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Virginia Koenig, Treasurer (2021) Terry Perkins (2021)

Nancy Tilly (2021)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

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

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2017

June – Vacation Bible School
July/August – Mission Committee
September – Preschool
October/November - Choir
December – Christian Partners

YOUTH PASTOR

What has God called you to? What is your ministry right now in your life? If you can't answer these questions, then you are not living up to your end of the covenant. I know that this sounds harsh, but the truth often is. 1 Peter 2: 9 tells us

“But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”

How are you proclaiming the praises God? Do people around you know that you have been called out of the darkness? Can they see God's marvelous light shining through you?

Let's take it a step further. How can your children and grandchildren see His light in your life? Do you come to church joyfully or begrudgingly? When the offering plate is passed do you see your giving as an act of worship or as an obligation you wish you didn't have? Do they see you serving in the church or just filling a spot on a pew for an hour a week? Do they even see you attending church on a regular basis or is it just something to do when nothing else is going on? Jesus has fulfilled His part of the covenant, are you fulfilling your part?

In His Love

Pastor Mike

GUILD

Bethel Guild met on May 3 with 12 ladies present. We had a very interesting program about Generations where Stacey Kahre works. She told of all their programs in Knox County. What a great program!

In June, we will have a basket and we will bring articles to put into the basket for the elderly, such as Kleenex, lotion, paper goods, soap, laundry soap, etc. This is a project that Generations does for folks that can't get to the store often.

Our June meeting is the 7th at 1:30 pm. The quilting group is in charge of the meeting. Guest speaker will be Peggy Taylor, who will demonstrate and tell about her spinning wheel. This is quite interesting for all of us ladies. See you June 7th. Bring school supplies for North Knox Social Ministries.

Also, remember we have a lot of good reading books in our library for anyone to read.

Lill Clinkenbeard

Thank You

Dear Pastor Mike, Pastor Mike, and Bethel Church family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support as I became a member Bethel Church. It means a lot to know I have a Church family that cares so much. I would also like to express my gratitude to anyone who congratulated me with a card or in works. Thank you all for thinking of me during this important step of my faith.

Sincerely,
Reece Hammelman

Dear Congregation of Bethel Church,

We want to thank you for your support of this ministry (Love Packages). In 2017, we hope to ship 500 tons from Decatur, AL and 1,500 tons from our Butler, IL operation. That seems to be an ambitious goal, but with God nothing is impossible. A job of this size will include a lot of attacks. We will need prayer, volunteers, money and literature. We need faithful prayers that will hold us up, and of course, contributions are always needed. We will need to raise \$400,000 just for the shipping to reach this goal. Lastly, we are always looking for more literature, keep collecting it for us. Thanks you for wanting to partner with us in this big endeavor. This very day there are hundreds of thousands of people reading our literature, and God is at work. Like this 9 year old boy from South Africa who wrote, "I enjoyed reading the Bible and books I got from you. I took some of the books to school for my friends and they are happy learning about Jesus."

Please receive my heartfelt thanks for all that you have done for this ministry.

I remain Yours for souls,
Steven J. Schmidt

"Come As You Are" Sunday

Sunday, June 11

Followed by a cook-out at the Grove, sponsored by the Council. There will be a free will offering, with proceeds to go to the Van Fund.

Memorial Fund

In memory of Carl Johanningsmeier:

Richard & Lois Bosecker	Victor & Deborah Linneweber
Doris Brocksmith	Mike & Pam Loheider
Mike & Susan Brocksmith	Frank & Lenora McCrary
Dan Buescher	Bob & Betty Miller
Mark & Ginny Cornelius	Bruce & Terri Miller
Ed & Brenda Cummings	Mary Ann Miller
Scott & Lana Dike	Mark & Phyllis Montgomery
Thomas E. Graham, Jr.	Janet Nixon
Gertrude Hagemeyer	Bill & Darlene Resler
Edgar & Linda Hammelman	Sargent Farms
Hammelman Nitrate, Inc.	Mark & Deanna Sargent
Byron & Donna Harting	John & Jan Spanger
Bernettia Hollingsworth	Dale & Jane Tiek
Carol Johanningsmeier	Herman & Nancy Tilly
Richard & Robert Johanningsmeier	Lois Wampler
Vera Jones	Gene & Carolyn Williams
Donald & Judith Kerzan	Cash donations
Effie May Kingen	
Tom & Joyce Kixmiller	

Preschool

May was a short month for us, but very busy. We finished our letters (finally--according to one little boy who has waited all year for this). Letter Y - Miss Marilyn helped us with the chorus for Yes, Yes, Lord Amen. We talked about how we also want to say Yes to Jesus when he calls us. We made a craft for our yak who was in the yard eating yellow yarn. We talked about yummy and yucky foods, as we were asked to try one bite of each. Some of us loved our samples, and others said Yuck without even tasting.

Letter Z was about Zacchaeus and even if we are short, we can still find ways to look for Jesus. We also had our own Bethel Zoo as we talked about Zebras and all the other animals that live there. "We are now so smart," said one little boy.

