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## **FROM THE PASTORS STUDY**

Most of us have heard stories of people who have for one reason or another have had a debt either totally paid or even totally forgiven by the one to who the debt was owed. Sometimes our reaction is why that can't happen to me. If we just stop for a moment we realize that that has happened for all mankind. It happened when Jesus took the sins of mankind to the cross. In the busy dog eat dog world we live in, we have a tendency to forget that fact. In fact, many people have forgotten how to forgive trespasses committed against them by others. We read the words of Jesus from Mark 11:24-26 that in order for God to forgive us, we must first learn to forgive others. A small price to pay when one understands God forgiving the debt that man could not possibly pay; a debt paid with the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. Sometime to dwell on during these hot summer days. Is there someone you need to forgive in order to receive God's forgiveness?

In His Service,

Pastor Mike

James 5:16

## **YOUTH PASTOR**

20 million. That's the number of Bibles that are sold each year in the United States. That's more than double the amount that was sold annually in the 1950s. The average American Christian owns 9 Bibles and wants to purchase more. For this reason, the Bible is actually excluded from book bestsellers lists because it would always be on top.

I find these numbers to quite interesting, especially as we prepare to take some of the youth to Love packages. While we are there we will pack books, tracts, Cd's, DVD's, Sunday school materials, and, yes, Bibles. The most sought out book that Love Packages sends is by far Bibles. Unfortunately, Bibles aren't as readily available around the world as they are here. Some pastors preach out of Sunday School books or loose pages torn out of a Bible. We are truly blest with an abundance of resources in the USA and I feel we have the obligation to the rest of the Christian community in the world to share it. If you have Bibles laying around that you don't use I would urge you to bring them to Bethel and we will get them to Love Packages. What is excess to you is needed by others.

In His Love,  
Pastor Mike

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### **Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2016**

**July/August – Faithful Families**

**September – Preschool**

**October/November – Assigned**

**December – Mustard Seed**

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# Thank You

Dear Bethel Family,

Thank you all so very much for celebrating my high school graduation with me. Whether, you came to graduation, attended my party, sent me a card, wished me well or said a prayer, I appreciate it all.

My plans are to attend Vincennes University, starting out with General Ed. My long-term goal is to be a nurse. I plan on staying in this community and I look forward to continuing to worship our Lord and Savior at Bethel. God bless you all and thanks again!

Hailley Kahre

I cannot begin to say thank you enough for all the cards, calls, food, text messages, visits, and prayers which were truly felt during my recent surgery. Granted, I was a little scared, but knew I was completely covered by prayer which got me through!

A special thank you to Pastor Mike for coming to the hospital – I appreciated your visit.

I have had a couple of bumps along the way, but with continued prayer I am getting better and stronger each day. We are truly blessed with the outpouring of love we have received by our church family. We appreciated each of you and pray God's blessing over you – again thank you for all you have done for us.

In His name,  
Lisa Richter

I wish to thank the Sunday School class for cards, prayers, and thoughts. Also, thanks to all who have sent me cards from Bethel Church. I look forward to them.

I am still at Owensville Trancendent Care. I had knee surgery, but had complications. Hope to be home soon.

Irma O'Niones

## GUILD

Guild met on Wednesday, June 1 at 1:30 pm. We were honored to have Carlene Grove speak to us on the duties of a school nurse.

We also had a short business meeting, when a storm came up and the electricity went off. We enjoyed our strawberries, shortcake and ice cream by candle light.

Our July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a lunch out; going to Bobe's Pizza at Sullivan. We will meet at the Church at 10:45 am. All ladies are invited. Let Doris Brocksmith know by July 4<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

We have Christian greeting cards for sale in the Guild Room. They are \$5 for a box of twelve. We have birthday, get well, sympathy and thinking of you cards. Great buy.

Also, remember there is quilting every Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 4. Come and learn to quilt.

## A POUND OF BUTTER

*Author Unknown*

There was a farmer who sold a pound of butter to the baker. One day the baker decided to weigh the butter to see if he was getting a pound and he found that he was not. This angered him and he took the farmer to court. The judge asked the farmer if he was using any measure. The farmer replied, "Your Honor, I am primitive. I don't have a proper measure, but I do have a scale." The judge asked, "Then how do you weigh the butter?" The farmer replied "Your Honor, long before the baker started buying butter from me, I have been buying a pound loaf of bread from him. Every day when the baker brings the bread, I put it on the scale and give him the same weight in butter. If anyone is to be blamed, it is the baker."

What is the moral of the story? We get back in life what we give to others. Whenever you take an action, ask yourself this question: Am I giving fair value for the wages or money I hope

to make? Honesty and dishonesty become a habit. Some people practice dishonesty and can lie with a straight face. Others lie so much that they don't even know what the truth is anymore. But who are they deceiving? Themselves.

## Seven Ups

1. **WAKE UP** – Decide to have a good day. “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...” (Proverbs 23:7); “Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4).
2. **DRESS UP** – The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. “The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart” (1 Sam. 16:7).
3. **BUTTON UP** – Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. “He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life” (Prov. 13:3). “He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips” (Prov. 20:19). “Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end” (Prov. 19:20).
4. **STAND UP** – For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:9-10).
5. **LOOK UP** – To the Lord. “I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me” (Phil. 4:13).
6. **REACH UP** – For something higher. As Jiminy Cricket sings “High Hopes,” always try to better yourself. “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16).
7. **LIFT UP** – Your prayers. “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” (Phil. 4:6).

## HOME TOWNS

Although he was born in Bethlehem, it was not known as Jesus' "hometown." We all have a hometown. Can you identify the home town of the biblical figures mentioned below?

