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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

It has been said that the word “if” is the biggest word in the dictionary. While only two letters long, the meaning is sometimes beyond measure. We have all heard and used the word “if” in our daily conversations. Phrases such as: “if” only I had a better job, “if” I had a better education, “if” I had more money, etc.

We tend to use the word about our circumstances, directing the word to our needs, or wants and desires. But, perhaps we need to turn the direction of the use of the word towards our relationship with God. Let’s look at a few examples.

If I read God’s word more, perhaps I could figure out the direction He wants me to go. If I prayed more for others, perhaps my own circumstances would not seem so huge. If I controlled my spending better, being a good steward, I would have more to give for the Kingdom of God. If I followed the leading of the Holy Spirit instead of the flesh, maybe my life would not be in shambles.

One small two letter word, so small, yet so powerful, used with positive connotations instead of negative we can achieve so much more for God. The next time we find ourselves using the word, let us first think about how it can be used as a positive force for God, rather than a negative one.

If we turn our attention fully upon Him, think of how much fuller life can be.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

MISSIONS

Thank you for your donation of peanut butter and soup during the month of September. As of the time of this writing we were well over 100 items plus a \$100 cash donation. This is the final month for the NKSM collection items sponsored by the Mission Committee; however, we know their needs are great throughout the entire year, so we encourage you to stop by NKSM to see how you can help serve or give your support.

We served approximately 40 men at the final session of “It’s a Guy Thing”. Those who attended were inspired by Scott Shipman to be servants. He asked a question of the men that we believe is noteworthy of sharing with the entire congregation. He asked if they were to die that day, would the church miss them. His point being if we’re not doing enough in the church to be missed, we’re not doing enough.

Prayer packets for the Pre-School are in the works and we will once again be asking for people to pray and send cards to these precious little ones through this school year.

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be our project for October and we will be getting flyers and information out on that the first part of October.

Phil 2:5-7 “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness”.

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2013

October/November (fall) – Choir
December – (Christmas) – Mission Committee

THANK YOU'S

Jim and I have always sad you can't get any better than the people in Freelandville, and the good people in the Bethel Church. We still call it home.

Thank you for the prayers, cards and support during the life of Uncle Bud. A special thank you to Pastor Mike for the meaningful service, and of course the Guild out-did themselves. Wow, ladies, take a bow.

God Bless,
Jessie "Sue" and Jim Milligan

I would like to thank our Church family for the cards I received for my 85th birthday.

Dallas Miller

I would like to thank the Preschool Board for giving me the opportunity to teach the MWF classes. I am truly enjoying all the children and the fun activities we get to do together. It is a blessing to be able to teach them about God's love for us and also see God's love in each and every one of them! A big thank you goes to Ramona Hammelman and Beth Durall for their guidance, advice and patient answers to all of my questions. I am grateful for all that you have done to help me get started. Also, thank you to Trudy McCormick for always being ready and willing to help out. The kids and I are lucky to have you! Thanks to all of you for your well wishes and prayers as I begin this new journey in my life. I know that God has a plan for all of us and I feel blessed and excited to be able to follow His plan for me and my family.

Love,
Liberty Lemberg

GUILD

We had a good September meeting, visiting shut-ins and coming back and sharing.

For the October meeting, we are going to visit shut-in that we didn't get to visit last month. Hostesses are Shirley Brouhard and Joyce Kixmiller. We are to bring Hamburger Helper for North Knox Social Ministries.

We had Harvest Home on September 22 with Ray Tromley as our speaker. We all enjoyed this inspirational message. He also was our guest soloist. The sanctuary was full of harvest articles. Thanks to all those who shared their harvest.

Billy Ager gave us a series of "Patchwork Mystery" books from Guideposts. They are great mysteries about quilts. They are in our Guild Room, so come and read a good mystery, plus you will learn more about quilting!

Lill Clinkenbeard

Sunday School News

Hello, Fall! Well, hopefully at least for all of us that really enjoy fall. What a beautiful season the Lord has provided for us! Time for us farmers to finally see what each field will bring us and find out what we might be able to change next year to help us achieve our goals. Hopefully we realize that all we can do is do our best and let God take care of the rest! Doesn't that also play true to all we do in life?

What a great time the men had listening to Scott Shipman as he challenged us men to step up in not only our household, but in our church and in our community. He put such a great personal touch to his presentation! Men, let's not forget to step up every day and be the men that God intended us to be! A big THANKYOU goes to the Mission Committee in getting the guest speakers (all which were great) and for the awesome food that was provided!

