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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

In the 25th chapter of Matthew, Jesus speaks in verse 40 of those who did for what Jesus calls the least of these. Jesus is talking here of those people of God who are less fortunate than others. The poor, the lonely, those who perhaps have made bad choices and though they have turned to God for forgiveness, must still work through the damage of their actions, these are the people Jesus refers to in this section of Matthew and these are the people that the church must show compassion for today. The church today must realize that not only spiritual food is needed, but also at times physical help is needed as well. The church must get back to being the church that God intended for it to be, and help those less fortunate free themselves from the yoke of bondage place by society.

Bethel is doing an excellent job of living this section of Matthew 25, and it is my prayer that we never lose sight of the meaning of these verses as we continue to serve Him. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him through others.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

YOUTH PASTOR

September is upon us and school is back in full swing which means my favorite season is almost upon us; football season. I love football and I love watching our high school students compete on the field but my favorite thing about North Knox football is 5th Quarter. 5th Quarter was started a few years ago by some of our local youth leaders and meets after the home football games. We meet at the Freelandville Community Center for pizza, a short Bible Study and some games. All high school students are invited and it is great to see all these students from different churches and some that don't belong to a church come together after these games. There is a lot in the world that competes for the attention of our youth and 5th Quarter provides them an opportunity to have some fun in a God honoring environment. We ask that you please keep the 5th Quarters and our students in your prayers.

Also with school being back in session our Sunday night attendance has been on the upswing. If you would be interested in helping on Sunday evening please let me know. We have preschool age children through high school, so if you want to help we can find somewhere to plug you in. We would also like to start having a meal for all the youth on the first Sunday of every month. If you would be interested in that there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We will continue to have snacks on the other Sundays and appreciate everyone that has helped with that as well. There is also a sign-up sheet for snacks on the bulletin board.

In His Love,
Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2014

September – Preschool

October/November – Mission Committee

December – (Christmas) – Christian Partners

GUILD

We are sure everyone had a good summer, and are ready for Fall. Bethel Guild will meet on September 3 at 1:30 pm for their regular meeting. You won't want to miss hearing Tambria Leonard as our program speaker. Hostesses are Janet Tilly and Shirley Brouhard. Please bring toilet paper for North Knox Social Ministries.

Harvest Home will be Sunday, September 21st, and our guest speaker will be Don Bubenzer.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Mission Committee

Sure feels like summer is finally here! Thank you for your generous giving of school supplies to North Knox Social Ministries. Thanks to you many children have the things they need to begin their school year! We will continue to collect through Sunday, the 24th.

In September you will have the exciting opportunity to become a Bethel Preschool Partner! This year we have even more (54) precious little ones to bring before the throne of God. What a blessing and honor it is to pray for the children and their families that God has brought to our Preschool. When we have the packets prepared please take one and partner with us. Our Preschool is an awesome mission to our community! Precious little ones are learning about the love of Jesus. Remember to lift up our preschool teachers: Liberty, Beth and Tiffany!

Please begin thinking and preparing for Operation Shoebox. We will begin collecting boxes in October. God has provided us with an exciting opportunity to share the love of Jesus with children around the world. Lives will be touched and eternally changed due to your generosity. Begin picking up little gifts- God will see to it that your shoebox goes to the exact child He has chosen!

Janet Clinkenbeard will be sharing some news with us in the near future about the Backpack Mission that will be starting soon! Keep your ears and hearts tuned to hear about this incredible program and how you can be a part of it.

Enjoy this true story about how God can take our small gifts and turn it into something great.

57 Cents That Made History

A sobbing little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it “was too crowded”. “I can’t go to Sunday School,” she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by. Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday School class. The child was so touched that she went to bed that night thinking of the children who had no place to worship Jesus.

Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement building and the parents called for the kind-hearted pastor, who had befriended their daughter to handle the arrangements. As the poor little girl’s body was being moved, a worn and crumpled purse was found which seemed to have come from the trash dump. Inside was found 57 cents and a note scribbled in childish handwriting which read “This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School.”

For two years she had saved for this offering of love. When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked red purse to the pulpit, he told the story of the little girl’s unselfish love. He challenged the deacons to get busy and raise enough money for a larger building.

