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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Now that we are past the New Year, how many resolutions are you still keeping? We know we make them with the best intentions but hardly ever keep them. Life gets in the way, not enough time to exercise, one more piece of cake won't hurt, and you know how the list goes on and on. But, maybe, just maybe it is a control thing, we just don't want to lose control, even though we would be better off because of it.

Well, maybe 2015 is the year that we let go and let God. Let Him have total control of every aspect of our being. Our time, our talents, our attitudes and yes, even our wallets.

When we let go and let God, then and only then will we experience true freedom. I leave you with one thought, Jesus gave 100% of Himself that we might have eternal life. Isn't time we give Him 100%?

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

YOUTH PASTOR

As I write this I am physically tired. I have 892 miles of driving under my belt in the previous 3 days. We spent an hour stuck on I-75 and moved all of 2 miles in that time. I spent 2 nights on a rather hard hotel room bed. I forgot to take my own pillow, and we all know that you can barely call a hotel pillow an actual pillow. But as I sit here my heart overflows with joy and my soul is refreshed. We spent the last few days in Pigeon Forge at the Strength to Stand youth conference. We had the privilege of worshipping with 9,000 youth and youth leaders over the weekend. We attended an excellent concert by The Rend Collective Experiment and LeCrae. At the concert an invitation was given and over 500 decisions were made for Christ and an offering of over \$25,000 was taken up. The offering will be used to host a CHRISTIAN youth conference in the country of Egypt.

So, thank you, if you were able to sponsor a youth for the trip or if you gave at our fundraiser dinner in November. Thank you if you lifted us up in prayer during our weekend. I firmly believe that if our country is to see a spiritual awakening, it will come through youth. I have told them that if they want to see God make a difference in our world that we have to be the difference. Please keep our youth lifted up in prayer as they live for Christ every day in a world that constantly rejects Him.

In His Love,
Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2015

February – Christian Generations
March/April/May (Spring) – Choir
June – Bible School
July/August – Mission Committee
September – Preschool
October/November – Nancy Tilly
December – Faithful Footprints

GUILD

The Bethel Guild ladies didn't meet in January, but hope you all called or visited with a friend or home-bound person, read a good book, or went and quilted!

Our February meeting is the 4th, with our memorial service for our deceased members starting at 1:30. Doris Brocksmith will have the program. Hostesses are Terri Miller and Marilyn Koenig. Bring toothpaste and toothbrushes for North Knox Social Ministries.

We have good books to read in our library during the cold weather, plus you can come to quilt on Tuesday afternoons.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Preschool

We had an enjoyable Christmas break, and then we came back and had a lesson on snowflakes. If God took the time to make each snowflake unique and different, think about the time He took to make each of us. We made a cute snowman craft to hang in the hallway and of course they are all unique and different.

Our letter for the week was letter L where we learned about the unconditional love from God. We learned that we have to take care of God's outdoor creatures and show them love when it's cold because they can't always get to their food. We made bird feeders so

the birds could have something to eat. The kids were amazed that a toilet paper roll could become something for outdoor use. One little boy was quick to tell me the next day that he had two birds eating all the bird seed but the peanut butter wasn't very good he didn't think. I hope he didn't try the peanut butter himself.

Only God can perform miracles as he did with baby Moses floating in the river. This was our lesson for letter M. We are thankful that God protected baby Moses just like he protects us. We also had a lesson on five little monkeys jumping on the bed, which a lot of the kids already knew by heart so it made for a fun day.

Our thoughts and prayers continue for Jackson and his family in this time of sorrow.

We are now working on songs to share with our dads when we bring them for donuts and we're all so excited to continue on with learning all about the unconditional love from God as we prepare for Valentine's Day. The kids have asked every day since we've been back from Christmas break when can we go outside to play. So now we're praying for one nice day with warm temperatures and no mud so we can do just that.

