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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY**

What we do with the message of Jesus Christ is a question that believers must answer every day. There cannot be a onetime answer, but rather we must allow ourselves to be confronted with this question daily. We read from James 4:14, "**Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.**" James is telling the reader that life as we know on earth is just for a little while, while life in Christ stands for all eternity and it is the duty of the believer to wring the most out of that life that is possible. In other words, the gospel is too important to be put off until a better time, but must be attended to today. What is God calling you to do for His Kingdom and what are you doing to answer that call? God is calling for His people to step out in faith and serve Him as never before. Are you willing to answer the call?

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## YOUTH PASTOR

Missions. We talk about missions a lot, but what does it mean? We use it to describe many different things that the church does. We use it to describe trips that people take. We use it to describe what other people are doing half way across the world. But what does it mean to us? What does it mean to you and me sitting here in Southern Indiana?

My simple definition is that missions is anyway that the Great Commission is lived out.

Matthew 28:18-20 <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen

Missions isn't reserved for a select few Christians that feel called to another country. If you are a Christian then you are a missionary! So what are you doing to fulfill your call as a missionary? We have many opportunities for you to use your gifts to fulfill that call here at Bethel. Vacation Bible School is and excellent example. We are also raising money to sponsor a container of literature with Love Packages. We are collecting vitamins to be used overseas. We are collecting soap for Social ministries. These are just a few options available this month. Please take advantage of one of these opportunities. It might seem small at the time but it could very well have eternal consequences.

In His Love,  
Pastor Mike

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## **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2015**

**June – Bible School**  
**July/August – Mission Committee**  
**September – Preschool**  
**October/November – Nancy Tilly**  
**December – Faithful Footprints**

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### **GUILD**

Our June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be an enjoyable time. We are going to Bobe's Pizza in Sullivan. We'll leave from Bethel at 10:45 am. Please bring school supplies or bar soap for North Knox Social Ministries. We cancelled our May meeting, so if you had gotten soap, bring it Wednesday.

Come Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> to enjoy fellowship with all of us.

Lill Clinkenbeard

### **Preschool**

In 8 short days since my last writing, we have been busy and had so much fun. We finally finished our letters as we studied about Y and Z. Y was all about finding yellow things and making a yarn craft. We also talked about always saying YES to Jesus. We read a great story about a Grouchy ladybug and we decided we shouldn't be like that, but we need to always be happy in Jesus. Letter Z took us to Bethel Zoo and we had a great lesson on Zacchaeus. We learned that no matter how big or small we are, we should never cheat people, but always be seeking Jesus.

We celebrated Mother's Day Tea with all of our special mommies. The kids were so excited to have a date night with "just my mom" was how one little boy told the others about his night. We worked hard on a new poem and I was proud of all the kids as they

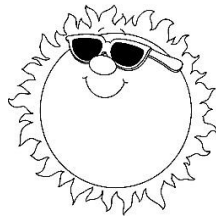
stood on stage. Thanks to all the Preschool Board for their support and help for our big special night.

We had our Fun and Run Day with lots of different centers to keep us active and use some of that stored up energy. We love the ride mobile and bubble activities. We also made our very own sundaes with just a little bite of added sugar. We had a great time with our friends from upstairs (Mrs. Granderson's class).

We ended with our Kite day. The wind was great and we were excited how high we could get those kites in the air. Praise to God for a great day to end a wonderful preschool year.

I have been blessed this year with a great group of students and very involved parents. We have grown and learned a lot about God. I wish each and every preschooler the best of luck in all they do, this is the class of 2029 :-)

Blessings to all,  
Mrs. Durall



The last month of preschool was busy and fun!! I hope the preschoolers had as much fun as I did this year. We had two remaining letters to discuss before moving onto fun and games. So we began our month with the learning about the letter Y. We talked about yellow, yarn, and made our very own yo yo.

For the letter Z we talked Zacchaeus, the tax collector. We talked about his curiosity and about how Jesus touched/ touches our lives, and about his wonderful salvation. We also talked about how Jesus loves us no matter what just as he loved Zacchaeus. We couldn't complete letter Z week without talking about the Zoo and what animal do we find in the zoo with the letter Z? Zebra of course. We made a zebra craft and painted his stripes with a fork which the

kids thought was really neat. We also took this as an opportunity to let the children share what their favorite animal was at the Zoo.

