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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 are 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,

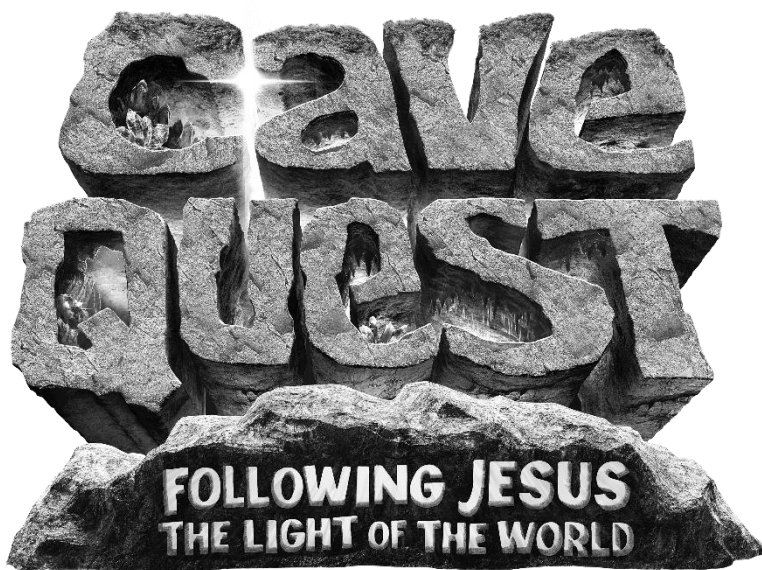
Pastor Mike

James 5:16

YOUTH PASTOR

The majority of my time for the last couple weeks has been invested in planning VBS. We have an awesome opportunity to not only serve the kids of Bethel Church but also of the kids of our community through VBS. 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 6th – 10th and our theme this year is “Cave Quest: Following Jesus, The Light of the World”. As much fun as VBS is for me and the kids that attend, we can’t do it without the church showing up to minister to these kids. Last year we struggled to have enough adults to lead classes from night to night. If you can only be here one night of the week, we can use you. 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 2016

March/April/May – Christian Generations

June – Bible School

July/August – Faithful Families

September – Preschool

October/November – Assigned

December – Mustard Seed

Preschool

It is hard to believe the school year is winding down! It has been fun to see how much the preschoolers have grown and changed over the past two years!!

This month we started off talking about the letter Rr. We talked about rain and how God gives us rain to help the flowers and plants grow. We took a day to talk about Rainbows which was an opportunity to share the story of Noah's Ark. We discussed how a rainbow is a promise from God never to flood the earth again.

Our next letter was the letter Cc! This was a fun one. We read one of my favorite stories "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" the kids enjoyed this story just as much as I do. We did a craft where the preschoolers made their own hungry caterpillar book and took turns re-telling the story. At the end of the week we made a beautiful butterfly! These were on display in the hallway!

This week we are talking about the letter Ww, we read a fun story called "Johnny Spit a Seed at Sue." It was about a group of kids who got in a watermelon seed spitting fight! Then we got the chance to go outside and spit our own seeds. We also talked about Earth Day

and our "world" and "waste" we had a special guest speaker Michelle Smith from Knox County water and waste. She did a fun bubble blowing project with the kids and they were able to learn about reducing, reusing, and recycling. We were glad to have her come and the preschoolers seemed to really enjoy it.

We are also busy this month working on our Mother's day tea projects and memorizing our memory verses for graduation. We are enjoying playing outside almost every day, since the weather has been so nice! It will be a busy and fun last few weeks of preschool!

Blessings,
Mrs. Granderson

I can hardly believe I am once again writing the newsletter for the last month of preschool! Another preschool year has simply flown by in what seems to be the blink of an eye. But, it has been a wonderful year full of laughter and learning as Miss Nicole and I made lots of fun memories with a terrific bunch of kids. ☺ It is hard to believe that in a few short months the children will be off to their first day of kindergarten! We have had so much fun getting ready for kindergarten but, more importantly, learning more about Jesus and the wonderful love He has for us.

We started off the month of April by being able to sing a few songs for the Guild ladies during their meeting. The kids did a great job and then enjoyed some yummy cookies for a snack. A big thanks to Brandon and Holly Spanger for bringing in baby calves during C week. Conner was very excited to show his friends how to bottle feed the calves. We talked about the letter R and made several rainbow crafts. We read about Noah's Ark and learned that the rainbow is a symbol of God's promise.

