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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

The weekend of September 19th saw the annual convocation of the Evangelical Association. Following is a report written by Jan Spanger who attended the convocation along with her husband, John. I believe you will find the report both refreshing and enlightening. Thank you, Jan and John for taking the time to attend.

In His Service, Pastor Mike James 5:16

Report from the Evangelical Association Convocation in Landis, NC...

We were privileged to be a part of the EA convocation in Landis, NC during the month of September. It was a very uplifting, inspirational gathering. We were blessed to receive the Word of God from key speakers, Dr. Gary Chapman, author of many different "Love Languages" books, Ann Graham Lotz, and our EA national minister, Jim Barnes (who spoke at our Church in August). Many breakout sessions were held on Saturday, and were led by

Pastors of various EA churches. The theme of the weekend was "Advancing the Kingdom". Below is a summary of the various messages we heard:

Dr. Gary Chapman's message encouraged us to Advance the Kingdom beginning with our own families. He introduced the 5 Love Languages: 1) Words of Affirmation; 2) Gifts; 3) Acts of Service; 4) Quality Time and 5) Physical Touch. He then shared that we need to know each other's love language and informed us that what makes one person feel loved doesn't necessarily make another person feel loved. He said love is an attitude that says I choose to look out for your interests. Learn the love language of those in your family and practice it even if it isn't natural for you. This makes it a greater expression of love. The motivation to do this has to come from God, so have the attitude of Christ toward each other. If we can get this right in our families, unbelievers will see and experience the way Christ loves through us.

Anne Graham Lotz based her message on Revelation, Chp. 1. Just a John was on the isle of Patmos when God revealed the vision of future events, so some of us are living in our own Patmos. In our suffering or aloneness, He can reveal things to us as well. Take this opportunity to read God's word and see Him. God's purpose for us is to bring glory to God while we are doing life. We need to stay focused on Jesus because He is bigger than all our problems. We are in the battle of the ages, but none is mightier that Jesus. He is either the Lord of all or not Lord at all. He is the end of the story and before we can advance the Kingdom, we have to take care of the kingdom inside of us.

Rev. Jim Barnes talked about the church's vision. He said Christians have become status quo and forget to see the potential God has put before us in the world. We lose our vision/focus of what God wants us to be doing for the Kingdom. Our visions have become too narrow and too small and our faith falls into ruts. When you have purpose, you have excitement. We should expand our vision beyond the confines of the local church. Once you have your vision, you can focus your prayers on that vision. We need to let our visions capture our hearts. Jesus gave the Great Commission to ALL believers, not just a select few!

The breakout sessions we attended were just as powerful:

Having a Biblical Worldview in the 21st Century: We need to put on biblical lenses so we can see the worldview from God's view, His Word. Having a biblical worldview gives us confidence, answers, and hope for the future. If we capture God's view, we will be able to stand up to the world views. We need to have courageous faith, which always risks something. If our witness is shallow and weak, we are discrediting our Christian faith.

Everyday Faith: This session was based on the book of Ruth and demonstrated a different approach to worship through reflection and music.

Praying Eph. 3:20: We were told to plug into the power source and believe in what you pray for. God wants to give us much more than what we ask for. Just look at what H gave us without asking. He didn't just give us the sun, he gave us sunsets and sunrises; He didn't just give us the stars, he gave us galaxies; He didn't just give us water, He gave us oceans. How much more will he give His children who cry out to Him!!

Evangelical Alternative to Mainline Liberalism: The session was about the start of the EA organization, which is mainly an outgrowth from mostly former UCC churches. This voluntary organization has created an avenue for pastors/churches leaving the UCC to be able to communicate and support believers working together to further God's word and to give churches a database of pastors who are like-minded to fill vacant positions within the churches.

Preparing Churches for End Time Ministries: This referenced scriptures from Daniel and Revelation. The church needs to have a plan for Christians facing persecution before it's too late. Evil is in power and not going to give Christians control.

