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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY**

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner; in fact it is February 13<sup>th</sup> this year. The question we need to ask ourselves is, are we ready for the Lenten season? We should use Lent as a time of preparation for the Easter season, a time of soul searching followed by repentance. Are we going to use this Lenten season for that purpose or are we just going to treat it as if is merely days to wade through before spring arrives. The choice is ours and ours alone. What will we make of this 20103 Lenten season? My prayer for the church is that we take this time as a time of reflection, soul searching and if needed, repentance. Why might you ask, in order to strengthen not only the individual but also the church as a whole. The church that once again must announce truth to the world according to God's Holy Word, rather than have the world dictate to the lies and corruption.

Let us use this Lenten season to search deep within ourselves, coming to repentance and then to service to a risen Savior.

In His Service  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## YOUTH CORNER

Well, it has been another great year for Bethel Youth, from our trip to Wyoming all the way down to our fundraisers; big and small, God has blessed us.

I'm so excited for this coming year – 2013 is all about Missions. We will not be doing any grand trips this year, but instead will focus on reaching out to the community and surrounding communities. We will do more work days, visit food pantries and soup kitchens and we will volunteer and share God's love just about anywhere the Lord calls us within 100 square miles of Knox County. Along with this, we will also try to become even more involved with the two children we support and sponsor through Compassion International.

This year is sure to be another amazing year as we step up our evangelism ministries and take the word of God to the streets with our newly formed "Bethel S.W.A.T. Team" (**S**peaking, **W**alking, **A**ctively **T**eaching).

As always, thank you for your continuing support of all our endeavors. This year, however, I would love to see more people taking an active role in our youth's lives by volunteering and not just supporting us with your money. Volunteers for trips, events and programs have been very hard to round up and that really hurts these kids and our church. I promise if you volunteer and get active in these kid's lives, you will be blessed!

Thank you and God Bless,  
Shayne Spurgeon

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take." (NIV)

## Sunday School

Happy February my Christian friends. Well the weather was a little crazy in January with a little warm here and a little cool there, but that is what is to be expected in Indiana during the winter months.

Not a whole lot new going on as far as Sunday School goes. We got the Christmas trees down along with the decorations. The church always looks so pretty with all of the decorations and trees, but our church is so beautiful without the decorations also. What a blessing Bethel church is! Thanks again to all who helped taking everything down.

Thanks to all the wonderful teachers that teach all the Sunday School classes. If you need anything for your classes, just let me know.

When I think of February, the first thing that comes to my mind is Valentine's Day. Let us not only feel love for our family and friends, but feel love for our Savior Jesus Christ!

He is the real cupid, so spread his love to all the world. May love and kindness conquer hate and mistrust.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

Love to all!  
Randy Hammelman  
Sunday School Supt.



## Preschool

I hope everyone was able to keep warm during the first month of the New Year! It sure has been a chilly one! We did have one day that the sun popped out and the temperature rose just enough that we could go outside for short walk and quick game of Red Light, Green Light before rushing back inside for the rest of our day. ☺ But even with the cold weather keeping us inside most of the time, we have been very busy as we settled back into our preschool routine after the holiday break. We had fun reviewing past letters, shapes, numbers and then adding more new ones!

We had lots of fun with the letter S when we came back to school. With all the snow on the ground, the timing couldn't have been more perfect! We read snowman stories and did lots of snowman activities that helped us work on many of our preschool skills. We had several that we loved so much that we decided to hang them up in the preschool hallway so that everyone could enjoy them. ☺ And, finally, just before the snow began to melt we decided we had better play in the snow!! Not everyone was dressed for it (and I wasn't quite sure how long it would take Miss Trudy and me to bundle up 17 preschoolers!) so we decided that rather than go outside we would bring the snow inside! So, Miss Trudy took a BIG pot outside, filled it up and then brought it in for us to play in. Each child got a tray and a big scoop of snow and then got busy using plastic medicine droppers to drop colored water into their snow. When we couldn't even see the tiniest speck of white left on our trays we dumped the colored snow back into the pot. The kids loved this part as much as anything – declaring that we were making “Snow Soup”! It was such a fun and memorable day. ☺

Another exciting time in January is introducing Star Student activity. Each week features a different preschooler from each class and they get to bring in a poster that is all about them full of pictures and drawings and anything else they want to include. They also bring in three favorite items, their favorite book, and special letter from their parents that are shared throughout the week. I love getting to know each preschooler a little better as they bring in their favorite things to share!