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. They turned out so cute – it is so much fun seeing them become such independent workers!!

Since Earth Day was April 22nd, we were very happy to have Mrs. Michelle Smith from the Knox County Solid Waste Department come in and share with us the importance of taking care of the Earth so that we don't pollute it with trash and chemicals. The kids did a great job listening and answering questions! They had fun learning how to sort trash into the correct recycling bin. She then showed us how to reuse water bottles and use them to blow bubbles outside! It was a fun day and we really appreciated having Mrs. Smith with us and the kids loved all of the fun goodies she brought for them!

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. This is always an exciting time for both the kids and myself. It is such a blessing to watch these children grow and to be able to share with them how big God's love is for each of us. 😊

Love,
Mrs. Lemberg

Spring is here and we are so happy. We have enjoyed several nice days and were able to enjoy the outdoors.

We are grateful to have spent some time with Pastor Pedro and Alenny. They visited our class and helped with our crafts as well as taught us to say God is love and counted with us in Spanish. Some of the kids did really well..I cannot say the same for myself.

We talked about Jesus and His miracles like when He walked on the water and calmed the wind was a great story for letter W. One little boy was sure he could walk on the water also...if the bathtub wasn't too full of water. He got the Bible story idea only on a much smaller version. We talked about how we always want Jesus to walk with us no matter where we go. We also went to cooking class again after reading "Warthogs in the Kitchen: A Sloppy Counting Book." We weren't messy with our baking, but we worked on waiting our turn, cracking eggs gently, and not licking our fingers. We had fun and delicious cupcakes in waffle cones.

Letter X was about x-rays and if Jesus X-rayed our hands He would see us helping other and praying. If he x-rayed our hearts, He would see us loving others. We know Jesus doesn't need x-rays to see inside of us.

Letter Y, we talked about yaks and how God knew they did need not belong in Indiana when He created them, but it sure is fun to pretend there is a yak eating yellow yarn in the yard. We talked about how we should always say yes to Jesus. We had a YUMMY vs Yucky day. We had to sample a lime and a lemon and decide if we liked them or didn't like them. 2 kids decided not to try the lime and 1 decided no way on the lemon. Some of us had funny faces as we sampled, and some of us ate the peeling. We learned that we have to try new things before we can wrinkle up our nose. We then talked about MR. YUK. He means no, never try or touch anything with his label. We found Mr. YUK stickers in the bathroom, under the kitchen sink, and on storage door closets. Y is a hard letter, but we learned a lot in two days.

We read "The Grouchy Ladybug," and learned that if we start our day wanting to be grouchy, our day will probably end the same way. We learned that we don't go looking for fights or picking on people. If we have a great positive start, it is much better. If we are happy and smile, other people around us will do the same thing.

We are down to one letter, and I have told the kids all year when we get to letter z that school will soon be over. So last week when we figured out there was only z to learn about, one little boy shouted "Yay, school is over!" I had to say hold on, slow down, you have 3 weeks to go as we talk about letter z. "But you said..." was the response I got. They do listen and retain more than we give them credit for sometimes.

We are looking forward to our picnic and game day, Mother's Day Tea, and our kite day which will be the last day of preschool. Lots to do in such a small amount of time. God gives us many beautiful reasons to be happy.

Mrs. Beth Durall

Thank You

Dear Bethel Family,

Thank you so much for the gifts, cards, and prayers for my confirmation. I appreciate all of them and look forward to continue serving the Lord at Bethel.



Yours in Christ,
Trevor Kahre

Dear Bethel Family and Friends,

We want to thank everyone that came to our 58th wedding anniversary celebration and those that sent cards and/or expressed congratulations!

We are so blessed in so many ways to be a part of the Bethel family. We also thank our children and grandchildren for all they did to arrange the celebration.

Rowe and Maridell Sargent



You are cordially invited to the graduation ceremony for Hailley Blair Kahre on Friday, May 27, 2016 at 7 pm at North Knox High School

There will be a hog roast and open house on Saturday May 21, 2016 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Bicknell fairgrounds

GUILD

At our April Guild meeting, we enjoyed the afternoon preschoolers entertaining us with several songs. We had a short meeting and delicious refreshments.

We will meet May 4th, at 1:30 pm and make lap throws for our home shut-in and the residents at the Community Home. Hostesses will be Jan Richter and Doris Brocksmith. Bring soap for North Knox Social Ministries.