We felt this was a very worthwhile convocation and think the Church made an excellent choice by joining this organization, and would encourage members to attend next year. The convocations are always held the 3rd weekend in September. There is no business conducted, it is simply a few days to gather for fellowship, worship and encouragement. Next year the convocation will be held in Reinholds, PA, and in 2016, it will be held in Naples, FL.

YOUTH PASTOR

November 2nd is The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church also known as IDOP. So we will talk about it a little on that Sunday and then the persecuted will just drift to the back of our minds. We might hear a news story that will jolt us to remember throughout the year but for the most part we don't think much about it. We live in a country that believes in religious freedom and we can worship when and where we want. But a lot of our brothers and sisters do not. It is estimated that 100 million Christians live under some type of persecution. It has been estimated that 105,000 Christian die every year for their faith. More Christians were martyred in the 20th century than in all other centuries combined.

I tell you this because while we may not be being persecuted directly, it still affects us greatly. We are told in Hebrews 13:3 "Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also." And in 1 Corinthians Paul talks about the church being one body and we all serve together in verse 26 he says "And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*". We have brothers and sisters that are dying every day. We have brothers and sisters who are imprisoned every day. We have brothers and sisters who meet in secret every day, brothers and sisters who are unashamed of the Gospel and risk their very lives for it every day. Just think what the church in America could do if we had that type of boldness. Please pray for the persecuted.

In His Love, Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2014

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

GUILD

Guild ladies had a good day at their October meeting. Some went to Vincennes, and so to the Community Home to visit. We came back to Church and enjoyed refreshments served by Reda Boberg and Bev Schuckman while we told of our visits.

Our November meeting will be the 5th at 1:30 pm. Doris Brocksmith will have the program on "Women of the Bible". Please bring Christmas gifts for North Knox Social Ministries.

Also, anyone that has time on Tuesday afternoons who would like to quilt – come on down to the Guild Room. The Quilting ladies would love to have you. We also have some very good books for anyone who likes to read.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Sunday School

Proverbs 147:1 Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant and praise is becoming.

For the past sixty years, we have had the privilege of listening to beautiful music being played each Sunday morning during opening services.

Edith and Edna Rinsch have decided that it is time to step away from playing during Sunday School opening. I believe that they have went above and beyond their duty for our church. Thank you two so much for the dedication that you gave to this church! We will be having a pitch in dinner for them on Sunday, November 2 immediately following church service. Please bring a side dish if you can. Make sure and let them know how much they have meant to our church!!

Praise be to God! Randy Hammelman

Mission Committee

Thanks to everyone for the donations of supplies and money toward the North Knox Back Pack Program. I have a trunk full of items in my car to deliver and \$100.00 toward more supplies thanks

to the generosity of Bethel people. Please keep it coming! They are sending the back packs home on Friday and then refilling them at the school each week so the students can take them back home. Right now they have started with around 22 elementary students enrolled in the program. Remember to bring items that have a long shelf life such as individual pop top cans of fruit and vegetables, Peanut Butter/cheese crackers, etc. Thanks again to everyone.

Janet Clinkenbeard

Preschool

Happy fall to all! We have been blessed with sunny days and rainy days too. We get so excited and wish we could see outside our windows when the farmers drive by preschool and we hear the tractors. (I have a lot of mini farmers who know that sound all too well). We have been praying for a great and safe harvest.

We have talked about letter b and the Bible being the best book of all. We got to do many activities related to the letter b, like bowling, balloon painting, and playing in the band. We tried to learn the nursery rhythm about Little Boy Blue--some of us had the cow sleeping and the sheep playing the horn, but we kind of get the idea and it was really cute listening the preschoolers tell their version.

Joseph and his coat of many colors was a great story for letter C. Our puppets were very colorful and one little boy explained, "I don't remember the name of all the colors yet because I am kinda little for that." We counted cookie crisp cereal in between eating a few bites here and there. We painted our hands and made Indian corn.

Letter d took us to the kitchen to make our own dandy dirt dessert after we painted using dirt from the ground. God thought of everything with dirt to play in and then "dirt" to eat. One little boy tried to tell me that his mom would not be very happy if I let him eat dirt and that I might even have to stay in time out for only a minute.

