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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

What thoughts flow through your mind as the offering plate is passed on Sunday mornings? Do you look upon the offering as an obligation or as a form of worship? Paul tells us in the latter part of 2nd Corinthians 9:7 that God loves a cheerful giver. We must ask ourselves, what is a cheerful giver? And then after that question is answered, we must search deep within ourselves for the answer, cheerful or not cheerful?

We need to understand the basic fact and that is that grace received demands a response. So what is your response when it comes to giving, a form of worship or an obligation? Remember, giving is a delicate transaction, the tiniest string attached to your gift makes it no longer a gift, but rather just another transaction.

Think about this, God loves a cheerful giver and He demonstrated this through His Son, Jesus Christ, our gift to salvation.

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?

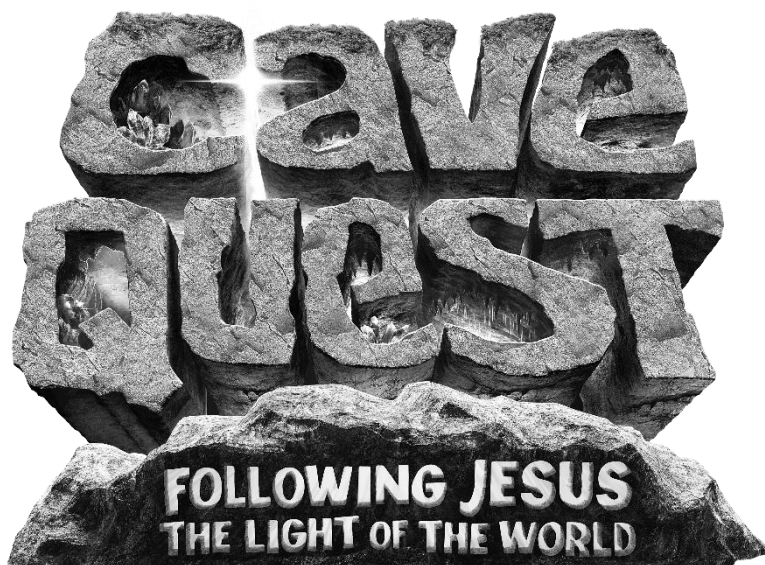
My simple definition is that missions is anyway that the Great Commission is lived out.

Matthew 28:18-20 ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ 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?

In His Love,
Pastor Mike



Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2016

June – Bible School
July/August – Faithful Families
September – Preschool
October/November – Assigned
December – Mustard Seed

Preschool

Words cannot express how much fun and how rewarding the last month of preschool was! We spent most of our time working on Mother's Day tea preparations and of course practicing our memory verses for graduation.

I would like to begin by saying thank you to all of the moms who attended our Mother's Day tea celebration. It was such a fun night! The kids sang so well and looked so nice! In class we made a special hand print out of clay for our mom's to put their rings in. Also thank you to the preschool board for supporting this event. I know a lot of our mom's really enjoyed the night out with their preschooler.

The last week of school was full of fun! On Monday we had movie and popcorn day! On Wednesday we had explore the church day where we got to go Round and find different goodies in different parts of the church. A very special thanks to Miss Doris for bringing these goodies and making this day possible. Of course Friday was bitter sweet graduation practice and graduation. I was so proud of all of my students for getting up on stage in front of such large group of people, doing their memory verse, saying their pledges, and singing. It was such a fun night. Thank you to all of our parents not only for supporting your children and the preschoolers, but also for your support and kind words. I was so thankful and humbled from all of the hugs, compliments, words of encouragement, and gifts. The parents, preschoolers and the board went above and beyond to show appreciation for us as teachers. The

party/celebration after graduation with. Dr. Seuss theme of "Oh, the places you will go" was a hit as well! Thank you to all of the parents who put this together. Thank you to the church volunteers who came to dress rehearsal during the morning and to those who came in the evening to help dress for graduation. It wouldn't have been possible without you. I have been impressed of how willing and ready the congregation at Bethel is in supporting the needs of the preschool.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to the preschool board for giving me the opportunity to teach the past two years. At the time I was approached, I wasn't looking to go back to work, however sometimes God knows exactly what you need and you have to follow his plan. I am so very glad I did. Teaching has been so rewarding and such a great learning experience. I'm so grateful to both Beth and Liberty for mentoring me and working with me. I had some fantastic co-workers and I am so thankful for the friendships we formed.