We had a great Mother's Day Tea with our sweet moms or other special guest. We celebrated the end of school with a pizza & ice cream social. We had great sundaes with only a little bit of sugar added (remember a little to you and me is different than a little to 3 & 4 year olds). We enjoyed a family picnic and flying kites.

Thanks to the Board Members who support us and help make decisions to better the preschool. Thanks to all who volunteer in the classroom. We love you all and are blessed to have you. Thanks to the prayer partners who always pray for us. Bethel Church we think you are awesome and are very thankful for all you do for us.

I have had a great group of children this year. I write this with tears of sadness because the year went way to fast and now it is time to pass the kids on to the MWF class. I write with tears of joy because I get to continue to watch them grow physically, and spiritually. Have a terrific summer :-)

Each preschool is filled with joy and makes my heart smile and rejoice. "The joy of the Lord makes you strong. Neh. 8:10
Mrs. Beth Durall

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 also enjoyed a visit from Michelle Smith with the Knox County Solid Waste Department. Michelle came to talk to us about the importance of taking care of the Earth. We read a story about Michael Recycle and learned how to and why we should recycle! It is always a fun day.

We celebrated Mother's Day Tea with our Mommies on Friday, May 12th. 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. The silhouettes turned out so neat and it was fun to watch the moms and kids walk around the room trying to find the one they were going to take home. 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 bell. Thank you so much to Miss Doris (Brocksmith) who donated a toy for each of the children to find on our day of exploring God's House and for the small Bible placed in the sanctuary. They truly loved them and were touched to discover they got to keep them. We even said a quiet prayer together before leaving the sanctuary. Also, a big thank you to Miss Jennifer for all the work she did in helping me make a memory book for each child to capture many of our favorite times at preschool. The kids were excited to find them as we returned to the classroom. It was fun to see them look through their memory books and talk about and compare their memories with their friends. And of course we painted hands and added their names and handprints to the wall containing the other children who have graduated Bethel Christian Preschool. It was so sweet to see all the little hands and to help the children find the names of big brothers and/or sisters...we even recognized some of the names of kids who are now seniors and graduating high school this year! Wow! To think of the impact Bethel has had on so many children!

Graduation was held on Friday, May 19th. 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. A celebration was put on by the parents and held in the social room following the graduation ceremony. "Our Future Stars" was the theme carried out with a popcorn bar, a fun photo booth and a station to draw your own movie scene! A great time was had by all. 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

Bethel Church Council Minutes

May 8, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Kevin Hammelman and opened with prayer by Nancy Tilly.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike's report included conducting four funerals, weekly staff meetings, home and hospital visits, and a worship service at the Freelandville Community Home. He attended the small group meeting at the Archer's. He spoke at the Cross Training Bible Study at Freelandville.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the youth tip night at Cabello's was profitable and enjoyable. The elementary and junior high youth met and made placemats for

prison ministry. He conducted a meeting with church members interested in updating the church's website and received lots of useful and good input. He is currently looking at the website, Faith Connect. He spoke at the Cross Training Bible Study at Freelandville.

Secretary's Report: It was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Virginia Koenig gave updates on the current budget. It was approved as written.

Mission Allocation: Joe Koenig made the motion, seconded by Pam Loheider, and passed unanimously to give \$3000 out of the International Mission Fund to Bethel members going on a mission trip to Africa from June 28-July 14. The three members are: Karen DeCoursey, Christopher Sargent, and Patrick Sargent.

Deacon's Report: The average attendance for April was 190. The offering for April totaled \$22,224.75.

Elder's Report: Kevin Hammelman reported that communion was served to 42 at the Maundy Thursday service, 18 at the Good Friday service at the Freelandville Community Home, and 203 at the Easter worship service. He thanked everyone for helping with these services.

Building and Grounds: Joe Koenig reported that the carpet for the back staircase is in at Pieper's. He shared bids from Pieper's for flooring in the women's bathroom in Bethel Hall. Stacey Kahre made the motion, seconded by Justin French, and passed unanimously to replace the bathroom flooring in the Bethel Hall women's bathroom with cost not to exceed \$700.

Joe noted that there is damage to the office roof due to wind. He reported that Bill Resler sprayed for dandelions and trimmed the wooden doors in the Sunday School classrooms.

Old Business:

- Pastor Mike Leydet reported that the sanctuary door is completed and is at Jim Ochs.
- Pastor Mike reported that he talked with Wolfe Construction, and they should start work on the roof next week. He will ask them to look at the church office roof and about caulking the church tower.
- The Special Gift's committee met and gave \$5000 to the van fund. Currently there is \$10,751 in the fund.

- Sound system upgrades and electric wiring issues were tabled until next meeting.
- Pastor Mike contacted New Wave about internet issues.