Love and blessings,
Mrs. Durall



We are excited to be back in the swing of things in Mrs. Granderson's preschool class! We began the month with the letter L. We painted an L with Legos, the preschoolers thought I was breaking a rule by putting paint on the Legos it was pretty funny how concerned they were. I assured them I would wash the Legos off after class. We practiced writing the letter L in shaving cream and practiced lacing L's which we were able to take home. The week we returned was a very cold week so it seemed to be the perfect time to talk about winter and make some snow! The kids were able to take turns mixing corn starch and shaving cream to make snow, they got a little messy but didn't seem to mind. They had a lot of fun making the snow and wanted to know if we could do it again! We ended L week by getting to Limbo!

During M week we talked about our "Maker" and how God makes each one of us special, unique, and with a purpose. We continued talking about winter and did a group name snow man craft and talked about how our names are different, how they have different sounds, different numbers of letters and how God knew our name before we were born. We made snow flakes and talked about how no two snowflakes are the same. We practiced writing M's, sorted and counted M and M's and of course ate a few too! We read the book the "Five little Monkey's" and made our very own monkey. A favorite during M week was making maracas to take home and make music with.

We have started N week, we made a birds nest craft and talked about how God gives everyone a place to live and he created everything with a purpose, even birds! We are also counting and talking about numbers. We have painted noodles to make necklaces and neck ties. We are hopefully having fun while learning. We will continue to talk about winter, practice writing our names, and of course sitting

on our pockets. We are looking forward to donuts with Dad's in February and the Valentine's Day party!

Love,
Mrs. Granderson



I hope everyone was able to keep warm throughout the first month of the new year! We were excited to make it back to school after having Christmas break. January was another very busy month at preschool as we got back into our preschool routine. We had fun reviewing past letters, shapes, numbers and then adding more new ones. 😊

We also read more books and played more games. One of my favorite winter books is a story about a little boy who made a snowman only to come back the next day to find him all droopy and out of sorts. The little boy came to the conclusion that his snowman must have snuck away during the night and then imagined all the things he might have done. Afterwards, we played a (fairly loud!) snowman game in which I got to build a whole roomful of "snowmen" who were so still but

every time I took a little nap I would wake up to find my little snowmen all out of sorts! How tricky my little snowmen were! 😊 The kids loved it! How they laughed with excitement as they tried to run around and play and then get back to their spot before I "woke up". It has become a favorite game and is asked to play nearly every class time. Also, to go along with the book, the kids each made their own construction paper snowman and had a great time thinking of things their snowman might do at night. I was very pleased that so many of the children were able to work fairly independently as they cut out their snowman circles and glued them and their hats and scarves onto their paper. Their snowmen are displayed in the preschool hallway – I hope you get a chance to check them out!

We also began our Star Student activity this past month. The Star Student brings in a poster that is all about them full of pictures and drawings and anything else they want to include. They also bring in three favorite items, their favorite book, and a special letter from their parents that are shared throughout the week. I love getting to know each preschooler a little better as they bring in their favorite things to share.

The children are also getting so good at our prayer times. I have so many volunteers each day who want to say our good-bye prayer. We pray for our families, pets and all of our preschool friends. I love seeing how the children's prayers grow as they get more confident to go to Jesus with all that is on their little hearts.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner we are looking forward to making valentines and our Valentine party. We will be talking about the love we have for others and the love that Jesus has for us – an amazing love...a love that never ends!!

May you be blessed with Jesus' amazing love not only this Valentine's Day but each and every day of your life!

Love,
Mrs. Lemberg

Thank You

The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and words of support during the illness and death of Lloyd Titzer. We truly appreciate all of the support from our Bethel Church Family.

Heath, Tanaya, & Thea Titzer

We want to thank Pastor Mike and Karen for their prayers, visits, the meaningful service and the music.

To our many friends for the prayers, calls, cards and the many acts of kindness, we are forever grateful.

A special thank you to the ladies who prepared the delicious dinner.

What a wonderful loving community in which to live.

Please continue to pray for us as we heal.