Worship in the grove on Sept. 29th.....mark it down. Don't forget to come out, bring your favorite chair or blanket and enjoy the church service followed by a catered meal and then the auction to

follow. There will be fun for the whole family, so don't forget to make it.

My two years are up for Sunday School Superintendent, if anyone would like to take my spot or know of someone that would be interested, just let me know. It is a great experience and very rewarding. And not to mention, not that hard since I was able to do it :)

Lots of love to all,
Randy Hammelman
SS Supt.

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.

The children were so excited to get to bring their grandparents to school on September 6th in celebration of Grandparent's Day. What a memorable day it was for everyone! The "Jesus Leaves Me Happy" bulletin board in the social room went perfectly with our fall-themed day as the children sang songs for their grandparents. ☺ A tasty brunch was enjoyed by all followed by the children taking their grandparents on a tour of the preschool hallway and classroom. I loved watching the children and their grandparents get creative with their fall acorn crafts that they completed together. I so appreciate the many kind comments from the grandparents who attended and must thank them as well for making this such a special time for their grandchild. It was wonderful to have Pastor Mike stop in for a visit. I must send a big thank you to the Preschool Board Members who helped provide some of the food for the day and to Darlene Resler, Sharon Dunkerly, and Mary Ann Miller who helped prepare and serve food. Also, thank you to Miss Trudy, who took pictures of each grandchild and grandparent. Be sure to stop by the preschool hallway to

see the fall acorn craft projects that were completed by the children and their grandparents as well as photos taken of them during Grandparent's Day. 😊

We also began working on the letters of the alphabet this month. So far, we have worked on the letters M and F. We have read about Moses, learned two new memory verses, painted beautiful rainbow fish, and made Magnificent Muffins! The children were even surprised by a moose that left a mess in our classroom while they were outside for recess!

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.

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.

Love,
Liberty Lemberg



The Preschool Kingdom is having so much fun on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have many eager children who are always ready to play and learn about God and His strong love for us. In the beginning we had a few tears, but that was so long ago. Now we all come in bouncy and happy go lucky.

We are learning our shapes, colors, and all the basic preschool concepts. Sometimes it is hard to keep our hands to our selves or stay on our pockets for a short amount of time, but we are working on it and getting better every day. On day at good-bye prayer time, one little girl really wanted to do the prayer. I said she could. She was very quiet for a bit and I ask if she needed help. She said no, then started her prayer with "Dear God, I pledge allegiance to the g

and thanks for me!" She combined two of our sayings: the pledge of allegiance, our ABC snack prayer which ends with thanks for feeding me, then told me that she couldn't do it by herself. I told her she did a really great job praying and she looked at me with a great big smile and said "Really!" It was just adorable. We know God hears every prayer, and I am sure some of them make Him giggle too.

We have had a great lesson on God and how He made each of us special. Nobody looks exactly like anyone else in the class, our names are all different, and not even our thumb prints are alike when we compared them to others. When preschool started I asked the kids to take a paper plate home and with the help of others at home make the plate look like each child. They were very creative and so cute--just like all my preschoolers :-)

We had fun when we celebrated Grandparent's Day with 73 special people in our lives. We had fun singing, playing games and showing our classroom to all mamas and pawpaws. I learned early on that some grandpas just like to take naps after eating or drink lots of coffee while some grandmas like to work a puzzle or play in the kitchen. The kids enjoyed our special guests and one told me grandma will be back the next day to so it again.

We started learning our letters as we looked and talked about Letter A. We read "The Biggest Apple Ever", where the mice were trying to have a contest to see who could bring in the biggest apple to class. We then had our own contest, but to decide which is better: apples that are green, red, or yellow. We are thankful God gave us choices when we eat since the green ones were a little sour, according to a few. We were surprised when red won in both classes.

We had a lesson on all the "Amazing Animals that were in the Ark." We got to use our paints and glue to make this craft. One little girl told me she had waited forever to use glue! There was a lot of glue on the table and not so much on her project...hmmm wonder what she did in the 10 few days into the start of preschool, but were unable to go the day of our lesson because God gave us a little rain and we (okay I) didn't really want to get soaked. We are looking forward to playing over at the ark very soon. The kids ask daily to be the animals in the big boat!

