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## **FROM THE PASTORS STUDY**

We read in John 14:13 that Jesus will do whatever we ask in His name in order that the Father may be glorified. What does this mean for the believer? The word whatever is the key to this verse and unfortunately there are times when the children of the Most High take this verse out of context. Whatever means not just whatever, but instead whatever is in the will of God. That is the key to the verse, being in God's will whenever we pray.

As believers we must allow the Holy Spirit to help us think the way God thinks and to desire the things God desires.

When this happens we realize that the more we grow the more we want to go God's way instead of our own way. Therefore when we pray, we pray for the things on God's heart, the things He desires.

We won't always pray for the right things. Jesus may not always answer our prayer the way we believe He should. But, He promises to answer our prayer in a way that Honors His Father.

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16

## **YOUTH PASTOR**

I received a text message the other day telling me that the container we loaded at Love Packages this summer had arrived in India. This is the container that we, as a church, sponsored. The youth loaded it and you all made sure it got to India through your generous donations. By now you have been told that the container had made it and is being distributed, but I want to add a little more to it. We didn't just help Love Packages by covering the cost, we did and are doing a lot more. Our container went to India and was received by Pastor Paul. Pastor Paul is part of the persecuted church. Hindus and Muslims do not want this material distributed. They have before and continue to use violence to try to stop it. We are also bringing people into the Kingdom. Many people in India have never heard about Jesus before and now they will. On average a 20 ton container has 1 million pieces of literature in it. Research has shown that on average 20 people read each piece. So our container has the potential to reach 20 million people with the truth of the Gospel. Thank you for your generosity and thank you for your Kingdom mindset.

In His Love,  
Pastor Mike

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

**September – Preschool**  
**October/November – Nancy Tilly**  
**December – Faithful Footprints**

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The Faithful Footprints Sunday School Class will once again be hosting the annual 5K Run/1 Mile Walk on Sept 26th, 2015 @ 8:30am. Registration forms will be available by e-mail at [bethelssfaithfulfootprints@hotmail.com](mailto:bethelssfaithfulfootprints@hotmail.com) and also at the church office. If you are unable to participate but would still like to purchase a t-shirt, they will be available for individual sale (\$12/ea). Freelandville Autumn Fest will also be going on this day so come out and enjoy the Fun!



## **Preschool**

Well, preschool has finally begun and we are excited to have this year underway in Mrs. Granderson's class. We are going to have a SUPER year and if you haven't had a chance to visit the preschool rooms and check out the superhero theme, please come visit us! I am excited to be teaching two MWF classes this year and excited to be working with Mrs. Lemberg.

The first day was exciting and fun with only a few tears. It was neat to see how much some of the kids that were in the Tuesday/Thursday classes last year had grown and changed. We started the year off painting their hands and feet for a super hero craft. We sang some songs, and got to play on the new playground equipment. Which was a huge hit with the kids! We took lots of pictures and those will be on display in the hallway very soon!

We will begin with a review of shapes, colors, and rules. We will also be getting their "me dolls" back and talk about how God makes each one of us different and unique. Grandparent's day is a special day and will be here before we know it! Soon we will begin practicing our songs and poems.

God has blessed us at Bethel Christian Preschool with a very large group of kids this year and I look forward to sharing God's love with each one of them!

Love,  
Mrs. Granderson



It's that time of year again! School has started and the preschool hallways are filled with smiles and laughter from all the excited children! The preschool area is decorated in a superhero theme and we are excited to welcome all of our "Super Kids" who are ready to learn about and share God's love! We had a great first week of school. We had so much fun singing, reading stories, praying, coloring, painting and even writing our names in shaving cream! We talked about how special God has made each and every one of us. There is not another person in the whole wide world who is just like us and that is amazing! Each child took home a "God Made Me Special" project to work on together with their parents. Their finished work will soon be on display in the preschool hallway. One of the other highlights of our first week was going outside to play. We love the new playground equipment! Thank you, Tyler Richter for working hard this summer to put it all together!!

I am excited to welcome Miss Nicole (Ricketts) to our classroom! Nicole will be helping on M/W/F in both the morning and afternoon classes. Nicole is doing a great job and the kids already love her! Everyone is welcome to stop by the preschool area to see all that we have been working on. Although it has only been a week, I am continually amazed by the curiosity that is shown each day and I love being able to get to know each child and see their personalities shine. 😊 The children and I are so blessed to have a loving church family that is praying for and supporting us as we grow together and learn about God's unconditional love for each one of us.

