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Mary Ann Miller, Secretary

Dan Kixmiller, Treasurer

Kevin Hammelman

Joe Koenig

Garland Richter

Rowe Sargent

John Spanger

**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY**

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual convocation of the Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches will be held at the First Reformed Church in Landis, North Carolina on September 19-21, 2014. The theme for the convocation will be Advancing the Kingdom, taken from Matthew 28:16-20.

It is important to remember that this convocation is open to all church members; it is convocation, not a convention. No business is decided or discussed, thus there is no need for delegates, just participants. It will be a time of worship, fellowship and learning as there will be various workshop sessions to choose from.

For more information concerning this workshop, visit the EA's website at [evangelicalassociation.org](http://evangelicalassociation.org) or contact me or the church office. Information will also be posted in Bethel Hall.

I believe that this convocation will not be not only refreshing, but also a time of spiritual renewal.

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## YOUTH PASTOR

I can't believe that August is already here. It seems that summer goes by a little quicker each year. School will be starting in a few days and I am already hearing some grumbles about that. But school starting means that football is just around the corner. We are planning for three 5<sup>th</sup> Quarters this year to follow the North Knox Home games. We ask that you keep this in your prayers as the churches of our communities come together to minister to our area high school students. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter dates are Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, and Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.

We have a trip to Holiday World for their annual Rock the World concert for our Jr/Sr high students on Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be having our youth lead service on the 31<sup>st</sup>. We will also be starting a Wednesday night Bible study for our Jr/Sr High students on Aug 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

I would also like to thank those of you who come out to help on Sunday evenings and also those of you that provide our snacks. If you have any questions about what the youth are doing or would like to help out please let us know.

In His Love,  
Pastor Mike

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### **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2014**

**July/August – Mustard Seed**

**September – Preschool**

**October/November – Mission Committee**

**December – (Christmas) – Christian Partners**

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## Start Over – Author Unknown

When you've trusted Jesus and walked his way  
When you've felt his hand lead you day by day  
But your steps now take you another way,  
start over.

When you've made your plans and they've gone awry  
When you've tried your best and there's no more try  
When you've failed yourself and you don't know why,  
start over.

When you've told your friends what you plan to do  
When you've trusted them and they didn't come through  
And now you're all alone and it's up to you,  
start over.

When you've failed your kids and they're grown and gone  
When you've done your best but it's turned out wrong  
And now your grandchildren have come along,  
start over.

When you've prayed to God so you'll know his will  
When you've prayed and prayed and you don't know still  
When you want to stop cause you've had your fill,  
start over.

When you think you're finished and want to quit  
When you've bottomed out in life's deepest pit  
When you've tried and tried to get out of it,  
start over.

When the year has been long and successes few  
When December comes and you're feeling blue  
God gives a January just for you,  
start over.

Starting over means "Victories Won"  
Starting over means "A Race Well Run"  
Starting over means "The Lords' Will Done"  
We need not just sit there ... START OVER.

## **GUILD**

Bethel Women's Guild met at the Freelandville Community Home in July to celebrate a resident's birthday. We enjoyed visiting, a short program, and playing bingo with the residents. We served ice cream, cookies and punch which we all enjoyed.

There will be no meeting in August. Enjoy a good book, and visit a friend. We will meet September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30, and Tambria Leonard will share a message with us.

If you would like to quilt or learn to quilt, come any Tuesday afternoon. The ladies would love to have you. (They even have refreshments.)

Lill Clinkenbeard

## **Mission Committee**

Thank you once again for your generous giving! We collected over 100 jars of peanut butter and gave them to North Knox Social Ministries and God's Pantry in Oaktown. Peanut butter is a great staple for families- good protein and delicious. It is especially helpful when children are home from school for the summer.

Janet Clinkenbeard from our committee has been working with people from our school corporation about a Backpack Project. This will be an opportunity for us to help ensure that elementary- age children have something to eat when they are home over the weekend. We plan this in September. It is an exciting program and we feel blessed to be a part of it! Watch for more details soon!

