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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

When was the last time you thought about God? I mean really took the time, perhaps found a quiet place and really concentrated on Him and who He really is? Isaiah 55:8 gives us a vivid description of the comparison between God and man. The Lord declares in one verse that His thoughts are not our thoughts and our ways are not His ways. Still we find ourselves from time to time trying to out think Him and making our ways His ways. This is a recipe for disaster.

When we do these things we try to pull God down to our level instead of striving to reach His level. His level is established in His Word while man's is established in the world. It is time that the church strive to live by the Word of God, do the Word of God and think the Word of God. When we do this our lives become much richer, our burdens much lighter and our witness more effective.

Take time to think about Him. I believe that once you truly spend time alone with Him you will want to be more like Him and less like the world.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

YOUTH PASTOR

I can't believe that we are this close to school starting. This summer has flown by, and this time of year always makes me think back to my own days in high school. I remember at the beginning of every school year how good my intentions were for that year. I always planned on putting in time to study and get the good grades that I was capable of, but that sentiment was usually short lived. I was a pretty lazy student in school. I would do just enough to pass and that was about it. But I always looked forward to a fresh start every year.

Don't we do the same thing in our Christian walk? We set a date and we are going to start putting in the time we should. We are going to read our Bible, or we are going to spend more time in prayer, or we are going to start serving somehow. But more often than not, we don't follow through. We find some excuse about why now isn't good and set a new time. But, maybe God wants to use you now. Maybe He has you exactly where He wants you but you can't see it. Maybe we should follow the advice that Mordecai gave Esther and act now because we have been put where we are "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14)

In His Love,
Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2015

July/August – Mission Committee
September – Preschool
October/November – Nancy Tilly
December – Faithful Footprints

Preschool

We are excited to begin another year at Bethel Christian Preschool. We are thankful for each child God is sending our way. We will begin preschool on Monday, August 17.

We welcome Nicole Ricketts this year, and welcome back Jennifer Worstell. We will have four classes for MWF and two for T/TH. We have gotten new playground equipment and look forward to playing outside. We thank the board and church family for all your support, prayers and encouragement. Come and see us anytime.

Luke 2:40 And the child grew and became strong: he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. We pray for God's grace to fill each of us as we begin our new year. We are looking forward to another great and rewarding preschool class.

Mrs. Lemberg, Mrs. Granderson, and Mrs. Durall



GUILD

Bethel Guild met the first Wednesday of July with 23 present. Jan Richter had a great program on their mission work at the Navaho Indian reservations.

Our August 5th meeting will be a 2 pm at the Freelandville Community Home for their monthly birthday party. Come and enjoy visiting with the residents and playing bingo.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Liars and Lies

The people of the Bible were not plaster saints. They were real people who stood in need of God's mercies. They were not above telling lies. Can you identify the characters who like appears below?

1. She denied, saying, "I did not laugh."
2. He said, "You will not die."
3. They said (about a robe), "This we have found."
4. He said to Samuel, "I have performed the commandment of the Lord."
5. He said, "I do not know the man."
6. "I do not know," he said, "Am I my brother's keeper?"
7. She said to Saul, "He (David) is sick."
8. He said to Ahimelech, "The king has charged me with a matter."
9. He lied to Peter about the sale of his property.
10. He said, "I am Esau your first-born."

Answers:

1. Sarah, Genesis 18:15
2. The serpent, Genesis 3:4
3. Joseph's brothers, Genesis 27:31-32
4. Saul, 1 Samuel 15:13
5. Peter, Matthew 26:69-72
6. Cain, Genesis 4:9
7. Michal, 1 Samuel 19:13-14
8. David, 1 Samuel 21:2
9. Ananias, Acts 5:3
10. Jacob, Genesis 27:19

January Mission Trip News

There was excitement in the air at Bethel when we met for a planning meeting for the upcoming mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Fifteen people attended the meeting and we have been contacted by a few more since the meeting. The trip is being planned for January 4-11th. We will be going to Santo Domingo with the Christian organization Foundation for Peace. Our group is called “Carpenters on a Mission” but anyone is welcome!

