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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

When you walk outside the church building and look upon mankind, what do you see? Do you see masses of people just milling around, living out their lives, or do you view the people as Jesus did in Matthew 9:36?

Jesus was looking at multitudes of people and scripture records that He felt compassion for them? Why the compassion? They were distressed and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. In other words, they were living out their daily lives without not only hope, but without a thought for hope. Why?

The answer to the question is because the church had failed them. The religious leaders of the day were caught up in doing church, not being the church. In other words, religious activities had taken priority over the work of the church being carried out, the church was more about proper form, rather than proper substance. That is why Jesus told His disciples in verse thirty-seven of Matthew

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

YOUTH PASTOR

I just want to brag a little on our youth, here at Bethel and in our community. We had our first 5th Quarter of the year a couple weeks ago and had 60 high school students show up. It does my heart good to see 5 churches come together just for the benefit of our youth and His Kingdom.

We also had See You At The pole (SYATP) on September 23rd. If you are not familiar with SYATP, basically it is a time for students to come together and pray. We meet at the flag pole before school, join hands and pray. We had 75-80 students at North Knox this year. By far the largest group we have had at NK.

This is the culmination of Christian parents raising their children in the fear of the Lord and our local churches being focused on our youth. This is the result when we as a church make our young people a priority instead of an afterthought. Thank you for loving our youth, thank you for supporting our youth, and, most importantly, thank you for praying for our youth.

In His Love,
Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2015

October/November – Nancy Tilly
December – Faithful Footprints



Preschool

We have had a good month so far at preschool! We started the month off talking about the letter M and continuing to prepare for Grandparent's Day. The kids were excited to bring their grandparent's to school with them. Grandparent's Day came and was a success. The kids enjoyed having their grandparent's or special friend come to preschool and it was very nice to see all of the kids with their grandparents. We know that events like this would not be possible without the support of our church member's and Pastor's. With that being said we really appreciate all those who brought/ help prepare food, and helped with clean- up or set -up. We would like to thank Sharon Dunkerly, Kathy Murphy, Linda Hammelman, Mary Ann Miller, and both of the Pastor Mike's! We really appreciate your help in making this day special for our preschooler's and their grandparent's!

We started the following week talking about the letter Ff. We enjoyed reading the book "The Rainbow Fish" and had fun painting our own rainbow fish. In the book the Rainbow fish was a shiny fish who did not want to share his scales with the other fish and as a result did not have any friends. After seeking advice he decided that it was the right thing to do to share his shiny scales with the other fish. I talked to the preschooler's about how God wants us to be cheerful givers and to share his love with everyone. We started practicing our memory verse and also we began learning a new nursery rhyme each week. This week's nursery rhyme was "Hey Diddle Diddle." We ended the letter Ff week enjoying the beautiful weather outside and pretending to be artists as we tried painting with Feather's on the Fence.

Next up was the letter Aa. We started the week off making an Alligator out of an A. We also practiced writing the letter Aa in pencil, in crayon, and even in the air. Our new nursery rhyme for the week was "Jack and Jill" and we started learning a new Bible memory verse as well. We cut and colored an apple math game and had fun attempting to write our names in applesauce. We will end Aa week by having some fun outside, doing an Apple investigation day where we will have apple, relay's, make apple jack necklaces, and get a chance to play at the Ark.

So far the year is off to a great start and I hope the preschoolers are enjoying themselves as much as I am. I love seeing their smiling faces and how fast they learn new things!

Love,
Mrs. Granderson

September was a very busy month at preschool as we spent lots of time learning our preschool routine and also about how much God loves each one of us! The Spiritual Bond packets began this month and are always so thoughtfully put together for each child. This is such a blessing as God's love is shared with our preschool classes.