Love,  
Mrs. Lemberg



I am excited and ready for another super year at Preschool. We are off to a great start. I have 22 fun loving, energetic preschoolers. We are learning God made each of unique and special.

We are learning to sit on our pockets and listen, take turns, while making new friends too.

We are already working on grandparent's day songs and crafts. We will celebrate on Thursday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

We welcome Miss Jennifer (Worstell) back. She is always willing to do whatever silly things I ask of her. We also welcome back all our wonderful volunteers.

Jesus was the 1<sup>st</sup> superhero, and is still a superhero to all of us.

Mrs. Durall

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

John 1:45-46 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote-Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

Come and see! This will be our theme for the new Sunday school year. We will be kicking this off on Sept. 13th. If you're coming to Sunday school at the present, great! If not, we would truly love to see you come and join us for our SS learning opportunities. We have many different adult classes and have youth classes that are a fit for children of all ages. We even have nursery attendants for the real young. We have 2 meeting spots for SS and those are either upstairs in the sanctuary or down in the social room (basement). If anyone has any questions, you are more than welcome to contact me anytime or feel free to contact Terri Miller as well. Sunday school as a child brought me many great opportunities to "get my feet wet" and learn about Jesus and the Bible. These were fun moments and I have great memories from those times!

Our annual church picnic and worship in the grove will be Sept. 27th. Remember no SS on this day. There will an auction following the picnic, so get to thinking about what you could bring for the auction. Always a fun time and I apologize in advance for picking on you during the auction. (Some of you more than others!) We'll have plenty of food and fun for all, so mark your calendar!! Don't forget your lawn chairs :)

Don't forget to come and see!

Praising God for all his blessings!  
Randy Hammelman, Supt.  
rhammelman@juno.com

## **GUILD**

In August, we enjoyed the afternoon with the birthday friends and other residents at the Community Home. We had a short program with a reading by Doris Richter – “A Poem That Was Us”, which we all related to and enjoyed. We sang Happy Birthday, and a hymn, then played Bingo. Refreshments of ice cream, cookies and punch was enjoyed by all.

September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 pm is our regular meeting, and we will make lap robes. Hostesses will be Vera Jones and Sharon Kahre. Bring toilet paper for NKSM. Ladies, come, you'll be glad you did.

Harvest Home is September 20<sup>th</sup>. Bring produce and other items to the church by Saturday, Sept 19 as we will decorate at 1:00 pm

Lill Clinkenbeard

## **\*\*\*Now available in the Sunday School Office\*\*\***

Materials for use by the adult Sunday School classes is located in the upper cabinets:

### **DVDs with books/or a book:**

Bait of Sata by John Bevere

God Provides (series of several Bible stories)

Not a Fan by Kyle Idleman

Christian...It's now what you think by Andy Stanley

Grace by Max Lucado

Follow Me by David Platt

What are you Afraid of by Dr. David Jeremiah

The Best Question Ever by Andy Stanley

When God's Spirit Moves by Jim Cymbala, with the book Spirit Rising

### **Books only:**

Storm by Jim Cymbala

Twilight's Las Gleaming by Robert Jeffress

When God's People Pray by Jim Cymbala

The Gospel of Mark by John McArthur

The Gospel of Luke by John McArthur

The Book of Romans by John McArthur

Please return to the Sunday School office after use, so that other classes may use them also.

## **January Mission Trip Team**

The excitement is building as we see God work to put together a team to go to the Dominican Republic to build a church! So far we have 16 people planning to go as part the team we are calling "Carpenters on a Mission". We are going with a wonderful Christian organization called Foundation for Peace. We will be travelling to the DR in early January and spend a week helping to build a church for a congregation that does that presently worships in a storage building the size of a one car garage.

How can you help and become a part of this mission?

1. **PRAY**- pray for the team God is calling; pray for the people we will be serving
2. Come to our **August 23<sup>rd</sup>** cook out after church
3. Donate items to our Yard Sale at Clinkenbeard's on Saturday, **September 26<sup>th</sup>**
4. Come to our Yard Sale and buy something on Saturday, **September 26<sup>th</sup>**
5. Donate items to the auction at the SS picnic on Sunday, **September 27<sup>th</sup>**
6. Come to the auction on **September 27<sup>th</sup>** and buy something (the church council voted to give part of the proceeds of the auction to the mission team)

Keep watching for other opportunities you will have to be a part of this team! Some of us will go and some of us will send, but all of us will be a part of this mission in the end!