We read "Daniel and the Lions in the Den that Didn't Roar. We learned to always pray and never be afraid.

"A Small Elephant with a Long Nose" was our story for Letter E. The elephant taught us to be happy with what God has given us. We each have special and unique things about us. We just have to figure out how to use our talents and remember no matter what, God loves us all just the same.

We talked about letter f as the Freelandville Firefighters came to help us learn about fire safety. We loved our new red hats and getting to climb aboard the truck. We thank Fireman Pat and Miss Lauralee for coming and sharing with us. I only had a few tears about the loud sirens, and as they drove away, the little boy who shed tears said, "well that wasn't too bad."

We had the Generation volunteers came and test our eyes. We always have a great time with them and appreciate their time and effort they put into a great program. We got to visit our very own Pumpkin Patch and pick that perfect one to decorate with lots of paint squeezed right on. We thank Earl Linneweber for donating his time and bringing them to us. We always look forward to his visit and all the "orange things with a handles". We have had our pictures taken and thank Beck Boyles (inablink photography) for coming and taking those great smiles of each preschooler. We had our first Annual Bazaar and a big thanks to all who came to eat, made desserts, and are wearing our t-shirts. We are truly blessed with all who help make preschool a fun place to be!

We will finish the month of October visiting the Nursing Home residents and singing our praise songs of God to them. Then in November we will try to count all of our many blessings. I always enjoy hearing the kids say what they are most thankful for. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

In His Love, Mrs. Durall

What a wonderful fall season we have had so far here at Bethel Christian Preschool! We have been busy enjoying the amazing weather that we've been blessed with as well as learning new letters, shapes and numbers. We had class pictures taken and the children all had their eyes checked by

the kind ladies from Generations. We took a field trip to Apple Hill Orchard and had a wonderful time! The children were able to learn how apples are grown, taken care of and how they are picked. We got to walk through the orchard and see the tractor and equipment that is used to take care of the orchard and the children all got to pick their very own apple! Then we were able to see how the apples are washed, sorted, sliced and even got to taste some delicious apple cider! Thank you so much to the Apple Hill Orchard staff for making this such a fun and memorable day for us! Also, a big thank you to Pastor Mike Leydet for driving us safely to and from the orchard. The kids loved getting to ride in the big church "bus!"

Also, in the past month we worked on the letters P, O and H. Thank you to Earl Linneweber who brought a pumpkin for every preschooler as well as a few extra ones for us teachers to display in the classroom! The children had so much fun picking out their very own pumpkin and then painting it! We spent the week learning a lot about pumpkins through our "Pumpkin Investigation". We first examined the outside of a pumpkin and then cut the pumpkin open to examine what was on the inside. The kids (the ones who didn't mind) even got to touch and fell the slimy inside. We loved reading "The Pumpkin Parable" and talked about how the farmer picked a pumpkin, cleaned out all the 'yucky' stuff and carved a smiling face that shined to everyone who passed by just like God has chosen each of us and cleansed us of our sins so that we may shine for Him! Our pumpkin projects show what we discovered on the outside and inside of a pumpkin as well as a smiling face to help us to remember to SHINE for God! They are now displayed in the preschool hallway if you get a chance to stop by for a peek! ©

During "H Week" we read a story about a sheriff who thought he owed all his bravery to his 10-gallon hat but came to realize it wasn't his hat that helped him be brave and keep

order in his town – it was his heart. Later, when the sheriff was asked about his long life he said, "It isn't what you eat or how easy a life you have. It's how you live your life and how you treat others. In other words, it's your heart." The children each got to paint and decorate their very own hat for our Hat 'n Heart Parade. Inside their hat each child placed a heart sticker to help them remember to follow their heart. I loved hearing the stories of kindness the children shared when we talked about ways we had seen or shown kindness and love throughout the week.