We are changing things up a little and asking you to fill our "Bethel Blessings" cart. We changed the name from Bethel 500 to Bethel Blessings. Many of us have been blessed beyond measure and God expects us to share with others- to be His hands and feet to those with needs. We are collecting school supplies for our Bethel Blessings cart. These supplies will be given to North Knox Social Ministries. Next time you are out

shopping please take the time to buy some school supplies and place them in our Bethel Blessings cart.

Thank you Bethel for blessing others with your cheerful giving! In Luke 6:38 God tells us “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Remember we can never out-give our great God!

## **Preschool**

Bethel Christian Preschool is pleased to welcome Tiffany Granderson as a Tuesday, Thursday teacher for the 2014-2015 school year. Tiffany brings a depth of knowledge to our Preschool and our students will benefit greatly! We are also very excited about our new assistant for both classes, Jennifer Wortstell! We know she will do a great job and be a huge benefit to our preschool program. We look forward to another fun filled school year with our dedicated assistant, talented teachers, gifted helpers, and amazing students!

Tyler Richter

We hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. It is hard to believe we are thinking about going back to preschool already. We are excited to grow, expand and welcome all the preschoolers coming to Bethel this year. We are blessed to have the support of our board, the church council, and every member of Bethel. We appreciate all of you and your willingness to move to a different class room, help move new equipment, build new equipment or donate items for our preschool. We are blessed in so many ways and truly filled with joy.

We are busy decorating and getting everything ready for our big first day August 18 for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes or August 19 for the Tuesday/Thursday classes. Feel free to come and look around.

The Lord our God is near us every time we pray to him  
(Deu 4:7) We pray for His guidance and love for this  
upcoming preschool year.

In His Service,  
Mrs. Lemberg, Mrs. Granderson, and Mrs. Durall

### **Memorial Fund**

#### ***In memory of Paul Kixmiller:***

*Jean A. Creek*  
*Doris J. Shoultz-Creek*

#### ***In memory of John Richter:***

<i>Anonymous</i>	<i>Dale &amp; Jane Tiek</i>
<i>Doris Brocksmith</i>	<i>Herman &amp; Nancy Tilly</i>
<i>Ruth Ann Butler</i>	<i>Vern &amp; Sara Stumbo</i>
<i>Mike &amp; Pam Loheider</i>	<i>Phyllis Sweeney</i>

#### ***In memory of B. G. "Doc" Odell:***

<i>Bethel Church Choir</i>	<i>Mike &amp; Pam Loheider</i>
<i>Doris Brocksmith</i>	<i>Mustard Seed Class</i>

### **Thank You's**

To the congregation of Bethel Church,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$500 for this ministry! What a blessing your partnership has been, and I am so thankful for your commitment to invest in young people and serve the Lord in this way. God is truly bringing the nations to Himself – it's amazing to see how He is working, and to get to join with you as together we join Him!

Thank you!

In Him,  
Laura Maddock

Thanks to Pastor Mike for his visit and prayers during my stay in the hospital for my heart attack. Also thanks to Bethel Church members who visited, sent cards, and offered prayers.

Edgar Hammelman

## **Bethel Church Council Minutes**

### **July 14, 2014**

**Pastor's Report:** Due to Pastor Mike being on vacation, he submitted a written report in which he shared that Vectren has given permission for us to run lines and hookups to the shelter house from our existing meter. However, it is our responsibility to provide the labor and materials for this project. Also, he is continuing to work with Legal Aid to make changes to Bethel's Constitution and By-Laws to include language concerning same sex marriages. He and Karen requested to be off Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, to perform the baptism of their grandson, which was granted.

**Youth Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike Leydet reported that fourteen youth and six adults enjoyed their trip to the Creation Museum, and the cookout held for the youth was also successful. He shared that he has completed CPR training and attended the Voice of Martyr's Conference in Odon. He is working with other churches to organize the "Fifth Quarter" events to be held following home North Knox football games. On August 13<sup>th</sup>, he will begin having additional youth meetings for junior and senior high youth and is pursuing various money making options. He reported that a running board on the church van is in need of repair; Rowe Sargent volunteered to fix it.

**Secretary's Report:** Both the monthly report and the minutes from the called meeting held July 7<sup>th</sup> were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were approved: North Knox Social Ministries, \$1,000; Nurses Fund, \$1,000; Emergency Distress Fund, \$1,600; and Bethel Pre-School, \$1,000.

