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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY**

Most of us have heard stories of people who have for one reason or another have had a debt either totally paid or even totally forgiven by the one to who the debt was owed. Sometimes our reaction is why can't that happen to me? If we just stop for a moment, we realize that this has happened for all mankind. It happened when Jesus took the sins of mankind to the cross. In the busy dog-eat-dog world we live in, we have a tendency to forget that fact. In fact, many people have forgotten how to forgive trespasses committed against them by others. We read the words of Jesus from Mark 11:24-26 that in order for God to forgive us, we must first learn to forgive others. A small price to pay when one understands God forgiving the debt that man could not possibly pay; a debt paid with the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. Something to dwell on during these hot summer days. Is there someone you need to forgive in order to receive God's forgiveness?

In His Service  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## **YOUTH PASTOR**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My family and I would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the opportunity we have had to serve you here at Bethel Church. The friendships and relationships we have made here will last into eternity! God has blessed Bethel Church with so much and the potential at this church is so great!! Amber and I came here with a task – a task to create and build up youth programs that would cause spiritual growth for the kids of this community. Bethel Church now has one of the most active youth groups in this area, as well as one of the biggest. We have KFC group that should really explode in the next school year, a Middle School group that has tons of new life, and a core High School group that should be an amazing foundation for the future of Bethel Church. But like all seasons and all tasks, my time is drawing to an end here at Bethel. In the same manner that God called me here to Bethel Church, God is calling me away to serve at another church (FBC Bedford). Although I am leaving with a heavy heart, I know it is where God is guiding me. FBC Bedford is another great church with many great qualities. They have several programs and classes in place that inspire and encourage growth, not just for youth, but for myself as well. That are very active and strive to be a pillar in their community. As I leave Bethel Church, I leave it with love, and I leave it with hope! My hope is that Bethel catches the fire of the Holy Spirits and that you continue to develop programs and opportunities that encourage and inspire growth – growth that causes Bethel to be that beacon of hope that I know God has called it to become. My experiences at Bethel will always be in my mind, and you will always be in my heart. After all, we are all in this together: “one holy universal Christian Church”. I want to leave you with a few last words from my heart: never get comfortable, never stop growing, and never stop striving each day to be a better, stronger Christian. Be ready for Jesus, and while you’re waiting, be His hands and His feet. All my Love and hope are given to you and this church,

Your Youth Pastor,  
Shayne Spurgeon

## MISSIONS

Thank you for your donation of soap to NKSM last month. We ended up with 362 bars of soap. The month of July we are collecting school supplies: Backpacks, Elmer's glue, glue sticks, watercolors, markers, colored pencils and 1" 3 ring white binders. You can also make a monetary donation to the NKSM and put "school supplies" in the memo section of your check if you wish.

Also through the month of August, we are collecting shoes for Joe the Shoe Man. Rowe and Maridell will be taking them to him the first part of August. Be sure and rubber band or tie your shoes together and put them in the marked boxes. Tennis shoes, flip flops, boots....good time to clean out the shoe closet.

The mission committee was so blessed to serve almost 50 men at the second session of "It's a Guy Thing". Being that it was an extended holiday weekend, and most of the men from the first session came back, was indicative that the men are enjoying these sessions. They listened to Darrel Bobe speaking on the topic of Grace and to the challenges he presented to them.

The 3rd session will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 9AM in the church social room. The speaker will be Todd Donovan and his topic is "Who's in Charge Here". Todd is very excited to have the opportunity to speak to the men about spiritual leadership and we hope to have a large crowd in attendance.

The August NKSM collection items will be personal hygiene products such as, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.

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### **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2013**

**July/August – Christian Generations**  
**September/October/November (Fall) – Choir**  
**December – (Christmas) – Mission Committee**

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## THANK YOU'S

The Guild officers invited past officers and present quilters to a delicious salad luncheon, followed by a short business meeting and program about their services and were given special gifts on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Doris Brocksmith and Doris Richter presented an entertaining skit (dressed for the occasion in older fashion), which told about their various hobbies. The skit was enjoyed by all.

We thank you for your thoughtfulness and encourage others to learn and be helpful too, and enjoy a Tuesday afternoon with us.

Gertrude Hagemeyer

Dear Bethel Members,

I would like to say thank you for the prayers, cards and support I received during my surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Mike and Karen for their visits and prayers.

God bless you,  
Bill Schroeder



## GUILD

Bethel Guild will not meet in August. Time to vacation!