We are trusting God to supply our every need and we know we can count on our Bethel family to give as you feel God leading you.

“God’s work, done in God’s way, will never lack God’s supply”  
(Hudson Taylor)

## **Stories from the Past**

When I joined Bethel Church 70 years ago, I was in the Good Neighbors Sunday School class. It was a large class of 40 young men, married and unmarried, starting after WWII ended to make new lives. They had to take a wall out upstairs to make room for our class. In the summer, we met in the Shelter House because the Church was so hot without air conditioning. Our teachers were Mr. Ed Kuhn (Anita Malone’s father) and Mr. Conrad Begeman. They worked hard to make our lessons good so we could learn more about God, the Bible, and Jesus. Ed loved to tell stories that he had heard or knew about. I would like to share them with you.

A circus was coming to town, and this older couple wanted to go, and they did. Standing in line to buy their tickets was a young couple with three small children just ahead of them. When the young man asked how much the tickets cost, he turned and said “I don’t have enough money, we won’t be able to see the circus.” The children were so disappointed. The man behind him heard this and



tapped the young man on the shoulder and said “Sir, here is a twenty dollar bill on the ground by your feet. You must have dropped it when you were getting your money out.” Everyone enjoyed the circus!!!

Another story Ed told was about August Tilly, who lived where Janet Tilly lives, and was the grandfather of Laverne, Janet, Wayne, and Herman Tilly and Doris Brocksmith and Judge Ernest Tilly. He was a farmer and was bringing a load of grain in his wagon to the Freelandville Mill. When he got to town, he saw some people standing a man was talking, so he stopped to listen. A neighbor’s house had burned to the ground. So August started for the mill, when the man stopped him and said, “Don’t you care about your neighbor?” August said “I’ve already cared \$200.00 worth, how much do you care?” \$200.00 was quite a sum of money back then.

This last story happened here at Bethel. Capt. Rudy Wittrock was head of the Salvation Army in Vincennes, and loved to come to Bethel Church to hear our beloved Pastor George Varns and the beautiful organ music by Lydia Berger, and her 4 choirs whenever he could. When the offering plate came around, he put in his last \$20 bill. When the service ended, he went outside to shake hands with his many friends, on hand had a \$20 bill in it. It belonged to Louis Volle, husband of Laura Volle, who was a teacher in the Freelandville School for many years.

Ed never knew a stranger, because when they came to visit at Bethel, he was usually the first to shake hands and welcome them. When the Christian Partners Class started 55 years ago, he taught it one Sunday a month. Ed loved people and only wanted the very best for everyone, and he did his very best to see that happen – a truly Christian man.

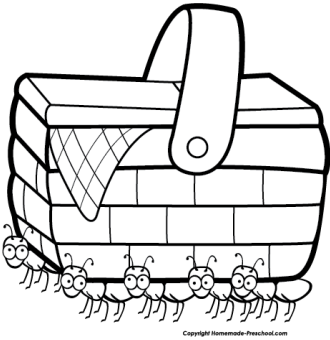
Thanks for reading this.

God Bless,  
Bob Jones

## Memorial Fund

*In memory of Wayne Dunkerly:  
Kevin and Linda Hammelman*

*In memory of Ray Hall:  
Claire Graham*



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

## **Bethel Church Council Minutes August 10, 2015**

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike's report included hospital visits and conducting a service at the Freelandville Community Home. He will officiate a wedding in September. He reported that Confirmation classes will begin after Labor Day.

**Youth Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders went to the Louisville Zoo. Tiffany Granderson went as a chaperone. Plans for the 5th Quarter gatherings are underway. Churches organizing this event are: Bethel; Followers of Christ; First Baptist Church of Bicknell; Mariah Creek; and Word of Life. Pastor Mike will serve on a Chrysalis Walk August 21-24. There will be no youth meetings on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were made: Christian Radio - \$700; Church Camp - \$740; Nurses' Fund - \$1000; and Bethel Preschool - \$1000.

**Deacon's Report:** The average attendance for July was 135. The offering for the month of July totaled \$16,698.

**Elder's Report:** John Spanger reported that 128 were served communion on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The next communion is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>. The visitation schedule for August was made. Please contact Pastor Mike or an elder if you would like a home visit.