The children were so excited to get to bring their grandparents to school on September 11th in celebration of Grandparent's Day. What a memorable day it was for everyone! The sanctuary was filled with smiling faces as the children sang songs for their grandparents. ☺ A tasty brunch was enjoyed by all followed by the children taking their grandparents on a tour of the preschool hallway and classroom. I loved watching the children and their grandparents get creative with their fall acorn craft that they completed together. I so appreciate the many kind comments from the grandparents who attended and must thank them as well for making this such a special time for their grandchild. It was wonderful to have both Pastor Mike DeCoursey and Pastor Mike Leydet stop in for a visit. I must send a big thank you to the Preschool Board Members and church members who helped provide some of the food for the day and to Sharon Dunkerly, Lesa Houghland, and Nikki Mundy who helped prepare and serve food. Also, thank you to Miss Jennifer, who took pictures of each grandchild and grandparent. Be sure to stop by the preschool hallway to see the fall acorn craft projects that were completed by the children and their grandparents as well as photos taken of them during Grandparent's Day. ☺

We also began working on the letters of the alphabet this month. So far, we have worked on the letters M, F and A. We have read about Moses, learned three new memory

verses, painted beautiful rainbow fish, and made Magnificent Muffins! The children were even surprised by a moose that left a mess in our classroom while they were outside for recess! During A week we were able to have an Apple Investigation Day. The kids loved getting to have class outside with their friends from Mrs. Granderson's class while stamping apples, racing with apples, building with apples and creating an apple volcano! We are looking forward to our upcoming field trip to Apple Hill Orchard. 😊

We had many other wonderful days at preschool last month and I look forward to sharing many more with you this coming school year. Continue to keep us in your prayers as each child grows and is filled with Jesus' love each day.

I'm looking forward to a beautiful October as the signs of autumn continue to surround us with our Heavenly Father's love and blessings.

Love,
Liberty Lemberg

Preschoolers are super, and I have been blessed with another group of terrific kids! We have gotten passed the missing mom stage already. We are working hard on our listening skills, being nice to our new friends and learning about Jesus. Every day is a new adventure.

We had great lessons on God making each of us unique and special with His own hands. We looked at each other's eyes, hair color and height as determined we are all different, even if we are siblings or cousins. We even decided our boo-boos or scars on our knees and legs are very different too.

We read "The Creation Story," and then made a Popsicle craft to help us remember what day of the week God thought to make each of his special creations. He thought of it all and it is beautiful.

We celebrated Grandparent's Day. As the big day was quickly approaching, we read several books about grandparents and the special role they play in our lives. One little boy was quick to point out that Papaw could come to preschool as long as he wasn't smelly. I didn't question that comment, but giggled at the thought of which "smelly"

grandparent was coming our way. I didn't smell anything on our big day, but was thrilled to have each in attendance. One little girl said, "Grandma took the day off to be with me." The kids all did a super job staying on stage and performing our songs. Thanks to all who helped make muffins and worked in the kitchen. We are blessed with lots of willing hands, and we are so greatly thankful.

Our first letter of the week was A. We learned about all the amazing animals God put in the ark. We want to be like Noah and listen to God and obey His command. Our crafts are on display in the hallway. Come and take a look around when you can. We even went to the ark across the street to play.

The weather has been great to enjoy God's out door world. We also had an apple tasting test, where we sampled a green, red and yellow apple. One little boy said, "God made many good things to eat." Yes, He did. Most of the preschoolers were happy to try and sample giving their opinion on what they discovered in each color of apple. We then took apple jacks and covered the letter A with them on paper using glue. I was told, "I am not sure why we are doing this craft. We just eat the apple jacks instead of wasting them." So much for my ideas and working on our fine motor skills.

I have heard many great prayers already. The kids are so honest and tell God exactly what is on their mind at that moment. Sometimes, our prayers are only understood by God and that is okay because we know He hears every prayer.

We are looking forward to fall and all the changes that God thought of during this time of year. Happy Fall Ya'll.

In Christ's Love,
Mrs. Beth Durall

Memorial Fund

In memory of Hyla Richter
The Buckthal Family
Tracey Kahre
Suzan Morgan
Janet Tilly
Lois Wampler

Thank You's

I would like to thank the Bethel Church members for my many birthday cards.
Also, thanks to Tom and Joyce Kixmiller for the delicious pizza.
I have so many fond memories from Bethel Church since I was 13 years old.

