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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

We read in Nehemiah 8:10 that the joy of the Lord is our strength. Two questions arise from this one verse of scripture. Where is our strength and where is our joy? We find that as life goes on, if we place our strength in the things of the world rather than the things of God, we will soon grow weak and weary. Likewise the things of the world will only bring us a fleeting joy, soon to be gone at the first sign of trouble. True strength, then, must come from God and that is only obtained by having a saving relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ. Then, and only then will joy enter into our lives. That joy is sustained by having an active, ongoing relationship that includes prayer, study, and service to others, a simple formula but one that is hard to follow if our eyes are on the world rather than on Christ. If we want to be strong in our life as a believer then we must make our joy to be in the Lord, and all that He is and all that He has for us!

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

YOUTH PASTOR

I am a pretty big sports fan. I like to watch college basketball and football (Boiler Up!) and enjoy watching the St. Louis Cardinals but my favorite sport to watch is football especially the NFL. I have suffered through many years of being a Chicago Bears fan, but still love to watch them no matter how poor a team that we have that year. Being a fan I take some time almost every day to watch SportsCenter on ESPN. Lately most of what has been on SportsCenter hasn't had as much to do with sports as it has the off field actions of some NFL players.

I was watching the other day and Herm Edwards was asked about the problems the NFL was facing and he started his answer by saying; "you are born a male but you are made a man". He went on to say that we as a society have not been doing a good job of making men. Unfortunately, I think the universal church is in the same boat here and we have not been doing a very job of making Christians.

Proverbs 22: 6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." I am afraid that through the years the church has lost sight of what it really means to be a Christian. It is more than just showing up on Sunday morning when there isn't anything else going on. The life of a Christian is one of meekness and sacrifice. It is sowing into the kingdom even when you will not see the results. It is being different from the world in our priorities. It is putting God first above all else. Tony Evans said "Far too many parents are more interested in their kids making the team than making the Kingdom". Don't get me wrong I love sports. Both my kids play and I have coached. But we have elevated sports to the point that they are our entire existence. Sports are great and teach valuable lessons but they become harmful when they become our top priority. My prayer is that we are training our children and grandchildren what being a Christian looks like 168 hours a week and not just 1 hour on Sunday.

In His Love ,
Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2014

**October/November – Mission Committee
December – (Christmas) – Christian Partners**

GUILD

We had a very interesting program from our speaker, Tambria Leonard, for our September meeting, with delicious refreshments provided by our hostesses.

Harvest Home was September 20, with Rev. Don Bubenzer as our guest speaker. His sermon “Embrace the Grace” was something we’ll all remember. Also thanks to Randy Hammelman for his special songs and to Janet Clinkenbeard for the children’s message that we all enjoyed. Thanks to all who made Harvest Home Sunday a day to thank God for all our produce.

Guild meeting will be October 1st at 1:00 pm. We are going to visit shut-ins, and come back to share. Hostesses are Reda Boberg and Bev Schuckman. Bring canned good for North Knox Social Ministries.

Also, we are thankful our Guild Secretary Shirley Brouhard is getting along so well after her knee surgery.

Lill Clinkenbeard



Mission Committee

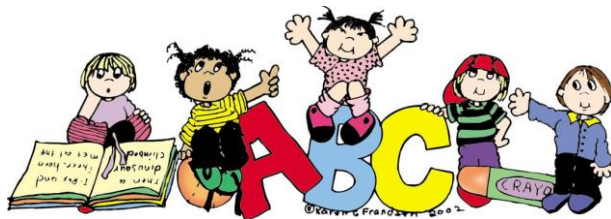
Believe it or not, it's that time of year: time to gear up for Operation Christmas Child! What an exciting opportunity it is for us to partner with Samaritan's Purse to send love to children all over the world!

From Samaritan's Purse website: "A small shoebox can teach a child about the love of God, lead him/her to faith in Jesus, inspire pastors and plant new churches. **What goes in the box is fun, what comes out is eternal.** Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift."

This year we are going to provide the shoebox for you- they will be boxes from Samaritan's Purse. The boxes should be available the 1st Sunday in October. Please prayerfully consider packing a box: get your children and grandchildren involved. Pack more than 1 box! Pray over each box as you pack it!

In II Corinthians 9: 7 God says: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful giver.**" Bethel, let's be cheerful, generous givers to the kingdom!

Thank you to those who have become Preschool Prayer Partners! If you have not or if you feel that you could pray for another child please let us know- we still have packets available. If you would like to be a prayer partner but the \$10 is holding you back, please get a packet- the cost will be covered. Remember for the \$10 you get a birthday card, Christmas card, Valentine's Day card, Easter card and a postcard. Your child will also receive a Christmas gift and Easter gift. Remember to send the postcard right away to let the child know that you are praying. Sometimes we may feel that we are not able to do lots of things, but we can **ALL** pray so please consider stepping up and becoming a Bethel Preschool Prayer Partner!