The children are also getting so good at our prayer times. I have so many volunteers each day who want to say our good-bye prayer. We sometimes have a morning prayer to pray for concerns that just

can't wait until it's time to say good-bye. We pray for our families, our volunteers, pets and all of our preschool friends. I love seeing how the children's prayers grow as they get more confident to go to Jesus with all that is on their little hearts.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner we are looking forward to making valentines and our Valentine party. We will be talking about the love we have for others and the love that Jesus has for us – an amazing love...a love that never ends!!

May you be blessed with Jesus' amazing love not only this Valentine's Day but each and every day of your life!

In His Love,  
Mrs. Hammelman



What a January it has been!! Several of the preschoolers were eager to return after Christmas break. Many think they should be in school everyday--let's hope that thought continues as they get older. We returned when there was still a lot of snow on the ground--which lead into our lesson that God makes each snowflake unique and knows what each one looks like. Just like He makes each of us in His own special way and knows everything about all us. We made adorable snowman to help us show how no two people are made exactly alike.

Letter N was all about the nests that birds live in but can't always get to when there is snow on the ground. We made homemade bird feeders to help take care of God's creatures. We got to sample lots of peanut butter as were making the craft. I had offered snacks before getting our project started, but the "peanut butter is so yummy and we are still so hungry' (with a little sad face) was repeated several times. Many even wanted to try the birds seed before they gave it the birds. That was a big NO!!!!!! I heard one little boy say the other day that he had watched the birds look at the feeder but did not eat anything.

We also talked all about all the numbers God gives us. We learned that the Bible is full of different numbers and even a whole chapter called Numbers. We played a fun game and thanked God for thinking of Numbers.

Letter O was a fun letter because we made an orange octopus to put in the ocean. The kids got to paint, glue and cut all in one craft (and they all did a great job). We learned that the ocean is full of fun and colorful creatures. We also spent a lot of time talking and looking for opposites that God gave us. We had fun demonstrating to our friends silly things we could come up with that were opposites.

We are looking forward to talking about God's love as we prepare for our Valentine's Day Party.

Beth Durall

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## Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2013

**January/February – Assigned**  
**March/April/May (Spring) – Mustard Seed**  
**June – Bible School**  
**July/August – Christian Generations**  
**September/October/November (Fall) - Choir**  
**December – (Christmas) – Mission Committee**

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## **Information from Albania from George and July Holmes**

I buy 10,000 seed packets from a small seed company 1 ½ hours from us. I can request certain seeds that the Albanians like the best. Seeds really help the village folks of Albania to grow a good garden. The seeds they have are old and not productive at all. Each winter, they look forward to the family seed packets we make up. We usually cover 23 villages, which are small, with a family seed packet. We usually leave Albania the end of March. We saw little plants growing in, what we would call, a hot frame. Our SOWERS Team that continues our village work, check on how the vegetables are growing. I recently got a report by e-mail. Albania has been very hot and humid this summer. Temperatures have been well over 120° for many days at a time, too. The villagers have been watering plants as much as they can. I understand the tomatoes and melons have yielded very well so far. The SOWERS Team did not mention anything about the other vegetables. We will hear more about the garden results when we return to Albania in January.

\*The Mission Committee collected seeds and pot holders last year to send to the Holmes' to be taken to Albania.

## **Thank You's**

Christmas Memories 2012

I was thinking about how School Nursing has changed over the 20 + years I have been at NK and I have gone from making home calls with Maridell – climbing over fences to get to a trailer to chase a little boy back to school; to dealing with teenage girls that have swallowed the ball off of their tongue ring. Home calls are very few due to the possible danger that is involved these days unless we use the buddy system and treating infected tattoos are more common. But kids are still kids – trying to find their way in this world and enjoy someone to talk to even if it is the school nurse.

Right before Christmas, I was having the feeling of negativity with my job, I guess like we all do and growing weary of dealing with the chronic frequent fliers as I refer to them. I often joke that they need an intensive care unit for some of the students with their acute complaints when I read a letter from a school nurse from the

southern part of the county in regards to Christmas and her chosen profession. It reminded me of the reason I have continued in this job and what a privilege it is to be a school nurse. I will paraphrase but she said: she would look, really look, at every child who comes into her office; she would smile more and complain less; be less dragged down by negativity and pessimism and be more encouraged by optimism and positive attitudes.; focusing on goodness, and successes, and the opportunities to be a change agent; and let children know that they have all they need within themselves to be healthy, happy, and successful.