We were also thrilled to have the Freelandville Fire Department visit us for a day during Fire Safety and Prevention Week. We loved having Fireman Pat come in and talk to us about fire safety and what number we would call if we ever had an emergency. Fireman Pat gave each child a goody bag with a fire safety pamphlet, a fire hat, and a sticker.

We then got to go outside to see the fire truck! We walked all around the outside and got to ask all kinds of questions about the different parts of the truck then we got to see the ladder and some of the controllers and, finally, everyone got a chance to sit inside. Thank you so much to Fireman Pat and Lauralee Reynolds for spending the day with us. I really appreciate everyone from our local fire departments who took the time to talk to our kids at Bethel as well as the North Knox Primary school during Fire Safety and Prevention Week.

Thank you so much to all of you who came out to the preschool dinner! We had a wonderful turnout! © Thank you to everyone who brought desserts and to the board members for making the delicious meal. I am so grateful to all of the kind men and women who donate their time, love, and prayers to our preschoolers. It is such a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful place where I get to see God's children learning, laughing, singing and praying each day. I look forward to this

month of thanksgiving with a happy heart and a life full of blessings.

Love, Liberty Lemberg

Fall is here and we have been enjoying every minute of it at preschool! We went to our very own pumpkin patch, got to pick a pumpkin, and decorate it! A big thank you to Earl Linneweber for bringing the pumpkins and making this happen. My class happened to be learning about the letter D that week, so we decorated our pumpkins with dots. We talked about the color and the shape of the pumpkins. Also during D week we talked about Daniel and the Lion's Den. We made our very own lion paper bag puppet, the kids enjoyed this very much and enjoyed making lion noises once their puppet was complete.

We combined E and F into the same week because we had a special treat, the Freelandville Fire Department brought their trucks out for fire safety week. This was a huge hit with the kids. They got to talk to Firefighter Pat and Firefighter Laura. They were given a hat and a coloring book, but most exciting of all was when they got to sit on the fire truck and hear the sirens. Thanks to the Freelandville Fire Department and especially Firefighters Pat and Laura for coming out to the preschool! We made our own firemen crafts, which are on display in the hallway and talked about the sound the letter F makes. For the letter E we made our very own Elephant craft which is on display in the hallway as well and talked about how God makes each one of us unique and different.

We also enjoyed fall break this month! We will jump right back into things this week and talk about the letters E and F again. We will also continue to talk about fall and make some more pumpkin crafts. Before we know it the holidays will be upon us and we are already planning for many fun things ahead!

I hope the kids are having as much fun as I am teaching them and I hope their learning something along the way!

Love, Mrs. Granderson

Thank You's

Thank you for remembering me with cards and prayers. Also, Pastor Mike's visits and prayers when I had my surgeries. May God's blessings always be with you.

Naomia Pepmeier

Totenfest Service of Remembrance

May we remember those who have passed on to life eternal in the past year.

Marjorie Putnam, age 90 – died December 27, 2013

John Richter, age 59, died May 23, 2014

Paul Kixmiller, age 88, died May 29, 2014

Paul Hollingsworth, age 78, died September 14, 2014

Betty Tilly, age 83, died October 6, 2014

MEMORIAL FUND

In honor of Herman and Nancy Tilly
April, Celeste, Jackson Sims, Toby and Johnna Threfell

In memory of Betty Tilly:

Chuck Borgmeier Doris Brocksmith

Ruth & John Brocksmith

Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard Randy Hammelman Family

Earl & Chris Horst

Don & Kara Johanningsmeier

Sara & Max Kixmiller
Joe & Virginia Koenig
John & Marilyn Koenig

Mike & Pam Loheider

Andy & Andrea Miller

Bruce & Terri Miller Mary Ann Miller Bill & Darlene Resler

Joe Robbins
Lucille Robbins
Craig & Tonya Scott
Joe & Susie Singleton
Brad & Pam Summers
Steve & Debbie Telligman

Lois Wampler

Bill & Tammy Williams Sam & Dana Worland

Guild:

Reda & Wilbur Boberg

Sharon Dunkerly

Friendly Circle Sunday School Class

Gertrude Hagemeier

Robert & Vera Jones

Tom & Joyce Kixmiller Edith & Edna Rinsch

Herman & Nancy Tilly

Janet Tilly

Ruth & Jim Wesner

Preschool:

Randy & Theresia Barrett

Stan & Brenda Deweese

Edgar & Linda Hammelman

Treasurer's Report 1/1/2014 - 9/30/2014

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Income	=	

Atlas Gas	\$ 5,194.97
Cemetery	3,603.64
Interest	2,140.64
Memorial Fund	2,315.00
Mission	10,910.00
Offering	163,767.04
Preschool	22,633.42
Rental	1,275.00
Shelter House	15,400.00
Youth	2,463.05
TOTAL INCOME	\$229.702.76

Expenses:

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Choir	\$	84.95	Preschool Teacher	4,044.62
Custodial Supplies		1,904.40	Preschool Teacher T/Th	1 3,235.62
Custodian	Ç	9,189.36	Preschool Director	7,355.04
Electricity	7	7,790.20	Preschool Aide	2,082.46
Employee Withholding	15	5,173.74	Rental expense	192.50
Gas		8,384.82	Scholarships	400.00
Groundskeeper		7,303.40	Secretary	8,456.80
Insurance	10	0,420.45	Shelter House	22,536.42
Main. & Repair	3	5,427.47	Strate 40 Acres	20,787.38
Memorial		525.00	Sub. Pastor	100.00
Misc.		8,906.42	Telephone	2,453.48
Mission	2	8,366.88	Waste Removal	836.94
Music Director	(6,587.30	Water	625.39
Office Supplies	:	2,308.91	Youth	494.95
Pastor	4	4,869.40	Youth Pastor	10,156.28
Pastor Travel		1,005.00		
Pest Control	•	1,067.80		
Postage		790.00	Total Expenses	\$273,863.38

Transfers: Brocksmith Mission \$2,633.53

<u>Assets</u>

Brocksmith Misson	\$ 25,513.99	Memorial Fund	\$ 27,464.83
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Cemetery Fund	8,334.70	Mission Fund	5,469.10
Cemetery Trust	256,718.04	Scholarship Fund	11,560.85
Choir/Music	2,181.54	Shelter House	6,060.21
General Fund	125,480.44	Strate 40 Acres	27,109.01
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Bethel Church Council Minutes October 13, 2014

<u>Pastor's Report</u>: Pastor Mike's report included conducting a service at the Freelandville Community Home, hospital visits, teaching Confirmation classes, conducting a funeral and a graveside service, and weekly staff meetings. He continues looking for office chairs for his office.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet shared that he continues his visits to NK High School during the lunch periods on Mondays, has attended various sporting events, assisted with the Preschool Dinner, helped plan and assist with the Fifth Quarter events after home football games, chauffeured the preschool on a field trip to Apple Hill Orchard, and is planning the wiener roast/hayride for all youth on Sunday, October 19, and the chicken and noodle dinner as a money making project on Sunday, October 26. He also reported that he and about 150 people attended the Fields of Faith event at the NK football field for all county schools, which is a national event sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: It was approved as written. It was decided to donate \$1,000 to Scott Shipman, director of CFF, from the Mission Fund.

<u>Deacons' Report</u>: The average attendance for September was 169, and the offering was \$21,806.76. Income included: Atlas Gas, \$453.72; Interest Income, \$153.29; Mission Income (SS Picnic Auction), \$7,671.00; Preschool Income, \$4,459.22; Facility Rental, \$250.00; Youth, \$105.00; Cemetery Fund, \$96.13; and, General Donations, \$120.00.

Building and Grounds: Gord Clinkenbeard shared that he will spread the rock over the rear parking lot during the Preschool's fall break, weather permitting. Bill Resler reported on the progress of the Shelter House renovations project, stating that insulation will be installed above the ceiling of the kitchen and bathrooms and the pouring of the sidewalks may be delayed until spring, depending on the weather. The motion was made by Joe Koenig, seconded by Rowe Sargent, and passed unanimously to install an Infrared Heater in the ceiling so the facility can be used during cooler weather. Bill will also investigate having the fireplace brick repaired so that a gas insert may possibly be installed.