Our last scheduled event/ party for the year was Mother's Day Tea, so the preschoolers spent a great deal of time working on special crafts for their mommies. We painted pictures for them and also made a hand/footprint craft that spelled out love using their handprint for the O and their foot for the V. I really liked how they turned out. We also of course practiced songs for the special night. I want to personally thank those who volunteered to make this night a success!

Our last week of preschool was all about fun and games...we thought we deserved it...right? We had our ice cream social on Tuesday accompanied by our fun and run event. The preschoolers raced bikes, played on the playground, painted, and were put in a bubble. At the end of the day we joined together with our downstairs friends for an ice cream party to remember. I personally don't think I've ever put so many toppings on my ice cream. It was a lot of fun to watch the kids share in this special time. The last day was all about flying kites and it was a perfect windy day for it. We made our own kites out of paper, string, and straws, and might I add, I was not convinced they would fly, but they did!! We, of course, said our goodbyes and talked about our favorite events from the year. A lot of my preschoolers said ice cream day was their favorite, but I have to think that was only because it was the most recent event.

It was a very enjoyable first year, full of new/ learning experiences. I must say I'm already looking forward to next year. One thing I can always remember hearing from my grandma when I was growing up is The Lord works in mysterious ways! This has been proven to me time and time again in my life and I don't think there is a better way to describe this year or rather this opportunity I've been given to teach at Bethel Christian Preschool. Moving to Knox County from Lexington 5 years ago was a very difficult transition and being a stay at home mom, I found it very difficult to meet people. I was actually

grocery shopping when I was approached about the possibility of teaching and I was unsure of how it would go having a preschooler downstairs. However it has been a great opportunity for me to meet people in the community and also to get to know members of our church who volunteer with the preschool that I otherwise may not have gotten to know. So I want to thank you for thinking of me and especially thank Mrs. Durall and Mrs. Lemberg for all of your guidance and help. It has been a great year.

Love,  
Mrs. Granderson



What a wonderful preschool year we had here at Bethel! It was another year full of blessings, fun and creativity and I am so glad I got to be a part of it. We started off our last month with a visit from Mr. Mike Brock and his big yellow school bus! We had a great time checking out all the lights and safety features on the outside and then hopping on to see the inside of the school bus before getting to exit out of the big back door – definitely a favorite moment! Mr. Mike and his wife, Nancy, were wonderful with the kids and I am so grateful that they were willing to spend a day with us talking about school bus safety as many of these kids gets ready to ride a school bus in the fall.

We celebrated Mother's Day Tea with our Mommies on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. How the children love to count down on our calendar to our extra-special days. We loved practicing songs to sing for them and they were so excited when the day finally arrived. Each child helped make a special book for their mommy telling her just how special she is to them and what makes her such a wonderful mom. It is so neat to hear the thoughts of a child about what their makes their mom so

special. ☺ Each mom also received a keepsake silhouette of her child. Thank you so much to Dale Tiek for donating wood pieces to help make this project possible. The silhouettes turned out so neat and it was fun to watch the moms and kids walk around the room trying to find the one they were going to take home. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the evening so joyful. It was very much appreciated!!

We enjoyed our last day together as a class by exploring the church and ringing the big bell. Thank you so much to Doris Brocksmith for donating special “surprises” for the children to find while we were exploring. We even stopped in the sanctuary and said a quiet prayer together and found the special bibles Doris had left for us. And, of course, we added our handprints to the wall containing the other children who have graduated Bethel Christian Preschool. It was so sweet to see all the little hands and to help the children find the names of big brothers and/or sisters...we even recognized some of the names of kids who are now seniors and graduating high school this year! Wow! To think of the impact Bethel has had on so many children!

Graduation was held on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful evening filled with beautiful girls and boys and proud moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas and many other loved ones who came to see the preschoolers reach this milestone in their lives. Each one of them had worked very hard on their memory verse and was so proud when the moment came that their name was called and they got to share it before receiving their preschool diploma. I couldn't have been more proud of each one of them. A carnival themed celebration was put on by the parents following the graduation ceremony. Everyone had a great time playing games, getting their photo taken in the picture booth and snacking on popcorn and cotton candy! It was a fantastic celebration! Thanks so much to all of the parents who put in so much time and hard work to make this a special night for their little graduates!

I know that I cannot even begin to give enough thanks to everyone who has helped make this year at Bethel Christian

Preschool such a wonderful and memorable one. I have truly been blessed to be able to watch these children grow and learn. I am so proud of each one of them! ☺ Thank you, Bethel, for all that you do for the children and for Bethel Christian Preschool. We couldn't do it without you!!