**Deacons' Report:** The average attendance for June was 151, and the offering was \$21,519.60. Income included: Atlas Gas, \$754.36; Facility Use, \$25.00; Interest Income, \$319.88; Youth, \$300.00; Memorial Fund, \$665.00; Cemetery Fund (Refunds from funeral homes), \$1,107.44; and Huffman Estate, \$390.98.

**Building and Grounds:** Gord Clinkenbeard reported that he is still waiting to hear from Hacker's to schedule a time for them to explore the cause of the drain problem. Bill Resler reported that the total cost for the tuck pointing of the brick on the wall connecting the education wing and the original church building, repairing loose brick above the Bethel Hall entrance, bricking in the basement windows on the church office, and repairing a crack in the education building wall was \$5,044. Joe Koenig shared that he has repaired the exterior faucet outside the education building, and he and Gord Clinkenbeard volunteered to replace burned out bulbs in the sanctuary lights.

**Elders' Report:** Mary Ann Miller shared that visitation with Pastor Mike and an elder will be scheduled on an as needed basis and encouraged council members to contact either pastor or an elder if a visitation is needed or requested.

**Old Business:** Rowe Sargent reported that he had installed grip strips on the Bethel Hall steps, but they did not adhere well. It was noted that the steps are no longer as slippery as they were initially; therefore, it was decided



that they were no longer needed. The progress on the work on the shelter house was noted, and future plans were discussed, including the septic system. Samples of flooring for the shelter house kitchen area were discussed, and it was moved by Garland Richter, seconded by Mary Ann Miller, and passed unanimously to use a durable material suggested by Pieper Carpets. A donation of vanities and mirrors for the shelter house bathrooms were accepted, and it was moved by Bill Resler, seconded by Joe Koenig, and passed unanimously to pursue hiring House Pro, Inc., to install the septic system, using volunteer help for the digging. Due to a scheduling conflict, Work Day was rescheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rowe Sargent is pursuing getting bids for replacing the windows in the parsonage, and Gord Clinkenbeard and Joe Koenig will pick up the new playground equipment for the pre-school.

**New Business:** It was decided to purchase guest chairs for Pastor Mike DeCoursey's office; Mary Ann Miller will discuss this with the Memorial Committee and look for options. Jeff Kixmiller is preparing bids for replacing the computers for Pastor Mike DeCoursey, the secretary, and the treasurer since theirs are outdated, and repairs are no longer available. It was also decided to get a phone for Pastor Mike Leydet's office and pay for a portion of his cell phone bill since he frequently uses it for church business.

**Upcoming Events:**

Work Day – August 23

# TREASURER'S REPORT

1/1/2014 through 6/30/2014

## **Income:**

Atlas Gas	\$ 3,559.19
Cemetery	2,375.00
Interest	1,750.63
Mem. Fund	2,215.00
Mission	3,239.00
Offering	108,608.58
Preschool	18,174.20
Rental	250.00
Youth	<u>2,298.05</u>
Total	\$142,469.65

## **Expenses:**

Choir	84.95	Postage	541.00
Custodian	6,114.54	Preschool M/W/F	2,157.08
Electricity	4,484.00	Preschool T/TH	3,235.62
Emp. with.	10,885.25	Preschool Dir.	6,121.10
Gas	6,843.55	Preschool Aide	1,933.10
Groundskeeper	4,855.70	Rental	192.50
Insurance	6,834.70	Secretary	5,624.38
Maint & Repair	25,917.35	Shelter House	5,133.33
Misc.	4,336.14	Strate Acres	16,090.63
Mission	17,972.98	Sub. Pastor	100.00
Music Dir.	4,384.04	Telephone	1,338.16
Office Supp.	1,231.09	Waste removal	575.94
Pastor	29,881.88	Water	373.30
Pastor Travel	708.40	Youth Pastor	<u>2,031.26</u>
Pest Control	1,067.80	<b>Total</b>	\$171,049.77

## Transfers:

Brocksmith Mission \$ 1,012.26

**Grand Total** (\$27,575.86)

ACCOUNT BALANCES  
(as of 6/30/2014)

