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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

How often do you practice your prayer life? How often do you find yourself fretting, filled with anxiety and forgetting to pray? The hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" perhaps gives us the remedy to many of life's problems. Three short verses, which are filled with practical instructions for the believer, give us the answer we need to some of the problems of life. The writer of the hymn reminds of not only what a friend we have in Jesus, but drives home the fact that Jesus is ready to be our intercessor with God for our every need. All we have to do is just pray! What stops us from this? Is it our pride, that pride that says I will take care of it myself? Is it unbelief, the thought that I have been down this road before and my prayers were not heard? Rest assured that your prayers have been heard by God and perhaps already been answered, but just not in the way you wanted. God knows what is best for us and often His answers are not what we want. It is time to realize we must let Him have His way with us and things will work out in His way, not ours. So as we continue our journey with God, remember what a friend we have in Jesus, and to take everything to the Lord in prayer.

In His service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Youth Corner

Bethel Youth are back to school, which has always been one of my favorite times of the year. The hustle and bustle of summer is over and our kids start to get back on routine, which for Bethel Youth Group means numbers are back in the 30's, 40's, and occasionally even the 50's!! With more kids, this means more people to minister to, with more kids to minister to; it means lives are going to change here in North Knox!

As we dive into the new school year, I want our congregation to take time and pray for our youth here at Bethel. Most of the youth, you don't even know (since 90% of our youth go to other churches on Sunday mornings), but that doesn't mean they are not a huge part of Bethel Church. Bethel Youth is thriving, and in an area where not too many youth groups are doing as well, we have much to be thankful for, and the biggest reason we have such an awesome youth group is because we have amazing supporters and prayer partners. Parents who go out of their way to pick up extra kids, people I can call on anytime to help out or support our youth. So, thank you all so much!! But don't stop, Bethel; we need your prayers every day! These kids face a world of temptations and I only get to be with them 10-20 hours a week.....which leave 148 hours for them to get into trouble or give into temptations....so pray!!

We have so many exciting things to look forward to this school year, let's kick it off right by continuing to be the house of prayer that we have been called to be!

1 Thessalonians 5:16.....Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

God Bless,
Shayne Spurgeon

Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands. When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women," she charged. "You're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve. "What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded. "Counting your ribs," said Eve.

Sunday School

Walk with me, Oh Lord I pray.
Give me strength throughout the day.
Take my problems big and small,
Lift me when I tend to fall.

Walk with me, Oh Lord I pray.
Prompt me what to do or say.
Let me feel you always there.
Lift me when I feel despair.

The Sunday School picnic is scheduled for September 16th. 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.

Promotion Sunday will be on September 9th during Sunday School opening.

Sunday School Nursery Workers for September 2012

September 2nd - Krista Telligman & Lana Dike

September 9th - Cheryl Hagemeyer & Kate Hammelman

September 16th - Brandy Williams & Nancy Rinsch

September 23rd - Diane Telligman & Carole Albrecht

September 30th - Tambria Leonard & Lisa Richter

Cheryl Hagemeyer



Preschool

Wow! We can hardly believe that another preschool year has begun! As I write this, we are halfway through our first week and we are off to a great start as we prepare to explore the depths of God's love for us! Our first days were filled with getting to know each other, learning our classroom routines and talking about how special God has made each one of us. We are also excited to be getting ready for our first big day – Grandparent's Day! ☺

We have a great group of kids coming to preschool this year and we can't wait for all the fun we are going to have learning about God and Jesus and how great their love is for each one of us! Thank you for the kind words of support and prayers for our preschoolers as we begin another year. We are so thankful for all of our wonderful volunteers and church members who support Bethel Christian Preschool. Feel free to stop in anytime to see how things are going – we love to see your smiling faces! ☺ If you get a chance, be sure to welcome the newest faces in the preschool area – Miss Trudy (McCormick) will be helping in the MWF classes this year and Pastor Shayne in the T/Th morning class. We know they will be wonderful additions to our classes as they share God's love with all of our little ones at Bethel. We are going to miss Miss Jennifer but are very happy for her and her family as they prepare to welcome a new member to their family this month!

We are looking forward to all that our Heavenly Father has in store for us this year and feel blessed to be called to spread His word and His love to each child that enters Bethel this year.

Love,
Mrs. Durall & Mrs. Hammelman

Mission Committee

School is back in session and we are in the process of preparing your next mission opportunity – Preschool prayer partners. When all is ready, we will give you the opportunity to see all our preschooler's and claim your partner.

I know it seems that it couldn't be, but it is almost time to think shoe boxes! Our Samaritan Purse shoe box ministry will start in October.

We appreciate your heart for missions.

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2012

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

GUILD

We hope everyone had a good summer and now that school has started, Guild will begin again with our meeting on September 5, with a covered dish lunch at 11:30. We will be working with the preschoolers and Mrs. Hammelman that day, so please come at 9 am. Our topic with the students is “Super Hero’s Kindness”. Come for a day of fun and being helpful.

Please bring toilet paper for North Knox Social Ministries.

Also, remember Harvest Home is September 23rd. Bring produce and articles by noon on Saturday, the 22nd.

