. August income included: Atlas Gas, \$263.65; Facility Use, \$45; General Misc. Fund, \$219 (insurance refund); Interest Income, \$297.74; Brocksmith Mission Fund, \$111.36; Youth Pastor/Mabes Fund, \$50; Cemetery Fund, \$325; and Sale of a Cemetery Plot, \$400.

Elder's Report: Home visits with Pastor Mike and an elder were scheduled, and the possibility of occasionally including Children's Sermons in worship services was discussed. Pastor Mike will pursue this possibility.

Building and Grounds: It was reported that the painting has been completed on the church's gutters and the trim and gutters on the custodian's house. Dead trees have been removed in the cemetery thanks to the efforts of John Koenig, Gord Clinkenbeard, Kevin and Josh Hammelman, Donnie Gilmore, and Rowe Sargent. A special thanks was expressed to Bill Hagemeyer who loaned the needed equipment and also assisted with this project. It was reported that there is a dead tree and branches that need to be removed from the grove and this project will be looked into. Due to the generosity of the Bob Jones Family, a Noah's Ark piece has been added to the grove's playground area, and they, too, were thanked for this welcome addition to the grove. This was given in memory of Guy and Esther Fuller and their children, Bob and Barney (his wife) Fuller, and Joan (Fuller) Jones.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: The fees for digging graves and footers for placing urns and plaques in the cemetery was reviewed and revised.

Coming Events:

September 16 – Sunday School Picnic

September 23 – Harvest Home

October 7 – World Wide Communion

Top Ten Signs You Are In For A Long Sermon

10. There's a case of bottled water beside the pulpit in a cooler.
9. The pews have camper hookups.
8. You overhear the pastor telling the sound man to have a few (dozen!) extra tapes on hand to record today's sermon.
7. The preacher has brought a snack to the pulpit.
6. The preacher breaks for an intermission.
5. The bulletins have pizza delivery menus.
4. When the preacher asks the deacon to bring in his notes, he rolls in a filing cabinet.
3. The choir loft is furnished with La-Z-Boys.
2. Instead of taking off his watch and laying it on the pulpit, the preacher turns up a four-foot hour-glass.

And The Number One Sign You Are In For A Long Sermon

1. The minister says, "You'll be out in time to watch the super bowl" but it's only September!

Parish Records:

Pastor Shayne and Amber Spurgeon welcomed baby Chloe Marie on Tuesday, September 4th. She weighed 7 lb. and 8 oz. and was 20 inches long. She is also welcomed by big sister, Eden.

Attendance:

August 26	130
Sept. 1	159
Sept. 9	142
Sept. 16	160

Greeters:

October 7 –	Tim & Tonya Miller
October 14 & 21-	Clay & Brandy Williams
October 28 & Nov. 4 –	Jerry Lee & Kate Hammelman

Ushers: Collin & Amy Tiek

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Oct. 7	Brenda Maddox/Stacy Page
14	Tracey Kahre/Debbie Telligman
21	Virginia Koenig/Ashley Durall
28	Beth Durall/Bonnie Organ

Children's Church:

Oct. 7	Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst
14	Cally Miller/Kelci Anderson
21	Micah Morgan/Chris Horst
28	Brenda Maddox/Nancy Tilly

October birthdays:

9	Kara Johanningsmeier (80 th)
14	Ruth Sager (90 th)
27	Lois Repass (81 st)

Chimes news will be due on October 15th.

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