Evaline
Linda, Kevin and family
Mike, Jean and family
Sue, Jim and family

The family of Vera Dunkerly thanks everyone for the calls, visits, cards, and memorial gifts. We especially thank you for your kind words, stories you shared, and most of all, your prayers.

We thank Pastor Mike for the beautiful service. We thank you for helping us celebrate her life, and the message you shared during the service was perfect. We thank Karen for playing her favorite hymns. The music was so beautiful, and she would have loved it.

Thank you for leading us in her favorite hymn, “How Great Thou Art.”

We thank the Guild for the delicious meal. The service you provide is such a blessing. It gave us time to relax, share stories, and remember happy times.

Mom wrote to us, “I have a deep faith in my God. I know He is a wonderful God who always knows what is best for all of us.”

We thank our church family for all of your love and support. We are so thankful we live in such a kind and caring community.

Love,
Wayne
Pam, Mike and family
Paul, Nancee and family



MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Vera Dunkerly:

Bill & Carolyn Allen

Mark & Cheryl Baize

Randy & Theresia Barrett

Bethel Choir

Jack and Joan Bland family

Sharon Bond family

Keith & Connie Bosecker

Richard & Lois Bosecker

Scott & Joretta Bosecker

Doris Brocksmith

Kent & Brenda Brocksmith

Ruth & John Brocksmith

Jerry & Susie Cardinal

Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard

Ed & Brenda Cummings

Kevin, Kim, & Shaunessy Dunkerly

Sharon Dunkerly

Waneta Dunkerly

Rick, Cheryl, & Cole Earley

Joe & Karen Frey

John Gregg

Edgar D. & Linda Hammelman

Linda Hammelman

Kevin, Josh, Jerry Lee Hammelman families

Randy & Ramona Hammelman

Bryron & Donna Harting

Elfrieda Hartsburg

Jerry & Donna Hays

Rachel Henderson

Randy & Sharon Hobson

Stephen & Elizabeth Holka

Bernettia Hollingsworth

Carolyn Horst & family

Earl & Chris Horst

Roger & Chris Johanningsmeier

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Rowe & Maridell Sargent

Craig & Tonya Scott

Ruth Ann Scott

Jay & Jo Singleton

Joe & Susie Singleton

Dorothy Spanger

John & Jan Spanger

Brad & Pam Summers

Tim Taylor family

Debbie & Steve Telligman

Elizabeth Telligman

Mark & Diane Telligman

Danny & Linda Thomas

Dale & Jane Tiek

Herman & Nancy Tilly

Paul Walters

David & Linda Walton

Lois Wampler

Gene & Carolyn Williams

D.J., Lisa, Austin Willis

Mike & Nancy Wilson

Linda & Tom Wood

In memory of Charles Johanningsmeier:

Randy & Theresia Barrett
Bethel Choir
Chuck Borgmeier
Doris Brocksmitth
Kent & Brenda Brocksmitth
Allen Buckthal
Charlie, Janet & Jordan Buescher
John & Tina Buescher family
Patty Buescher
Jerry & Susie Cardinal
Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard
John & Lill Clinkenbeard
Bret & Lori Devers
Scott & Lana Dike
Paul & Nancee Dunkerly
Wayne Dunkerly
Bill Hagemeyer
Nick & Hannah Hatfield
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hammelman
Linda Hammelman
Randy & Ramona Hammelman
Steve & Lynette Hoke
Bernettia & Butch Hollingsworth
Vaughn & Barbara Huey
Barbara Johanningsmeier
Don Johanningsmeier
Roger & Chris Johanningsmeier
Virgil Johanningsmeier
Vera & Bob Jones

