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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 we read in Holy Scripture the various accounts of sowing and reaping. As we read those various accounts, we find 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. 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

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2014

June – Bible School

July/August – Mustard Seed

September – Preschool

October/November – Mission Committee

December – (Christmas) – Christian Partners

GUILD

Bethel Guild will meet on June 4th at 1:30 pm for their regular meeting. Program will be by Maridell Sargent. Hostesses will be Vera Jones and Joyce Kixmiller. Please bring school supplies for North Knox Social Ministries.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee recently cleaned the Historical Room and found some of both of the history books, plus Christmas ornaments and Bethel wooden church from the 1997 anniversary. They are all on sale at the Church office, and would make great gifts. Also, if you might be interested in the Bethel calendars of years gone by – we still have some of them. If you would like a special year, let us know and we'll get them for you.

Bethel Mission Book Review

Today in Sunday School, the Mustard Seed Class began a study by Andy Stanley about what it means to be a Christian. Already we have discovered that the word Christian is used in the Bible just three times. The context in which it is used does not give great definition to a Christian other than a follower of Jesus. Andy Stanley's thesis is that we should substitute the more common New Testament word "disciple" and look to the instruction given about

“discipleship’ as our guide to being a Christian. Stanley uses John 13:34-35 as Jesus’ most important charge to his disciples. This highest command and distinguishing characteristic is as follows: “A new command I give to you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

The book that I want to share with you is entitled, “*Kisses from Katie.*” It is about Katie Davis a young woman who at an early age captures the essence of Jesus’ charge to love one another. Katie Davis grew up in an affluent part of Nashville, Tennessee and was an eighteen-year-old senior class president and home-coming queen. She had all the assumed aspirations of college, marriage and career that we instill in our children today. Then God intervened with a Christmas break mission trip to Uganda her senior year. Katie fell in love with the needy children of Uganda. She goes back to Uganda for a year after graduating from high school with a deal to start College after a year on the mission field. During this year, Katie is either helping with orphaned children or reading the scriptures under limited light in her simple room after long days. Katie develops an amazing spiritual maturity in this environment. She begins to journal how God is calling her permanently to Uganda and shares some of these thoughts with the reader. After a year Katie returns to America for college to fulfill a commitment to her parents. By the end of the first semester the call of God’s work in Uganda is so great that Katie returns as she puts it, “her new home in Africa.” Katie, this charismatic and articulate young woman, is now in the process of adopting thirteen children in Uganda and has established a ministry, Amazima, that feeds and sends hundreds more to school while teaching them the Word of Jesus Christ. Katie shares poignant moments from her journal as she gives up hopes and dreams and a boy friend from her old life to take up her cross as she believes God is calling her to do. It truly is amazing to understand what God has accomplished through her by age 26 at the end of this book.

Too often we rail about the shortcomings of our youth in our country today. It is so encouraging to read a story such as that of Katie Davis and be reminded about the wonderful accomplishments and potential for our young people with God’s direction. For a summer read that will do your heart good, read “*Kisses from Katie.*”

I would like to close with a prayer by an anonymous author entitled,
“Let me give” that epitomizes the life of Katie Davis.

“I do not know how long I’ll live
But while I live, Lord, let me give

Some comfort to someone in need
By smile or nod—Kind word or deed

And let me do what e’er I can
To ease things for my fellow man

I want naught but to do my part
To “lift” a tired or weary heart.

To change folks frowns to smiles again—
Then I will not have lived in vain

And I’ll not care how long I’ll live
If I can give — and give — and give.”

God Bless,
Bruce Miller

Mission Committee Notes

Thank you once again Bethel for your generous giving to Vitamins for Victoria & Maridell! At the time of this writing Victoria Brocksmith & Maridell Sargent are on the mission field. We know that the vitamins you gave are being given to those who need them and are helping to show the love of Jesus!

Peanut butter is an item that is a good source of protein, can be stored without refrigeration and is a great staple to have on hand. Tiffany Granderson has taken our high school youth to the Food Pantry in Oaktown and they have expressed a need for peanut butter. During the month of June we will collect peanut butter and give half of what is collected to NKSM and the other half to the Food Pantry in Oaktown. God loves a generous giver, so please give as you can!

With children home from school for the summer families are in need of more food!