Blessings,
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 6th. 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. 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. Wow! To think of the impact Bethel has had on so many children!

Graduation was held on Friday, May 13th. 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. Thank you to all who came and helped to make it a memorable evening for all of the graduates.

A Dr. Suess themed celebration was put on by the parents following the graduation ceremony, complete with Thing One, Thing Two and Cat in the Hat! Everyone had a great time getting their photo taken in the picture booth and snacking on popcorn, cotton candy and the candy bar! 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

The last three weeks of preschool have been wet and cooler than expected, but they sure were fun ones. We celebrated Earth Day as we clean-up trash around the church grounds. (Although, Mr. Jim Strange keeps it almost too clean on Earth Day). We talked about how we can recycle certain items or put some items in our compost before we throw everything out. The kids loved picking up sticks, leaves, trash, and frogs on our walk. We love our Earth and need to do our part to help. Thank you God for our beautiful Earth.

We had a chilly picnic as we all wore jackets with our hoods up. We were thankful it did not rain as we sat together and share a half-eaten cracker or grape. The kids were just happy to be eating (we always seem to be hungry). We played many games to get us moving or jumping around more. We ended with every kid being put in a bubble—a favorite of many.

We had a special date for our Mother's Day Tea. The kids were very happy to finally get to bring mom and sing songs for her. The kids did terrific.

We didn't get to have kite day due to the weather, but we had science experiments and made a mess or two. We had the "coolest explosion" ever as we mixed baking soda and vinegar. The kids loved the sound and getting to watch the bubbles.

We had a meeting at the flag pole in the cemetery and got to have prayer at the cross. The weather wasn't very cooperative that day and we couldn't walk there, but we made it and the kids went home with many stories how we all drove to the cemetery.

Thanks to our Bethel Church family for all the love and support throughout the year. A big thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who are always ready to lend a hand and do many silly or crazy things when they come in. We are very blessed and appreciate each and every one of you. A special thanks to Miss Jennifer (Worstell) who keeps me in line and on track. Congratulations on a job well done to Mrs. Lemberg and Mrs. Granderson on another great year.

I am always sad to see the end of the year come to a close because I have to send them on to be the big kids, but I am happy to have watched them all grow spiritually, mentally, and physically. I love to hear them tell our Bible stories, share prayers, and express their love for Jesus. It has been a fun and rewarding year. I am thankful for all the parent involvement and pray for each child as they grow closer in their walk with God. – Beth Durall

WHY I LOVE AND RESPECT OUR FLAG

When America began as our country, people came to these shores with different religions and ethnic backgrounds. They differed in dress, appearance, language and viewpoints, so there were many different opinions on how to form and maintain a new nation, but they shared the belief that a free democratic nation should be formed and that it would be united under one flag.

239 years ago, our congress adopted the Stars & Stripes as the National Emblem of the United States of America.

I think it's great that our young children are taught the Pledge of Allegiance. It's interesting to note that the words "Under God" were not added until 1954. President Eisenhower, 63 years after the original Pledge was written and I quote, "The addition of those words represented the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future."

What the Flag means to me is this, it flies over a country where there is freedom and opportunity for all, unlike any the world has ever seen.

1. We have the Liberty to worship as we choose.
2. We can vote for anyone of our choice.
3. We can attend schools of our choosing.
4. We can travel freely from state to state.
5. We have freedom of speech and justice for all.

