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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Well, it seems that spring is here to stay. With farmers in the field planting, we are reminded that God does have a farmer's heart when re read in Holy Scripture the various accounts that we are to do the sowing and God will do the reaping. As Jesus continually reminded Peter in John 21 to feed and tend to His sheep, so we too must be diligent in tending to the things of God. Be in prayer as plans are being made for Vacation Bible School. Only God knows how little lives may be touched by the efforts of our VBS workers, this may be the only time that some of these young lives will ever hear the Good News. Also, be in prayer for "It's a Guy Thing", which begins on 6-2-13, may the lives of the men of the church be touched by this event. Continue to pray for Bethel Church and that the Holy Spirit continues to have right of way in our hearts and in our lives.

In His Service
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

MISSIONS

Thank you Bethel for your generosity!! When there are so many good causes you can give to, you choose to donate to the requests by the mission committee. After the last Chimes article we were informed that Helping Hands Ministry of VU was able to make 255 disaster kits, 122 kits were already made and dropped off for a grand total of 377 kits, and Bethel, you helped make this happen. We are sure with the recent tornadoes; these kits will be much needed.

Also, after 3 Sundays of toilet paper donations coming in for the NKSM, we are up to 362 rolls. We have one more Sunday to donate yet, but we are grateful that you continue to donate to this cause also. The collection item for **June** will be **soap**. Let fill the cart full and move the race car around the track during the month of June.

Last, but definitely not least, we are excited about the upcoming “It’s A Guy Thing”. The first session will be on Sunday, June 2nd, starting promptly at 9AM. Every guy should have received a flyer with all the details in the mail and hopefully it is hanging on your refrigerator with all your other important papers!! We look forward to serving all the guys from Bethel and surrounding area churches. Get ready to be blessed!!!!

PRESCHOOL

It is hard to believe that another year has been completed at Bethel Christian Preschool. It was another preschool year full of blessings, fun and creativity and I am so glad I continue to be a part of it. Our final days proved to be just as busy as the first ones we had in August!

We began with Q week which is always a favorite. Thank you so much to the Guild and Quilters for putting together another fun-filled day for the preschoolers. Each station that was set up for the kids was full of activity and information. They loved lying under the loom to watch the quilters work their magic with their needles, writing their name on their very own quilt block, coloring fun quilt

pattern papers and were amazed by the magic trick performed by Miss Tambria! They couldn't figure out how she could put all the pieces and makings of a quilt into her little velvet bag and then pull out a little quilt! Their faces were priceless. ☺ For snacks, Miss Doris made us her delicious sugar cookies and had some yummy gummy snacks. There was so much time and preparation put into making this a special day for the preschoolers and it was just that. Thank you ladies for all you have done for our Bethel preschoolers. We love you! ☺

We celebrated Mother's Day Tea with our Mommies on Friday, May 10th. How the children love to count down on our calendar to our extra-special days. We loved practicing songs to sing for them and they were so excited when the day finally arrived. Each child helped fill in a special letter for their mommy telling her just how special she is to them and what makes her such a wonderful mom. It is so neat to hear the thoughts of a child about what their makes their mom so special. ☺ Each mom also received a keepsake silhouette of her child. Thank you so much to Dale Tiek for donating wood pieces to help make this project possible. The silhouettes turned out so neat and it was fun to watch the moms and kids walk around the room trying to find the one they were going to take home. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the evening so joyful. It was very much appreciated!!

The following week brought none other than Mr. Mike Brock and his big yellow school bus! We had a great time checking out all the lights and safety features on the outside and then hopping on to see the inside of the school bus before getting to exit out of the big back door – definitely a favorite moment! Mr. Mike and his wife, Nancy, are wonderful with the kids each year and I am so grateful that they are willing to spend a day with us talking about school bus safety as many of these kids gets ready to ride a school bus in the fall.

Graduation was held on Friday, May 9th. We had a wonderful evening filled with beautiful girls and boys and proud moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas and many other loved ones who came to see the preschoolers reach this milestone in their lives. Each one of

them had worked very hard on their memory verse and was so proud when the moment came that their name was called and they got to share it before receiving their preschool diploma. I couldn't have been more proud of each one of them. A celebration was put on by the parents and held in the social room following the graduation ceremony. "My Future Is So Bright I've Got To Wear Shades" was the theme carried out complete with glow-in-the-dark decorations and a fun arts and crafts room where the kids got to make glow-in-the-dark art! What a great time was had by all. Thanks so much to all of the parents who put in so much time and hard work to make this a special night for their little graduates!

