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(Indicates the time that the term is over)

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

The 2nd chapter of the book of Acts is devoted to the day of Pentecost. The chapter is only 47 verses in length, but those 47 verses are filled with the power of God, and we see His power manifested in those verses. We read of the Holy Spirit's appearance, we read of how some 3,000 souls came to a saving knowledge of God through Christ that day, and then we read the end of the chapter.

From verse 42 until the end of the chapter, we read how the early church conducted business. We find the believers devoting themselves to teaching and learning, breaking bread together, and praying. What we read here is a description of a church family. A family who understood worship to be more than a small segment of time set aside on the Lord's Day. Rather they saw worship as every day, taking time to interact with one another, to be in prayer, to share and to worship together.

I pray that as we read scripture concerning the early church, we understand the need to stick together. News of the modern world is not good and not likely going to get any better. It is time for the church to bind together and to teach and learn, to share and to pray and to bring the lost into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

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? We have many opportunities for you to use your gifts to fulfill that call here at Bethel. Vacation Bible School is an excellent example. We are also raising money to help Heart to Heart. We are collecting soap for Social ministries. These are just a few options available this month.

Please take advantage of one of these opportunities. It might seem small at the time, but it could very well have eternal consequences.

In His Love
Pastor Mike

Guild

Bethel Guild met the first Wednesday in May for their monthly meeting. We had our business meeting, and then Maridell Sargent introduced Pat Summers who told us about important happenings at Good Samaritan Hospital that will be made in the next several years. Questions and answers followed.

Delicious refreshments were served by Marilyn Koenig and Doris Brocksmith to fifteen ladies.

June 6 will be our next meeting with a salad luncheon at 11:30. Bring your favorite salad for us to enjoy. We will make lap throws for shut-ins after our business meeting.

Bring a surprise to put in the “Build a Basket” for Generations.

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2018

June – Vacation Bible School
July/August – Christian Generations
September – Preschool
October/November – Faithful Footprints
December – Mustard Seed

Preschool

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 by celebrating Mother's Day Tea with our Mommies on Friday, May 11th. 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 card 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 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. We even stopped in the sanctuary and said a quiet prayer together. A big thank you to Mrs. Doris Brocksmith for the special treasures we found hidden throughout the church. The kids were so surprised and excited to find them! And of course we added our 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... Wow! To think of the impact Bethel has had on so many children! It was so much fun and the perfect ending to our awesome year!!

Graduation was held on Friday, May 18th. 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. "Kindergarten here we come!" was the theme carried out

with refreshments, a piñata and coloring books and crayons for each child and a fun photo booth!! 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 my time 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

We ended the last month with fun filled days and many giggles. Letter X led us to talking about x-rays and if God took them of our hearts He would see us showing love. If He x-rayed our hearts, He would see us helping other.

Letter Y was all about things that are Yummy or Yucky. We sample a lemon and a lime and decided that some of us really liked the taste and others could make funny faces, which meant we probably didn't like the taste. This was not a favorite activity of some, but we learned that we have to try new thing sometimes before we can say Yuck. We also made a yellow yak eating yarn in the yard. The kids loved letter Y as they knew it was very close to the end.

We "FINALLY" got nice weather and made it to the letter Z. The kids were so excited. We talked about Zacchaeus and the bad things he did. We knew he was small, but still went searching for Jesus. We celebrated that he changed his ways and did the right thing. We talked about a zoo and all the animals especially the zebras.

We celebrated Earth Day and talked about the many ways we can help God take care of His planet. We talked about recycling, reducing and reusing. We picked up trash around the church and placed it in the trash bin. We also had our circle prayer at the cross. The kids did a great job praying for other and asking Jesus to live in our hearts forever.

I am sure you all heard about “*Pete the Cat: I Love my White Shoes*”. I am sure we didn’t learn much as we walked in paint (sensory to the feet-preschool concept) and made foot prints (taking turns), but oh what fun we had.

We had a great Mother’s Day Tea. Thanks to all the sweet mommas and a few special grandmothers that took time from your busy schedules to bring your child. They were still talking about it the next class time.

We had fun playing outside after making our own pizza. We worked up an appetite as we ate a lot more than just our normal portions for snack time. Everywhere we went on Fun and Run day, we left a mess, but again we had fun!! We were in the kitchen, classroom, outside at the back of the church and the ark.

Congratulations to our perfect attendance students!! Caleb Nettles, Dalton Hatfield, Orrin Schopmeyer, and Sadie Pirtle, and Finn Williams from the am class. Hugo McVay, Kinlee Baker, and Nathanael Detty from the pm class. Nice Job!! This is a record for me.

Thanks to all of our Bethel family for your prayers, donations and love you show us thought the year. We appreciate all you do. We are truly blessed.

Thanks to everyone who helped with kit and picnic day. We enjoyed the fellowship and fun. We also had great weather to go along with the day.