We are pursuing an exciting program that you will be hearing more about- an opportunity for us to impact the lives of some school children in need in our area. We will let you know more soon!

In Luke 12 God tells us that “to whom much has been given, much will be required...” We are blessed and God wants to use us to bless others!

PRESCHOOL

What a wonderful preschool year we had here at Bethel! It was another year full of blessings, fun and creativity and I am so glad I got to be a part of it. We started off our last month with a visit from 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, were wonderful with the kids and I am so grateful that they were 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.

We were invited to be a part of the May Guild meeting! The preschoolers had so much fun visiting with the Guild ladies; we practiced singing the special songs we were working on for Mother’s Day Tea and graduation. The kids loved having an audience to sing for! After we sang our songs the Guild ladies had a special snack for us. ☺ We were so thankful for the invitation to be a part of this special day! Thank you ladies!!

We celebrated Mother’s Day Tea with our Mommies on Friday, May 9th. 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 make a special flower 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!!

We enjoyed our last day together as a class by exploring the church and ringing the bell. We even stopped in the sanctuary and said a quiet prayer together. And, of course, we added our handprints to the wall containing the other children who have graduated Bethel Christian Preschool. It was so sweet to see all the little hands and to help the children find the names of big brothers and/or sisters...we even recognized some of the names of kids who are now seniors and graduating high school this year! Wow! To think of the impact Bethel has had on so many children! A big thank you to Tambria Leonard for taking the time to come and make our last day a “magical” one by sharing some of her magic tricks with us. She even brought and put on her very own Armor of God for the kids to see. What a great way to review our theme for the year. The kids were so entertained and loved every minute of her show. They laughed and cheered and asked her to repeat their favorite tricks. It was so much fun and the perfect ending to our awesome year!!

Graduation was held on Friday, May 16th. 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. “Future Warrior Rock Stars” was the theme carried out with water bottle candy bouquets and rock star trophies for each child and a fun photo booth!! 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!

I know that I cannot even begin to give enough thanks to everyone who has helped make my first year at Bethel Christian Preschool such a wonderful and memorable one. I have truly been blessed to be able to watch these children grow and learn. I am so proud of each one of them! ☺ Thank you, Bethel, for all that you

do for the children and for Bethel Christian Preschool. We couldn't do it without you!!

Love,
Mrs. Lemberg

Wow!! The end of another great year arrived quickly. We have had a fun filled year.

We finally made it through the alphabet and Z was all about Zacchaeus and even though he was small, he still wanted to see Jesus. We are happy he was no longer cheating people out of their taxes and was honest. We want to be like the new Zacchaeus.

We had our Mother's Day Tea and bought our special guest for a date. We were all so excited and did a great job singing. We had taken some time to do a craft and get pictures for our moms. I guess the kids has heard "this is a surprise for mom" enough. When we went to take pictures, and I said smile for...you little girl sighed out loud and said "I know a surprise for mom. Doesn't she have enough (long pause) enough stuff already?" I explained that moms love to get crafts from their pretty girls and cute boys. When the little handed her mom the craft, she said "look I made this for you because I am sooooooo pretty."

Our Fun and Run Day was the best day ever according to one little boy. We had sack races, hopper ball bounces, mini care races, and played at the ark all before ending up in our bubbles. Then we made "Awesome" and "Yummy" ice cream sundaes. We had a lot more sugary items in our bowl than ice cream, but it was so fun.

We finished our last week with a picnic. The morning class got to sit outside and enjoy our picnic. The afternoon class thought it was a great idea to eat in the shelter house since it was pouring down rain and thundering. One little girl was very complimentary about "the new place at preschool". Then the adventure began as Miss Doris (Richter) and I tried to get all the kids loaded in the back of my car to get back to our classroom. We tried not to get too wet, but for me, that didn't happen. We made two trips but the kids loved it and wished we could ride farther than "just across the street". We also were lucky and very thankful that we got to make our kites and go outside to fly them. It was a little cool and sprinkled a little bit, but that didn't matter. Some of the kids were flying kites for the first time. It was neat.

THANKS to all of my wonderful volunteers who came to class ready to do whatever crazy thing I ask of them. I am blessed and very grateful to have each one of you. I could not have gotten through the year without you. I give praise the Lord for our servants for Jesus at preschool. Also thanks to all the prayer partners. It really means a lot to the kids to know there is someone who is praying and caring. One little girl told me this year that she received a card from someone she did not know (her prayer partner), but it was a really good card and she put it in her room.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Emma and Debbie (Telligman) on the passing of their love one, Doc Odell. We know he will be missed.

