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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

The writer of the 139th Psalm asks God to search his heart in verse 23. He goes on to say in verse 24 for God to see if there are any offensive ways in him, and then lead him back to proper understanding. That is about as honest as one can get with God. Are we this honest with Him?

I recently had a conversation with someone who was just about ready to give it all up, go the way of the world, live like the world, etc. This person said the only thing stopping him from doing so was the face that stared back at him in the morning as he shaved. Wise words indeed. The psalmist is in essence asking God for direction, for guidance and ultimately for a cleansing. When was the last time we did as the psalmist has done? What stopped us?

The New Year perhaps filled with resolutions. One thing is for sure, if we ask God to search our lives, He will. It is left up to us then to walk in His way.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2014

January/February – Assigned
March/April/May (Spring) – Faithful Footprints
June – Bible School
July/August – Mustard Seed
September – Preschool
October/November – Mission Committee
December – (Christmas) – Christian Partners

GUILD

Bethel Guild did not meet in January. Our February meeting will be on the 5th at 1:30 and we will have a memorial service for those ladies who passed away during 2013.

Hostesses will be Doris Jane Brocksmith and Lill Clinkenbeard. Please bring tooth brushes and tooth paste for North Knox Social Ministries.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Sunday School News

"To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices" Mark 12:33
Happy Valentine's Day everyone! Show your love to all!
On to the month of February! It's a month closer to spring and better weather! (hopefully). With all of this colder weather we've been having, I'm sure some of you have taken advantage of being inside and have done some house cleaning, organizing or some sort of straightening up. Maybe you've even found something that you forgot you'd had. Hopefully while being stuck inside you happened to take some time to sit down with the bible and dwell into his word.

I know some have daily devotions that they read also which helps to get their day jump-started.

Make some quality time to talk with God and improve your relationship with our heavenly father.

Randy Hammelman
SS Supt.

PRESCHOOL

I hope everyone was able to keep warm throughout the first month of the New Year! We were excited to finally make it back to school for a full week after having Christmas break and then several snow days. January was another very busy month at preschool as we got back into our preschool routine. We had fun reviewing past letters, shapes, numbers and then adding more new ones. 😊

We also read more books and played more games. One of my favorite winter books is a story about a little boy who made a snowman only to come back the next day to find him all droopy and out of sorts. The little boy came to the conclusion that his snowman must have snuck away during the night and then imagined all the things he might have done. Afterwards, we played a (fairly loud!) snowman game in which I got to build a whole roomful of "snowmen" who were so still but every time I took a little nap I would wake up to find my little snowmen all out of sorts! How tricky my little snowmen were! 😊 The kids loved it! How they laughed with excitement as they tried to run around and play and then get back to their spot before I "woke up". It has become a favorite game and is asked to play nearly every class time. Also, to go along with the book, the kids each made their own construction paper snowman and had a great time thinking of things their snowman might do at night. I was very pleased that so many of the children were able to work fairly independently as they cut out their snowman circles, hats and

scarves and glued them onto their paper. Their snowmen are displayed in the preschool hallway – I hope you get a chance to check them out!

We also began our Star Student activity this past month. The Star Student brings 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 a 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 pray for our families, 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!

Love,
Mrs. Lemberg



After a long extended break with all the snow and cancellations, many of us were more than ready to get back into our routine of preschool. Cabin fever had definitely set in for some. We missed 3 days and have now only been in school 3 days. When we finally made it back to preschool, of course it was only appropriate to talk about the snow and do a few crafts. We talked about how every snowflake that God sends down is unique and one of a kind--just like each one of us. We got to paint with puffy paint that dried like hard snow. The kids thought it was magical that we could paint with "snow" that wasn't even cold.

After break, our first letter was M and we found many things to do or talk about. Baby Moses was a great story to introduce the letter. We loved how he floated on the river and was safe because God was watching over him. Then we got to sort and eat a few M&Ms. Yummy!! We also did a craft with marshmallows before we painted a picture with them. Then we played a memory match game and of course ate a few mallowes. One little boy was happy we made it to letter M because he got to "eat extra treats plus snacks two days in one week". Love their thinking!

We are praying and hoping for no more snowy days for a little while for those days of the week that start with the letter T. February will be a fun month as we talk about the strong love of God and how we show others that love. We are also getting excited about Donuts with Dad at the end of the month.

Happy blessings to all.
Mrs. Durall

*You're the syrup on my pancakes
You're the sugar in my tea
You're the icing on my cupcakes
You're the sweets in life for me*

*You're the chocolate on my ice cream
You're the sweet grapes in my wine
You're everything I love in life
Will you be my Valentine?*

- Dr. Don Stoltz -

Bethel Church Council Minutes

January 13, 2014

Pastor Mike's Report: Pastor Mike's report included hospital, home, and nursing home visits, conducting a Sunday service at the Freelandville Community Home, youth meetings, and teaching the Confirmation class. He shared that the youth meetings are going well, and there will be three youth confirmed on Palm Sunday

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. The motion was made by John Spanger and seconded by Bill Resler that we give \$1,000 to Jane and Dale Tiek and also to Maridell Sargent and Victoria Brocksmith to support their mission trips.

