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Justin French, President (2020)

Sam Miller (2019)

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Terry Perkins (2021)

Pam Loheider, Secretary (2019)

Nancy Tilly (2021)

Jan Spanger, Treasurer (2021)

Mark Sargent (2022)

Ryan Johanningsmeier (2022)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY

Ephesians 4:29 speaks of edification. In the church, edification is used for the building up of a person in grace. In other words, edification is used to instruct, encourage someone in a positive manner in their walk with Christ. In order to do this, the believer must have control over their tongue. The book of James speaks of the tongue several times. James 3:5-10 gives us a good example of the power of the tongue. From these verses we see that if we have no control over our tongues, then there is in no way that we can edify other believers, and without edification the church suffers, and when the church suffer the enemy, Satan, gains a stronghold.

It is time for the church to return to the message of the gospel, the whole message in order to be different from the world. Let us make an effort then to people who edify, who

build up, rather than like those of the world who seek to discourage and destroy.

It is my prayer that Bethel be a leader in edification of the believer and not a follower in the ways of the world. Let Holy Scripture be our standard for life and let us stick by that standard.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:1

Youth Pastor

Fall is my favorite season of the year. I enjoy the cooler weather, the changing leaves, and, of course, football. But for the last couple years, I have another reason to look forward to fall and that is Trunk or Treat. We will again be having Trunk or Treat this year on October 31st. That is a Wednesday, but last year was also on a weeknight and it went great. I feel this is an event the community looks forward to as well. So please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We will have sign-up sheets up soon for cookies and other donations that we need. I appreciate all the efforts you all put in to this event to make it a success every year. Thank you for showing Christ's love to our community through your service.

In His Love
Pastor Mike

Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2018

October/November – Faithful Footprints
December – Mustard Seed

Guild

Bethel Women's Guild met on Wednesday, September 5 for their regular meeting. We were entertained by the afternoon preschool students with several songs which we enjoyed. After the business meeting, we were served raisin or pumpkin pie which was delicious. Hostesses were Sharon Kahre and Vera Jones.

Our October 3rd meeting will be lunch at Lake View Restaurant at Loogootee and a tour at the Bird Houses. We will leave the Church at 10:15 am. It will be a fun day for all ladies. Call Doris Richter at 812-328-2269 by September 30th if you plant to go.

Thanks to all who brought produce or products to Church for Harvest Home. The Church looked great.

Thank You

I would like to thank the Bethel Women's Guild once again for their generous donation of food and supplies for clients served by Generations. Generations is your local area Agency on Aging and provides many services to older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers. The items donated was given to an older homebound male in our community. Thank you all so very much! If anyone else would like to get involved, Generations' Build a Basket program is coming up soon. See Stacey Kahre for details. Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.

Stacey Kahre
Generations

Preschool

The Pre-K class has had a lot of fun learning about shapes, colors, letters, numbers, and much more during our first few weeks of school. Our class has met a special friend, Backpack Bear, who brings books, games, and special alphabet animal friends to our class. Each day in our classroom we spend time listening to Bible stories, singing songs about God's love, and memorizing God's Word. The children have memorized our first verse, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth".

We had two special events in September. On September 5th, we had some very special guests - our Grandparents! The children sang songs, gave gifts, and enjoyed muffins and fruit with their grandparents. It was a wonderful day filled with special memories.

On September 15th many of the preschool families attended Family Fun Night. What a great night! Everyone enjoyed cones, popcorn, chips, and candy. We were amazed at all of the unique cardboard box cars that were created for our "drive-in" movie.

I would like to thank everyone for so warmly welcoming me as I begin my first year of teaching at Bethel Christian Preschool. I am having a wonderful time with my precious students and am humbled by the tremendous support from Bethel members. I look forward to each day with my children and I am certain that I am exactly where God wants me to be at this season of my life.

Mrs. Carter

Wow!! We have had a great first 4 weeks together. In fact the first day, I said to Miss Jennifer (Worstell) and Miss Janet (Clinkenbeard), this is too quiet for our first day as everyone was smiling and listening. Day two, we had a few tears that didn't last long. The next two days were "no problems at all" as we started getting into our routine of sitting on our pockets and following directions. I have 14 very energetic, but very sweet kids. We loved the creation story and we excited to see what God was going to do

next. We started off with a lesson on how God made each of us different and unique but very special. We may have some similarities but there is nobody else exactly like us.