America is not perfect, but we still have many people wanting to come here, and no one trying to leave. A heavy price has been paid for this freedom. Many, many Americans have given their lives for this Flag and what it stands for.

In closing, whenever I hear the Star Spangled Banner and the raising of our Flag, I'm not ashamed to have tears in my eyes and a lump in my throat. I hope each of you are affected this way.

Let's all do our duty for America, to pass this on from generation to generation.

So fly your Flag as often as you can, and be proud it's your nation's emblem.

**BEHOLD HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR
BRETHERN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY. PSAL 133:1**

Robert I. Jones
Freelandville, IN

Thank You

Bethel Church,

I wish to thank you on behalf of the students of the North Knox School Corporation for your support of the backpack program. Your past and continued support does make a difference in these student's lives and our community.

Don Osburn
North Knox Intermediate Principal

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 Nancy Tilly, Matt Granderson, Debbie Telligman, Emily Mundy, Marilyn Koenig for coming in to help during our dress rehearsal. A special thank you to Tim and Tonya Miller, Beth Durall, Pam Loheider, Nancy Tilly 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 us with the programs and to Matt Clinkenbeard for working the sound system. Many thanks to the parents of the preschoolers who did a wonderful job with the post-graduation festivities. We truly appreciate each and every one of you!

A special thank you to Jennifer Worstell and Nicole Ricketts for all their hard work and support this year. They are always ready to help out and are both great with the kids. We have had a lot of fun together this year and we appreciate all they have done! 😊

Love,
Liberty Lemberg
Tiffany Granderson

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark



One: Don't miss the boat.

Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six: Build your future on high ground.

Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.

Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting

Author Unknown

GUILD

Bethel Women's Guild met in May, making lap throws for the Community Home residents and our home bound friends. We had a short business meeting and enjoyed our social times with friends.

June 1 at 1:30, we will be honored to have Charlene Grove have the program. Vera Jones and Lill Clinkenbeard are hostesses. Please bring school supplies for North Knox Social Ministries. Ladies, come and enjoy the afternoon with us.

Also, remember quilting each Tuesday afternoon. Quilters are always welcomed.

Bethel Church Council Minutes

May 9, 2016

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike reported that he officiated a wedding and an infant baptism. He conducted a service at the Freelandville Community Home. May 14th is Pentecost.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet reported that he and Renee's trip to the Billy Graham training center exceeded all expectations. The training was excellent, and they would like to go back. The third, fourth, and fifth grade youth will have a skating party from 2-4 on May 22nd. Several area churches, including Bethel, have planned an end of school youth party at Ouabache Trails for June 5th. Pastor Mike is finalizing plans for Vacation Bible School. He will pick up VBS materials from The Bible Book Store this week.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. The following mission allocation was approved: Helping His Hands - \$1000.

Buildings and Grounds: Joe Koenig and Bill Resler put the chimney cap back on the shelter house. Bill Resler reported the church grounds have been sprayed for weeds, and the mold has been washed off the garage.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for April was 158. The offering for April totaled \$17,455.

Elder's Report: The next communion is scheduled for May 14th. It will be pew communion. Please contact Pastor Mike or a council member if you or a family member are interested in a home visit.

Old Business: Garland and Jacob Richter removed the broken church pew from the social room. Bill Resler reported on bids for concrete work for the shelter house and the church grounds. Trenton Miller offered to remove and haul off the old concrete at no cost to the church. This was approved. Joe Koenig made the motion, seconded by Stacey Kahre, and passed unanimously to redo the concrete and install a drain in front of the Educational Building. Bill Resler made the motion, seconded by Pam Loheider, and passed unanimously to redo the sidewalk in front of the ramp to the church. Stacey Kahre made the motion, seconded by Sam Miller, and passed unanimously to redo the sidewalk, the patio, and the basketball court at the shelter house.