We will be working on a church. There is a job for anyone! The only requirement is that you love Jesus and have a desire to serve!

This is an exciting adventure for Bethel. The last mission trip from Bethel was when we sent a group to Mexico in 2007 so it has been a while.

What can you do? Please pray for the team that God is calling and for good support from family and friends. Watch for upcoming opportunities to support the team:

- An after church cookout is being planned for Sunday, August 23th
- Freelandville annual yard sale: the mission team will be having a sale at the Clinkenbeard’s (please consider donating items and shopping)

There will be other opportunities to show your support.

If you or anyone you know is interested in more information about this mission, please contact Dale Tiek. We will be having another meeting soon to work out the flight information.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and support. God is calling and we are saying “Here I am, send me.”

Thank You

Mother wants to thank everyone who sent her a birthday card or letter. She received so many and was happy to hear from old neighbors and longtime church friends. Mother is doing better, she recognized the names of people and that brought back good memories. I'm sure those cards will get looked at many times. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness.

The family of Gladys Brocksmith

A big thank you to our church family for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits when I was in the hospital, and since I came home.

My hip surgery went great, now healing. Thanks to Pastor Mike and Pastor Mike for their visits at the hospital.

God bless,
Lill Clinkenbeard

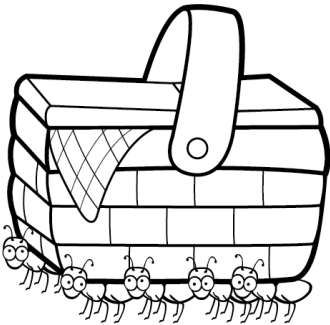
Memorial Fund

*In memory of Vera and Wayne Dunkerly:
Gerald and Miriam Kohorst*

*In memory of Wayne Dunkerly:
Family of Paul and Catherine Mackey*

The Faithful Footprints Sunday School class has turned in the collected plastic caps, and received 3 benches. Two are located in the Preschool area, and one is located in the Grove by the Shelter House. They collected 1,266 pounds of caps!

There are still two days left to sign up for pictures to be included in the new directory. They are August 2 and August 9. Please see the volunteers on Sunday morning to get signed up, or call the church office at 812-328-2357.



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The Sunday School Picnic will be on Sunday, September 27, followed by the auction.

Days of the Week

Monday - Wash Day Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead.

Tuesday - Ironing Day Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others.

Wednesday - Mending Day O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.

Thursday - Cleaning Day Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.

Friday - Shopping Day O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love.

Saturday - Cooking Day Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.

Sunday - The Lord's Day O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart as my honored guest so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.

- from <http://www.christianstories.com>

Treasurer's Report

1/1/2014 – 6/30/2015

Income:

Atlas Gas	\$ 1,573.12
Cemetery	4,245.00
Interest	2,374.88
Memorial	4,125.00
Memorial	6,307.00
Misc.	913.46
Mission	5,346.07
Offering	117,856.34
Preschool	26,780.32
Projector	2,500.00
Rental	735.00
Van	1,000.00
Youth	390.00
TOTAL	<u>\$174,145.20</u>

Expense (cont.):

Preschool teacher	\$ 9,437.70
Preschool director	6,169.70
Preschool aide	746.80
Propane	354.88
Secretary	5,787.24
Strate Acres	10,866.32
Sub. Pastor	100.00
Telephone	2,056.82
Waste removal	561.25
Water	432.34
YP travel	1,049.11
Youth	719.02
Youth Pastor (exp)	70.00
Youth Pastor (salary)	<u>17,291.64</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$193,134.33</u>

Expense:

Books & Lit.	73.73
Cemetery	100.00
Choir	84.95
Custodian	6,234.54
Electricity	4,926.00
Emp. Wh.	12,195.87
Gas	5,446.39
Gasoline	355.35
Groundskeeper	5,041.70
Insurance	7,558.27
Main. & Repair	6,205.57
Misc.	5,140.76
Mission	26,736.84
Music Dir.	4,469.92
New equip.	17,570.03
Office sup.	1,941.11
Pastor	30,620.84
Pastor travel	1,163.84
Pest control	1,067.80
Postage	538.00