God Bless,
Irma O'Niones

You are so sweet and kind. Thank you for awarding me with some money to help me pay for college. I have been spending it wisely! Hope to be back soon.

Love in Christ,
Haillie Durall

GUILD

At our September meeting, we made lap throws and took them to residents at the Community Home.

Our October 7th meeting will be at 1:30 pm, and special speaker will be Judge Ryan Johanningsmeier. He will tell us about his work. Ladies, come and hear what Judge Ryan does. We are thrilled he will take time to speak to us.

Hostesses are Nancy Tilly and Doris Brocksmitth. Bring canned goods for North Knox Social Ministries.

Ladies, hope to see you at 1:30, Wednesday, October 7th!

Lill Clinkenbeard

The Butterfly

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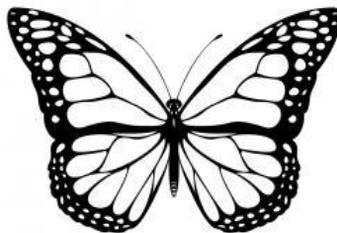
A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it could go no further.

So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly!



January Mission Trip Team

“Glory be to God! By His mighty power at work within us, He is able to accomplish more than we could ever dare to ask or dream.” Ephesians 3:20. The mission team has felt this verse as we prepare to go the Dominican Republic and serve God. He is going ahead of us every step and preparing the way and He is using our Bethel family in His preparation. Thank you for your generosity in so many ways! You donated \$1200.00 at our after church cook-out. You have filled trailers with donations for our yard sale. We know that many of you have prayed for us and we ask that you continue to labor for us in prayer.

You will have more opportunities to partner with us and here are some of them:

- Yard Sale at Clinkenbeard’s on Saturday, September 26th from 7-12 noon- come check out our treasures and take some home
- Church auction on Sunday, September 27th- the council has kindly said that the mission team will be given part of the proceeds
- Soup lunch after church on Sunday, October 25th
- Car Wash at Memering Motorplex in Vincennes on Saturday, October 10th from 10-2- team members are selling tickets for \$5.00/vehicle- buy a ticket even if you can’t come to the car wash!

We know that everyone can’t go on the church building mission trip- but everyone can help! We know that God is glorified when His people work together to build His kingdom.

Team members for this trip (January 4-11th) are Susan (Sargent) Brocksmith, Janet Clinkenbeard, Matt Clinkenbeard, Karen DeCoursey, Pastor Mike Leydet Bruce Miller, Noah Miller, Bill Resler, Christopher Sargent, Patrick Sargent, Jan Spanger, John Spanger, Dale Tiek and Jane Tiek.

We have decided to use the money we raise in the following way: \$500 to the church that we are going to help build, \$500 to Foundation for Peace (the organization that we are going with) and \$500 to House of Light (an orphanage for children with disabilities that we will visit), \$140 (\$10/person) for entry into the country, \$200 for VBS supplies. If we raise more than \$1840.00 we will be

divide the money among team members to help with our expenses. Each team member is paying \$1700 to go on the trip- this mission requires a sacrifice of money, time and convenience- but we know the blessings will far outweigh the sacrifice. God calls us to do things that are not always easy, but He knows that it is in the hard things that we grow and learn and learn to trust Him as our Jehovah Jireh (our Provider).

There is a place on the Foundation For Peace website (foundationforpeace.org) that you can go to donate to a specific team member if you feel led to do so. It is under the donation tab.

Again, we praise God that we are part of a church family that has a heart for missions! Please continue to pray for the team and for the people we will be working hand and hand with (mano en mano) in the Dominican Republic.

Bethel Church Council Minutes September 14, 2015

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included hospital visits, officiating two funerals and assisting with Pre-School Grandparents Day activities.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet reported that approximately 50 kids attended the first 5th quarter event that five areas churches are sponsoring. He also helped with the Pre-School Grandparents Day. The youth are planning a fundraiser, currently scheduled for November 8th, which will be a chicken and noodles dinner.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written.

Mission disbursement of \$1000 to the youth was approved. 90% of our mission allocations for the year are now complete.