I can’t believe this year is come to an end. I am happy for each one of my kids as they become the big kids at preschool, but I am sad to for the same reason. It has been a fast year, but a great one. I am blessed to have met each one and how I have enjoyed watching them. As I looked at their pictures from the being of the year until now, they have grown mentally, physically, and spiritually. Each one has touched my heart in one way or another and I wish them all the best of luck. I will continue to watch them grow. The next thing you can give children, next to good habits, are good memories. I hope I have given them both. Have a great summer!!

Mrs. Beth Durall

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped make Graduation at Bethel Christian Preschool such a success! Thank you to Pastor Mike DeCoursey and Pastor Mike Leydet and the Preschool Board who helped leading up to and during the graduation ceremony. A special thank you to Sharon Dunkerly, Bobbie Hislip, Nancy Tilly, Beth Durall and Rylee Hammelman for helping to dress the graduates and getting them where they needed to go throughout the evening. Thank you to Lesa for helping me with the programs and to Daniel Leydet for working the sound system. Many thanks to the parents of the preschoolers who did a wonderful job with the post-graduation festivities. I truly appreciate each and every one of you! A special thank you to Jennifer Worstell for all her work and support this year as my assistant. She was always ready to help out and went above and beyond! We always have fun together and I appreciate all she does!

Love,
Liberty Lemberg

When Life Is Unfair and People Are Unkind **Michael Peck**

The Apostle Peter gives very good counsel for when life is unfair and people are unkind. He pointedly speaks about those who have done well and are suffering for it. He says, “Take it patiently, this is acceptable with God” (1 Peter 2:20). Think of the phrase, “Take it patiently.” Picture the word “STOP.”

S – Shh! Guard my lips and choice of words (1 Peter 2:22-23a; 3:10)

T – Transfer my anger. Quickly ask the Lord to take it from me (1 Peter 2:1)

O – Operate Biblically. In other words, I must do as the Bible teaches (1 Peter 3:8)

P – Praise Him. I must demonstrate the new life (1 Peter 2:9)

Church Auction – September 23rd

Once again we look forward to the many creative items donated for our annual Church auction.

We would like to add another challenge for small groups, Sunday School classes, or any other group - **themed baskets** for our auction.

We are excited to see what will be at the auction this year, and of course, we look forward to bidding on previous favorite auction donations!

Bethel Church Council Minutes

May 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Justin French and opened with prayer by Mark Sargent.

Pastor's Report: Due to Pastor Mike being on vacation, he submitted a written report in which he shared that he has conducted seven funerals this year. He conducted a worship service at the Freelandville Community Home. He made hospital and home visits. Pastor Mike suggested that the church picnic be held on September 23rd due to several serving on an Emmaus walk the weekend of the 16th. He asked that the money designated for the DR mission trip be allotted now so that the group will have a better idea of the cost of the trip. He asked about how we as a church can help the Tyler Richter family with the purchase of a service dog for Greyson.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike Leydet attended The Get Schooled convocation held at Vincennes University. It was attended

by all four county high schools. The program included videos, music, and interactive polling. It encourages students to talk with a “trusted adult” about any issues they may be having. He shared that it was a very fun and beneficial event. After the convocation he was asked to be present at North Knox High School for any students dealing with issues.

He took the youth to the Soul Fest free concert held at Oakland City. He shared that this is always a fun event. The youth went to the KCARC 1972 with other county youth groups. He and the youth enjoyed interacting with other youth groups.

The skating party held at Bicknell was well attended with 17 youth present. He shared that Marv Richter led the youth in devotions. Pastor Mike praised Marv and Jan for all their devotion, love, and time they give to the youth.

Pastor Mike held an informational meeting with those helping with VBS. VBS is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th. He is still needing preschool and nursery workers.

Pastor Mike purchased floor mats and a portable step for the van. The paperwork for the van has been completed.

Secretary’s Report: Approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report: Approved as written. Virginia Koenig asked about the remaining van fund money. The council approved moving the remaining balance to the van expense fund.

Mission Allocation: The following was approved: International Missions - \$3500

Elder’s Report: Pam Loheider reported four visitations were made. Plans were made to continue with the weekly visitations. Please contact one of the pastors or an elder if you would like a home visit. She suggested the council begin thinking about hosting another “getting to know you” gathering at the shelter house. The next communion date is May 20th, Pentecost.

Deacon’s Report: Stacey Kahre reported there were five Sundays in April. The average attendance was 202, and the offering total was \$26,913.

Building and Grounds: Terry Perkins reported that Steve Wolfe checked the parsonage roof. He feels the roof can be patched at this time, and may last another two years.

