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Bill Resler (2017)

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Psalm 46:10 admonishes us to be still and know who God is. It further states that he will be exalted among the nations and in the earth. When was the last time you really took the time to listen to God and Know who He is? In this busy world we live in sometimes we have a tendency to push God off to the side and not listen for His voice. In this winter season I urge you to take time to get reconnected with your God if you already haven't done so. Turn off the TV and just listen for Him, read His Word and listen for Him, pray and listen for Him. You will find it amazing that by being still, cutting out all the distractions of life, you will find out that He is still God. Stay connected with Him this season.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2017

January/February – Assigned
March/April/May – Faithful Footprints
June – Vacation Bible School
July/August – Mission Committee
September – Preschool
October/November - Choir
December – Christian Partners

YOUTH PASTOR

We took 14 youth and 4 adult chaperones to Pigeon Forge again this year for the Strength to Stand conference. In total, there were 9,200 registered for the conference. We had some great speakers and some excellent times of worship. We enjoyed a concert from “For King and Country” on Saturday night and “Casting Crowns” on Sunday night. But most importantly we heard the Gospel proclaimed throughout the conference. The music is great, the free time is great, the local attractions are great, but everything pales in comparison to the Gospel. Of the 9,200 attendees, 1,166 made decisions to follow Jesus. And that is why I plan this trip every year. The drive is bad. The van is uncomfortable, and at times smells bad. Interstate construction through the mountains is a nightmare. Rush hour in Louisville is a headache. But those temporary problems are not worthy to be compared to the eternal glory that I see revealed to teenagers every year in Pigeon Forge. Thank you for your prayers and support of our youth.

In His Love,
Pastor Mike

GUILD

Bethel Guild will meet Wednesday, February 1 at 1:30 for a memorial service for our three deceased ladies, Lorene Huffman, Ruth Brocksmith, and Naomia Pepmeier. Doris Brocksmith will conduct this service.

Hostesses will be Terri Miller and Marilyn Koenig. Please bring toothbrushes and toothpaste for North Knox Social Ministries.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Thank You

Dear Church family,

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and phone calls during this difficult time.

Special thanks good the Guild ladies for the delicious meal, and to Kim Everett for the beautiful music. It was an honor to have her play, since she had been a student of Edna's.

Edith Rinsch

Thank you to my church family for their thoughts, prayers, visits and numerous calls during my hospital stay. A special thank you to Darlene and Bill Resler for all of their help, and to Mike and Karen DeCoursey for their visits. We are very blessed.

In Christian love,
Linda Hammelman

Preschool

We had an enjoyable and much needed Christmas Break. We returned to preschool ready to get back into the swing of things. Sometimes an extended break sets us back, but this year seemed to be different. We returned eager and ready. We made snowmen, and talked about how each snowflake is different and unique, just like God mad each of us. The kids thought it was fun to paint our snowmen with shaving cream

and glue. We have enjoyed the snow, rain, warmer temps and then cooler ones in just 4 short days that we have been in school.

We have talked about Letter L and how we show love to God's to His little creatures, the birds. We made bird feeders to take home so we could hopefully see the birds eating our food. One little boy was quick to note, the food for birds was not very good for us to eat. I had a long talk about not eating this, even though we made it out of peanut butter. Not sure if he sampled or just telling me he had listened. We painted with legos, and decided they are not just for building. We read "The Grouchy Ladybug", and decided it is best to start each day with a smile and make each day full of fun rather than be like the ladybug who was not happy with anyone and always wanted to fight. God does not want us to be like that. We read "Moses and the Bulrushes" to start our letter M. We also talked about monkeys, where they live and sounds they make. We played memory, and made a craft with mini marshmallows.

We enjoyed snacks with the quilting ladies. A big thanks to them for sharing their kindness and goodies with us.

John 13:34 reads "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another." We will spent February discussing God's unconditional love for us as we celebrate Valentine's Day.

Love in Christ,
Beth Durall

I hope everyone was able to stay warm and dry throughout the first month of the New Year! We were excited to come back to school after Christmas break. January was another very busy month at Preschool as we got back into our preschool routine. We had fun reviewing past letters, shapes, numbers and then adding more new ones. 😊

We also read more books and played more games. One of my favorite winter books is a story about a little boy who made a snowman only to come back the next day to find him all droopy and out of sorts. The little boy came to the conclusion that his snowman must have snuck away during the night and then imagined all the things he might have done. To go along with the book, the kids each made their own construction paper snowman and had a great time thinking of things their snowman might do at night. I was very pleased that so many of the children were able to work fairly independently as they cut out their snowman circles, picked out their hats and scarves and glued them onto their paper. Their snowmen are displayed in the preschool hallway – I hope you get a chance to check them out!

We also began our Star Student activity this past month. The Star Student brings in a poster that is all about them full of pictures and drawings and anything else they want to include. They also bring in three favorite items, their favorite book, and a special letter from their parents that are shared throughout the week. I love getting to know each preschooler a little better as they bring in their favorite things to share.