Following Graduation, we came back for two more days of preschool. On Monday, we had the greatly anticipated Pajama and Movie Day! We loved getting to wear our pj's to school and bring our favorite blankie and stuffed animal to lay with as we watched a movie on the big screen in the social room. We got to pop popcorn and have other fun movie snacks as we took a day to relax and enjoy each other! Our final day was spent painting little hands to make our mark in the preschool hallway as the Bethel Christian Preschool Class of 2013. As always, it was a bittersweet day as we placed handprints and rang the big church bell to signify our last moments as preschoolers. Thank you so much to Miss Doris (Brocksmith) who donated a toy for each of the children to find on our day of exploring God's House and to the Preschool Board for helping to make it possible for me to give each preschooler their very own ABC Bible Memory Verse book complete with each child's memory verse. They truly loved them and were touched to discover they got to keep them. Also, a big thank you to Miss Trudy for all the work she did in helping me make a memory book for each child to capture many of our favorite times at preschool. Miss Jennifer and Miss Liberty also volunteered their time to help make and complete the memory books as well and I am ever so grateful.

I know that I cannot even begin to give enough thanks to everyone in our Bethel family who makes each year special for us. I know that as this time of year approaches and the days are constantly busy that it can sometimes be easy to get caught up in all the rush and miss the sweetness of it all. I loved the days at

preschool that were filled with noise and fun and rambunctious learning but I also loved the quiet moments that I got to stop and marvel at the growth that had taken place as I saw the friendships that had been formed and the pride that was shown when something new was mastered. The children blessed me each day that I was able to share with them and I know that I am going to cherish the memories that were made. Thank you, Bethel, for all that you do for the children and for Bethel Christian Preschool. We couldn't do it without you!!

Much love,
Mrs. Hammelman



It is very hard to believe that I am writing the end of school chimes already. We have had a great year. As I looked the kid's pictures the other day, I was amazed how much they have all changed since preschool started. I write this with sadness and joy all in one, but for the same reason--my little kids are now the big kids at Preschool. It is always neat to watch them grow, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

We finished our letters with Z where we had a great lesson on Zacchaeus. We want to be like him and search for Jesus, but we don't want to be like him and take money from other people. We had to do a dot-to-dot from letter a to z and complete the Zebra. Then we were supposed to paint strips on the zebra, but we ended up with more full black zebras, but oh how we love to paint.

We had everybody in attendance for our Mother's Day Tea. We had gone down to the social room and practiced our songs the day before and we sang really well. When our mommy's came to listen and watch, we were quiet. One little boy informed me that the words just wouldn't come out that night. We had a great time with our dates for the evening and wanted mom to come to Preschool every day after that.

We have had great weather and enjoyed many outdoor activities. We read a story called "Having Fun in God's World." We wanted to see if how much fun we could have in a few short days that we have left of school. We had a picnic and played in the ark. Then we went back across the street and found a bounce house just waiting for us. A BIG thanks to Captain Shayno for letting us use it and helping the kids get through the maze, although most didn't need any help. We had a fun filled day. One boy told me it was a really cool and great day all in one.

Then we came back for a fun and run day with an ice cream social. We raced cars in the parking lot or hall way once the weather turned on us. We had sack races, hopped on a ball, made a joyful noise or two for the Lord. Then we played in bubbles where each kid was inside the bubble. They all enjoyed putting Captain Shayno (although he is a little tall), Miss Marilyn (Koenig), and me in bubbles. We all went home with extra clean feet that day.

We had a great lesson on the "Parable of The Lost Coin." "We should always know where are coins are so they are not lost," was how one little boy put the story in his own words. Then we heard, "we should keep an eye on our coins so no one else gets them." We learned that if few lose something, we must go searching, calmly, and we find it, we must rejoice. We know God rejoices when one sinner repents. Thanks to Miss Janet (Tilly) for donating coins (pennies) to the preschoolers and inspiring the lesson.