Old Business:

- Pastor Mike Leydet shared a bid of \$3, 659.94 from Alvis Music in regard to the sound system upgrades. He stated that he checked with Karen DeCoursey about all upgrades, and she approved. Stacey Kahre made the motion, seconded by Ryan Johanningsmeier, to accept the bid from Alvis Music and to proceed with upgrading the sound system. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ryan Johanningsmeier and Justin French shared information about computer mapping for the cemetery. Ryan volunteered to begin the cemetery mapping.
- Mike Leydet will inform Hendrixson Concrete & Construction that they may begin work on the back staircase area
- **New Business:**
- Marilyn Koenig met with the council prior to the meeting to discuss the present requirements for the Bethel Scholarship. She asked that the requirements be changed so that more of Bethel's youth would be eligible to receive the scholarship. The council discussed the issue, and decided at this time, no changes would be made. The requirements had already been listed for the 2017-18 school year, and the council did not feel it would be fair to change those at this late date. It was decided to look into the requirements before the 2018-19 school year begins.
- Stacey Kahre will check with Sure Clean about cleaning the nursery carpet and preschool area rugs.
- Pastor Mike Leydet is taking on-line classes through Indiana Wesleyan College. He is currently on his fifth class. It was approved to reimburse him for his tuition.

- Springer Insurance contacted Justin about renewing insurance on the church office building. It was decided to keep liability only on the office building.
- Worship in the grove will be held on September 23rd with a meal and auction to follow. Pam Loheider suggested adding themed baskets as auction items. This might be a good project for small groups, Sunday School classes, youth, or any other group that wanted to participate. This is not to take the place of the previous auction items that we all look forward to bidding on or items donated by individuals.
- Ideas were discussed on how the church can help the Richter family with the purchase of a service dog for Greyson.
- Work day at the church is scheduled for Saturday, June 16th beginning at 8 a.m. One item on the agenda is to dispose of all red-tagged items.

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Upcoming Events:

May 18 – Preschool Graduation

May 20 – Communion (Pentecost)

June 3 – Graduation Sunday

June 9 – Vacation Bible School

June 16 – Church Work Day beginning at 8 a.m.

Parish Records:

Attendance:

Apr. 22 235
Apr. 29 159
May 6 129
May 13 141
May 20 141

Greeters:

June 3 & 10 – Steve & Debbie Telligman
June 17 & 24 – Mike & Pam Loheider

Ushers: Mark & Diane Telligman

Nursery (Sunday School):

June 3 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 10 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
 17 Carole Albrecht/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 24 Diane Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer

Nursery Notes (Worship):

June 3 Ashley Durall/Hope Leydet
 10 Organ Family
 17 Page Family
 24 Debbie & Elsa Telligman

Children's Church:

June 3 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Randy & Ashley Archer
 10 Tambria Leonard/Pam Loheider
 17 Liberty Lemberg/Bonnie Organ/Micah Morgan
 24 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox

June Birthdays:

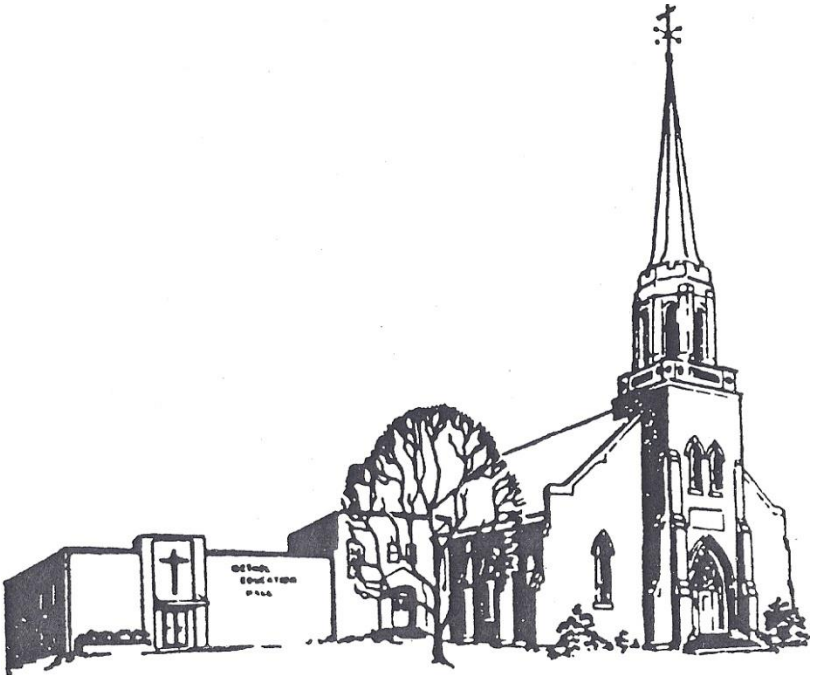
13 Patty Buescher (87th)
30 Carolyn Williams (86th)

Chimes news will be due on June 18th.

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