The children are also getting so good at our prayer times. I have so many volunteers each day who want to say our good-bye prayer. We pray for our families, pets and all of our preschool friends. I love seeing how the children's prayers grow as they get more confident to go to Jesus with all that is on their little hearts.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner we are looking forward to making valentines and our Valentine party. We will be talking about the love we have for others and the love that Jesus has for us – an amazing love...a love that never ends!!

May you be blessed with Jesus' amazing love not only this Valentine's Day but each and every day of your life!

Love,
Mrs. Lemberg

Love

The hallmark of the Christian faith is love. As Paul said, “The greatest of these is love” (1 Cor.13:13). Here are some familiar verses that speak of love. Can you supply the missing word?

1. “Better is a dinner of _____ where love is . . .”
2. “Many _____ cannot quench love . . .”
3. “. . . the love of Christ which surpasses _____.”
4. “Speaking the _____ in love . . .”
5. “God hath not given us the spirit of _____; but . . .of love.”
6. “We are more than _____ through him who loved us.”
7. “_____ no one anything, except to love one another.”
8. “Put on the _____ of faith and love.”
9. “As many as I love, I _____ and chasten.”
10. “Love covereth all _____.”

Answers:

1. herbs, Proverbs 15:17
2. waters, Song of Solomon 8:7
3. knowledge, Ephesians 3:19
4. truth, Ephesians 4:15
5. fear, 2 Timothy 1:7
6. conquerors, Romans 8:37
7. Owe, Romans 13:8
8. breastplate, 1 Thessalonians 5:8
9. rebuke, Revelation 3:19
10. sins, Proverbs 10:12

Valentine's Day Is A Day Of Love

Valentine's Day is a day of love
Where love is as bright as the sun
We share kisses, and even a hug
With people we call our loved ones
Unrequited love is oh! so harsh
When the one you love doesn't love you
You feel you're left standing in the dark
Wishing this reality were untrue
Well that's why Valentine's Day is so great
It encourages you to show you care
It makes you just wanna say
I love you and will always be there
I once loved someone in this way
And I was encouraged on Valentine's
I went up to him, just to say
I would like you to be mine

Things You Never Hear Said In Church

Hey! It's MY turn to sit on the front pew!

I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went over time 25 minutes.

Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.

I've decided to give our church the \$500.00 a month I used to send to TV evangelists.

I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.

Forget the denominational minimum salary: let's pay our pastor so he can live like we do.

I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!

Since we're all here, let's start the worship service early!

Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.

Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign!

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Edna Rinsch:

Patty Bobe
Doris Brocksmith
Linda Chattin/Marilee Duzan
Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard
John & Lill Clinkenbeard
Cullison, William & Gloria
Ed & Brenda Cummings
Ed & Kathy Elliott
Joe Farris
Gertrude Hagemeyer
Edgar & Linda Hammelman
Linda Hammelman
Randy & Ramona Hammelman
Glenn & Glatha Hemme
Dennis & Sharon Kahre
Tom & Joyce Kixmiller
Joe & Virginia Koenig
John & Marilyn Koenig
Mike & Pam Loheider
Joe & Trudy McCormick
Frank & Lenora McCrary

Bob & Betty Miller
Bruce & Terri Miller
Mary Ann Miller
Shirley Miller
Mustard Seed Class
Irma O'Niones
Lonnie & Tammy Pirtle
Mary Ann Purcell & Family
Bill & Darlene Resler
Lucille Robbins
Maridell Sargent
Bill & Jean Schroeder
Herman & Etta Snyder
Dorothy Spanger
John & Jan Spanger
Susan Stoelting
P. R. & Phyllis Sweeney
Mark & Diane Telligman
Herman & Nancy Tilly
Janet Tilly
Steve & Linda Vertrees & family
Lois Wampler

In memory of Don Clifford:

Patty Bobe
Richard & Lois Boescker
Don Borgmeier
Curt & Linda Brighton
Doris Brocksmith
Clifford Family
Donna Clinkenbeard
John & Lill Clinkenbeard
Bob & Francis DeBord
Andy & Libby Hendricks
Tom & Joyce Kixmiller
Mike & Pam Loheider

Neil & Claire Marchese
Frank & Lenora McCrary
Bob & Betty Miller
Bruce & Terry Miller
Joe & Jane Robbins
Lucille Robbins
Sargent Farms
Bill & Jean Schroeder
Mark & Carolin Sebree
Dale & Jane Tiek
Herman & Nancy Tilly
C. Toney

Norm, Britt, Forrest & Elizabeth Lowery Gene & Carolyn Williams
Norm, Sally, & Christine Lowery Jerry & Brenda Williams

*In memory of Bob Jones, Rowe Sargent, Naomia Pepmeier and
Helen Harbin:*
Patty Bobe

Bethel Church Council Minutes **January 9, 2017**

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting three funerals, hospital visits, and teaching confirmation classes. The confirmation classes continue to go well. He is also teaching a men's Sunday School class.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the youth prepared ten food boxes. The total cost was \$432.10. He expressed his appreciation for the church's support. He shared that delivering the food boxes was a very rewarding and humbling experience. He would like for the youth to do this again next year. Pastor Mike, Renee Leydet, Marilyn Koenig, Hallie Durall, and fourteen youth members will leave for the Strength to Stand conference at Pigeon Forge on Friday, January 13th. They will return on Monday, January 16th. Pastor Mike expressed his appreciation to Gary Memering for allowing the youth to use one of their vans for this trip. Pastor Mike is working a Chrysalis walk from February 18-20. He is serving as one of the spiritual directors.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: It was approved as written.