A newspaper learned of the little girl’s story and published it. It was read by a realtor who offered the church a parcel of land worth thousands of dollars. When told the church could not pay so much, the realtor offered the ground to the church for 57 cents.

Church members gave and money came in from others who had read the little girl’s story. Within 5 years her little gift had increased to \$250,000 (a huge sum for that time). Her unselfish giving had paid large dividends.

If you are ever in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church with a seating capacity of 3,300 including a Sunday School area that houses hundreds of students so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside. In one of the rooms you can see a picture of the sweet face of a little girl shoes 57 cents, so sacrificially saved made such remarkable history!



Bethel Christian Preschool is planning a benefit dinner on Oct. 5th, from 5 to 7 pm. The Preschool is looking for members to make desserts. There is a sign-up sheet in Bethel Hall.

The meal will consist of chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, roll and dessert.

Preschool

We are off to a good start on Tuesday and Thursdays. We only had a few tears the first day, a couple of parent window peepers, and a lot of fun. As we were painting hands to make adorable animals, one little girl was amazed that we could make her handprint like "exactly like a real giraffe. One little boy was very quiet throughout the day and finally I heard him say he was kind of having fun. Of course we start preschool and the temperature goes up, it rains the night before, but we were still able to go outside to play on our new playground. There was only a little mud for us to find, but many of my kids found it first thing. I asked the kids if they were all coming back on Thursday. One little preschooler said no because his mom told him he only had to come for a little while. Today (Tuesday, the first day) was his little while was what he told me in a very serious voice. We are already working hard on learning new songs as we prepare for our Grandparents Celebration, Sept 4. I am excited to get the year underway and get to know all the different kids and their personalities.

I am so excited to have Mrs. Lemberg again for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes. I welcome Mrs. Granderson

and the new ideas she has for us. It looks great upstairs. I welcome and feel for Miss Jennifer (Worstell) as she tries to help keep all of us at Preschool in line. I am thankful for all the kids as we take on a new adventure by expanding with another class in the am for Tuesdays/Thursdays. It might be a little crazy at times, but it will always be eventful.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who have signed up to come and play, paint or whatever is asked. We are blessed with many students and the extra hands that help us.

God is able to do far more then we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us. (Eph 3:20) God is definitely working in us all at Bethel Christian Preschool.

In Christ love,
Mrs. Durall

Wow! I can hardly believe that another preschool year has begun! As I write this, we are halfway through our first week and we are off to a great start as we prepare to explore the depths of God's love for us! Our first days were filled with getting to know each other, learning our classroom routines and talking about how special God has made each one of us. We are also excited to be getting ready for our first big day – Grandparent's Day! ☺

We have a great group of kids coming to preschool this year and I can't wait for all the fun we are going have learning about God and Jesus and how great their love is for each one of us! Thank you for the kind words of support and prayers for our preschoolers as we begin another year. I am so thankful for all of our wonderful volunteers and church members who support Bethel Christian Preschool. Feel free to stop in anytime to see how things are going – we love to see your smiling faces! ☺ If you get a chance, be sure to welcome the newest faces in the preschool area – Mrs. Granderson (Tiffany) is teaching the new T/TH morning class and Miss Jennifer (Worstell) will be helping in both the M/W/F and T/TH classes this year. We know they will be wonderful additions to our classes as they share God's love with all of our little ones at Bethel.

I am looking forward to all that our Heavenly Father has in store for us this year and feel blessed to be called to spread His word and His love to each child that enters Bethel this year.

Love,
Mrs. Lemberg

The first day was filled with excitement and a few tears which vanished quickly once the fun got started. Our first day we painted our handprints and turned them into either Lions or Elephants. One little boy said his favorite part of class was craft time and of course they all enjoyed playing outside. The second day we talked about how God made each one of us different and special. We talked about how God made the stars and he counts and names each star. We practiced songs for Grandparent's day which is right around the corner. I am already looking forward to all of the fun we're going to have next week.

Also I would like to say a special thanks to the Preschool board, Mrs. Durall, Mrs. Lemberg, Lesa, Pastor Mike, and youth Pastor Mike for all of the help getting my room in order and helping me prepare for the first day! I invite everyone to stop by to see the room and the children's crafts in the hallway. Looking forward to a great year!

