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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Numbers 32:23 tells us that if we do not keep our word, then our sin will find us out. This verse is in reference to the deal struck between the sons of the tribes of Reuben and Gad made with Moses. They pledged to Moses that they would lead the tribes of Israel into battle as they sought to conquer the Promised Land. In return, they would be allowed to stay in the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead and raise their families. Moses allows this with the warning from verse twenty-three. Take a moment to see how that verse still holds true today.

Your sin will still find you out. We see this fact played out day after day, it does not matter what the sin is it will still find you out sooner or later. God will not turn a blind eye to sin, no matter what the world has to say, sin is sin. While we could look at what the world has tried to do to make light of sin, to God sin has not changed, whatever is against His will, is sin and if you engaged in those behaviors you will be found out. Something to think about in today's world, we have been warned.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

YOUTH PASTOR

I think that our community needs to hear the Gospel. I am thankful that we have a church that believes and preaches the truth of the Gospel, but most people in our community do not come to our church on Sunday morning. Our community also needs to see the Gospel. But if they don't come to our church, how will they hear and see the Gospel? The answer is quite simple; we have to take the Gospel to them. We are planning an opportunity to do just that. We are planning on having a Trunk or Treat on October 30th at the Freelandville community center. I would love to see as many people from our church involved with this as possible. Trunk or Treat is pretty simple, you decorate the trunk of your car, or van or the bed of your truck, and hand out candy. We will also have hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks available inside the community center. This is an excellent opportunity to show the community the love of Christ and connect people in our community with Bethel Church.

In His Love,
Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2016

October/November – Assigned
December – Mustard Seed

GUILD

Fourteen Guild members met for our September meeting in the Guild Room. We had devotions, secretary and treasurer reports were given and approved. We discussed getting a cabinet for the quilters, with a lock on it, so that they could lock their patterns, quilting supplies, etc. up. It was approved. Quilters are welcomed every Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 4.

For our October meeting, we are going on a tour to the Amish Community. We will leave Church at 9 am, and take a tour to several places with a guide, have lunch in an Amish home, then again tour several places after lunch for \$25.00. If any lady wants to go, and hasn't made reservations, please call Doris Richter or Doris Brocksmith by October 1st. Bring canned goods for North Knox Social Ministries.

At our November meeting, we are to tell about a good deed we did in October. This should be a fun month to do something special for someone.

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee will be kicking off on October 1, collection donations for North Knox Social Ministries. They are in need of toilet paper, soap, and laundry soap.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

“Generosity provides abundance”

Preschool

We are off to a great start at preschool this year. Sure, we have had our tears and still trying to decide if we will like each other, but over all things are going well. I have 23 energetic, curious and loveable kids. We started off with our lessons on "God Made Me Special" by looking at how we are all unique and different. Even with twins in our class who look a lot alike, we still found differences making each one special. I know that one little boy is special because "he gets to eat lunch every day." One little girl is special because her shoes are magic, although I am not what they do

yet. We are thankful that God made us all with our own characteristic and uniqueness.

We are getting into our routine and learning to sit on our pockets to listen or get in line quietly for play time...which isn't quiet. We started talking about our letters and of course A is first for us. We looked at apples and how they are all different, just like us. We had an apple tasting test where all the kids that were present tried a red, yellow and green one. 4 kids started out saying "I am not trying that" or "No way", but after watching their new friends, they all sampled the apples. Some really enjoyed something new. We covered a letter with apple jacks and little boy said, "apples in a craft?" That might be a bit silly." He was very proud of his finished project.

We also read "Noah's Ark" and talked about all the amazing animals that God told Noah to put inside the Ark. The kids were naming animals I have never even heard of before. We were glad for Noah and his family when there was dry land. One little girl stated that the animals needed to run fast. We enjoyed pretending to be some of those animals as we played in the ark or a big boat, according to one.

We celebrated Grandparents Day with 106 special guests. As we were preparing for our big day, I ask the kids what was special about their grandparents. One was quick to tell me "Grandpa takes me to his favorite place to eat...McDonalds." Grandma lets me play in her kitchen when nobody else is there. Grandmas and Grandpas don't cry, they just giggle and hold their belly. One little boy told me that his grandpa would eat 10 muffins. I had my camera ready, but didn't see a grandpa with that many muffins on his plate. I was very proud of each and every child as they introduced themselves and sang our songs. A big thanks to all who helped in any way. I appreciate the muffin makers, drink donations and dishwashers very much. We are blessed with giving board members and church members.