Ed & Shelley Keplinger
Sonny & Alan Kixmiller
Tom & Joyce Kixmiller
Joe & Virginia Koenig
John & Marilyn Koenig
Mike & Pam Loheider
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Andy & Andrea Miller
Bob & Betty Miller
Bruce & Terri Miller
Dallas & Shirley Miller
Mary Ann Miller
Tim & Tonya Miller
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Bob & Jackie Richardville
Garland & Lisa Richter
Lucille Robbins
Rowe & Maridell Sargent
Bill & Jean Schroeder
Pete & Kathy Slowek
Dorothy Spanger
John & Jan Spanger
Brad & Pam Summers
Mark & Diane Telligman
Triad Mining
Dale & Jane Tiek
Herman & Nancy Tilly
Lois Wampler
Gene & Carolyn Williams

MISSION COMMITTEE

We are collecting children's vitamins (no gummies) for Nurses (and a carpenter) On a Mission's trip to the Dominican Republic. We will collect through February 15th.

On February 15th the Junior High and Senior High youth will be helping to bag the vitamins in a 30 day supply. We appreciate the youth being willing to help.

Please consider donating vitamins for children who have no access to medical care. The vitamins you collected and sent down last year were very much appreciated! Those going on the mission trip from Bethel are: Micah Morgan, Dale & Jane Tiek. We will be leaving on March 4th. Please pray for this medical mission trip too.

Thank you Bethel for having a heart for those in need! Jesus calls us to be His hands and feet in this world and you are doing just that. God bless you!

Bethel Church Council Minutes January 13, 2015

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting a service at the Freelandville Community Home, teaching Confirmation classes, conducting two funerals and a graveside service, hospital visits, and weekly staff meetings.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet continues to make weekly visits to NKHS and is attending various sporting events to support our youth in their activities. He shared that the youth helped with the preschool and Sunday school Christmas programs and went to the Freelandville Community Home to share the Christmas story and carols with the residents. There was a lock-in for the Jr/Sr High youth, and they will be attending the Strength to Stand Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN, January 17-19. He also shared that he is on the steering committee planning a men's conference, "Armor Bearers," to be held at NKHS February 27-28; more information is posted on the bulletin board in Bethel Hall.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. Dan Kixmiller distributed copies of a summary of the 2014 shelter house and maintenance and repair expenses.

Buildings and Grounds: Joe Koenig reported that the fire extinguishers have all been recertified and lights are in the process of being repaired or replaced. It was noted that several pews in the sanctuary are in need of major repairs due to broken support pieces underneath. Options for remedying this problem will be discussed at the annual meeting.

Deacons' Report: The average attendance for December was 173, and the offering was \$22,004.08. Income included: Atlas Gas, \$185.19; Facility Use, \$40.00; Interest Income, \$121.52; Memorial Fund, \$230.00; Mission Income, \$1,110.00; Brocksmith Mission Fund Interest, \$107.76; Youth Income, \$360.00, and, WIN Energy Patronage Capital Refund, \$294.14.

Elders' Report: Mary Ann Miller reported that 99 were served communion on Epiphany Sunday, and council members were reminded to contact Pastor Mike or an elder if a visit is needed or requested.

Old Business: Garland Richter will ask Dale Tiek to submit a bid for replacing the windows in the office, and Rowe Sargent is pursuing getting a bid from F&J Construction. Kevin Hammelman was thanked for spreading rock on the cemetery driveway. It was noted that more work is needed on this project, with Earl Linneweber and Kevin furnishing the rock, which is greatly appreciated. A time will be scheduled for completing this project and also for trimming some of the trees along the cemetery driveways.

New Business: The motion was made by Garland Richer, seconded by Rowe Sargent, and passed unanimously to donate \$750 to the Evangelism Association as our annual contribution. Bethel continues to donate food for the NK Back Pack project, and Gord shared that Janet Clinkenbeard has volunteered to continue as the coordinator. (A list of desired foods is listed on the Bethel Hall bulletin board, and a donation box is located nearby,) The motion was made by Bill

Resler, seconded by Garland Richter, and passed unanimously to purchase new ceiling lights for Pastor's Mikes office since half of them are not working, and parts are no longer available. John Sanger shared that a steering committee is meeting to plan a community event on the National Day of Prayer in May at NKHS, which will include speakers and music. Making a monetary contribution was tabled until more information becomes available.