We served over 140 students and their families with all of your assistance this Christmas Holiday. I was pleasantly surprised and relieved when I requested help after the mine closed at Monroe City this fall and the response that resulted to help be donors for our students in need. School has resumed with 2 hour delays the past two days and I have been able to see students that you have purchased new clothing showing it off proudly. We take for granted buying new items and several of the students do not have this luxury. Their new is something picked up second hand at Social Ministries, Salvation Army, or a consignment shop.

On Christmas Eve, my oldest daughter, Ali, and I delivered Christmas to a family in Oaktown. (Betsy had to work that am) We drove up to the house and it was dark, even though it was 11 am. A man came to the door and he did at least hold it open as we carried four loads of presents and food into the home. The odor was of several animals in the home and the only sign of Christmas in the home was the items we brought in. My daughter had her eyes opened that morning, because it had been several years since she had been able to go with me on a delivery. She made sure the girl had brand new Nike's to wear back to school! We always say we have no control what happens to your gifts once they are picked up or delivered but just know that your thoughtfulness does matter and it does take a village to raise a child.

Below is my attempt to thank all the Organizations, Churches, Sunday School Classes and families that helped in anyway:

(Please forgive me if I forget or bypass someone)

Good Samaritan Hospital

Bethel Christian Partners Class

Doris Jane Brocksmith



Mary Ann Miller and Emma Miller  
Jo Ann and Bill Brocksomith and family  
Bethel Friendly Circle Class  
Becky Stuckey  
June Gregg and United Methodist Sandborn Women  
Cheryl Smith  
Brenda and Kent Brocksomith  
Bethel Faithful Families  
Brian Hicks: Knox Co. Sheriff Dept.  
Bicknell Methodist Women  
Dr. Steve and Michelle Williams  
Sandborn Christian Church: Brian Sanders  
Linda Hacker  
St. Phillip Neri Church Members and Youth Group  
NKHS Cheerleaders: Kristi Franklin  
Sharon Kahre, Terri Miller: Bethel Mustard Seed Class  
Nancy and Herman Tilly  
Salem UCC, Theresa Pahmeier  
Chris Horst  
Linda Kixmiller  
Emily Pirtle and her SS Class  
Brad and Pam Summers  
Tom and Joyce Kixmiller  
Helen and Ruth Ann Hunt  
Salem UCC Stages SS Class  
Bethel Women's Guild  
Bethel Sunday School Dept.  
Morris Chapel Friendship Class  
Bethel Good Neighbors SS Class  
Edwardsport Christian Church  
Ali Wampler and Mike Cusic  
Oaktown Christian Church  
Ruth's Circle of Friends: Cindy Compton  
McKinley's Restaurant  
Deanna Sargent and family  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Osburn  
Shea Curtis  
I cannot forget my partners in crime: Cathy Beaman, Carol  
O'Conner, and Dawn Elkins.

Oh, a thought for the future. It was recently brought to my attention that when we lose a loved one and our thoughts are the most unraveled, we are asked to think of a charity or organization to have money donated to or left in the memory of someone. Please give careful consideration to the NK Nurse's Fund. We do help a lot of needs not just during the holidays and Maridell Sargent does an outstanding job making your dollars stretch and help as many as we can in their time of need.

May God Bless you now and always,  
Charlene Grove, RN, NK School Nurse

Dear Bethel Church family,

Thank you doesn't begin to say what we want to say. We are so grateful for all your thought, prayers, and visits. Brian is truly a walking miracle.

Only by the Grace of God is he here. He is doing very well but has a long way to go. Thank you for all you've done. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

In God's Love,  
The Brian Summers Family

**Wanted:** A Children's Church preschool teacher for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month. Please contact Bonnie Organ if you are interested in volunteering

## National Heroes

Remembering national heroes like Washington, Lincoln, and others, the following biblical passages come to mind. Can you fill in the missing name below or identify the biblical character involved?

1. "Select a man . . . and set him over the land of Egypt."
2. "I sent before you Moses, Aaron and \_\_\_\_\_."
3. "It is required of \_\_\_\_\_ that they be found trustworthy."
4. "The Lord was with \_\_\_\_\_; and his fame was in all the Land."
5. "When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of \_\_\_\_\_ . . ."
6. "\_\_\_\_\_ . . . died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor."
7. "Not even in Israel have I found such faith."
8. "Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me."
9. Paul told them, "Your faith is proclaimed in all the world."
10. "They . . . spread his fame throughout all that district."