New Business:

- The air conditioning unit is not working at the custodian's house. The unit is thirty years old. Anthis Heating and Cooling came and inspected the unit. The cost to repair the unit would be \$2200-\$2400 and that did not include the coils. The cost of a new unit is \$3650. Joe Koenig made the motion, seconded by Justin French, and passed unanimously to replace the air conditioning unit.
- The council will host a van fundraiser on Sunday, June 11th. Council will provide paper goods, food, and drinks for a cookout at the shelter house immediately following the worship service.
- Nancy Tilly brought up having a children's story once a month during the worship service. It was decided to have a children's story the last Sunday of every month. Nancy said that she and Beth Durall will be responsible for finding members willing to participate.
- Joe Koenig reported that the sales representative from HP Products sent him a catalog. He will further look into using this venue for purchasing supplies.
- Pastor Mike Leydet reported that he and Bonnie Organ are meeting to discuss Children's Church options including curriculum.

Upcoming Events:

May 12 – Preschool Mother's Day Tea

May 14 – Mother's Day

May 19 – Preschool Graduation

Bethel Graduates

North Knox High School:

Ian Maddox is the son of Ron and Brenda Maddox. Ian has been in band and track for four years, and was in cross-country for one year. He also has achieved Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a national honor.

In the future, he plans to attend Vincennes University for one year, then transfer to ISU for four years and join the AFROTC program, then enlist in the Air Force as an officer, and hopefully serve as a pilot.

Jesse Organ is the son of Brian and Bonnie Organ. Jesse played basketball for 3 years, was in cross country for 2 years, and baseball for 1 year. He was also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 3 years. Jesse enjoys working on the family farm, and pulling tractors.

Jesse will be attending Ivy Tech in Terre Haute where he will be majoring in Agriculture.

Sullivan High School:

Ashley Durall is the daughter of Clint and Beth Durall. She has been a member of the National Honor Society and Beta Club for 4 years. She participated in Spanish Club for 2 years, and will complete 10 years of 4-H this summer. She has lettered all four years in volleyball, basketball, and softball. In her free time, she enjoys snow skiing with Uncle (Kent Ashley Brocksmith), running and reading.

Ashley will be on the women's rowing team at Indiana University this fall, and studying to be a dietician.

Indiana University:

Betsy Grove is the daughter of Tim and Charlene Grove. She graduated with high distinction from the Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, having been designated a Phi Beta Kappa scholar, and being recognized as a Founders scholar.

Betsy will be starting Dental School in July at the University of Louisville.

Parish Records:

Attendance:

April 23 143
April 30 140
May 7 196
May 14 146

Greeters:

June 4 & 11 – Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard
June 18 & 25 – Steve & Debbie Telligman

Ushers: Bill & Carole Albrecht

Nursery (Sunday School):

June 4 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
11 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
18 Carole Albrecht/Cheryl Hagemeyer
25 Diane Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer

Nursery Notes (Worship):

June 4 Bonnie Organ & Brianna Page
11 Brittany Page & Jesse Organ
18 Theresia Barrett & Emily Organ
25 Debbie & Elsa Telligman

Children's Church:

June 4 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Randy & Ashley Archer
11 Liberty Lemberg/Bonnie Organ/Pam Loheider
18 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista Telligman/Micah Morgan
25 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox

June Birthdays:

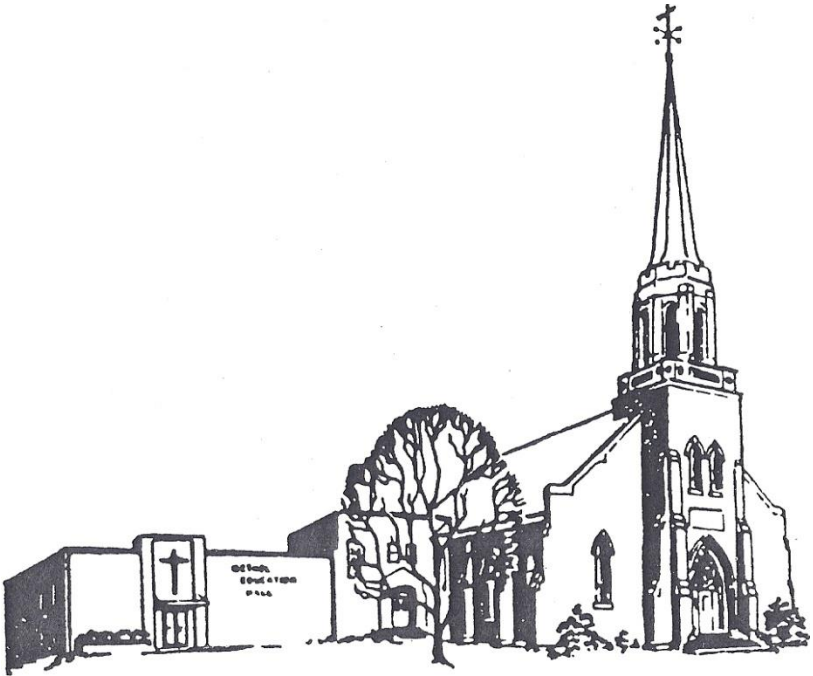
13 Patty Buescher (86th)
30 Carolyn Williams (85th)

Chimes news will be due on June 19th.

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