Coming Events:

January 25 – Annual Meeting

**Special Council Meeting
January 18, 2015**

Jan Spanger met with the church council following the worship service on January 18, 2015, to provide more details concerning the National Day of Prayer event being planned by the North Knox churches, which will be held in May at the North Knox Jr/Sr High Auditorium. It will include music by nationally known musician Terry McAlmon, and the NK area pastors will participate in the prayer service. It was moved by Dan Kixmiller, seconded by Garland Richter, and passed unanimously to donate \$500 in support of this event.



ABC Project
“A Bench For Caps”

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

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:

Deaths: Vera Dunkerly, age 85, died December 28, 2014. Funeral services were January 1, followed by burial in Bethel Cemetery.

Charles Johanningsmeier, age 78, died January 8, 2015. Funeral services were on January 13, followed by burial at Salem UCC Cemetery in Westphalia.

Attendance:

Dec. 21 198
Dec. 28 149
Jan. 4 128
Jan. 11 176
Jan. 19 145

Greeters:

Feb. 1 & 8 – Ernie & Monica Malone
Feb. 15 & 22 – Michael & Brandy Toney

Ushers: Mike & Sherry Sheren

Nursery (Sunday School):

Feb. 1 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 8 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Kate Hammelman
 15 Krista Telligman/Carole Albrecht
 22 Diane Telligman/Mary Ann Miller

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Feb. 1 Jenny Clinkenbeard/Briana Ainsworth
 8 Theresia Barrett/Reeva Hammelman
 15 Ramona and Rylee Hammelman
 22 Beth Durall/Debbie Telligman

Children's Church:

Feb. 1 Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
 8 Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg
 15 Micah Morgan/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
 22 Brenda Maddox/Jenny Clinkenbeard

February birthdays:

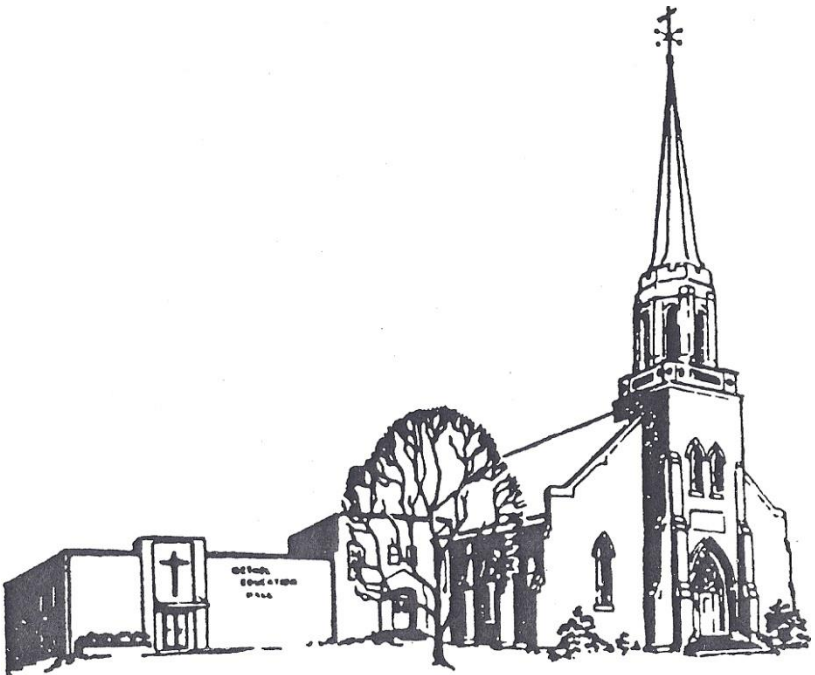
Feb. 4 Wayne Dunkerly (87th)
 21 Lill Clinkenbeard (83rd)
 28 Wilma Chester (95th)

Chimes news will be due on February 16th.

February 2015

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