Have a great summer!!!

Love in Christ, Mrs. Durall

Memorial Fund

In memory of Anna Mae McCord:

Glenn and Glatha Hemme

Thank You

Fear not. For I am your God. Fix your eyes on Jesus, **not** your circumstance.

Thank you for all your prayers, calls, cards, text messages and visits while I was in the hospital. I could feel the prayers and appreciated them very much. I learned very quickly how things can change in an instant and I had no control. I had to “be still” and completely rely on God, and know He was listening to all those lifting me in prayer. We prayed for a specific diagnosis and that prayer was answered. I have to make some adjustments and take medication, but I thank God He has given me that chance.

Lisa Richter

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 Sharon Dunkerly, Tim and Tonya Miller, Beth Durall, Nancy Rinsch, Ramona Hammelman, 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 Chuck Borgemeier for working the sound system. Many thanks to the parents of the preschoolers who did a wonderful job with the post-graduation festivities. I truly appreciate each and every one of you!

A special thank you to Trudy McCormick for all her work and support this year as my assistant. She was always ready to help out and went above and beyond! We have had so much fun together and she will be greatly missed!!

Love,
Liberty Lemberg

Bethel Church Council Minutes **May 12, 2014**

Pastor Mike's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting a Sunday service at the Freelandville Community Home, assisting with youth activities, planning for a funeral later in the week, and hospital visits. He announced that the newly called youth pastor, Mike Leydet, will begin his work at Bethel on June 10. He also shared that the annual convocation of the Evangelical Association will be held in Landis, NC, September 19-21 at the First Reformed Church. Anne Graham Lotz (Billy Graham's daughter) will be a featured speaker during this weekend filled with inspiring worship, informative workshops, warm fellowship, and excellent food. All Bethel members are welcome to attend this convocation.

Secretary's Report: It was approved with one correction as was the report of the specially called congregation meeting during which Mike Leydet was called as our youth minister and Kevin Hammelman was elected as an elder.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were approved: Church Camp,

\$1,200; Knox County Habitat for Humanity, \$500; Nurses Fund, \$500; and, Christian Campus Fellowship, \$500.

Deacons' Report: The average attendance for April was 190, and the offering was \$18,720.25. Income included: Atlas Gas, \$491.96; Facility Use, \$175; Interest Income, \$368.05; Preschool, \$3,634.84; Lenten Services Offering, \$897, and Memorial Fund, \$525.

Building and Grounds: Gord Clinkenbeard reported that the water has been turned on at the shelter house with no apparent leaks and that the water leak in the men's bathroom near the social room has been repaired. A possible way of preventing a future such problem was discussed and will be researched further. Bill Resler and Garland Richter presented bids they each received for tuck pointing the exterior wall between the original church building and the Sunday school hall addition. It was decided to further investigate Bill's bid, noting that this project needs to be completed prior to winter to prevent further damage.

Elders' Report: Mary Ann Miller shared that 262 people received communion during the Easter weekend and that visitations will be scheduled on an as needed basis.

Old Business: Rowe Sargent will install trial grip strips on the steps of Bethel Hall when the weather is consistently 80° or higher. Since Bill Resler has not received a bid for the shelter house renovation from the contractor he had contacted, he will seek other bids. Rowe is looking into having the septic system permits renewed. It was shared that Maridell Sargent and her granddaughter, Victoria Brocksmith, will be going on a mission trip to Guatemala May 18-25 and taking the vitamins collected by Bethel.

New Business: Pastor Mike shared that Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the evenings of June 2-6, and additional volunteers are still needed. To help defray the costs of VBS, a collection will be taken at church June 1. Gord reported that he will be ordering the new playground equipment for the newly enlarged play area. Due to an

increased enrollment for the 2014-15 school year, hiring a full-time teaching assistant for the preschool was discussed.