Just a reminder that we have a good library, if you want a good book to read this fall.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Who Is “Me”?

If we were asked to identify the person who said, “Follow me!”, we would know immediately that it was Jesus (Matt. 8:22). But who is the me in the following verses?

1. “...bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”
2. “What will you give me if I deliver him to you?”
3. “For he who is might has done great things for me....”
4. “Give me also this power.....”
5. “God be merciful to me a sinner.” KJV
6. “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did.”
7. “....he who is coming after me is mightier than I....”
8. “Last of all.....he appeared also to me.”
9. “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?”
10. “You will not speak to me?”

Bethel Church Council Minutes

August 13, 2012

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Shayne shared with the council the various activities in which the youth have participated and future plans for youth events. They had a Christmas in July party during which they studied the Christmas story. The middle school lock-in was held in August, and the high school lock-in will be September 1. The end of August, the Youth Olympics will be held which will include both physical and Bible based activities. The youth continue to sponsor two boys overseas and also correspond with them as pen pals. Following home football games "North Knox Overtime" will be held at Bethel for area youth where they may participate in a Bible lesson, a Christian based movie, and other activities. In September the youth also are planning a fund raiser. A Youth Advisory Committee has been formed to assist Pastor Shayne with his activities.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike shared his monthly report, which included conducting the worship service at the Freelandville Community Home, hospital and home visits, and holding counseling sessions. He shared that confirmation classes will begin after Labor Day, and he anticipates having six students in the class. Also, plans are underway for beginning a Bible study on James after Labor Day. There has been some interest in the community for another Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University series, which will begin in January if it materializes.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. It was shared that Bethel Church received \$10,000 from the Ray Hall estate. These mission allocations were made: Knox County Habitat for Humanity, \$500; NK Social Ministries, \$1,000; and, Bethel Guild, \$500.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for July Sundays was 143, and the monthly offering was \$17,995.63. June income included: Atlas Gas, \$273.30; General Misc. Fund, \$2,671.50 (insurance refund); Interest Income, \$1,378.98; Brocksmith Mission Fund, \$112.32; Youth, \$350; Youth Pastor/Mabes Fund, \$100; Cemetery Fund, \$420.90; and, Cemetery Trust Fund, \$149.97.

Elder's Report: Home visits with Pastor Mike and an elder were discussed, and a proposed schedule of visits was presented.

Building and Grounds: John Koenig was thanked for repairing the teeter-totter and picnic table, and Gord Clinkenbeard was also thanked for the work he is doing to repair the swings. Steve Page will finish painting the gutters on the church shortly when a lift is available. A bid from Steve was received and approved to paint the trim on the custodian's house, and it was shared that there is evidence of some water damage due to a leak in the roof, which will be investigated. The deacons will meet with a person interested in filling in as the custodian while Ebony is on maternity leave in December.

Old Business: Pastor Shayne reported that the projector for the basement is in, and he will install it soon.

New Business: Cemetery Regulations and Procedures were reviewed and revised. The new non-pictorial Church Directories will be available in the church office, Bethel Hall, and vestibule.

Coming Events:

- August 15 – Preschool Orientation
- August 19 – Preschool Open House
- August 20/21 – First day of Preschool
- August 24 – NK Overtime
- August 31 – NK Overtime
- September 1 – High School Lock-in
- September 6/7 – Grandparent's Day
- September 7 – NK Overtime

Answers to Quiz:

1. Herod, Matthew 2:7-8
2. Judas Iscariot, Matthew 26:14-15
3. Mary, Luke 1:49
4. Simon, Acts 8:9, 19
5. the publican, Luke 18:13
6. woman of Samaria, John 4:7, 28-29
7. John the Baptist, Matthew 3:1, 11
8. Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:8
9. Peter, Matthew 18:21
10. Pilate, John 19:10

Parish Records:

Jason and Christie Hammelman welcomed baby Maya Isabelle on July 26, big sisters are Emma and Leah. Bethel grandparents are Edgar and Linda (Miller) Hammelman.

Aryana Lynn Marczak was born on Monday, August 6 to Angie and Ryan Marczak. Bethel grandparents are Cheryl and Ed Hagemeyer.

Attendance:

July 22 164
July 29 128
Aug. 5 140
Aug. 12 143
Aug. 19 156

Greeters:

Sept. 2 and 9 – Evan & Krista Telligman

Sept. 16 and 23 – Brandon & Holly Spanger

Ushers: Bill and Carole Albrecht

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Sept. 2 Jesse Organ/Kelci Anderson
 9 Emily Pirtle/Madison Meurer
 16 Sunday School Picnic
 23 Ramona Hammelman/Hailley Kahre
 30 Theresia Barrett/Bridget Brocksmith

Children's Church:

Sept. 2 Bonnie Organ/Chris Horst
 9 Lenora McCrary/Tracey Kahre/Kelci Anderson
 16 Sunday School Picnic
 23 Dale Tiek/Nancy Tilly
 30 No Children's Church

September birthdays:

8 Marjorie Putnam (89th)

Chimes news will be due on September 17th.

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