God Bless!
Mrs. Granderson

A decorative border consisting of a series of black silhouettes of a person running, carrying a briefcase, arranged in a rectangular frame around the central text.

Faithful Footprints
5K Run or 1 Mile Walk
Saturday, September 27th
8:30 am start at Freelandville intersection
Registration forms available at Bethel Church,
office or by email :
bethelsfaithfulfootprints@hotmail.com

Thank You's

The Bethel quilters wish to thank Chris Linneweber and brothers for their donation of quilt blocks and fabrics to be used for quilts. It is greatly appreciated by all.

Thank you,
Bethel Quilters

To Bethel Church,

We want to thank your church members for all the peanut butter you gave us. Also, for all the money and articles collected for North Knox Social Ministries. It is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Sharon Kahre,
Secretary

Thank you for the use of the Weird Animal props and such. It was greatly appreciated.

God bless you in all you do!

Bicknell United Methodist Church

**Steve Jones, a former member of Bethel Church, son of Bob and the late Joan Jones, and Vera Jones, recently retired from Good Samaritan Hospital after a 46 year career, probably a record for a full time employee.

Steve graduated with a degree in Medical Technology. He spent his entire career in the Laboratory at Good Samaritan, and was Director of the Lab the last 20 years. There were 80 employees under his supervision. Blood draws were located in several areas of Vincennes, such as doctor's offices, nursing homes, and in the county at Freelandville Community Home and Oak Village. Blood samples are picked up every day to ensure a quick and accurate result of the test. According to the Hospital stats, one million nine hundred thousand tests were done at the Lab last year.

Thanks Steve, and a Happy Retirement!!

Bethel Church Council Minutes

August 11, 2014

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike reported that during the past month he has made hospital visits, conducted a worship service (including communion) at the Freelandville Community Home, and provided premarital counseling. He is also preparing for Confirmation sessions and two weddings and will be performing two baptisms. He reminded the board that Rev. Jim Barnes from the Evangelical Association will be providing the message for the Sunday service on August 17. He shared the Dr. David Jeremiah will be speaking in Indianapolis in October. Even though this event is free, tickets are required, and he will be getting twenty tickets for people interested in attending.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet reported that he is working on "discount cards" to be sold as a money making project for the youth, which will include local patrons and will hopefully be available in October. He continues working with other area pastors on plans for "Fifth Quarter" events following all home football games. Beginning August 13th he will be conducting a weekly Bible Study for Jr. and Sr. High youth and has ordered new Bibles to be used by this group. He has been making contacts with students at the NK Jr. & Sr. High School during the lunch periods once a week. He shared that he has been working with a group in Illinois that prepares "Love Packages" of Christian materials to be sent overseas and plans to initiate collecting materials at Bethel for this project.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were approved: NK Nurses Fund, \$1,000; Christian Radio, \$700; and, Love Package Project, \$500.

Deacons' Report: The average attendance for July was 139, and the offering was \$15,812.51. Income included: Atlas Gas, \$518.62; Cemetery Fund, \$1,128.64; Interest Income, \$125.91; Memorial Fund, \$100.00; Facility Use, \$25.00;

Shelter House Income, \$15,400.00; and, Youth Income, \$60.00.

Building and Grounds: Gord Clinkenbeard reported that the playground equipment, rock, and landscape timbers have been installed in playground area in back of the church and are being enjoyed by many children. He is also searching for energy efficient light bulbs to be used throughout the church.

Elders' Reports: Mary Ann Miller shared that 126 were served communion in July and that visitation with Pastor Mike and an elder will continue 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: It was reported that DC Metals will be finishing the interior of the shelter house bathrooms once the plumbing and septic system have been installed, and Eric Snyder will provide the electrical work. It was decided to install a drainage system to divert water flowing toward the south side of the shelter house to the road ditch. Karen DeCoursey is waiting on a completed bid for the purchase and installation of the projector and screens in the sanctuary. Projects for Work Day on Saturday, August 23rd, were discussed. Rowe Sargent has received a bid for replacing the windows in the parsonage; a decision on whether to proceed with this project was tabled until September. Mary Ann said that she had received approval from the Special Gifts Committee to use funds from this account to purchase guest chairs for Pastor Mike's office, and he will explore possible options.