Bethel Christian Preschool is planning a benefit dinner on Oct. 5th, from 5 to 7 pm. The Preschool is looking for volunteers 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 great start at preschool. We are settling into our routine and learning as we have lots of fun. Our first lesson was based on a book "God Made Me Special." We talked about how each one of us is different from all the others, yet God loves us all just the same. We even looked at our thumb prints and decided that there aren't any exactly alike.

We celebrated Grandparent's Day with about 145 people between all three classes and their special guests. It is always neat to see the interaction between the kids and their nanas and papaws. Thanks to all who helped -- whether you made muffins, ordered fruit, delivered drinks or assisted in any way. You are all truly a blessing and we are grateful for a wonderful support system.

We talked about the & 7 days of creation and everything God thought of in that short amount of time. We decide it is all wonderful.

We have started working on our shapes and colors. When I ask on little boy what shape the door was, he thought for a minute and finally said, "Well you know what it is. It is that big long thing with four sides, just like the table." I said you mean a rectangle. He said,

"You are right." He never would repeat the word rectangle to me. We work daily on recognizing our name and learning to spell it. I have several independent children and many want to do everything by themselves--including reading some of their friend's names already.

We started looking at our letters in the alphabet and letter A was all about the amazing animals in the ark. We learned that Noah was a very good listener and we don't have to have big elephant ears to hear. We got to take a "long hike" and play at the ark across with street with all our friends. "This was a big day," according to one little girl.

We also talked about apples and how each one of them is different from all the others. God gave us a lot of colored apples. The green was really sour when we did our taste test, but won one of the favorites (red was the other class' vote). There was only one out of 24 preschoolers who didn't think he would like apples and the rest sampled and then voted for their favorite. Then we tried to do an apple craft and not eat the apple bobbbers cereal since we were using glue. The kids tried to convince me that cereal was only for eating and not to do awesome crafts.

We are busy and full of energy and everyday is special with all the children God has blessed us with this year at preschool.

Love in Christ,
Mrs. Durall



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 5th in celebration of Grandparent's Day. What a memorable day it was for everyone! 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 craft that they completed together. I 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 Sharon Dunkerly, and Mary Ann Miller who helped prepare and serve food. Also, thank you to Miss Jennifer, 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 have had a lot of fun playing at the new camping center and are really looking forward to our first field trip to Apple Hill Orchard! 😊

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



Hello from Mrs. Granderson's class! Grandparent's day was our first big event of the year and it was a success! I was so proud of all the kids for getting on the stage in front of such a large group of people. A huge thank you, to all those who helped out, made muffins, and attended.

I think in class we are all beginning to get used to one another. The tears have subsided, and we are all working really hard to sit on our pockets. Last week was the beginning of the letter of the week. During A week we talked about Noah's Ark and how he built an Ark oh so big and wide because it rained for forty days and forty nights. And how he kept the animals safe inside. Then we made our own ark and got to paint for the first time which all of the kids truly enjoyed. Our Ark's are up in the hall way if you'd like to come and see them! We also had fun putting apple jacks on an A and eating a few in the process. Then we tasted some Amazing apples and decided which color apple was our favorite.

We will start the letter B this week and be talking about the Bible. We will learn a memory verse. Get to play in the band and hopefully blow some bubbles outside. We are having fun together and learning in the process hopefully!

Love,
Mrs. Granderson

Thank You's

Bethel Church,

I would like to thank all who called, sent cards, prayers, letters, flowers and food during my knee surgery and recovery.

God Bless,
Shirley Brouhard

Bethel Church Council Minutes September 8, 2014

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike reported that during the past month he presided at a wedding and two baptisms, made hospital visits, and conducted a service at the Freelandville Community Home. He also shared that staff meetings are being held each Monday morning and is preparing for the worship service in the grove and confirmation classes, which will be beginning soon.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet shared that the youth attended the outdoor Rock the World concert at Holiday World following a day at the park but had to leave early due to threatening weather. He has assisted with two Fifth Quarters following home football games and said that the attendance is increasing. He continues making visits at NK High School during the lunch periods on Mondays and is attending sporting events. A chicken and noodle dinner sponsored by the youth with a free will donation as a fund raiser is being planned for October. He plans to attend the one day conference, "Art of Bible Storying" in Evansville on October 30th. It was moved by Bill Resler, seconded by John Spanger, and passed unanimously to contribute \$75 toward his monthly cell phone bill since he uses it for church business.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were approved: NK Social Ministries, \$500 and Youth Groups, \$750.