Freelandville Community Home and Generation Area Agency on Aging are trying to form a partnership to deliver hot meals to homebound Bicknell residents.

If you are interested in volunteering to deliver meals, please contact Stacey Kahre at 812-890-2310 or Jean Johanningsmeier at 812-328-2134 for more information.

Herbs, Plants, and Spices

The Bible garden has many tasty and/or fragrant tidbits in it, but there are also a few things to avoid. Can you identify the following herbs, plants and spices mention in Scripture?

1. The wise men gave the baby Jesus _____ , _____ , and _____ .
2. “Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of _____ .
3. Jesus said, “You are the _____ of the earth.”
4. Soldiers plaited a crown of _____ for Jesus’ head.
5. “Woe to you . . . for you tithe _____ and _____ and every herb.”
6. She anointed Jesus’ head with perfumed _____ .
7. Jesus’s body was prepared for burial with myrrh and _____ .
8. On the cross, Jesus was offered wine mingled with _____ .
9. “Reuben went and found _____ in the field.”
10. I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and _____ .

Answers:

1. gold, frankincense, myrrh, Matt. 2:11
2. lentils, Genesis 24:34
3. salt, Matt. 5:13
4. thorns, Matt. 27:29
5. mint, rue, Luke 11:42
6. nard, Mark 14:3
7. aloes, John 19:39-40
8. gall, Matt. 27:34
9. mandrakes, Genesis 30:14
10. cinnamon, Proverbs 7:17

Bethel Church Council Minutes

April 11, 2016

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting a funeral and an infant baptism. He is preparing for the upcoming wedding at the end of this month. He confirmed four confirmands and conducted the Confirmation Reunion on Palm Sunday. He conducted the Good Friday service at the Freelandville Community Home.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet reported that he took the youth to the Winterjam concert at Indianapolis. Thanks to Jay and Jo Lori Singleton for the backstage passes. The youth were very excited to meet Sidewalk Prophets. The youth also attended the Soul Fest concert. Pastor Mike and Renee were group leaders at the ABLAZE conference at North Knox High School. Several area churches are planning an end of school youth rally at Ouabache Trails. He and the other youth leaders at Bethel are planning a skating party for fourth-sixth graders.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. The following mission allocation was approved: Backpack Program - \$1000.

Building and Grounds: Garland Richter presented the bids from D&H Glass for replacement of the doors to the Educational Building and to the west side door of the sanctuary. The bid for the Educational Building was \$2590. The bid for the sanctuary door was \$2255. Joe Koenig made the motion, seconded by Stacey Kahre, and passed unanimously to purchase the door for the sanctuary, pending approval of the glass. It was decided to look at other options for the entrance to the Educational Building.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for March was 187. The offering for March totaled \$19244.88.

Elder's Report: Garland Richter reported that 36 were served Communion on Maundy Thursday and 195 on Easter Sunday. He and Pastor Mike served Communion to 25 at the Freelandville Community Home during the Good Friday service.

If you are interested in a home visit, please contact Pastor Mike or a council member.

Old Business: Pastor Mike Leydet reported several repairs were made to the church van. A new third seat and seatbelt are still

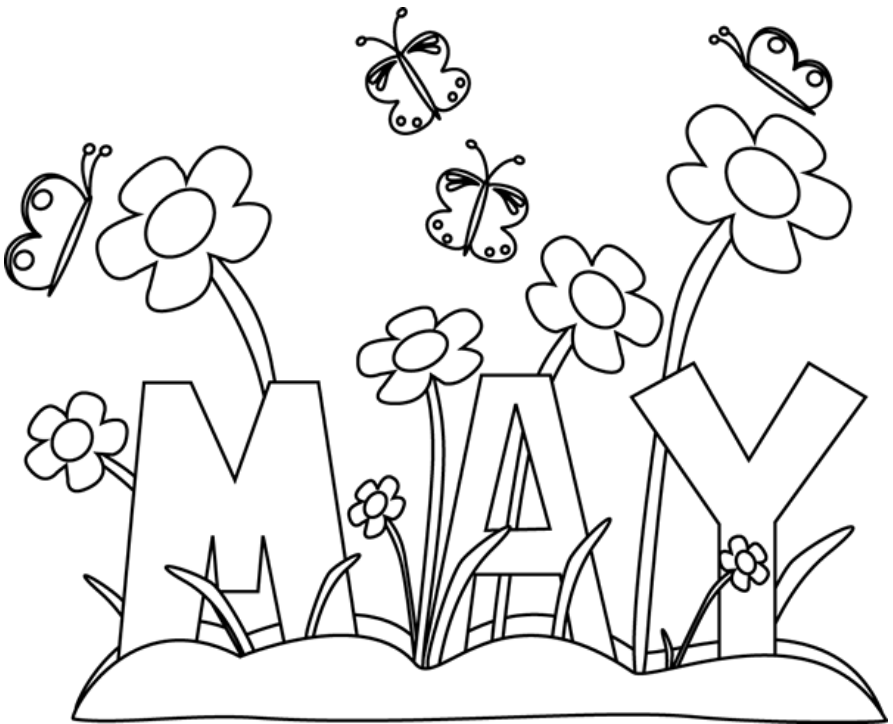
needed. With the possibility of the need to purchase a new van in a few years, it was decided to start a fund for that purpose.

