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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

What do you think of when you hear the word Pentecost? Are you thinking of an event that took place in the Book of Acts, chapter two, verses 1-4, or do you think of what follows that account, how the early church grew in one day from one hundred twenty to three thousand. Have you ever given pause to think that even eyewitnesses of this account still were in unbelief and accused some of drinking to excess? No matter what we think there are many valuable lessons to be found in this account. One, the comforter that Jesus had promised has come as a rushing wind. Two, as people experienced this power in the Holy Spirit many believed and were saved. Three, after salvation they continually devoted themselves to the word in the apostles teaching and stayed together breaking bread and stayed in prayer. What a wonderful example for us today, stay in the word and prayer and commune together as believers. What an example to a lost and dying world. As we prepare to observe Pentecost let us reflect back on the early church as our example for worship and fellowship.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

YOUTH PASTOR

Summer is almost here. In just a few weeks school will be out and Memorial Day will be here. We will all be firing up our grills and enjoying the warmer temperatures. Which also means that it is almost time for Vacation Bible School. I love VBS. When I was growing up VBS was a big part of our summer. We would invite friends and see if the boys or girls could bring in more change for the offering. I have many fond memories of VBS and I hope you do as well.

So my question is: Will you help make VBS memories this summer? We are in the process of planning now, but we need your help. We have an awesome opportunity to not only serve the kids of Bethel Church but also of the kids of our community. I know that we are all busy. 4H, baseball, softball, and various camps can dominate our summers, but I hope that you will take some time to reach out to the kids in and around our church this summer. VBS will be June 1st – 5th and we can't do it without the church showing up to minister to these kids. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. I know that you will be blessed if you do.

In His Love,
Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2015

March/April/May (Spring) – Choir

June – Bible School

July/August – Mission Committee

September – Preschool

October/November – Nancy Tilly

December – Faithful Footprints

GUILD

Bethel Guild met April Fool's Day for their regular meeting with 14 present. We all expressed how much we enjoyed our Lenten Breakfast. Food was delicious, special music, and our great speaker, Jane Tiek who gave an inspirational message "Spiritual Vitamins" with pictures of her mission trip. Approximately 95 ladies enjoyed the morning. Thanks to all who helped to make it special.

After business was discussed, Nancy Tilly gave the lesson – a Bible Study of Jesus' last week. We learned a lot about his last days on Earth.

Our May meeting will be Wednesday, May 6 at 1:30. Program will be afternoon preschoolers. The hostesses will be Shirley Brouhard and Linda Kixmiller. We are to bring bar soap for North Knox Social Ministries. All ladies are welcome.

Also, we have Christian greeting cards for sale in the Guild Room. You can purchase anytime. They are \$5.00 a box, or 50¢ for one card.

Remember, we have good Christian books to read in our Library. Enjoy!

Lill Clinkenbeard

Preschool

Wow it's hard to believe, as I write this chimes, we only have 8 days of school left for this year. It has been a fast and fun filled journey. The month of April, we spent a lot of time talking about Easter and all the events that surrounded Jesus's death and resurrection. We read the "Journey into Jerusalem", and made cut palm branches for Palm Sunday. Then we talked about the Cross and how the men were mean to Jesus. One little boy told me, "That is just not right." He was very bothered that people would act that way, but felt better when we talked about the empty tomb. The kids all did a great job retelling the Easter story, although some of them said he spent 40 minutes in the tomb, while others said he was in there for 90 days.

We read a book called "New life in Jesus" that was about the caterpillar and his new beginning as his life of the butterfly. We made colorful butterflies with shaving cream and food coloring

before squeegeeing them clean for a bright display. We are happy Jesus gives us new life.

Letter U was all about needing our umbrella on the rainy day. We learned that we are always under God's care and He protects us just like the umbrella. Letter V we made a vase full of love for some one very special who needed a cheering up. The kids are doing an excellent job with their shapes, colors and cutting skills as we make all of our crafts.