We had the Birthday Party on July 10 at the Community Home for our July meeting. We all enjoyed visiting with the residents and playing Bingo.

Mark your calendar for our Harvest Home on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Ray Tromley will be our speaker.

Lill Clinkenbeard

## **Sunday School News**

Hello Bethel!

It's summertime now with the heat jumping up and the rain becoming spotty, but each day is a day to rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for all the opportunities that we have!

What a great message Dr. Bobe gave to the men of our area during Sunday School hour back on July 7th. He presented some challenges for all the men and hopefully we take them to heart and lead the way that God wants us to! We look forward to Mr. Todd Donovan coming on August 4th to bring his message to us. Remember to mark it on your calendars and bring a friend or two, the women have done a wonderful job of preparing the breakfast meal (thanks ladies!!!!).

Mark September 29th on the calendar for the Sunday School picnic. We had a few other things come up so we decided on the 29th. We'll have food with desserts after worship service and then an auction following the meal. I've heard of some nice things being made for the auction, so don't forget to save the date.

Take care of yourselves and don't overdo it. Look to the Lord for strength and praise him for all that he gives us!

Randy Hammelman  
Sunday School Supt.

## **Work Day List**

- 1. Cut three trees and haul off**
- 2. Move rock around**
- 3. Repair roof on Church Office**
- 4. Fix doors and windows on Shelter House**
- 5. Concrete window wells on North side of the Church**
- 6. Build form and concrete around drain in front of the Church**
- 7. Replace one basketball goal**
- 8. Clean windows wells**
- 9. Paint mail box post**
- 10. Paint railing into Bethel Hall**
- 11. Coat asphalt in front of Office**

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## 1/1/2013 THROUGH 6/30/2013

**INCOME:**

Offering	\$102,203.85	Pest Control	1,321.63
Preschool	18,351.95	Pastor travel	1,000.01
Interest	8,013.95	Youth Pastor Training	800.00
Missions	5,440.00	Memorial Fund	729.81
Cemetery	3,261.60	Van	625.86
Atlas Gas	2,880.79	Postage	594.00
Memorial Fund	1,095.00	Waste Expense	583.48
Rental	426.00	Sub. Custodian	500.00
Misc.	37.38	Water	420.79
Organ Repair	20.00	Sub. Pastor	300.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$141,730.52</b>	Choir Expense	281.08

**EXPENSES:**

Pastor	29,319.94	Books & Lit.	255.84
Missions	24,608.28	Sub. Music Person	125.00
Youth Pastor	14,579.50	Pastor Training	<u>105.67</u>
Employee Withholding	13,108.80	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$159,196.43</b>
Strate Acres	7,622.17		
Preschool Teacher M/W/F	6,083.13		
Maint & Repair	5,962.29		
Gas	5,501.15		
Custodian	5,434.57		
Preschool Teacher T/TH	5,392.69		
Secretary	5,390.30		
Groundskeeper	4,645.10		
Electricity	4,387.12		
Music Director	4,259.12		
Insurance	3,652.29		
Insurance	2,806.75		
Misc.	2,472.32		
Office Supplies	2,336.21		
Telephone	2,053.33		
Preschool Aide	1,928.10		



# PRESCHOOL

Psalms 7;17 reads I will give thanks to the Lord because He does what is right. I will sing praises to the Lord most high.

I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work with Mrs. Hammelman. She will be l greatly missed here but I wish her well on her new journey. North Knox is gaining a terrific teacher with great ideas and enthusiasm the kids will love.

I am thankful Mrs. Lemberg is joining the crew as the new teacher for the MWF classes. She has already been a big help over the past three years whenever we needed her. She will so a great job. Welcome to preschool Libery!! (Her kids make great helpers picking up and putting things away or cleaning up after me).

God bless the teachers in their new roles!!

Beth Durall



**AUGUST** already! Wow, summer went way too fast. Now it is time to get back into a routine. Preschool will be starting soon and we are excited to see the returning students and meet the new ones. We look forward to an awesome year where we will learn of God's mighty love for each of us and have fun too.

We will be working hard getting our room ready and hoping parents will be okay as their children come to us to pray and play with us. Children are a special gift from God and we are ready for each one he sends our way.

Come on in and visit whenever you are at church.