We welcome back all of our wonderful volunteers and also a couple of news ones. You never know what you will get into in the mornings. Thanks to all of you!!

We have started looking at the many wonderful colors and shapes God gave us. I have already learned that most of our class enjoy making a mess as we got out our paints. Being a zoo theme, I have heard many animal stories from a rather talkative group. We are learning to wait our turn because we can't always be first, like we think we can. We have enjoying playing outside with our new friends.

We had our Grandparent's Day celebration with about 50 guests. I was very proud and shocked as most of us said our names in the microphone and we sang our songs. We had fun and enjoyed our day. Thanks to all the special people in attendance. Thanks to all who helped make delicious muffins or served milk/juice in the kitchen. You are all great appreciated and I am blessed and thankful at all the willing hands when help is needed in any way.

We started looking at Letter A. We had fun tasting a red, green, and yellow apple, then making a chart for which was our favorite.

The sour green one was a big hit. We learn about the many amazing animals the God told Noah to put in the ark. We got to paint and color for our craft. Then we got to visit the ark at the shelter house. We thought that was fun and can't wait to go back.

We had a great time at the fall family fun night. I saw lots of adorable cardboard cars and received several hugs from former and present preschoolers. Thanks to all of our church family who came out to support us and a special thanks to all of the board members for making it possible.

We will continue to work on our letter, numbers, colors and all the other preschool concepts we need to. But most of all, we will learn about God's love for us and His teachings. I am excited about this year and looking forward to many great memories with "my littles."

Happy Fall, Love in Christ,
Mrs. Durall

Carpenters on a Mission 2018

WHO: Anyone/everyone
WHAT: Spaghetti dinner
WHERE: Freelandville Community Center
WHEN: **Friday, October 5th**

Come out before the North Knox Football game, eat some delicious spaghetti and support your mission team.

God has called a team of 12 to go to the Dominican Republic in November on a building mission. Not everyone is called to go to a foreign country, but everyone can help: by praying for the team and coming out to support our efforts to make money to support this mission.

God's Team

Randy Archer, Roger Johanningsmeier, Ryan Johanningsmeier, Allan Mackey, Beth Mackey, Mike Leydet, Brenda Maddox, Tiffany Rehwald, Bill Resler, Collin Tiek, Dale Tiek and Bridget Yockey.

Won't you please lift this team up to our Father in prayer? This is a huge sacrifice for each member and we are so thankful that they said YES to God.

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee, along with the Council has decided that the closet for North Knox Social Ministries should be closed. Over the years, it has become quite a mess, and is many times full of junk that is not appropriate to take to NKSM.

We realize that NKSM is an important local ministry that serves our community, but we feel it would be best if people took their items directly to NKSM.

North Knox Social Ministries is located at 413 N. Murlin St.,
Bicknell. (812-735-3262)

Current hours of operation are:

Monday – 10 – 12

Tuesday – closed

Wednesday – 5:30 – 7:30 (closed the 2nd and 5th

Wednesdays)

Thursday – closed

Friday – 1 -3:15

Saturday – closed

Sunday – closed

Our Greatest Need

“If God had perceived that our greatest need was economic, he would have sent an economist.

If he had perceived that our greatest need was entertainment, he would have sent us a comedian or an artist.

If God had perceived that our greatest need was political stability, he would have sent us a politician.

If he had perceived that our greatest need was health, he would have sent us a doctor.

But he perceived that our greatest need involved our sin, our alienation from him, our profound rebellion, our death;

... and he sent us a Savior. ”

— D.A. Carson, *A Call to Spiritual Reformation: Priorities from Paul and His Prayers*

Jigsaw Lessons

Here are some life lessons I've learned from jigsaw puzzles:

Don't force a fit. If something is meant to be, it will come together naturally.

When things aren't going so well, take a break. Everything will look different when you return.

Be sure to look at the big picture. Getting hung up on the little pieces only leads to frustration.

Perseverance pays off. Every important puzzle went together bit by bit, piece by piece.

When one spot stops working, move to another. But be sure to come back later (see above).

The creator of the puzzle gave you the picture as a guidebook.

Variety is the spice of life. It's the different colors and patterns that make the puzzle interesting.

Establish the border first. Boundaries give a sense of security and order.

Don't be afraid to try different combinations. Some matches are surprising.

Take time to celebrate your successes (even little ones).

Anything worth doing takes time and effort. A great puzzle can't be rushed.