Letter W-- were happy to use lots of "Walking with Jesus" stickers after we painted our footprint beside that of Jesus. We also had a lesson on Jesus walked on the water when he calmed the wind and waves to reach the boat. I was quickly informed by one little girl that we could never do something like that because we would just sink and that wouldn't be any fun.

For letter X, I asked the kids what an X-ray did. Someone said you look at cracked bones, although they had never had any that they could remember. We talked about Jesus x-raying our heart. We want him to see us showing love. Then we talked about if he x-rayed our hands. We want Him to see us helping each other. Our make believe x-rays were cool, according to one little boy, but he didn't ever want to have to go get real ones.

We are on the count down to the end of the alphabet. Only 2 more to go!!!! We will finish our letters and have some fun in the few days ahead. We are looking forward to playing at the ark, Mother's Day Tea, Fun and Run with an Ice Cream Social, and Kite day.

Blessings to all,
Mrs. Durall

We returned from spring break ready to learn and play! Even better, it was officially spring according to the calendar. It also happened to be U week. So we took this opportunity to make an umbrella craft and make our own rain using blue paint, glue, and water. We talked about how God makes it rain so that flowers and crops can grow and so that we have food to eat and water to drink. The preschoolers enjoyed making "rain" inside and dropping it onto their umbrella craft. Since we're talking about rain and spring we decided to make some flowers with our handprints. We talked

about how you have to water flowers to make them grow and how you have to "water" your relationship with God to make it grow. The handprint flowers are on display in the hall way.

Next we talked about the letter V. We made a vase of flowers for someone special. We also made a pretend "volcano" in class using baking soda and vinegar. For the most part the kids thought this was really neat. A few were a bit afraid when I said we were making a volcano in class, but I assured them it was pretend and the items to make it came from my pantry. It also happened to be the Sunday before Palm Sunday so we made our own palm branches, this gave us a chance to talk about Jesus' triumphal ride into Jerusalem. We waved our palm branches while reading a story about Palm Sunday.

We of course had an Easter party the following week and made a stained glass cross from tissue paper. The kids enjoyed the Easter party and Easter egg hunt. We talked a lot about the true meaning of Easter and Jesus dying on the cross. I asked them in the beginning of the week why do you celebrate Easter? One little boy said because the Easter bunny comes and brings candy and toys. Then someone else said so we can do Easter egg hunts. I asked them again at the end of the week and most of them could tell me because Jesus died on the cross or because the tomb was empty.

Due to having the Easter party we didn't have time to complete all of the Easter crafts and conversation. So on Tuesday we continued talking about Easter and talked about the tomb being empty and Jesus being alive. We completed an empty tomb craft to go with this lesson. This also happened to be W week so we talked about Jesus walking on water. We talked about Peter not keeping his eyes on Jesus and beginning to sink when he took his eyes off Jesus. We talked about the importance of keeping our eyes on Jesus. One little girl went home and told her mom that I told her a story about Jesus walking on water and Peter Pan wanted to join him and when he did he began to sink because he wasn't keeping his eyes on Jesus. I thought this was too cute not to share and proves at least their getting part of the story!

We completed a week of learning about the letter X we made a xylophone and learned how to use our arms to make the letter X. We talked about X-rays and how God knows what's going on with

us inside and out without using an X-ray. We practiced songs to sing in church on Sunday and also have started preparations for Mother's Day and Mother's Day tea. We are continuing to enjoy playing on the new play equipment out on the playground, we especially like to see how many of us can get on the airplane. We have had a busy month to say the least but are having fun and hopefully learning along the way.

Love,
Mrs. Granderson

It is hard to believe that I am already writing the May newsletter! This has been an amazing year at Bethel Preschool and I look forward to our final month that is sure to be filled with many more wonderful moments.