New Business: Garland Richter will get bids to replace the Educational Building roof. He will also check into the cost of replacing the basketball court at the shelter house. Pastor Mike Leydet reported that \$2000 was collected for the Dominican Republic church roof.

Upcoming Events:

May 6 – Preschool Mother’s Day Tea

May 13 – Preschool Graduation



Parish Records:

Attendance:

Mar. 27 247
April 3 165
April 10 138
April 17 161

Greeters:

May 1 – Bill & Carole Albrecht
May 8 & 15 – Frank & Lenora McCrary
May 22 & 29 – Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard

Ushers: Gary & Kathy Murphy

Nursery (Sunday School):

May 1 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
8 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
15 Krista Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer
22 Diane Telligman/Holly Spanger
29 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike

Nursery Notes (Worship):

May 1 Ashley Durall/Debbie Telligman
8 Jesse Organ/Brittany Page
15 Beth Durall/Reeva Hammelman
22 Ramona & Rylee Hammelman
29 Bonnie & Emilee Organ

Thanks to all who volunteer. We could always use more names on our list. If you are interested in helping in the nursery one time every other month or every two months, please see Beth Durall, 812-249-9547 or bcdur@joink.com

Children's Church:

May 1 Ryan Johanningsmeier/Jesse Organ/Hallie Durall
8 Tracey Kahre/Liberty Lemberg
15 Bonnie Organ/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
22 Dale Tiek/Tiffany Granderson
29 No Children's Church

May birthdays:

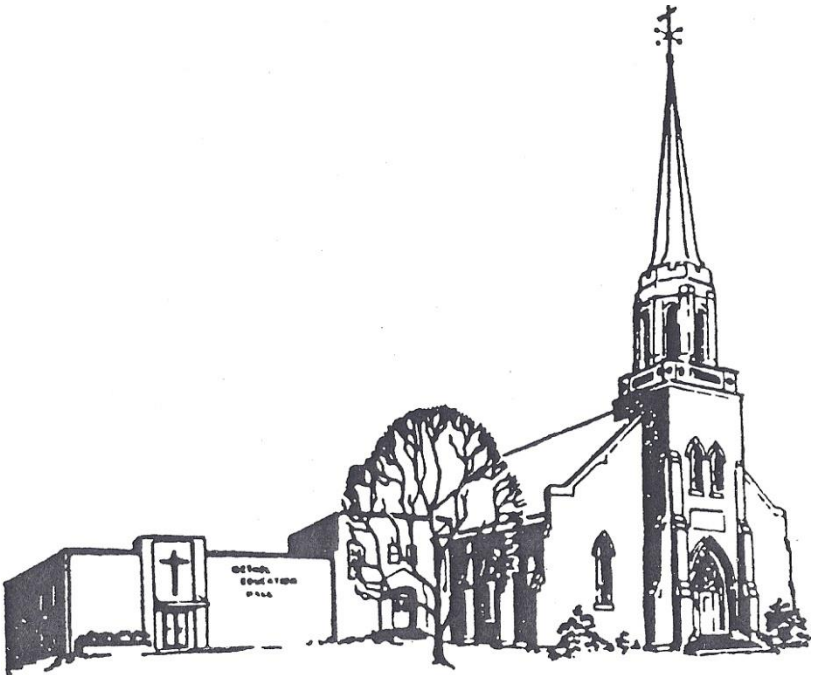
May 3 Earl Linneweber (88th)
8 Helen Harbin (90th)
15 Mary Deerhake (84th)
24 Robert Jones (91st)
26 Ruth Richter (93rd)

Chimes news will be due on 16th.

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