New Business: Gord reported that he will have a prepared bid for new computers for Pastor Mike DeCoursey, the secretary, and the treasurer in September. It was also noted that Pastor Mike Leydet needs a phone line in his office; Bill Resler will pursue this project. It was moved by Joe Koenig, seconded by Danny Kixmiller, and passed unanimously to again have an auction at the Sunday school picnic with the proceeds going to missions. It was decided to approve the request by the Christian Partners SS Class to purchase a clock for the chapel, which will be placed above the door.

Upcoming Events:

Work Day – August 23

Harvest Home Sunday – September 21

Worship in the Grove – September 28



**ABC Project
“A Bench For Caps”**

Faithful Footprints class will be collecting plastic caps in order to get recycled plastic benches for the play areas at Bethel. Please help us.

Acceptable caps are: plastic drink bottle caps (paper liners are ok), lids from food containers like coffee cans, peanut butter jars, butter tubs, lids from spray cans, caps from liquid laundry detergent containers.

There will be a box in Bethel Hall to collect the lids.

Parish Records:

Births: Michael and Brandy Toney welcomed baby Miles Lee on August 5th. He weighed 6 lb. 10 oz., and was 19 inches long.

Attendance:

July 27 156
Aug. 3 169
Aug. 10 112
Aug. 17 153

Greeters:

Sept. 7 – Herman & Nancy Tilly
Sept. 14 & 21 – Clint & Beth Durall
Sept. 28- Evan & Krista Telligman

Ushers: Kevin & Linda Hammelman

Nursery (Sunday School):

Sept. 7 Lana Dike/Mary Ann Miller
 14 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Holly Spanger
 21 Krista Telligman/Carole Albrecht
 28 Worship In The Grove

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Sept.. 7 Virginia Koenig/Beth Durall
 14 Theresia Barrett/Reeva Hammelman
 21 Ramona and Rylee Hammelman
 28 Worship In The Grove

Children's Church:

Sept. 7 Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
 14 Tracey Kahre/Liberty Lemberg
 21 Bonnie Organ/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
 28 Worship In The Grove

September birthdays:

27 Bernard Sager (80th)

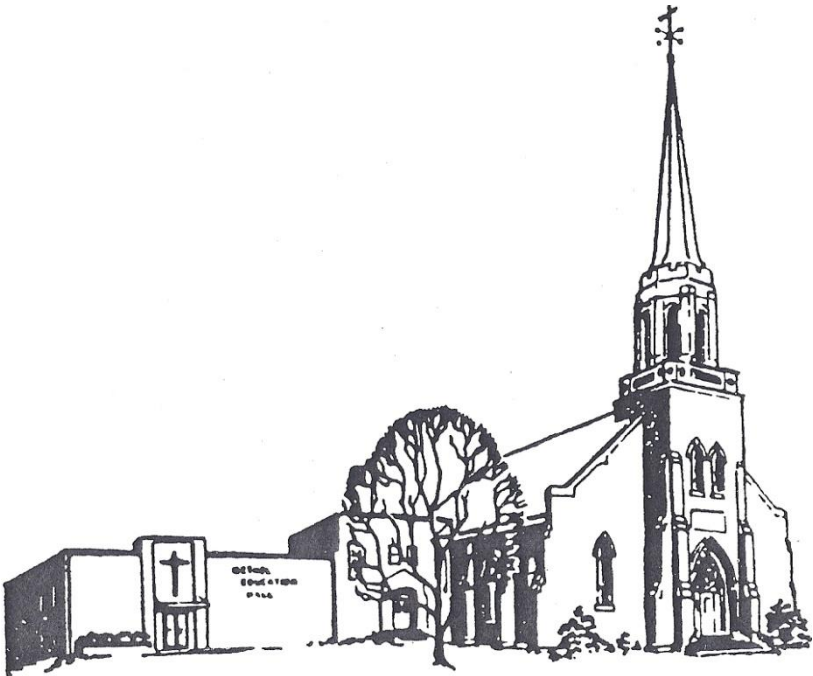
**Bertha Conrad was accidently left off the August birthday list. Her birthday was on August 10th, and she is 89 years old. (My sincere apology-Lesa)

Chimes news will be due on September 15th ..

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