### Answers:

1. Joseph, Genesis 41:33, 39
2. Miriam, Micah 6:4
3. stewards, 1 Corinthians 4:2
4. Joshua, Joshua 6:27
5. Solomon, 1 Kings 10:1
6. David, 1 Chronicles 29:26, 28
7. the centurion, Luke 7:2-9
8. Joseph, Genesis 37:9
9. the church at Rome, Romans 1:7-8
10. Jesus, Matthew 9:30-31

## Treasurer's Report

### 1/1/2012 through 12/31/2012

#### Income:

Offering	\$216,310.20
Mabes Income	69,905.48
Preschool	34,672.46
Strate Income	34,627.37
Interest	10,645.83
Misc.	6,849.13
Atlas Gas	6,508.42
S. S. Auction	5,067.50
Mission Income	4,013.92
Insurance refund	2,890.50
Cemetery Income	2,885.00
Bethel Youth	1,340.00
Memorial Fund	595.00
Rental income	350.00
Organ Repair	10.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 396,670.81</b>

#### Expenses:

Pastor	\$ 57,584.24
New roof	31,660.00
Youth Pastor	29,324.24
Missions	28,684.40
Storm repair	26,310.00
Emp. withholding	26,129.10
Strate expense	20,944.14
Insurance	18,809.21
Main. & Repair	11,996.47
Preschool teacher M/W/F	11,255.58
Custodian	10,901.78
Secretary	10,814.88
Electricity	10,517.50
Preschool teacher T/TH	9,936.18
Groundskeeper	9,367.76
Music Director	8,571.74
Misc. Expense	6,687.45

#### Expenses (cont.)

New furnace/AC	\$ 6,052.92
Bethel Chapel	5,882.56
Preschool Aide	4,899.48
Gas	4,326.16
Telephone	4,219.60
Custodial Supplies	2,816.45
Office Supplies	2,788.86
Cemetery Expense	2,266.79
Pastor Travel	2,145.47
New equipment	1,123.99
Waste expense	1,096.20
Choir expense	1,066.16
Pest Control	817.00
Water	814.02
Sub. cust.	800.00
Youth Pastor training	800.00
Sub. pastor	600.00
Van expense	546.95
Postage	542.34
One Call	538.44
Sub. Music person	400.00
Books & Lit.	330.51
Scholarship expense	200.00
Memorial expense	<u>178.50</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$374,747.07</b>

**Grand Total**                      **\$ 21,923.74**

Morbus Sabbaticus Disease  
AKA Sunday Sickness  
Author Unknown

Morbus Sabbaticus Disease or Sunday Sickness, is a disease peculiar to church members.

The attack comes on suddenly on Sundays. No symptoms are felt on Saturday night; the patient sleeps well and awakes feeling well; eats a hearty breakfast, but about church time the attack comes on and continues until services are over for the morning. The patient feels easy and eats a hearty dinner.

In the afternoon, he feels much better and is able to take a walk, automobile ride, go visiting, talk politics and read the papers; he eats a hearty supper but about church time he has another attack and stays home. He retires early, sleeps well, and awakes on Monday morning refreshed and able to go to work. He does not feel any of the returned symptoms until the next Sunday.

The peculiar features are as follows—

1. It attacks only members of a church.
2. It never makes its appearance except on Sunday.
3. The symptoms vary, but never interfere with appetite and sleep.
4. It never lasts more than 24 hours.
5. It generally attacks the head of the family and continues to spread until every member is affected.
6. No physician is ever called.
7. It always proves fatal in the end to the soul.
8. No remedy is known for it except repentance and prayer.
9. Real heart-felt salvation is the only antidote.

Author Unknown

## GUILD

Women's Guild will have its first meeting in 2013 on February 6 at 1:30. We will have our Memorial Service for our deceased members.