We played dress up one day and put on the Armor of God as we talked about what each piece meant. We loved the helmet of salvation, chest plate of righteousness, belt of truth, sheen guards of peace, sword of the spirit, and the shield of faith. We only have two full sets, but every kid thought they were going to be the lucky ones and take the armor home. I tried to tell them, that the armor belonged to the preschool. One little boy thought he could buy preschool so then he would get the box with the costume in it:-)Too funny--love them all and their unique personality.

We will finish off the school year with a kite day, if the weather permits. If not, we will have family games in the classroom. It has been a great year with lots of parent involvement. The kids are ready to move on to Mrs. Hammelman's class. I will sure miss each and every one of them, but, look forward to watching them continue on their school and spiritually journeys. Look out world it is the class of 2027.

Have your roots in Jesus. Build yourselves up in him. Grow strong in what you believe, just as you were taught. Col 2:7

It's summer break--enjoy:-)
Mrs. Durall

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2013

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

Thank You's

The Clinkenbeard family thanks all who sent cards, phone calls, visits and your prayers for the words of comfort on the sudden death of their sister, Carol Bobe. It was a shock to all of us. Our Church family means so much to us.

Lill Clinkenbeard

A special thanks to our Bethel Church family for the love, prayers and support you all give to our preschool throughout the whole year. We had wonderful volunteers who helped in the classroom or made food items for our functions. We have had new books, stickers, and games donated to our classroom. Thanks to Linda Kixmiller, Chris Horst, and Tonya Miller for their time serving on the Board. The list of your acts of kindness continues to go on and on. We appreciate everything you do for the little ones in preschool, and are blessed to have a wonderful church family.

Love in Christ,
Bethel Christian Preschool kids,
Mrs. Hammelman, and Mrs. Durall

Thank you to everyone who helped make Graduation at Bethel Christian Preschool such a success! Thank you to Pastor Mike and the Preschool Board who helped leading up to and during the graduation ceremony. A special thank you to Linda Kixmiller, Chris Horst, Tonya Miller, Beth Durall, Liberty Lemberg and Tyler Richter for helping to dress the graduates and getting them where they needed to go throughout the evening. Thank you to Lesa for helping me with the programs and to Pastor Shayne and Travis Trotter for working the sound system. Many thanks to the parents of the preschoolers who did a wonderful job with the post-graduation festivities and a special thank you to Trudy McCormick for all her work and support this year as my assistant. I truly appreciate each and every one of you!

Love,
Ramona Hammelman





An Epic Adventure Awaits!

New friends ✦ Amazing experiments ✦ Wild games
Lip-smacking snacks ✦ Surprising adventures ✦ Incredible music

Location: Bethel Church
(church name)

VBS will last from: June 3-7
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: 8:30 am
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: 11:30 am
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: 812-328-2358
(church phone number)

or register online at:

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/bethelkids>

WALK With Me, Daddy

By Phyllis Trout



WALK alongside me, Daddy
and hold my little hand
I have so many things to learn
that I don't yet understand
Teach me things to keep me safe
from dangers every day.
Show me how to do my best
at home, at school at play
Every child needs a gentle hand
to guide them as they grow.
So walk alongside me, Daddy.
We have a long way to go.

GUILD

May Bethel Guild was enjoyed by all present, helping the older preschooler learn the art of quilting. The food was delicious and the students were a joy to be with.

Our June 5th meeting will be a salad luncheon at noon, and our program is a surprise. Just a hint: it's going to be fun and inspirational. Special ladies being honored. Don't miss. Bring school supplies for North Knox Social Ministries.

We would like for some ladies or men who would like to quilt for learn to quilt to come on Tuesday afternoons. The ladies would love to teach you to quilt. They need help as they have several quilts to complete. They even have refreshments. Come to learn or just come to quilt.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Sunday School News

Summer is now upon us! The kids are out of school and ballgames are happening every night throughout the week. At our house, it is actually every night of the week!!! It is a lot of fun though and I enjoy every minute of it. There are quite a few Bethel young ones that play baseball or softball for one of the town teams, so if you get a chance to get to the ballpark, come out and watch. I have a schedule with all the teams that are my kids ages, so if you need a team to follow just let me know. God loves the little children and they are truly a blessing!

Looking forward to the men's meetings during the Sunday School hour that is coming up. First one is June 2 at 9am in the social room. Breakfast and a guest speaker, so men let's not forget to come out and support this great event. This is for all men young and old and in between, so grab someone not only from our church, but from anywhere that you can.