**Old Business:** Work day is scheduled for Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Projects are: projector in the sanctuary; replacing the posts on the church office porch; sealing the bricks on the church office and the south side of the church; checking gutters and the black spots on the tower. Work day will begin at 8:00 a.m. Pictures for the Pictorial Directory begin on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Other dates are August 27<sup>th</sup>, August 28<sup>th</sup>, and August 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have not signed up for pictures, please contact the church office.

**New Business:** Pastor Mike reported on Faith Built Homes. It is a Christ-based organization much like Habitat for Humanity. Pastor Mike and the council feel this would be an organization for Bethel to support through volunteer work and prayer. Randy Hammelman reported that he, Terri Miller, Nancy Tilly, and Tambria Leonard met to discuss ideas for promoting Sunday School attendance. The ideas were also discussed at the July Sunday School teacher and workers meeting in July. Randy is presenting ideas for "Come and See Sunday" during the worship service on August 16<sup>th</sup>. He reported that promotion Sunday is September 6<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Mike asked for prayer for Bethel Preschool for the coming school year. Our preschool is Christ-centered. The teachers, volunteers, and children need to be covered in prayer.

**Coming Events:**

August 12 – Preschool Orientation

August 15 – Work Day

August 16 – Preschool Open House

August 17 – First Day of Preschool

September 18-20 – EA Convention in Pennsylvania

September 20 – Harvest Home

September 27 – Worship in the grove; Sunday School picnic; and auction

## **Parish Records:**

Deaths: Hyla Richter, 83, died on Tuesday, August 18. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on Saturday, August 22.

### **Attendance:**

July 26      134  
Aug. 2        150  
Aug. 9        173  
Aug. 16      146

### **Greeters:**

Sept. 6 – Clint & Beth Durall  
Sept. 13 & 20 – Herman & Nancy Tilly  
Sept. 27 & Oct. 4 – Justin & Traci French

**Ushers:** Clint & Beth Durall

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

Sept.      6    Lana Dike/Mary Ann Miller  
            13    Cheryl Hagemeyer/Holly Spanger  
            20    Krista Telligman/Carole Albrecht  
            27    Diane Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer

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

Sept.      6    Tracey & Hailley Kahre  
            13    Jenny Clinkenbeard/Bonnie Organ  
            20    Beth & Ashley Durall  
            27    Stacy & Brittany Page

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

Sept.      6    Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall  
            13    Tracey Kahre/Liberty Lemberg  
            20    Bonnie Organ/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman  
            27

### **September birthdays:**

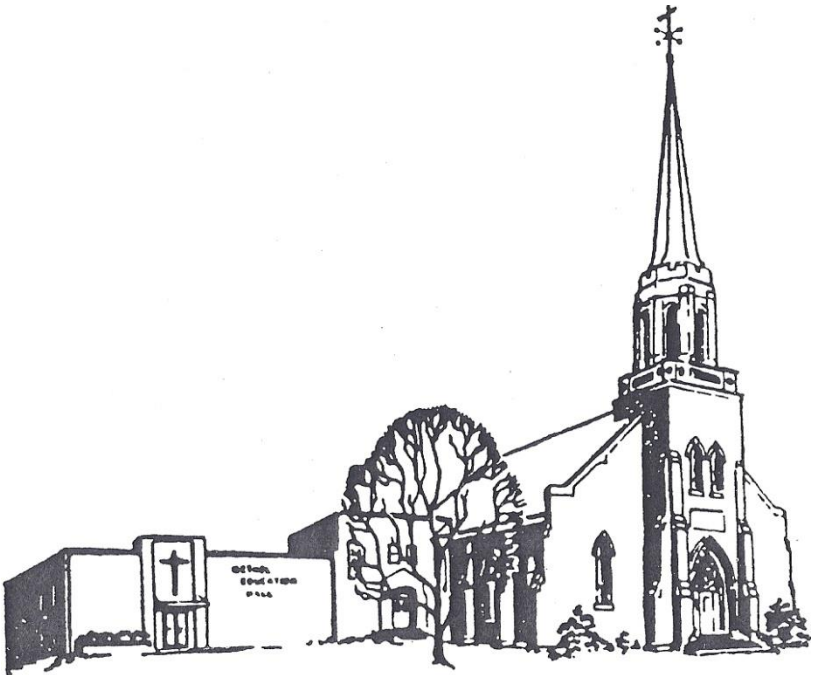
Sept.      1    Irma O'Niones (80)  
            18    Stanley (Pete) Coker (80<sup>th</sup>)  
            27    Bernard Sager (81<sup>st</sup>)

***Chimes news will be due on September 21<sup>st</sup>.***

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