Love,  
Mrs. Lemberg



### **Thank You**

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and flowers. Currently I am working toward strength and healing at the Good Samaritan Hospital Rehab Unit.

Ruth Brocksmith

Thank you to everyone who helped make Graduation at Bethel Christian Preschool such a success! Thank you to Pastor Mike DeCoursey, Pastor Mike Leydet and the Preschool Board who helped leading up to and during the graduation ceremony. Thank you to Sharon Dunkerly and Tiffany Granderson for coming in to help during our dress rehearsal. A special thank you to Tonya Miller, Beth Durall, Tiffany Granderson and Tyler Richter for helping to dress the graduates and getting them where they needed to go throughout the evening. Thank you to Lesa for helping me with the programs and to Ed Hagemeyer for working the sound system. Many thanks to the parents of the preschoolers who did a wonderful job with the post-graduation festivities. I truly appreciate each and every one of you!



A special thank you to Jennifer Worstell for all her hard work and support this year as my assistant. She is always ready to help out and is great with the kids. We have had a lot of fun together this year and I appreciate all she has done!

Love,  
Liberty Lemberg

*Gal 6:10 reads "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."*

To all Bethel Church family, you are all a great support system to our preschoolers. We are blessed and very much appreciate all you do. Whether you serve on the board, have a prayer partner, donate stickers, volunteer to help in the class room, or just pray for us, we are very grateful for all you do. We thank each and every one of you for many things that you do to show us Christ's Love.

A special thanks to Miss Jennifer Worstell for being there every day and always willing to do whatever was needed. The kids love her and we are again blessed.

On behalf of all the little people involved in our program, thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

Mrs. Lemberg, Mrs. Granderson, & Mrs. Durall

The family of Wayne Dunkerly would like to thank everyone for their calls, visits, and most of all your prayers. We appreciate your kind words, stories you shared, and the many other acts of kindness shown to us. We feel so blessed to live in a wonderful and caring community.

We want to thank Pastor Mike and Karen for their prayers, calls and visit. We thank you for helping us celebrate Dad's life. The music was beautiful and perfect. The message you shared was so meaningful.

A special thank you to the ladies who prepared the delicious dinner. You are certainly the hands and feet of Jesus.

We thank our church family for all of your love and support. We ask that you continue to pray for us.

Mike, Pam, and family  
Paul, Nancee, and family

## **Mission Committee** **Report of 2/25/15**

A report of the February meeting was given. It was then decided that May was the time for Bethel 500 (5 months 100 items for NK Social Ministries) to commence. Focus for the month of May will be hand or bath soap items, June will be laundry soap, July will be school supplies, August will be personal hygiene supplies and September will be peanut butter.

Next up for consideration were prayer partners for preschool. Tiffany Granderson reported that 72 students were enrolled. She volunteered to head this effort, which should top our June agenda. It is hoped that we have packet prep ready during this month.

Samaritan Purse Christmas boxes will be gathered all Sundays in October thru the second Sunday in November. Maridell Sargent, Rowe Sargent, Bruce Miller and Terri Miller will lead this effort.

Janet Clinkenbeard will be contacted about the needs and successes of the back-pack ministry as the school year closes.

Ways to support Pastor Leydet's challenge with Love Packet Challenge were discussed. This amount is over and above the \$1,000 already in Bethel's mission budget. A Mother's day connected fund-raiser will be lead by Pastor Leydet. Word needs to reach out to other churches for all the Christian literature that can be obtained.

Dale Tiek came before the mission committee and shared a wonderful vision of a church construction project that he saw for the Dominican Republic as part of the Medical Mission Trip under taken by Jane and Dale. Dale shared the possibility of ten or more going from our church and our community. Dale shared that he would like

to see men and women, young as well as old to give consideration about participating in this mission project. Target date for this trip would be right after the New Year to give college kids the opportunity as well. Initial cost estimate per person would be \$1,200 to \$1,400 to be assumed personally by those making the trip. Bethel would be challenged for construction supply support thru various fund raising efforts. Dale would lead this effort.

Next Meeting for Mission Committee will be June 14, 2015.

### **Children's versions of the Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father, who are in heaven, hello! What be Thy name?

Give us this day our daily breath ...

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hollywood be Thy name ..

Our Father, who art in heaven, Harold be Thy name ....

Give us this day our jelly bread .....

Lead us not into creation .....

Deliver us from weevils .....

Deliver us from eagles .....