Last month we celebrated Easter and knowing that Jesus is Alive! We read many Easter stories and the children loved them. It didn't matter that they knew how the story would end – it excited them! I am so thankful that I get to see their love for Jesus! ☺ We had wonderful Easter parties planned by the parents for both classes complete with Easter stories, crafts, games and egg hunts!

Also in April, we learned about the letter W. The children loved the stories we read about Jonah and the whale. We read several different books and we seemed to learn something new to the story in each one! We made a fun craft with Jonah in the belly of the whale to display in the preschool hallway. They turned out so cute – it is so much fun seeing them become such independent workers!! We also learned about the letter B and had a fun day with balloons. We learned that an empty balloon represents us - on our own without God inside our hearts – all floppy and flat. We decided we could try to fill the balloon up with our own air – by telling others how good we were and trying to improve ourselves all on our own. But, then we decided that the things we are able to do on our own can never ever compare to what

God can do. Hard as we try we can never lead a life that would honor and please God on our own. We decided the best thing we could do with a puffed up balloon would be to let it go and, boy, were we glad we did! That balloon flew off in all kinds of different directions being filled with only what we had to give. Then we brought out a balloon filled with helium to represent God. Oh my! That balloon was much better in so many ways! It was definitely more beautiful than the deflated empty balloon that represented us. It was more powerful and could even fly without wind – it could definitely go higher than we could ever go! We decided the helium in the balloon was kind of like having Jesus in our hearts – when our life is filled with God’s power and God’s strength we can do so much more than we ever could on our own! I feel so blessed to be able to share God’s love with each one of Bethel’s preschoolers and also to receive it in return. Each one of them blesses me as I see God’s light shining through them!

Earth Day is coming up and we are looking forward to having Michelle Smith from the Knox County Solid Waste Department come in and talk to us about the importance of taking care of the Earth. It is always a fun day. ☺

We have also been getting ready for Mother’s Day Tea and Graduation as both days are fast approaching. The children are working on songs and learning their memory verses. I am excited for them and humbled to be able to play a small part in the life of each one of them. I know God has great and wonderful things planned for each of them and just like we learned at preschool - with God, like the helium in the balloon, we too can go far ... doing things that God will give us the power to do just like Philippians 4:13 tells us, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Love,
Mrs. Lemberg

Thank You

Thank you Bethel Church for all the wonderful prayers, cards, and acts of kindness you have showered upon us these past two months. We have certainly felt the presence of God's love from our wonderful church family. A special "Thank You" to Pastor Mike for your support and prayers for both of us at the hospital and the home visit from you, Karen and John Spanger. We don't know exactly what's ahead in our life, but we feel a wonderful peace knowing God will be at the wheel to guide us in that journey.

Isaiah 40:31 reads "for those who HOPE in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Blessings to each of you,
John and Marilyn Koenig

I would like to thank everyone who prayed for me, and those who sent cards during my recent surgery.

Flo Coker

Please join us as we celebrate Hallie Durall graduating from Sullivan High School, Saturday, May 23 at 2 pm. Open House will be at The Vault (on the square), 101 South Main Street, Sullivan, Indiana, immediately following the graduation ceremony until 6 pm.

Financial Statement

1/1/2015 to 3/31/2015

Income:

Atlas Gas	\$ 845.55
Cemetery	2,595.00
Interest	2,048.18
Memorial	3,895.00
Memorial	3,262.00
Misc.	543.23
Mission	1,058.00
Offering	50,189.03
Preschool	13,377.66
Projector	1,500.00
Rental	400.00
Youth	<u>290.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$80,003.65

Expenses:

Books & Lit.	\$ 73.73
Cemetery	100.00
Choir	84.95
Custodian	3,108.78
Electricity	2,582.00
Employee with.	6,686.76
Gas	3,698.35
Grounds keeper	2,506.22
Insurance	3,243.25
Maint. & Repair	2,155.05
Misc.	3,393.19
Mission	15,963.00
Music Director	2,228.62
New equipment	14,682.38
Office supplies	1,112.33

Expenses (cont.)