We are looking forward to fall and all the changed that come with it. We have another busy month ahead. We will have the bazaar, "eye team", pictures, Harvest Party and many more activities.

Beth Durall

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! Our classroom theme this year is “Camping out in God’s love!” We are having so much fun playing, learning and exploring together. 😊 A great big thank you to John Koenig for sharing his talents with our class by making us a beautiful set of wooden blocks for our block center! The blocks are already loved and have been a wonderful addition to our classroom!

The children were so excited to get to bring their grandparents to school on September 9th in celebration of Grandparent’s Day. What a memorable day it was for everyone! The “Jesus is the Core of Our Faith” bulletin board in the social room went perfectly with our apple-themed day 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 apple 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 Pastor Mike DeCoursey and Pastor Mike Leydet stop in for a visit. I must send a big thank you to the Preschool Board Members who helped provide the food for the day and to Trudy McCormick 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 apple 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 and F. We have read about Moses, learned two new memory verses, painted beautiful rainbow fish, and made Magnificent Muffins! The children loved getting to paint with feathers on the fence! 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

Thank You

Wilma Chester and I want to say "Thank You" for being chosen Distinguished Citizens of the Sesquicentennial Celebration. What a great honor for both of us to receive!!! We love our great little town with all our hearts.

Our daughter, Cathy, Aaron, and our grandson Jack came from Raleigh, NC to spend the weekend and a special friend drove all the way from South Carolina to surprise us. Saturday afternoon we had a KFC dinner for our family of 30 at the Shelter House. The kids had a ball playing on Noah's Ark and running and playing in the grove. Thanks to Vera for planning it all.

Sunday at the Parade, I got to ride in an Army Command Car with Vera, which was great. I told my great-grandson, Boone Foster, the Army Generals in WWII rode in the command cars and the rest of us walked. , but now they are all gone and I'm still here, so I get to ride. General George Patton rode in one of these cars in WWII. He was my General in his 3rd Army. Maybe he rode in this car I had for the parade? Who knows!!

Thanks to Judge Osborne and the Indiana Military Museum for supply the car, and the driver.

Wilma got to ride in a horse drawn carriage which was great too!!

All in all it was a good celebration for everyone. Our thanks to all the committees that planned everything. Wilma and I again say THANK YOU!! We will always remember it.

Love to all,
Bob Jones

Memorial Fund

*In memory of Ruth Brocksmith:
Herman and Etta Snyder*

In memory of Rowe Sargent:

<i>Kevin Anderson, Kari, Craig, Kelci, Justin</i>	<i>Tom & Joyce Kixmiller</i>
<i>Anonymous</i>	<i>Knox Co. Development Corp.</i>
<i>Greg & Carla Anthis</i>	<i>Knox Co. Farm Fair</i>
<i>Joan Bland</i>	<i>Joe & Virginia Koenig</i>
<i>Jeff & Linda Boberg</i>	<i>John & Marilyn Koenig</i>
<i>Doris Brocksmith</i>	<i>James & Mary Dee Mason</i>
<i>Kent & Brenda Brocksmith</i>	<i>Kelly & Tracee Mason</i>
<i>Paul & Helen Brown family</i>	<i>Andrew & Andrea Miller</i>
<i>Buescher Farms</i>	<i>Bob & Betty Miller</i>
<i>Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard</i>	<i>Bruce & Terri Miller</i>
<i>John & Lill Clinkenbeard</i>	<i>Elizabeth Miller/Stephen Holka</i>
<i>Elizabeth Ann Coonce</i>	<i>Mary Ann Miller</i>
<i>Kevin & Joyce Cornelison</i>	<i>Shirley Miller & Family</i>
<i>David & Carole Culp</i>	<i>Tim & Tonya Miller</i>
<i>Stan & Brenda Deweese</i>	<i>Don & Rita Osburn</i>
<i>Scott & Lana Dike</i>	<i>Tim & Carrie Parish</i>
<i>Lloyd & Mary Duke</i>	<i>Anthony & Anne Patterson</i>
<i>Sharon Dunkerly</i>	<i>Bill & Darlene Resler</i>
<i>Eugene Flaningam</i>	<i>Lucille Robbins</i>
<i>David Frette</i>	<i>John & Lucinda Rodrick</i>
<i>Hammelman Nitrate</i>	<i>Bill & Jean Schroeder</i>
<i>Edgar & Linda Hammelman</i>	<i>Craig & Tonya Scott</i>
<i>Kim & Michelle Harrell</i>	<i>Mike & Sherry Sheren</i>
<i>Charles & Sue Hoffman</i>	<i>Michael & Sherry Smith</i>
<i>Jerry & Brenda Hoffman</i>	<i>Dorothy Z. Soliday</i>
<i>Bernettia Hollingsworth</i>	<i>John & Jan Spanger</i>
<i>Larry & Kathy Holscher</i>	<i>P. R. & Phyllis Sweeney</i>
<i>Joe Jamison</i>	<i>Dale & Jane Tiek</i>
<i>Carol Johanningsmeier</i>	<i>Herman & Nancy Tilly</i>
<i>Evaline Johanningsmeier</i>	<i>Janet Tilly</i>
<i>Roger & Chris Johanningsmeier</i>	<i>Joe Van Hentenryck</i>