1. Amos, the prophet, was a herdsman of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Joseph (who buried Jesus' body) was from \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Zacchaeus lived in the town of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus' hometown was \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Naomia was from \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Saul (the apostle Paul) was from \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were from \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Simon (who carried Jesus' cross) was from \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Philip, Andrews, and Peter all came from \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Apollos was a native of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answers:**

1. Tekoa, Amos 1:11
2. Arimathea, Luke 23:50
3. Jericho, Luke 19:1-2
4. Nazareth, Luke 2:39
5. Bethlehem, Ruth 1:2
6. Tarsus, Acts 9:11
7. Bethany, John 11:1
8. Cyrene, Matthew 27:32
9. Beth-saida, John 1:44
10. Alexandria, Acts 18:24

# **Bethel Church Council Minutes**

**June 13, 2016**

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike reported that he conducted a gravesite service and officiated a wedding. He reported that Bible School went very well. The kids were excited, and attendance was good. He and Karen will travel to St. Louis this week to visit the Granderson's.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** It was approved as written. The following mission allocations were approved: Social Ministries - \$2000 and Nurses' Fund - \$1500.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Pastor Mike and Pastor Mike Leydet will take the side sanctuary door to Worthington this week.

**Deacon's Report:** The average attendance for May was 150. The offering for May totaled \$22,076.

**Elder's Report:** Home visits were discussed. Please contact Pastor Mike or a council member if you or a family member are interested in a home visit.

**Old Business:** Garland Richter reported that he has received one bid for replacing the Educational Building roof. He will make some calls and attempt to get other bids.

**New Business:** Remodeling the preschool bathroom and other bathroom repairs were tabled until the next meeting. Plans for a work day in August were discussed. Pastor Mike reported that Ebony Chancellor-Grimm will be on vacation the last week of July and the first week of August.

## **Upcoming Events:**

June 28 – Youth Fundraiser dinner following worship service

## **Parish Records:**

**Births:** Charles Mitchell Bredthauer was born on June 13 to Haley and Mitchell Bredthauer. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21 ½ inches long.

William Edward Granderson was born on June 14 to Matt and Tiffany Granderson. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 ½ long. He is also welcomed by big brother, Matthew.

**Attendance:**

May 22 156  
 May 29 135  
 June 5 164  
 June 12 148  
 June 19 149

**Greeters:**

July 3 & 10 – Garland & Lisa Richter  
 July 17 & 24 – Doris Brocksmith/Sharon Dunkerly  
 July 31 & Aug. 7 – Bruce & Terri Miller

**Ushers:** Gary and Kathy Murphy

**Nursery (Sunday School):**

July 3 Lana Dike/Holly Spanger  
 10 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike  
 17 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Marry Ann Miller  
 24 Diane Telligman/Carole Albrecht  
 31 Cheryl Hagemeyer and Krista Telligman

**Nursery Notes (Worship):**

July 3 Debbie Telligman/Jesse Organ  
 10 Ramona and Reeva Hammelman  
 17 Rylee Hammelman/Jenni Clinkenbeard  
 24 Tracey and Hailley Kahre  
 31 Bonnie and Emilee Organ

**Children's Church:**

July 3 Kate Hammelman/Linda Hammelman  
 10 Tracey Kahre/Liberty Lemberg  
 17 Bonnie Organ/Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman  
 24 Dale Tiek  
 31 Children's Church does not meet

**July birthdays:**

July 4 Rowe Sargent (80<sup>th</sup>)  
 8 Beverly Schuckman (87<sup>th</sup>)  
 10 Edgar Hammelman (81<sup>st</sup>)  
 12 Lois Wampler (89<sup>th</sup>)  
 14 Leroy Pieper (85<sup>th</sup>)  
 24 Joyce Telligman (85<sup>th</sup>)  
 25 Reda Boberg (80<sup>th</sup>)

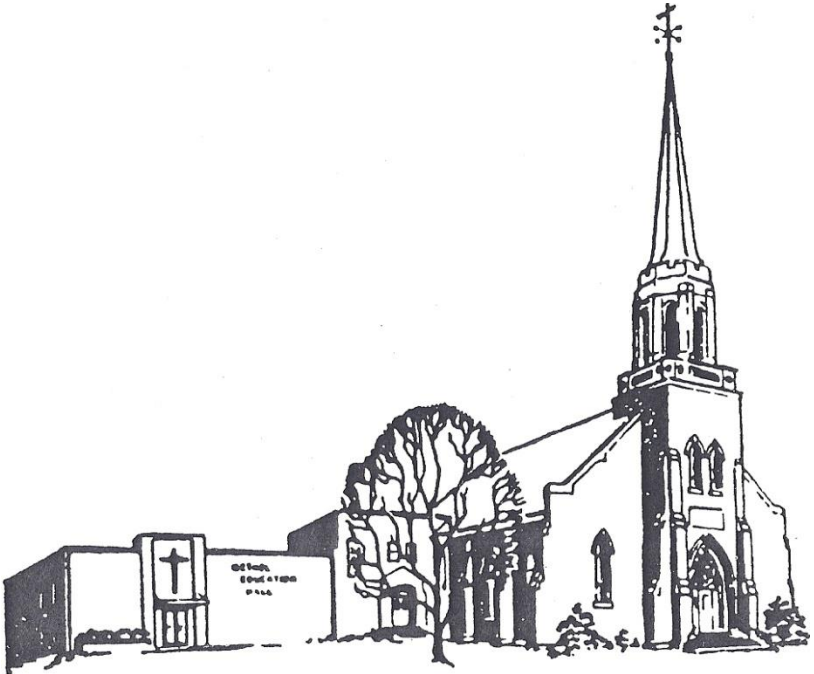
***Chimes news will be due on 18<sup>th</sup>!***



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