Pastor	\$ 15,245.84
Pastor trav.	593.35
Pest Control	1,067.80
Postage	489.00
Preschool teach.	5,662.62
Preschool dir.	3,701.82
Preschool aide	448.08
Propane	354.88
Secretary	2,881.38
Strate Expense	4,615.00
Telephone	1,094.76
Waste	276.70
Water	204.60
Y P Travel	384.99
Youth	399.07
Youth Pastor	<u>7,241.66</u>
TOTAL EX.	\$106,280.16

Account Balances

Brocksmith Mission	\$ 26,180.95
Cemetery Fund	7,343.83
Cemetery Trust	257,962.99
Choir/Music	2,096.59
General Fund	68,328.16
M L Mabes	390,432.85
Memorial Fund	36,291.83
Mission Fund	-0-
Scholarship Fund	11,560.85
Shelter House	-0-
Strate 40 Acres	51,951.36
Youth	<u>1,722.27</u>
 Total Assets	 853,871.68

Bethel Church Council Minutes April 13, 2015

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting a service at the Freelandville Community Home, several hospital visits, and officiating two weddings. He is meeting with Ford's Photography next month to finalize plans for Bethel's Pictorial Directory. Pictures will be taken sometime in August. Plans are being finalized for the upcoming Bible study.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet continues to make weekly school visits. He was in charge of games for the Youth ABLAZE conference held at North Knox High School. The youth attended Soul Fest, a free concert, at Oakland City. He is organizing Vacation Bible School from June 1-6. He is making plans for the youth mission trip to Butler, Illinois. The youth will be helping with the Love Packages.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written.

Elder's Report: Pastor Mike and the elders set up a visitation schedule Freelandville Community Home. John Spanger reported

that 264 were served communion during Easter services. This included 46 on Maundy Thursday, 200 on Easter Sunday, and 18 at the Freelandville Community Home.

Old Business: The windows for the office and parsonage are here. The trees along the cemetery driveway have been removed. The projector for the sanctuary is here. Bill Resler continues to work on fixing church pews.

New Business: The council is looking for volunteers to work on landscaping around the church. Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the church van is in need of repair. Joe Koenig volunteered to fix breakers for the stove and refrigerator in the shelter house. Garland Richter and Bill Resler volunteered to check out the water leak at the shelter house. The church mailbox needs to be replaced and Bill Resler will purchase a new mailbox. The bricks on the south wall of the church need to be sealed. The handrail and posts on the church office need to be replaced. Pastor Mike Ledydet will be on vacation from May 11-14, Ebony Chancellor-Grimm will be on vacation from June 15-29. The following mission allocations were made: Love Packages - \$1000; Gideon's - \$400; Nurse's Fund - \$1000.

Upcoming Events:

June 1-6 –Vacation Bible School

June 14-20 – Youth Mission Trip



Parish Records:

Attendance:

Mar. 22 140
Mar. 29 173
Apr. 5 268
Apr. 12 137
Apr. 19 220

Greeters:

May 3 – Frank & Lenora McCrary
May 10 & 17 – Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard
May 24 & 31 – Steve & Debbie Telligman

Ushers: Mike & Sherry Sheren

Nursery (Sunday School):

May 3 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
10 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Kate Hammelman
17 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
24 Diana Telligman/Holly Spanger
31 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike

Nursery Notes (Worship):

May 3 Jenny Clinkenbeard/Debbie Telligman
10 Hallie/Ashley Durall
17 Ramona/Reeva Hammelman
24 Rylee Hammelman/Theresia Barrett
31 Cally Miller/Brenda Maddox

Children's Church:

May 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

May birthdays:

May 3 Earl Linneweber (87th)
8 Helen Harbin (89th)
15 Mary Deerhake (83rd)
24 Robert Jones (90th)
26 Ruth Richter (92nd)

Chimes news will be due on May 18th.

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