*Charles Johnson
Viktoria Kohler
Dennis & Sharon Kahre
Sonny & Pam Kixmiller
Terry Hoke
Brian & Janet Ramseyers family
Marjorie Miller Family*

*Kim & Carol Wampler
Lois Wampler
Jim & Ruth Wesner
Larry & Diana Willis
Mike & Pam Loheider
Helen Seirp*

If Only

I guess I just couldn't tell.
If anyone had asked me
I would have said, "They're doing well!"
When did the flame start to flicker
And the enthusiasm fade away?
I guess I just didn't see it.
I didn't know what to say.
At first it was just occasionally,
They didn't miss all the time.
A child was sick, or he had to work,
I still thought everything was fine.
After a while it got more frequent,
Their seat was empty more than not.
I should have said something then,
But that would have put me on the spot.
If only I had noticed.
If only I had tried.
I didn't do a thing to help them.
That's the truth, it cannot be denied.
Now their seat is always empty.
They have left the Lord, I don't know why.
And when I think about "If only..."
All I can do is cry.



Greg Litmer

You Might be a Pastor If...

- ~ You've waded in a creek wearing a necktie.
- ~ You've ever dreamed you were preaching only to waken and discover that you were.
- ~ You'd rather negotiate with terrorists than the church organist.
- ~ You see a picnic as no picnic.
- ~ You've ever wanted to fire the church and form a congregation search committee.
- ~ You've been tempted to take up an offering at a family reunion.
- ~ You've ever wanted to give the sound man some feedback of your own.
- ~ You've ever wanted to lay hands on a deacon, and you didn't mean praying for him.
- ~ You often feel like you are herding cats instead of shepherding sheep.
- ~ Your sermons have a happy ending...everyone's happy when it ends.
- ~ You've never preached on TV, because your wife made you get down before you broke something.
- ~ You feel that it is your job to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

- ~Unknown

Bethel Church Council Minutes **September 12, 2016**

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting a funeral service and making hospital visits as well as home visits. He conducted a church service at the Freelandville Community Home. He is delivering the message for the Harvest Home service on the 18th. Confirmation classes will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, September 25th. He and Pastor Mike Leydet checked with the Sunday School classes about food assignments for the picnic. The classes are providing the side dishes. The church is furnishing meat, drinks, and table service. There is a sign-up sheet in Bethel Hall for desserts.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the 5th Quarters held at the High School after the August football games were a huge success. There were over 100 attending the first one and approximately 60 at the second one. He held an informational meeting with the parents of the youth explaining the expectations and format of upcoming youth meetings and events. He has started a six week Bible Study – “Tell Me the Story”. During this six week study the youth will listen to testimonies about how Jesus Christ changes lives. Pastor Mike served on a Chrysalis team in August. He would like to organize a “Trunk or Treat” event at the Freelandville Community Center for October 30th. More information will follow later. Pastor Mike will be on vacation the week of October 16th.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written. The following mission allocation was approved: Preschool - \$2000.