Deacons' Report: The average attendance for December was 140, and the offering was \$21,066.80. Income included: Atlas Gas, \$570.08; Facility Use, \$25.00; General Misc., \$49,023.62 (\$48,903 from the Wagner Trust, \$70.62 from the WIN Energy Patronage Capital Refund, and \$25.00 misc.); Preschool, \$3,634.84; Missions, \$500.00; Samaritans Purse, \$109.49; Guild, \$200.00; Memorial Fund, \$100.00; and, Cemetery Fund, \$353.47.

Building and Grounds: Gord Clinkenbeard reported that the leak over the entry into the Sunday school wing on the main floor has been repaired. Also, problems with the furnace in the church office have been corrected. Bill Resler reported that he had purchased a new shop-vac and a new sweeper for the sanctuary. He shared that he has repaired a broken pew that had been in storage.

Elder's Report: John Koenig reported that 144 were served communion on January 12. The scheduled visitation with Pastor Mike and an elder will resume in February, but if anyone is in need of a visit, please contact Pastor Mike, and elder, or the church office.

Old Business: It was shared that the nominating committee is completing their search for a new elder and deacon. Bids have been received for replacing the remaining old windows in the church, and a recommendation will be presented at the annual meeting. Plans for the shelter house were discussed and will also be presented at the annual meeting.

New Business: The agenda for the annual meeting was discussed. Pastor Mike shared that the annual Life After Meth banquet/meeting will be on Thursday, February 20, and it was decided that Bethel will sponsor two tables.

Coming Events:

January 26 – Congregational meeting

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Lettie Nicoson Kitter:

Jo Ann Bryant



Parish Records:

Births: *Randy and Dixie Russell welcomed baby Adalyn Renee on Jan. 3rd. She weighed 8 lb. 7 oz., and was 20 ½ in. long. She is also welcomed by sisters Jayden and Sophia. Bethel grandparents are Ernie & Monica Russell and great-grandparents are Joe & Anita Malone.*

Deaths: *Marjorie Putnam, age 90, died on December 21, 2013 in Florida. Memorial services were held on December 29 in Sanford, FL.*

Attendance:

Dec. 22 210

Dec. 29 114

Jan. 5 – No church

Jan. 12 179

Jan. 19 107

Greeters:

February 2 and 9 – Michael & Brandy Toney

February 16 and 23 – Dan & Linda Kixmiller

Ushers: Garland and Lisa Richter

Nursery (Sunday School):

Feb. 2 Lana Dike/Nancy Rinsch

9 Cheryl Hagemeyer/ Kate Hammelman

16 Krista Telligman/Carole Albrecht

23 Diane Telligman/Mary Ann Miller

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Feb. 2 Virginia Koenig/Theresia Barrett

9 Debbie Telligman/Jenny Clinkenbeard

16 Brianna Ainsworth/Hallie Durall

23 Ramona and Reeva Hammelman

Children's Church:

Feb. 2 Bonnie Organ/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall

9 Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg

16 Micah Morgan/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman

23 Brenda Maddox/Jenny Clinkenbeard

February birthdays:

Feb. 4 Wayne Dunkerly (86th)

21 Lill Clinkenbeard (82nd)

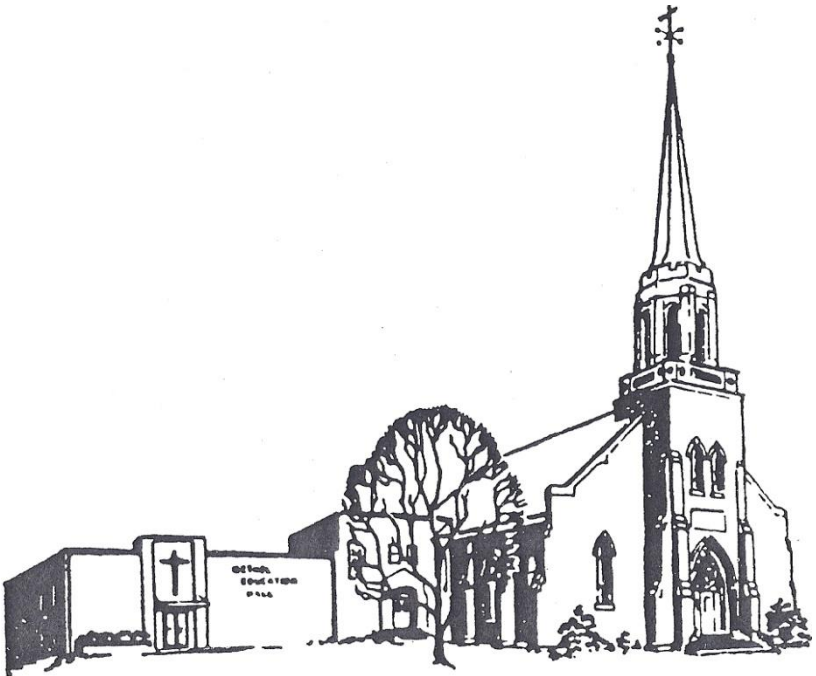
28 Wilma Chester (94th)

Chimes news will be due on February 17th.

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