As always, if anyone needs anything for Sunday School, just let me know.

God is so good! Let us return some of that good back to the world and its people!

May you all have safe and enjoyable summer.

Randy Hammelman
Sunday School Supt.

Bethel Church Council Minutes May 13, 2013

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Shayne shared that the Walk to Mito in Evansville in support of youth group member Andrew Maze was a huge success despite the rain. KFC had a great trip to the Creation Museum and culminated the school year with a pizza party and games and will resume its regular weekly schedule in August. The youth groups are finalizing their plans for their baked goodies/cookie jar mix

sale. Registration for Vacation Bible School is available on line and will be held June 3-7, and there will be a Family Day for all children, youth, and their families following the VBS closing during church June 9. Pastor Shayne is planning a camping for the boys in his youth group, and the girls will be going on a “girls’ day out” shopping trip with Amber.

Pastor Mike’s Report: Pastor Mike’s report included home and hospital visits, pre-marital counseling, and conducting a service at the Freelandville Community Home. He also planned the National Day of Prayer dinner and prayer service, and shared that the Preschool graduation will be May 17.

Secretary’s Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report: It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were made: Indian Creek Camp, \$600; VU Christian Campus Fellowship, \$500; and Light House Mission, \$500.

Deacon’s Report: The average attendance for April was 141.5, and the offering was \$16,836. April income included: Atlas Gas, \$449.50; Misc. (Rural King rewards program), \$37.38; Interest Income \$379.18; Preschool, \$3,670.39; Mission Misc. (Pray Partners), \$430. Memorial Fund, \$35; and Cemetery Fund, \$272.15.

Buildings and Grounds: Gord Clinkenbeard reported that defective outlets and a breaker have been replaced, and a toilet has been repaired. Work Day will be scheduled when weather permits.

Elder’s Report: Pew communion will be celebrated on Pentecost, May 19th. June’s visitation schedule for Pastor Mike and the elders was finalized. It was shared that Gayle Perkins made beautiful altar cloths for the nearly completed chapel and that new white paraments will not be need to be purchased for the sanctuary as previously reported.

Old Business: It was reported that Gel Mats have been ordered for the kitchen. A committee has been formed to research and seek bids for the purchase of the screen and projector for the sanctuary. A bid has been received for replacement windows in the education wing and exterior doors for Bethel Hall and at the ramp in the basement. A motion was made by Bill Resler, seconded by John Spanger, and passed unanimously to accept the bid. A special congregational meeting will be held following the church service on June 2 to present this bid. There are a number of pews in the sanctuary are in need of repairs with either torn fabric or structural instability. Various options were discussed.

New Business: Dan Kixmiller shared that some of our invested funds in CDs have matured, and various reinvestment options were discussed. The need for pea gravel around the playground equipment in the grove was noted, and Bob Jones has generously offered to supply it around the Noah's Ark. Council members will construct boxes to contain the gravel prior to it being brought in. Pastor Shayne said that sand is also needed for the volleyball court. John Spanger offered to haul both of the materials. Pastor Mike shared that he and Karen will be on vacation May 27-June 3. A bid was received from Steve Page for painting the hallways in the basement and the ceiling tile in the kitchen. Mary Ann Miller moved to accept the bid, which was seconded by Rowe Sargent and passed unanimously. Pastor Mike will be scheduling an Ice Cream Social in the Grove on a Sunday evening to welcome new church members.

Coming Events:

May 19- Pentecost

June 3-7 – Vacation Bible School

Bethel Chapel

The Bethel Chapel is nearly completed, and we hope that you will stop by and see it. Several people helped convert the room into a place where small groups can meet and individuals can go for some quiet time with God. We want to thank Gord Clinkenbeard for having the antique table repaired and refinished that is being used as an altar, Gayle Perkins for making the beautiful reversible altar cloths, and the Margaret Koenig family for donating them in her memory. Several other people helped with setting up the room, and their services are also greatly appreciated.

Bethel Council

If you are going through something hard and wonder where God is, remember, the teacher is always quiet during a test.

Unknown



Trees

The poet has said that “only God can make a tree.”
Can you name the trees mentioned or alluded to in the
verses below?