Brocksmith Mission	\$ 25,373.35
Cemetery Fund	11,381.06
Cemetery Trust	257,469.58
Choir/Music	2,181.54
General Fund	132,769.63
M. L. Mabes	376,919.07
Memorial Fund	27,889.83
Mission Fund	-0-
Scholarship Fund	11,960.85
Shelter House	8,063.30
Strate 40 Acres	31,805.76
Youth	2,298.05

**LISTEN TO THE MUSTN'TS**

Listen to the MUSTN'TS, child  
Listen to the DON'TS  
Listen to the SHOULDNTS  
The IMPOSSIBLES, the WON'TS  
Listen to the NEVER HAVES  
Then listen close to me—  
Anything can happen, child,  
ANYTHING can be.

-Shel Silverstein

## **Parish Records:**

### **Attendance:**

June 22 135  
June 29 147  
July 6 116  
July 13 118  
July 20 134

### **Greeters:**

Aug. 3 & 10 – Bruce & Terri Miller  
Aug. 17 & 24 – Clint & Beth Durall  
Aug. 31 – Herman & Nancy Tilly

**Ushers:** Garland and Lisa Richter

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

Aug. 3 Lana Dike/Brandy Williams  
10 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Carole Albrecht  
17 Krista Telligman/Nancy Rinsch  
24 Diane Telligman/Kate Hammelman  
31 Lisa Richter/Cheryl Hagemeyer

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

Aug. 3 Tracey and Hailley Kahre  
10 Brenda Maddox/Brianna Ainsworth  
17 Kelci Anderson/Ashley Durall  
24 Bonnie and Jesse Organ  
31 Stacy and Brianna Page

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

Aug. 3 Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall  
10 Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg  
17 Micah Morgan/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman  
24 Brenda Maddox/Jenny Clinkenbeard  
31 No Children's Church

### **August birthdays:**

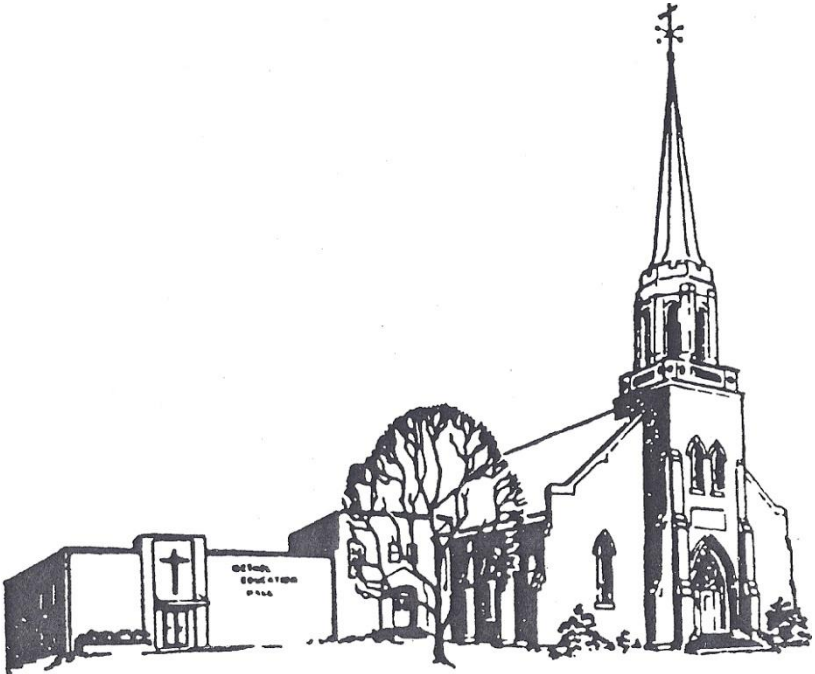
5 John Clinkenbeard (82<sup>nd</sup>)  
6 Susie Walters (94<sup>th</sup>)  
19 Don Clifford (86<sup>th</sup>)  
20 Gene Williams (81<sup>st</sup>)  
21 Lucille Robbins (86<sup>th</sup>)  
22 Herb Grabbe (85<sup>th</sup>)  
24 Dallas Miller (86<sup>th</sup>)  
31 Ruth Varns (90<sup>th</sup>)

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

*August 2014*

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