New Business: Bill Resler made the motion, seconded by Kevin Hammelman, and passed unanimously to sign a service agreement for furnace and air conditioning units with Anthis Heating and Cooling. Pastor Mike Leydet reported on the quality of the glass for the sanctuary door. Upon his recommendation, the council decided not to purchase a glass door. Pastor Mike and Pastor Mike Leydet recommended we deal with Marner Wood Products to replace the west side sanctuary door. Joe Koenig made the motion, seconded by Bill Resler, and passed unanimously to deal with Marner Wood Products for replacing the sanctuary door. Roof repair was tabled until next meeting.

Upcoming Events:

May 13 – Preschool graduation

May 15 – Pew Communion

VBS – June 6th -10th

Needed: Teacher for Children's Church
(Preschool).

Please contact Bonnie Organ if you are
interested in helping one Sunday a month.

Parish Records:

Births: Gioia (Joy-ah) Ruth Richter was born on April 23 to Tyler and Kayla Richter. She weighed 7 lb. 1 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. She is also welcomed by brothers Greyson and Gibson.

Attendance:

April 24
May 1 161
May 8 163
May 15

Greeters:

June 5 & 12 – Steve and Debbie Telligman
June 19 & 26 – Mike and Pam Loheider

Ushers: Mike and Shirley Bright

Nursery (Sunday School):

June 5 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 12 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 19 Krista Telligman/Carole Albrecht
 26 Diane Telligman/Mary Ann Miller

Nursery Notes (Worship):

June 5 Stacy and Brianna Page
 12 Brenda Maddox/Brittany Page
 19 Ashley Durall/Tori French
 26 Theresia Barrett/Beth Durall

Children's Church:

June 5 Kate Hammelman/Linda Hammelman
 12 Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg
 17 Micah Morgan/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman
 26 Brenda Maddox

June birthdays:

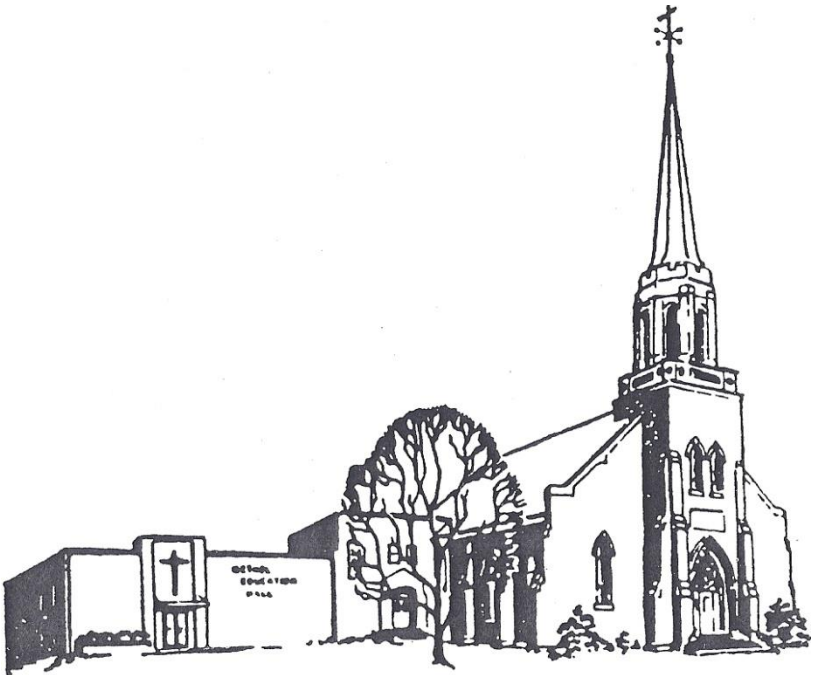
June 13 Patty Buescher (85th)
 15 Charles Linneweber (84th)
 30 Carolyn Williams (84th)

Chimes news will be due on 20th.

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