Buildings and Grounds: Concrete work is all done. The picnic tables have been sanded, repaired, and sealed. The parking lots have been graded. The fans have been installed at the shelter house. Marvin Richter and his youth group are painting and redoing the teeter totters.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for August was 151. The offering for August totaled \$16,990.

Elder's Report: World Wide Communion is scheduled for October 2nd. Please contact Pastor Mike or a council member if you would like a home visit.

Old Business: The drain on the water fountain has been repaired. The drain in front of the Educational Building has been fixed. Most of the shelter house improvements have been completed. We would like to thank everyone who came out on work day and helped. Also a big thank you to Karen DeCoursey for directing the choir for Freelandville's sesquicentennial service and to the choir members participating. Another big thank you to everyone who provided potatoes for the meal, helped with the float, and provided water. The church service, meal, and parade were enjoyed by all. The support received was outstanding!

New Business: The sanctuary door has been picked up from Marmar Wood Products. Jim Ochs will be contacted about staining and painting the door.

Upcoming Events:

September 18 – Harvest Home

September 25 – Worship in the Grove at 10:00, followed by Sunday School picnic and auction.



Parish Records:

Rowe Sargent, 80, died on Sunday, August 28, 2016. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on September 1, 2016.

Attendance:

Aug.21 175
Aug. 28 No service
Sept. 4 170
Sept. 11 140
Sept. 18 172

Greeters:

Oct. 2 – Herman & Nancy Tilly
Oct. 9 & 16 – Justin & Traci French
Oct. 23 & 30 – Clint & Beth Durall

Ushers: Michael & Brandy Toney

Nursery (Sunday School):

Oct. 2 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
9 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
16 Krista Telligman/Carole Albrecht
23 Diane Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer
30 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Oct. 2 Jesse Organ/Ashley Durall
9 Beth Durall/Tori French
16 Jenni Clinkenbeard/Stacy Page
23 Tracey and Hailley Kahre
30 Brenda Maddox/Brittany Page

Children's Church:

Oct. 2 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Ashley & Randy Archer
9 Cally Miller/Liberty Lemberg
16 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman/Micah Morgan
23 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox
30 No Children's Church

October birthdays:

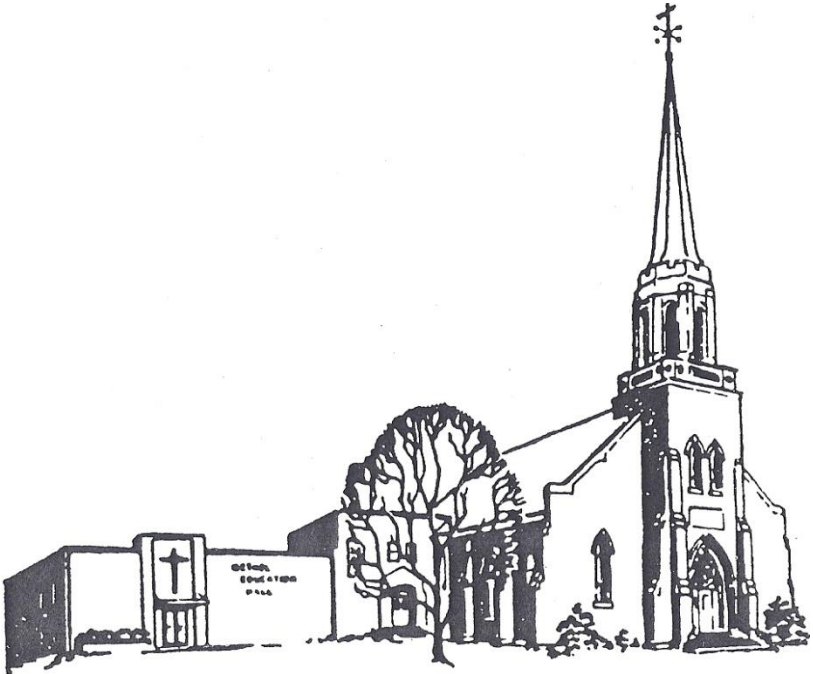
9 Kara Johanningsmeier (84)
14 Joe Malone (81)
17 Bud Benedict (87)
18 Dorothy Spanger (83)
18 Mary Miller (81)
27 Lois Repass (85)

Chimes news will be due on October 17th.

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