Deacons' Report: The average attendance for August was 146, and the offering was \$17,539.19. Income included: Atlas Gas, \$663.44; Interest Income, \$110.81; Facility Use, \$750.00; Youth, \$75.00; and, Donations, \$50.00.

Building and Grounds: It was reported that replacement light bulbs are now available for the flood lights above the choir loft and will be installed by the deacons.

Elders' Report: Mary Ann Miller encouraged the council members to notify Pastor Mike or an elder if a visitation is needed or requested.

Old Business: Bill Resler updated the council on the progress of the shelter house renovation. Shaun Lemberg has volunteered to form the sidewalks and the electric and plumbing will be roughed in soon, followed by insulation installation. The studs are up in the kitchen, and D & C will be installing the glass board in the kitchen and bathrooms. Mary Ann Miller will check into purchasing a stove, pull down diaper changing tables for the bathrooms, and miscellaneous items. Also, the area around the shelter house will be seeded and strawed. Rowe Sargent reported that he had received a bid for replacing the windows in the custodian's house. The motion was made by Bill Resler, seconded by Dan Kixmiller, and passed unanimously to accept the bid submitted by Fred Stoll for installing these windows. It was moved by Mary Ann Miller, seconded by Joe Koenig, and passed unanimously to purchase computers from the Bicknell Sports Center for Pastor Mike DeCoursey and the secretary and treasurer. Mary Ann Miller shared that Bethel's Preschool will be receiving a grant from WIN Energy's Operation Round Up program for the purchase of new playground equipment. It was decided that the funds received from the auction at the Sunday school picnic will go to missions

New Business: Bill Resler volunteered to continue repairing broken arms on the chairs in the social room.

Upcoming Events:

Harvest Home – September 13

Worship in the Grove/Auction – September 28

World Wide Communion (Pew) – October 5



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 is a box in Bethel Hall to collect the lids.

Parish Records:

Attendance:

Aug. 24 146
Aug. 31 155
Sept. 7 155
Sept. 14 181

Greeters:

Oct. 8 – Evan & Krista Telligman
Oct. 12 & 19 – Brandon & Holly Spanger
Oct. 26 – Tim & Tonya Miller

Ushers: Randy & Theresia Barrett

Nursery (Sunday School):

Oct. 8 Lana Dike/Nancy Rinsch
12 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Brandy Williams
19 Krista Telligman/Carole Albrecht
26 Diane Telligman/Kate Hammelman

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Oct. 8 Debbie Telligman/Cally Miller
12 Tracey and Hailley Kahre
19 Brenda Maddox/Ashley Durall
26 Kelci Anderson/Jesse Organ

Children's Church:

Oct. 8 Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
12 Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg
19 Micah Morgan/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
26 Brenda Maddox/Jenny Clinkenbearad

October birthdays:

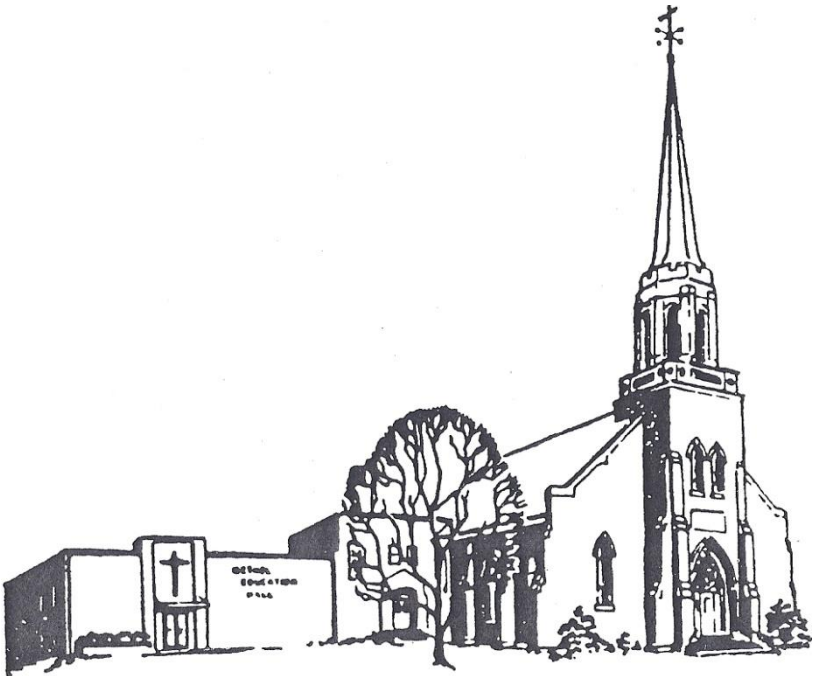
Oct. 9 Kara Johanningsmeier (82nd)
14 Ruth Sager (92nd)
18 Dorothy Spanger (81st)
27 Lois Repass (83rd)

Chimes news will be due on October 20th.

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