Blessings to all,  
Mrs. Lemberg and Mrs. Durall

# Bethel Church Council Minutes

## June 23, 2012

A special meeting was called on June 23, 2013, to address the problem with the air conditioning unit in the custodian's home. It was reported that the unit was not working due to problems with the furnace, and three options were presented: Repair the present unit, replace the furnace only, or replace both the air-conditioning and furnace units. The motion was made by John Spanger, seconded by Rowe Sargent, and approved unanimously to replace the furnace unit only.

## July 8, 2013

**Youth Pastor's Report:** Pastor Shayne shared that he has begun a new Bible Study with middle and high school youth, and they recently went to Princeton to play paint ball. Some youth attended church camp, and some also served as counselors at the camp when he was a staff member. July 10-12 the boys will be going camping with Pastor Shayne, and later in the month the girls will be going on a one or two day trip with Amber Spurgeon.

**Pastor Mike's Report:** Pastor Mike's report included home and hospital visits and conducting two weddings, a baptism, a funeral, and a Sunday service at the Freelandville Community Service. He shared that the recent ice cream social to welcome new Bethel members was an enjoyable evening.

**Secretary's Report:** It was approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were made: Nurses' Fund, \$1,500, and Missionaries, \$900 (\$500 for Laura Maddock and \$400 for the speakers for the "Guys Only" breakfasts).

**Deacons' Report:** The average attendance for June was 158, and the offering was \$19,301.71. June income included: Atlas Gas, \$510.20; Facility Use, \$456.00; Interest, \$1,313.18; Brocksmith Mission Fund Interest, \$223.44; Mission Fund, \$3,333.00; Youth Pastor Fund, \$50; Cemetery Fund, \$345.93; and Cemetery Plots, \$1,200.



**Buildings and Grounds:** It was reported that a tombstone damaged by a fallen limb has been repaired. Council members were thanked for building the retaining wall around the new playground equipment in the grove and filling it with pea gravel, which was provided by Bob Jones. Bill Resler volunteered to put the remaining pea gravel around the original wood playground equipment.

**Elders' Report:** John Koenig reported that summer communion will be celebrated August 4<sup>th</sup>, and a visitation schedule with Pastor Mike and the elders was finalized.

**Old Business:** The deacons will prepare a list of projects to be completed on Work Day, which will be August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and it was decided that lunch will be provided for those attending. Board members will remove the existing carpet on the steps in front of the church and Bethel Hall in preparation for the application of the new covering. A water problem in the basement and window wells collecting water will be addressed on Work Day. Pastor Mike continues to seek bids for pews, and Bill Resler shared that even though he has been in contact with companies seeking bids for the projector and screen in the sanctuary, he has not yet received any bids.

**New Business:** It was decided that the tentative date for the Sunday School Picnic in the grove will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> and will include an auction. It was reported that the sound system in the basement is in need of repairs or replacement; Bill Resler will investigate possible solutions. Rowe Sargent shared that his granddaughter, Victoria Brocksmit, would like to come and share her experiences from her recent mission trip during a mission moment during a worship service, which was tentatively set for August 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Coming Events:**

August 3 – Work Day

August 4 – Summer Communion

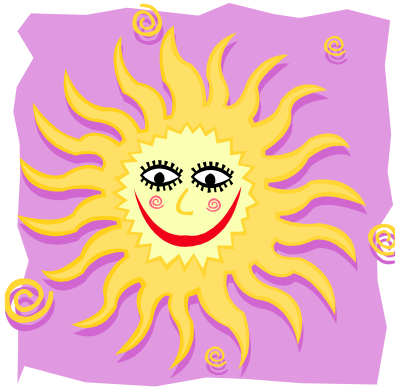
## Preachers

1. Who preached so long that one of his listeners fell asleep and tumbled from a high window to his death?
2. Which book of the Bible includes the word “Preacher” in its subtitle?
3. Whose preaching caused the king of Nineveh to step down from his throne, put on sackcloth, and sit in ashes?
4. What prophet said, “The Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings”?
5. Who received instructions to preach “upon the housetops”?
6. Who preached in the wilderness of Judaea?
7. Who so angered people with his preaching that they tried to push him over a cliff?
8. Whose preaching on the day of Pentecost resulted in about 3,000 people being converted and baptized?
9. What Early Bible person did Peter call a “preacher of righteousness”?
10. Whose preaching brought about the conversion of Simon the sorcerer?