Buildings and Grounds: Bill Resler fixed the drain in the furnace room. Garland Richter reported that two lights have been installed at the shelter house – one facing the playground and a dusk to dawn light.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for December was 168, and the offering totaled \$15,329.03.

Elder's Report: Garland Richter reported that 105 were served communion on January 1st. Please notify Pastor Mike or a council member if you would like a home visit.

Old Business: Garland Richter reported that Homes Plumbing will fix the drain lines and replace the cracked sinks in the Bethel Hall bathrooms. Jim Oakes was contacted, and he will finish the side sanctuary door.

New Business: Bill Resler obtained a bid from Pieper's Carpet to install carpet in the Mustard Seed classroom, library, Christian Generations classroom, storage room, and hallways. After discussion, Bill Resler made the motion, seconded by Sam Miller, and passed unanimously, to accept the bid from Pieper's Carpet. The Mustard Seed class is preparing the meal for the annual meeting. Future projects were discussed, and the budget for 2017 was presented. Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the chairs for the social room have been ordered. Joe Koenig made the motion, seconded by Pam Loheider, and passed unanimously, to purchase two tables for the Life After Meth banquet and to donate \$1000 to the Heart to Heart banquet. Bill Resler made the motion, seconded by Joe Koenig, and passed unanimously, to donate \$800 to the Evangelism Association for our annual contribution.

Upcoming Events:

January 29 – Annual Meeting

Parish Records:

Attendance:

Dec. 25 168
Jan. 1 124
Jan. 8 153
Jan. 15 144

Greeters:

Feb. 5 – John and Marilyn Koenig
Feb. 12 & 19 – Ed & Cheryl Hagemeyer
Feb. 26 & Mar 5 – Ernie & Monica Russell

Ushers: Mark & Diane Telligman

Nursery (Sunday School):

Feb. 5 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
12 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
19 Carole Albrecht/Cheryl Hagemeyer
26 Diane Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Feb. 5 Bonnie & Emilee Organ
12 Jesse Organ & Stacy Page
19 Jenny Clinkenbeard & Beth Durall
26 Ashley Durall & Tori French

Children's Church:

Feb. 5 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Ashley & Randy Archer
12 Liberty Lemberg/Cally Miller
19 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman/Micah Morgan
26 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox

February Birthdays:

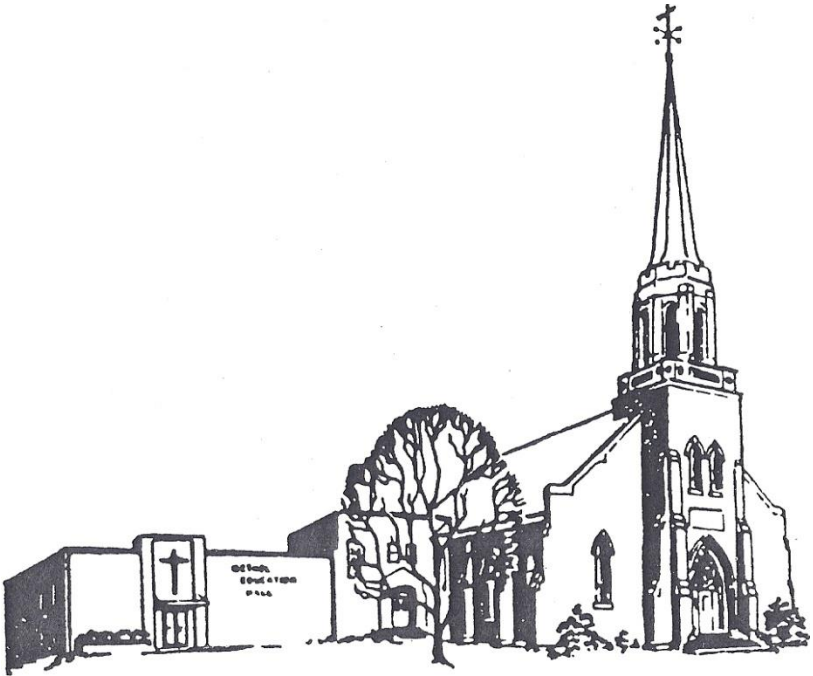
12 Robert Miller (82nd)
20 Doris Richter (82nd)
21 Lillian Clinkenbeard (85th)
28 Wilma Chester (97th)

Chimes news will be due on February 20th.

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