(unknown)

# Pieces From My Heart<sup>©</sup>

~~ Jan Keller ~~

The needle on my sewing machine was going up and down through the fabric with speed and precision. The stitches were smooth and even. Then, as I stepped down even harder on the foot pedal, the needle suddenly stopped. Looking closer, I discovered the stitches had become uneven, resulting in little loops of excess thread. I tried to remove the fabric, but couldn't. The needle wouldn't budge. After tugging on the wheel, one way and then the other, I finally raised the needle enough to free the fabric. When I turned the fabric over to inspect the underside of the stitches, I discovered a large gnarled mess.

It reminded me of life. A busy schedule with lots of activity keeps me operating at my best potential. Yet, there is a fine balance that can be difficult to maintain. A proper tension is required. With too much stimulation, I procrastinate, and accomplish little or nothing. When too much is required or expected, my stomach aches and I get grumpy and tend to fall apart at the seams.

Tension can be good. If I invite company for dinner, I feel positive tension that helps me accomplish a great deal as I make my preparations. A day I might have idled away is suddenly filled with meaning and purpose.

If, however, I invite company for dinner on a day that's already too hectic, I become overly stretched. My smooth tension becomes tense and tight. Stress results, and ultimately sends its poison surging through my system.

When I was a child, my mother encouraged me to learn to sew. However, she also regularly warned me not to mess with the sewing machine's tension. If it got out of whack and off kilter, she said it would be tedious and time consuming to properly regulate and get back in sync.

Just like a sewing machine, I must learn to carefully set the tension in my life. It takes time to discover a smooth and even balance which maintains an inner fiber strong enough to endure life's unplanned stresses without becoming raveled.

## Memorial Fund

### *In memory of Wayne Dunkerly:*

Bill & Carolyn Allen	Dennis & Sharon Kahre
Mark & Cheryl Baize	Max & Sara Kixmiller
Randy & Theresia Barrett	Tom & Joyce Kixmiller
Bethel Choir	John & Marilyn Koenig
Jack & Joan Bland family	Earl Linneweber
Sharon Bond family	Vickie Loheider
Keith & Connie Bosecker	Jerry & Gayle Margraf
Richard & Lois Bosecker	Frank & Lenora McCrary
Scott & Joretta Bosecker	Andrea & Andy Miller family
Doris Brocksmith	Bob & Betty Miller
Don & Nancy Bubenzner	Bruce & Terri Miller
Bruce and Becky Clifford	Mary Ann Miller
Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard	Richard & Shannon Montgomery
John & Lill Clinkenbeard	Brenda Nettles
Ed & Brenda Cummings	Bob & Michelle Neukam
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Sharon Dunkerly	Rowe & Maridell Sargent
Waneta Dunkerly	Craig & Tonya Scott
Rick, Cheryl & Cole Earley	Ruth Ann Scott
Keith Graves	Mike & Sherry Sheren
Gertrude Hagemeyer	John & Jan Spanger
Edgar & Linda Hammelman	Tim & Linda Taylor family
Randy & Ramona Hammelman	Elizabeth Telligman
Steven & Elizabeth Holka	Mark & Diane Telligman
Butch & Bernettia Hollingsworth	Dale & Jane Tiek
Chris & Earl Horst	Herman & Nancy Tilly
Mike & Jean Johanningsmeier	Don & Joyce Villwock
Roger & Chris Johanningsmeier	David & Linda Walton
Bob & Vera Jones	Lois Wampler
Dorothy Jones	Gene & Carolyn Williams
Roger & Janice Jones	Tom & Linda Woods
Tracey Kahre	

*In memory of Vera and Wayne Dunkerly:*

Bill & Kathie Berger

Gertrude Berger

Sharon Raney

## **Bethel Church Council Minutes** **May 11, 2015**

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike's report included conducting a service at the Freelandville Community Home, hospital visits, conducting a funeral, and premarital counseling. The 6 week Bible Study by Dr. Jeremiah has started, and attendance has been good. Pastor Mike shared that he and Karen will be helping with transportation for the youth's mission trip to Love Packages. Collections for Love Packages are going well. Pastor Mike and Karen will be on vacation June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Secretary's Report:** It was approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were made: Guild - \$1000 and Social Ministries - \$500.

**Buildings and Grounds:** The handrail on the church office has been installed. Bill Resler replaced the church's mailbox. Joe Koenig installed the receptacles in the shelter house. Rowe Sargent will contact Three Nails to see if they could use the storm windows from the custodian's house. The water lines in the church basement need replaced. The driveway to the cemetery needs leveled out. The south door in the sanctuary needs replaced. Two broken windows need replaced at the shelter house. A work day for the shelter house is scheduled for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00.