Assets
6/30/2015

Brocksmith Mission	\$ 24,211.92
Cemetery Fund	6,313.96
Cemetery Trust	255,772.99
Choir/Music	2,096.59
General Fund	79,802.19
M. L. Mabes	386,194.55
Memorial Fund	39,566.83
Mission Fund	-0-
Scholarship Fund	11,560.85
Shelter House	-0-
Strate 40 Acres	45,680.04
Youth	<u>1,561.81</u>
TOTAL	\$852,761.73

Bethel Church Council Minutes
July 13, 2015

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included one hospital visit and conducting a service at the Freelandville Community Home. He will officiate one wedding in September and another wedding in October at Indianapolis. Pastor Mike reported that Harvest Home Sunday will be September 20th. The church picnic and auction will be September 27th. Beginning in October Pastor Mike will conduct a Bible study for men, and Karen will conduct a Bible study for women.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet reported on the mission trip to Love Packages. He felt it was a blessing to everyone. The youth put the new preschool playground equipment together for one of their Mission Monday projects. Once the school year begins, Pastor Mike will conduct Bible study for the High School youth on Sunday evenings, and Renee will work with the Junior High youth. Pastor Mike will serve on a Chrysalis Walk August 21-24.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

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

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for June was 152. The offering for the month of June totaled \$22, 142. The goal for Love Packages was met with total donations of \$5013.

Elder's Report: Two home visits were made during the month of June. Please contact Pastor Mike or an elder if you would like a home visit.

Old Business: The brackets for the screen have been made. The date of July 15th at 7:00 was set to install the brackets and screen in the sanctuary. There are now sign-up sheets for the Pictorial Directory. The dates and times are Tuesday, August 18th from 2:00-8:50; Thursday, August 27th from 2:00-8:50; Friday, August 28th from 2:00-8:50; and Saturday, August 29th from 9:30-3:40.

New Business: It was decided the money from the church auction would be divided equally between the Youth and the upcoming mission trip in January. At the present time, fifteen members have committed to going on the mission trip. Joe Koenig reported on the bids for cleaning the carpets in the sanctuary and church office. The bid was awarded to Pace Ventures with a bid of \$310. It was reported that the audio in the nursery is not working. Work day has been scheduled for Saturday, August 15th.

Coming Events:

August 15 – Church Work Day

September 18-20 – EA convention in Pennsylvania

September 20 – Harvest Home Sunday

September 27 – Church picnic and auction

Parish Records:

Births: Addison Mae (Addie Mae) Tiek, who was born on Tuesday, June 23. She weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz. and was 24 inches long. Her parents are Collin and Amy Tiek, and big brother is Brennen.

Attendance:

June 21 160
 June 28 129
 July 5 130
 July 12 153
 July 19 123

Greeters:

August 2 & 9 – Dale & Jane Tiek
 August 16 & 23 – John & Jan Spanger
 Aug. 30 & Sept. 6 – Clint & Beth Durall

Ushers: Clint and Beth Durall

Nursery (Sunday School):

Aug. 2 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 9 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Carole Albrecht
 16 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
 23 Diane Telligman/Kate Hammelman
 30 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Aug. 2 Ramona and Rylee Hammelman
 9 Theresia Barrett/Reeva Hammelman
 16 Cally Miller/Kelci Johanningsmeier
 23 Brenda Maddox/Brianna Page
 30 Tiffany Granderson/Ashley Durall

Children's Church:

Aug. 2 Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
 9 Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg
 16 Micah Morgan/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 23 Brenda Maddox/Tiffany Granderson
 30 No Children's Church

August birthdays:

Aug. 5 John Clinkenbeard (83rd)
 6 Lorena (Susie Walters)(95th)
 10 Bertha Conrad (90th)
 19 Don Clifford (87th)
 21 Lucille Robbins (87th)
 21 Gene Williams (82nd)
 22 Herb Grabbe (86th)
 24 Dallas Miller (87th)

Chimes news will be due on August 17th.

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