**Answers:**

1. Paul (Acts 20:7-9)
2. Ecclesiastes
3. Jonah (Jonah 3:2-6)
4. Isaiah (Isaiah 61:1)
5. 12 apostles (Matt. 10:27)
6. John the Baptist (Matt. 3:1)
7. Jesus (Luke 4:18-29)
8. Peter (Acts 2:1, 13-41)
9. Noah (II Peter 2:5)
10. Philip (Acts 8:5-13)



**Parish Records:**

Casey and Emily Pirtle welcomed baby Sadie Joe on June 20<sup>th</sup>. She weighed 9 lb. 5 oz. Bethel grandparents are Mark and Diane Telligman, and great-grandparents are Joyce Telligman, Gene and Carolyn Williams.

Brian and Erika (Koenig) Sallee welcomed baby Eleanor Ava-Lee on July 1. She weighed 8 lb. 14 oz., and was 21 ¼ inches long. Proud brothers are Sabastian and Xzavier. Bethel grandparents are John and Marilyn Koenig.

**Attendance:**

June 23      131  
 June 30      132  
 July 7        144  
 July 14      151

**Greeters:**

Aug. 4 & 11 – Clint and Beth Durall  
 Aug. 18 & 25 – Herman and Nancy Tilly

**Ushers:** Rowe and Maridell Sargent

**Nursery (Sunday School):**

August 4      Lana Dike/Brandy Williams  
           11      Cheryl Hagemeyer/ Carole Albrecht  
           18      Krista Telligman/Nancy Rinsch  
           25      Diane Telligman/Kate Hammelman

**Nursery Notes (Worship):**

August 4      Tiffany Granderson/Kelci Anderson  
           11      Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall  
           18      Brenda Maddox/Ashley Durall  
           25      Jenni Clinkenbeard/BethDurall

**Children's Church:**

August 4      Bonnie Organ/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall  
           11      Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg  
           18      Micah Morgan  
           25      Brenda Maddox/Nancy Tilly

**August birthdays:**

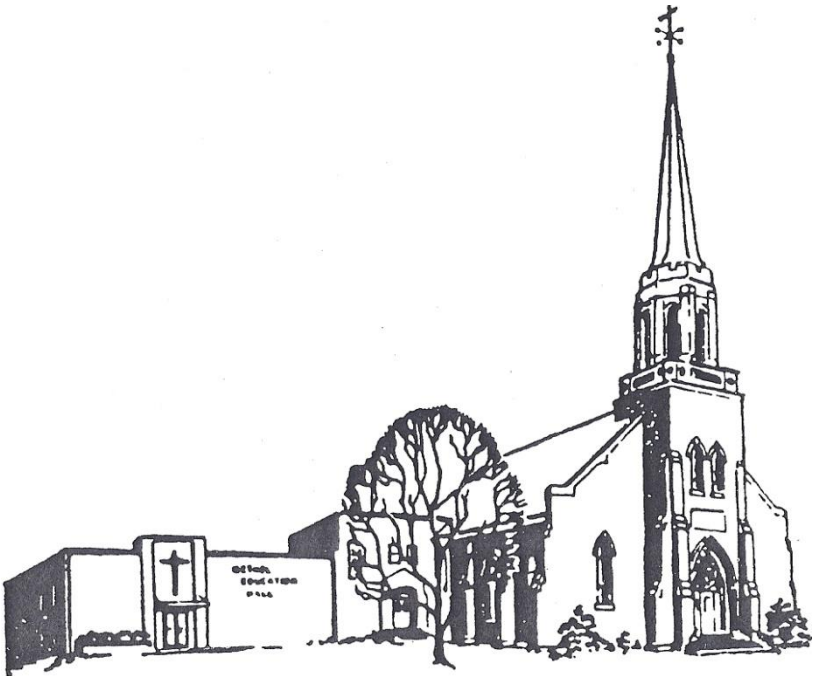
August 5      John Clinkenbeard (81<sup>st</sup>)  
           6      Susie Walters (93<sup>rd</sup>)  
           8      Harold Huffman (98<sup>th</sup>)  
           10      Bertha Conrad (88<sup>th</sup>)  
           19      Don Clifford (85<sup>th</sup>)  
           21      Lucille Robbins (85<sup>th</sup>)  
           21      Gene Williams (80<sup>th</sup>)  
           22      Herb Grabbe (84<sup>th</sup>)  
           24      Dallas Miller (85<sup>th</sup>)  
           31      Ruth Varns (89<sup>th</sup>)

*Chimes news will be due on August 19th.*

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