**Elder's Report:** Two home visits were made in April. The schedule for May was made. The next communion is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be pew communion.

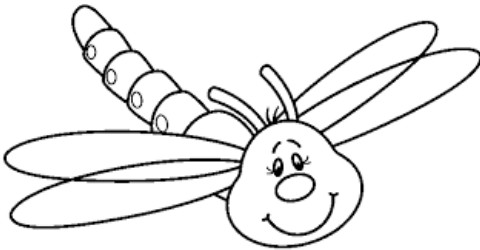
**Old Business:** The projector for the sanctuary has been unloaded. Pastor Mike is meeting with Lifetouch to finalize plans for the Pictorial Directory. The wedding policy has been revised to state that for future weddings only birdseed and bubbles can be used. Bill and Darlene Resler have volunteered to take care of the landscaping around the church.

**New Business:** Bill Resler volunteered to buy a new sprayer. The basement in the church office is wet. Shelter house windows need fixed. Charlene Grove asked the council to change requirements for the scholarship fund. The council discussed the matter, and decided that at this time, no changes would be made.

**Coming Events:**

June 1-6 – Vacation Bible School

June 14-20 – Youth Mission Trip



There will again be an auction at the Annual Sunday School Picnic – start planning your projects now.

## **Parish Records:**

Deaths: Wayne Dunkerly, age 87, died on May 3, 2015. Funeral service was on May 6, followed by burial in Bethel Cemetery.

### **Attendance:**

April 26     17  
May 3        144  
May 10       188  
May 17       172

### **Greeters:**

June 7 & 14 – Mike and Pam Loheider  
June 21 & 28 – Garland and Lisa Richter

**Ushers:** Mark and Deanna Sargent

### **Nursery (Sunday School):**

June        7     Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
              14     Kate Hammelman/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
              21     Krista Telligman/Carole Albrecht  
              28     Diane Telligman/Mary Ann Miller

### **Nursery Notes (Worship):**

June        7     Brianna Ainsworth/Kelci Johanningsmeier  
              14     Tiffany Granderson/Brianna Page  
              21     Stacy and Brittany Page  
              28     Beth and Ashley Durall

### **Children's Church:**

June        7     Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall  
              14     Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg  
              21     Micah Morgan/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman  
              28     Brenda Maddox/Tiffany Granderson

### **June birthdays:**

June        13     Patty Buescher (84<sup>th</sup>)  
              15     Charles Linneweber (83<sup>th</sup>)  
              20     Gladys Brocksmith (98<sup>th</sup>)  
              30     Carolyn Williams (83<sup>rd</sup>)

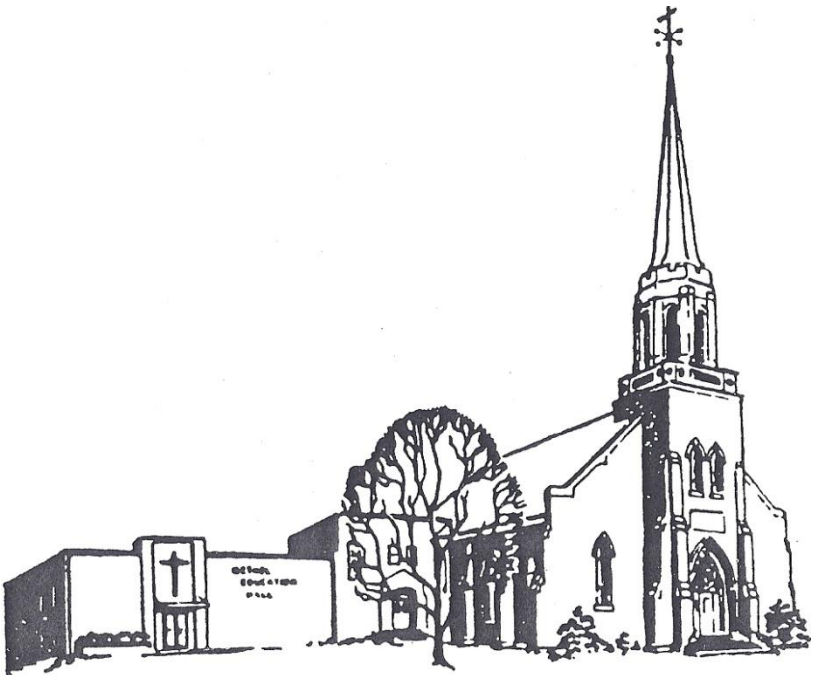
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