We are blessed to have many supporters who do so much for preschool. Miss Chris (Horst) gave us each a book "Twas the Night Before Preschool," which was a big hit and I heard read many times. Mr. Koenig made a new balance beam for us and we love to walk across it, but we are still learning we have to wait our turn and watch the others. Many Guild ladies see us on Tuesdays and have smiles or nice comments as we try to sing our new songs or do silly things in the social room. Miss Darlene (Resler) and Miss Kathy (Murphy) are the best muffin bakers ever. Miss Nancy (Rinsch) is a awesome cake ball maker. I know many of you pray for preschool and all the kids that come to us. Whatever it is that you do, big or small, you are greatly appreciated and we all say a big THANK YOU!! for all you do.

Happy Fall Blessings to all!!!
Mrs. Durall

OLD TESTAMENT MIRACLES

Many miracles are recorded in the Old Testament. Only a few are mentioned below. Can you fill in the missing name or item?

1. God provided _____ as food for Israel in the wilderness.
2. The rod of _____ had miraculous blooming power.
3. A _____ burned, but was not consumed.
4. _____ increased the meal and oil of the widow of Zarephath.
5. _____ was struck dead for touching the Ark of the Covenant.
6. _____ was cured of leprosy by bathing in the Jordan.
7. Shadrach, Meschach, and _____ were delivered from the fiery furnace.
8. Both _____ and _____ divided the river Jordan.
9. The bones of _____ revived a dead man.
10. The wife of _____ was turned into a pillar of salt.

ANSWERS:

1. manna, Exodus 16:14-35
2. Aaron, Numbers 17
3. bush, Exodus 3:2
4. Elijah, 1 Kings 17:8-16
5. Uzzah, 2 Samuel 6-7
6. Naaman, 2 Kings 5:9-14
7. 7Abendnego, Daniel 3:19-27
8. Elijah, Elisha, 2 Kings 2:7-8
9. Elisha, 2 Kings 13:21
10. Lot, Genesis 19:26

Bethel Church Council Minutes September 9, 2013

Pastor Mike's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting two funerals, home and hospital visits, leading a Sunday service at the Freelandville Community Home, counseling sessions, planning youth activities and lessons, and attending the organizational meeting of the youth pastor search committee. He shared that the cook-out held for all youth and their parents was well attended even though there were several sport events that evening. He also shared that the first evening for the youth program was well attended, enjoyable, and meaningful, thanks to the commitment of the volunteers involved.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were made: Knox County Habitat for Humanity, \$500; Nurses' Fund, \$1,000; and Bethel Guild, \$500.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for August was 143, and the offering was \$16,230.68. August income included: Atlas Gas, \$633.11; Facility Use, \$25.00; General Misc., \$1.87 (IRS refund); Interest, \$144.56; Memorials, \$310.00; Cemetery Fund, \$650.00; and, Organ Fund, \$50.00.

Building and Grounds: Appointments will be made to have the church van detailed, serviced and safety checked, and to have the signage repaired on the van's side. It was reported that Anthis has repaired air-conditioner problems. Adding restroom facilities to the shelter house was discussed and tabled until next month. Garland Richter will caulk around the recently filled in window wells along the side of the church to insure that there will be no water leaks.

Elders' Report: The visitation schedule for the elders and Pastor Mike was finalized.

Old Business: It was reported that a youth pastor search committee has been formed and has held its initial organizational meeting with the council during which a Job Description for a youth pastor was written, which will be posted on Bethel's website. It was decided that port-a-potties will be in place for the Worship in the Grove and Sunday School Picnic. Bill Resler shared that he has received one bid for the purchase and installation of the projector and screen in the sanctuary and is pursuing others. Garland Richter reported that the new exterior doors have arrived and are being stained before being installed.

New Business: Bill Resler will look into getting quotes for a portable sound system for the basement. Rowe Sargent will provide a trailer for Worship in the Grove, and Gord Clinkenbeard will provide an additional wagon for the auction items for the picnic. Board members and additional men will meet at 8:00 AM, September 29, to set up for the activities in the grove that day. Dan Kixmiller moved that the preschool playground area in the back of the church be doubled in size, which was seconded by Bill Resler and passed unanimously. It was reported that an upstairs classroom needs to be painted. After a discussion, Bill Resler made the motion, seconded by Garland Richter, and passed unanimously to complete this project. Gord Clinkenbeard will contact Steve Page to secure his services.