Buildings and Grounds: The new sidewalks have been poured at the shelter house and all projects were

completed on work day. The council wishes to thank all those who so graciously gave of their time on these projects. The shelter house is almost complete, other than putting in heat.

Deacon's Report: Anthis has been called to check the furnaces and do maintenance. We are currently checking on replacing folding chairs and tables.

Elder's Report: Next communion will be on October 4th. Visitation schedule for September will be conducted as schedules permit.

Old Business: The Pictorial Directory is complete, other than odd and ends pictures being added.

New Business: Motion was made to request that families with videos for funeral services turn them in the day before the service. This motion was seconded and approved. Chuck Borgmeier requested approval for Mark Snyder, the choir director at Lincoln High School to play the organ possibly on a Saturday/Sunday evening in November. Request was granted. An internet wire needs to be run to the computer for the projector to keep out interference. The motion was made to replace the cordless microphone in the sanctuary, seconded and carried.

Coming Events:

Sept 20 – Harvest Home

September 27 – Church picnic/auction

Parish Records:

Deaths: Laverne Tilly, died on Tuesday, September 8. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on Sunday, September 13.

Attendance:

Aug. 23 140
Aug. 30 177
Sept. 6 144
Sept. 13 189
Sept. 20 147

Greeters:

Oct. 4 – Justin & Traci French
Oct. 11 & 18 – Evan & Krista Telligman
Oct. 25 & Nov. 1 – Brandon & Holly Spanger

Ushers: Mark & Deanna Sargent

Nursery (Sunday School):

Oct. 4 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 11 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
 18 Krista Telligman/Carole Albrecht
 25 Diane Telligman/Kate Hammelman

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Oct. 4 Deb Telligman/Brianna Page
 11 Jesse Organ/Kelci Johanningsmeier
 18 Tori French/Brenda Maddox
 25 Tiffany Granderson/Brianna Page

Children's Church:

Oct. 4 Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
 11 Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg
 18 Micah Morgan/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
 25 Brenda Maddox/Tiffany Granderson

October birthdays:

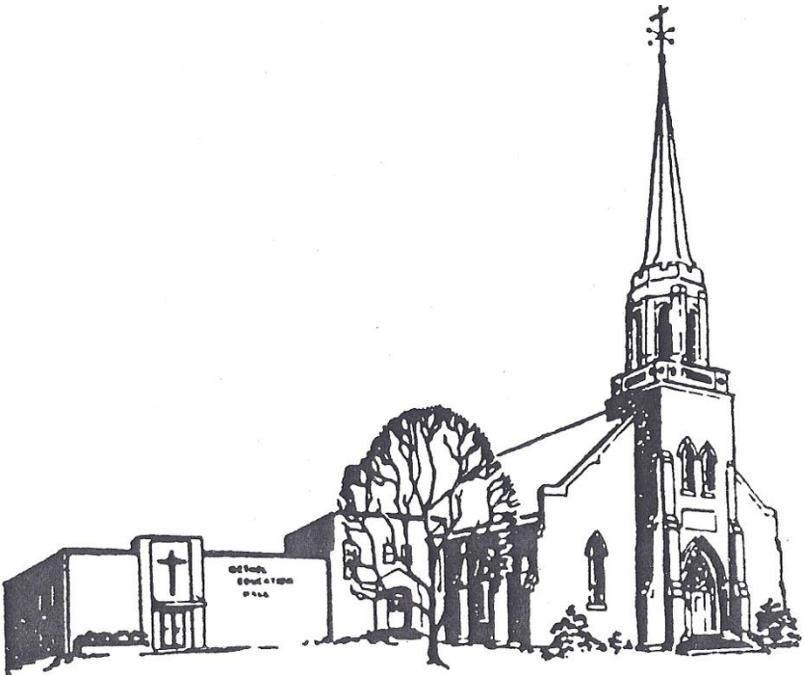
9 Kara Johanningsmeier (83rd)
14 Joe Malone (80th)
18 Dorothy Spanger (82nd)
18 Mary Miller (80th)
27 Lois Repass (84th)

Chimes news will be due on October 19th.

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