1. Zacchaeus was perched in a _____ tree.
2. Jesus “cursed” a _____ tree.
3. Nathaniel was seen by Jesus under a _____ tree.
4. David listened for the sound of marching in the tops
of _____ trees. KJV
5. Deborah dwelt under a _____ tree.
6. Elijah sat down under a _____ tree. KJV
7. Jeremiah’s career was launched under an _____
tree.
8. The _____ is the first tree mentioned in the
Bible.
9. “The righteous...grow like a _____ in
Lebanon.”
10. Saul was buried beneath an _____ tree.

ANSWERS

1. sycamore, Luke 19:2-4
2. fig, Matthew 21:19
3. fig, John 1:48
4. mulberry, 2 Samuel 5:24
5. palm, Judges 4:4-5
6. juniper, 1 Kings 19:2-4
7. almond, Jeremiah 1:11
8. fig, Genesis 3:7
9. cedar, Psalm 92:12
10. oak, 1 Chronicles 10:12

Parish Records:

Births: Greyson Adam Richter was born on April 22, 2013 to Tyler and Kayla Richter. He weighed 9 pounds and was 22 inches long. Bethel grandparents are Garland and Lisa Richter.

Attendance:

April 21	135
April 28	132
May 5	146
May 12	173
May 19	155

Greeters:

June 2 – Garland & Lisa Richter
June 9 & 16 – Doris Brocksmith, Sharon Dunkerly
June 23 & 30 – John & Jan Spanger

Ushers: Brian & Bonnie Organ

Nursery (Sunday School):

June 2	Lana Dike/Nancy Rinsch
9	Cheryl Hagemeyer/Brandy Williams
16	Krista Telligman/Carole Albrecht
23	Diane Telligman/Mary Ann Miller
30	Tambria Leonard/Lisa Richter

Nursery Notes (Worship):

June 2	Brenda Maddox/Bridget Brocksmith
9	Jenni Clinkenbeard/Ashley Durall
16	Theresia Barrett/Brianna Ainsworth
23	Hallie Durall/Jesse Organ
30	Beth Durall/Kelci Anderson

Children's Church:

June 2	Bonnie Organ/Hallie Durall/Jesse Organ
9	Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg
16	Micah Morgan/Amber Spurgeon
23	Brenda Maddox/Nancy Tilly
30	No Children's Church

June birthdays:

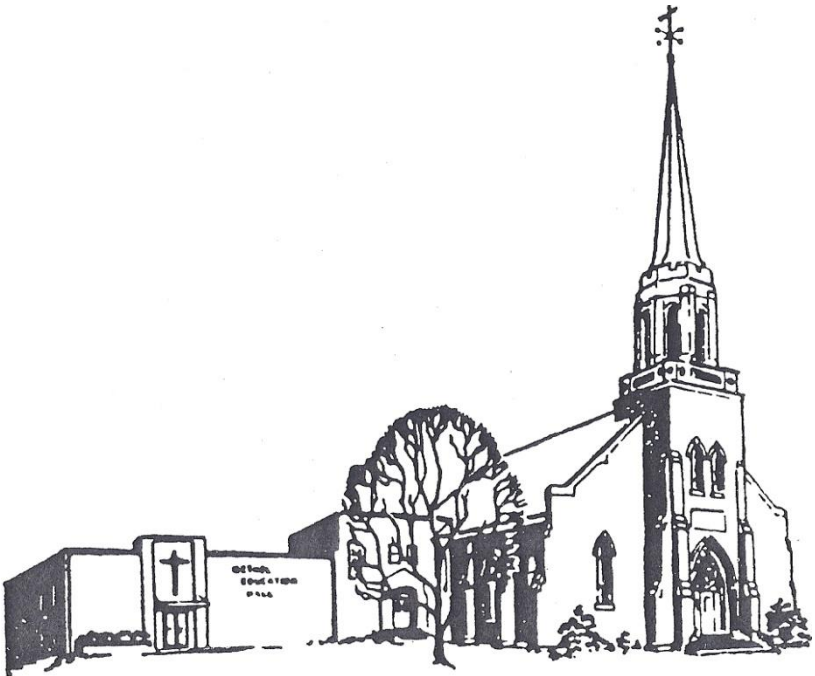
June 13	Patty Buescher (82 nd)
15	Charles Linneweber (81 st)
20	Gladys Brocksmith (96 th)
23	Vera Dunkerly (84 th)
30	Carolyn Williams (81 st)

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