<u>Elders' Report</u>: Mary Ann Miller reported that 102 were served communion on World Wide Communion Sunday, October 5, and asked that council members continue notifying Pastor Mike or an elder if a visit is needed or requested.

Old Business: It was reported that new computers have been purchased for Pastor Mike, the secretary, and the treasurer, and Jeff Kixmiller is in the process of installing them. A new phone line has been installed, and Pastor Mike Leydet now has a phone in his office. Gord shared that the "Backpack Project" has been initiated in the NK Primary School first grades, which provided take-home food on the weekends for students who

qualify, and a box has been placed in Bethel Hall to collect non-perishable food donations.

New Business: Repairing a portion of the cemetery road was discussed, with a church member donating half of the cost, and will be investigated. Pastor Mike presented bids for installing screens and a projector in the sanctuary, and a presentation will be given at the annual meeting in January. Repairing the carillon will also be investigated. It was decided to have a carry-in dinner following church on November 2 to honor Edith and Edna Rinsch for their 60 years of service as SS pianists. The church will provide the meat, rolls, and drinks, and church members are asked to provide the side dishes and desserts.

Upcoming Events:

October 19 – Youth Wiener Roast & Hayride
October 26 – Youth Fund Raiser Dinner after Church
November 2 – Tribute Dinner for Edith & Edna Rinsch after church



Parish Records:

Deaths: Betty Tilly, age 83, died on October 6, 2014. Services were on October 10, with burial in Bethel Cemetery.

Births: Gibson Douglas Richter was born on Monday, October 20, 2014 to Tyler and Kayla Richter. His big brother is Greyson Adam, and Bethel grandparents are Garland and Lisa Richter.

Attendance:		<u>Greeters:</u>
Sept. 21	171	Nov. $\overline{2 - \text{Tim } \&}$ Tonya Miller
Sept. 28	230	Nov. 9 & 16 – Clay & Brandy Miller
Oct. 5	153	Nov. 23 & 30 – Jerry Lee & Kate Hammelman
Oct. 12	136	
Oct 19	147	Ushers: Mike and Sherry Sheren

Nursery (Sunday School):

Nov.	2	Lana Dike/Holly Spanger
	9	Cheryl Hagemeier/Nancy Rinsch
	16	Krista Telligman/Brandy Williams
	23	Diane Telligman/Carole Albrecht
	30	Lisa Richter/Cheryl Hagemeier

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Nov.	2	Bonnie and Emilee Organ
	9	Stacy and Brianna Page
	16	Virginia Koenig/Hallie Durall

Theresia Barrett/Rylee Hammelman 23

Ramona and Reeva Hammelman 30

Children's Church:

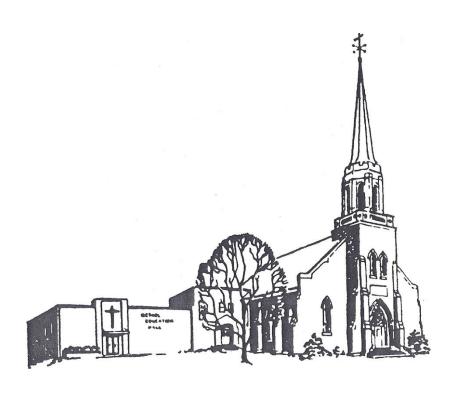
Nov.	2	Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
	9	Tracey Kahre/Liberty Lemberg
	16	Bonnie Organ/Cheryl Hagemeier/Krista Telligman
	23	Dale Tiek/Jenny Clinkenbeard
	30	No Children's Church
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November birthdays:					
Nov.	5	Naomia Pepmeier (88 th)			
	14	Wendell Stoelting (90 th)			
	17	Etta Boberg (81)			
	23	Marvin Deerhake (84 th)			
	29	Shirley Miller (86 th)			
	30	Helen Mackey (87 th)			

Chimes news will be due on November 17th.

November 2014

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