Hostesses will be Doris Richter and Lill Clinkenbeard. Please bring toothbrushes and tooth paste for North Knox Social Ministries.  
Lill Clinkenbeard

## **Bethel Church Council Minutes** **January 14, 2013**

**Youth Pastor's Report:** Pastor Shayne shared his monthly report, which included the Christmas Progressive Dinner, Christmas vacation activities with the youth, preaching at the Youth Revolution monthly meeting at the Bicknell Baptist Church, and regular youth meetings. Future activities will include the Youth Souper Bowl Dinner after church on January 20, a trip to Paoli Peaks, Winter Jam in Evansville on January 31, and the ATF Middle School Conference in Nashville, TN, in February. Beginning in February a weekly after school program is being planned for students in grades 3-5. He has also selected the material to be used for VBS this summer.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike also shared his monthly report, which included conducting the Christmas services and a private baptism, pre-marital counseling, hospital visits, meeting with prospective church members, and conducting a service at the Freelandville Community Home. He reported that the confirmation classes on Sunday mornings are going well, and plans are progressing for the Financial Peace sessions and a Bible Study.

**Secretary's Report:** It was approved after this correction was made: The flooring in the kitchen will be replaced, not in the social room.

**Treasurer's Report:** It was approved as written. The mission giving for 2012 was 102% of the proposed budget, due to giving \$684.40 in extra allocations.

**Deacon's Report:** The average attendance for December was 152, noting that the attendance on December 30 was affected by the inclement weather, and the monthly offering was \$17,560.76. December income included: Atlas Gas, \$429.58; Facility Use, \$70; General Misc., \$69.99 (credit from a refund); Interest Income, \$2,008.23; Preschool, \$3,670.39; Guild, \$500 (refrigerator); General Donations, \$325; and, Cemetery Fund, \$420.90.

**Elder's Report:** A visitation schedule for Pastor Mike and the elders will be completed after a new elder is elected at the annual meeting.

**Buildings and Grounds:** It was shared that Ebony has resumed the custodial duties after being on maternity leave, and Brooke Boyles was thanked for fulfilling that role during Ebony's absence. It was reported that there was some water seepage in the basement at the entrance to the social room, and there was also some water leakage around the tower following the recent blowing rains. The deacons will investigate possible remedies to both of these problems. It was decided to replace the exterior door by the ramp in the basement.

**Old Business:** Ed Hagemeyer reported that the cost of replacing the flooring in the kitchen with a long-wearing durable composite material will be approximately \$6 per square foot. Samples will be available at the next monthly meeting so that a final selection can be made. Replacement committee members for 2013 were discussed and finalized.

**New Business:** The deacons are in the process of reviewing and writing employee contracts for next year and will report their recommendations at the February meeting. Rowe Sargent shared that his granddaughter, Victoria Brocksmit, will be going on a mission trip this summer. It was approved that she could give an overview of her trip during the next Youth Sunday service.

Following the regular meeting, the council met in executive session to discuss a proposed budget for 2013. A motion was made by Rowe Sargent, seconded by John Spanger, and passed by the council to accept the amended budget proposal.

**Coming Events:** January 27 – Annual Meeting

## **Parish Records:**

Jeff and Tara Albrecht welcomed baby Wade Alan on Friday, January 4. He weighed 7 lb. and was 20 inches long. Bethel grandparents are Bill and Carole Albrecht, and great-grandparents are Bud and Eldina Benedict.

### **Attendance:**

Dec. 23            183  
Dec. 25            180  
Dec. 30            82  
Jan. 6              152  
Jan. 13            140

### **Greeters:**

Feb. 3 & 10 – Danny & Linda Kixmiller  
Feb. 17 & 24 – Joe & Virginia Koenig

**Ushers:** Frank & Lenora McCrary

### **Nursery (Sunday School):**

Feb.     3     Lana Dike/Nancy Rinsch  
          10     Cheryl Hagemeyer/Kate Hammelman  
          17     Krista Telligman/Brandy Williams  
          24     Diane Telligman/Mary Ann Miller

### **Nursery Notes (Worship):**

Feb.     3     Theresia Barrett/Hailley Kahre  
          10     Brenda Maddox/Bridget Brocksmith  
          17     Tiffany Granderson/Stacy Page  
          24     Tracey Kahre/Ashley Durall

### **Children's Church:**

Feb.     3     Bonnie Organ/Hallie Durall/Jesse Organ  
          10     Cally Miller/Kelci Anderson  
          17     Micah Morgan/Chris Horst  
          24     Brenda Maddox/Nancy Tilly

### **February birthdays:**

4     Wayne Dunkerly (85<sup>th</sup>)  
21    Lillian Clinkenbeard (81<sup>st</sup>)  
28    Wilma Chester (93<sup>rd</sup>)

*Chimes news will be due on February 18<sup>th</sup>.*



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