Coming Events:

September 22 – Harvest Home

September 29 – Worship in the Grove and SS Picnic

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Helen Stoelting:

Kelly, Lisa and Alyce Perry
Richard and Marjorie Finke
Sharon Jones
Susan Roark
Bill Kiser and family
Suzan Morgan
Earl Linneweber

Linda Charles
Charles and Dana Ring
Gene and Carolyn Williams
Herman and Nancy Tilly
Tom and Joyce Kixmiller
Friendly Circle Class
Juanita Nolting

Organ Fund: Gertrude Hagemeyer

Cemetery Fund: Joan Richter, Robert and Doris Stoelting

In memory of Harold and Lucille Wagner:

Juanita Nolting

In memory of Harold Wagner:

Herman and Nancy Tilly
Ruth and John Brocksmith
Janet Tilly
Randy Hammelman and family
Old National Wealth Management

Linda Hammelman
Laverne and Betty Tilly
Gerald Snyder
Richard and Marjorie Finke
Lucille Robbins

In memory of Roy "Shorty" Langdon:

Jerry and Susie Cardinal
Richard and Marjorie Finke
Steve and Deborah Telligman

Dallas and Shirley Miller
Michael and Beverly Burch

In memory of Harold "Bussie" Huffman:

Donald and Janet Everett
Helen Mackey
Frank and Lenora McCrary

Edith and Edna Rinsch
Dorothy Spanger
John and Jan Spanger

Parish Records:

Deaths:

Roy Langdon, age 84, passed away on Tuesday, August 27th. The funeral was held on Saturday, August 32, with burial in Bethel Cemetery.

Harold "Bussie" Huffman, age 98, passed away on Thursday, September 5th. The funeral was held on Monday, September 9th, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, Vincennes.

Attendance:

Aug. 18	172
Aug. 25	136
Sept. 1	129
Sept. 8	140
Sept. 15	131

Greeters:

Oct. 6 – Brandon & Holly Spanger
Oct. 13 & 20 – Tim and Tony Miller
Oct. 27 & Nov. 3 – Clay and Brandy Williams

Ushers: Garland & Lisa Richter

Nursery (Sunday School):

Oct. 6	Lana Dike/Nancy Rinsch
13	Cheryl Hagemeyer/ Jo Anne Brocksmith
20	Krista Telligman/Carole Albrecht
27	Diane Telligman/Kate Hammelman

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Oct. 6	Brenda Maddox/Beth Durall
13	Kelci Anderson/Hallie Durall
20	Tracey Kahre/Ashley Durall
27	Bonnie Organ/Hailey Kahre

Children's Church:

Oct. 6	Bonnie Organ/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
13	Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg
20	Micah Morgan/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
27	Brenda Maddox/ Jenni Clinkenbeard

October birthdays:

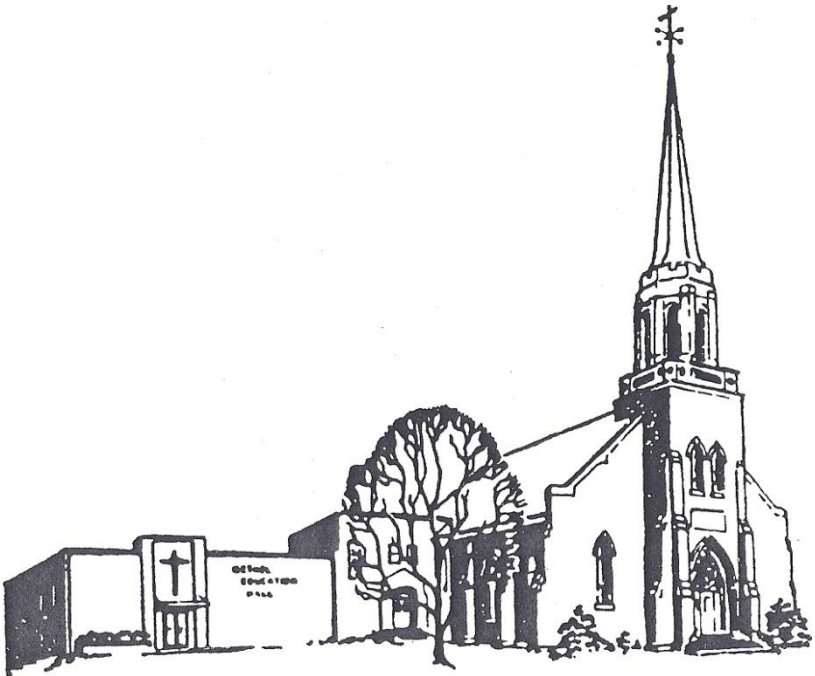
Oct. 9	Kara Johanningsmeier (81 st)
14	Ruth Sager (91 st)
18	Dorothy Spanger (80 th)
27	Lois Repass (82 nd)

Chimes news will be due on October 21st

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