Coming Events:

May 16 – Preschool Graduation

Mondays May 5 - June 30 – Women’s Bible Study

Vacation Bible School – June 2-6

Special Congregational Meeting

May 4, 2014

A special congregational meeting was held following the worship service on May 4, 2014, to determine if Bethel Church desires to call Mike Leydet as a full time youth pastor at a salary of \$32,500. Council president Gord Clinkenbeard explained the selection process preceding the recommendation by the council to select him for this position. Following a question and answer period, the motion was made by John Koenig and seconded by Bill Schroeder to employ Mike Leydet as Bethel Church’s full time youth pastor. A secret ballot vote was then taken with 98 yes votes and 2 no votes. Gord welcomed Mike and his family and expressed how happy we are to have them as a part of our Bethel Family.

A second item on the agenda was the election of an elder; Kevin Hammelman volunteered to fill the vacant position. Since there were no nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Bruce Miller and seconded by Bill Schroeder to elect him for this position. He was therefore elected by acclamation. Gord thanked Kevin for his willingness to serve in this capacity.

The meeting was adjourned.

Parish Records:

BIRTHS: Steven and Elizabeth Holka welcomed baby Thomas on Friday, May 9, 2014. He weighed 7 lb. 4 oz., and is 22 inches. He is also welcomed by brothers, Henry, Miles, and William. Bethel grandparent is Mary Ann Miller.

Attendance:

April 27 132
 May 4 212
 May 11 168
 May 18 154

Greeters:

June 1 – Mike & Pam Loheider
 June 8 & 15 – Garland & Lisa Richter
 June 22 & 29 – Doris Brocksmith & Sharon Dunkerly

Ushers: Mark & Deanna Sargent

Nursery (Sunday School):

June 1 Lana Dike/ Nancy Rinsch
 8 Brandy Williams/Kate Hammelman
 15 Krista Telligman/Carole Albrecht
 22 Diane Telligman/Mary Ann Miller
 29 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lisa Richter

Nursery Notes (Worship):

June 1 Brenda Maddox/Ashley Durall
 8 Kelci Anderson/ Briana Ainsworth
 15 Bonnie and Jesse Organ
 22 Stacy and Brianna Page
 29 Tiffany Granderson/Hallie Durall

Children's Church:

June 1 Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
 8 Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg
 15 Micah Morgan/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
 22 Brenda Maddox/Jenny Clinkenbeard
 29 No Children's Church

June birthdays:

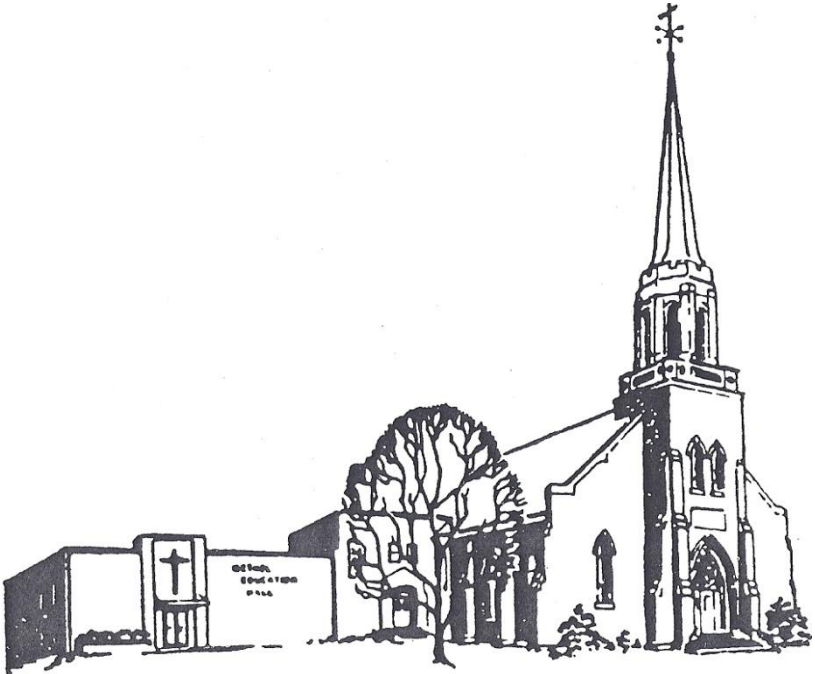
13 Patty Buescher (83rd)
 15 Charles Linneweber (82nd)
 20 Gladys Brocksmith (97th)
 23 Vera Dunkerly (85th)
 30 Carolyn Williams (82nd)

Chimes news will be due on June 16th.

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