-From cybersalt.org

Bethel Church Council Minutes September 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Justin French and opened with prayer by Ryan Johanningsmeier.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike shared his monthly report which included visitations and conducting a worship service at the Freelandville Community Home. He gave the message at the Freelandville community worship service on August 26th. Harvest Home Sunday will be September 16th. He has contacted Sunday School classes about furnishing dishes for the picnic on September 23rd. All members are encouraged to bring a pre-cut dessert.

Youth Pastor's Report: Pastor Mike was not present due to attending a formation for the Emmaus Walk he is working on September 20-23. He submitted a written report. In his report he shared that he helped with the 5th Quarter after the home football games on August 17th and August 24th. Due to the weather, there were only around 20 high school students there on the 17th. On the 24th, there were around 50 students there. The churches helping this year are: Bethel, Mariah Creek, Word of Life, Morris Chapel, and Bicknell First Baptist. The youth went to the "Rock the World" at Holiday World on August 25th with 10 youth going on the trip. Everyone enjoyed the park and the concert that evening. He has ordered the projector and sound system for the youth to use in the social room, and hopes it will be installed and ready to use for the first Sunday in October. Wednesday evening Bible study will resume on September 12th.

Secretary's Report: Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as written.

Jan Spanger shared that Bethel received a thank you note from Thy Word network for Bethel's mission donation of \$350.

Mission Allocation: Nurses' Fund - \$2500

Elder's Report: Pam Loheider shared two visitations were made. The next communion is World Wide communion on October 7th. The "Getting to Know You" gathering will be at the shelter house on October 27th.

Deacon's Report: Terry Perkins reported the average attendance for August was 174, and the offering total for the 3 Sundays was \$14,374.46.

Building and Grounds: Sam Miller reported that he contacted Steve Wolfe about replacing the back staircase and fixing the beam. No action has been taken.

Old Business:

- The preschool telephone line has been repaired.
- Terry Perkins fixed the preschool door.
- Justin French thanked Pastor Mike for checking into replacing the ovens in the church's kitchen. Two ovens were purchased and have been installed. The council would like to thank the Women's Guild for their donation of \$300 toward the purchase of the ovens.
- In his written report, Pastor Mike Leydet reported the astragal for the double-door at the shelter house has been ordered from DC Metal.

New Business:

- The flat roof on the church needs repaired.
- Jan Spanger shared that B & M Excavating are not billing the church for the demolition of the church office, cleaning up, and restoring the grounds. The council would like to thank them for this very generous gift of their time and service.
- The Mission Committee submitted a proposal for closing the North Knox Social Ministry closet near the social room. They feel the space could be much better used for storage. They realize that NKSM is an important local ministry, but feel it would be best if people took their items to NKSM themselves. After reviewing the proposal, Terry Perkins made the motion, seconded by Ryan Johanningsmeier, to close the NKSM closet and have people take their items

directly to NKSM themselves. Motion passed. The Mission Committee will clean out the closet and post NKSM hours of operation.

Upcoming Events:

September 15 – Preschool Family Fun Night

September 16 – Harvest Home Sunday

September 23 – Worship in the Grove, picnic, and auction

September 30 – Carpenters on a Mission Corn Hole Tournament

October 5 – Carpenters on a Mission Spaghetti Dinner

October 7 – World Wide Communion

Parish Records:

Gatlin Scott Hammelman was born on August 29th. He is the son of Bethany and Josh Hammelman. He weighed 8 lb. 22 oz., and is welcomed by brothers, Moxon and Jeremiah, and sister, Ellie.

Attendance:

Aug. 26
 Sept. 2 112
 Sept. 9 163
 Sept. 16 148

Greeters:

Oct. 7 & 14 – Justin & Traci French
 Oct. 21 & 28 – Brandon & Holly Spanger

Ushers: Travis & Stacey Kahre

Nursery (Sunday School):

Oct. 7 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 14 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike
 21 Carole Albrecht/Cheryl Hagemeyer
 28 Diane Telligman/Cheryl Hagemeyer

Nursery Notes (Worship):

Oct. 7 Brenda Maddox/Shaylie Phegley
 14 Page Family
 21 Bonnie and Emilee Organ
 28 Debbie Telligman/Emma Miller

Children's Church:

Oct. 7 Kate & Linda Hammelman/Randy & Ashley Archer
 14 Bonnie Organ/Micah Morgan
 21 Liberty Lemberg/Bonnie Organ/Pam Loheider
 28 Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Brenda Maddox

October Birthdays:

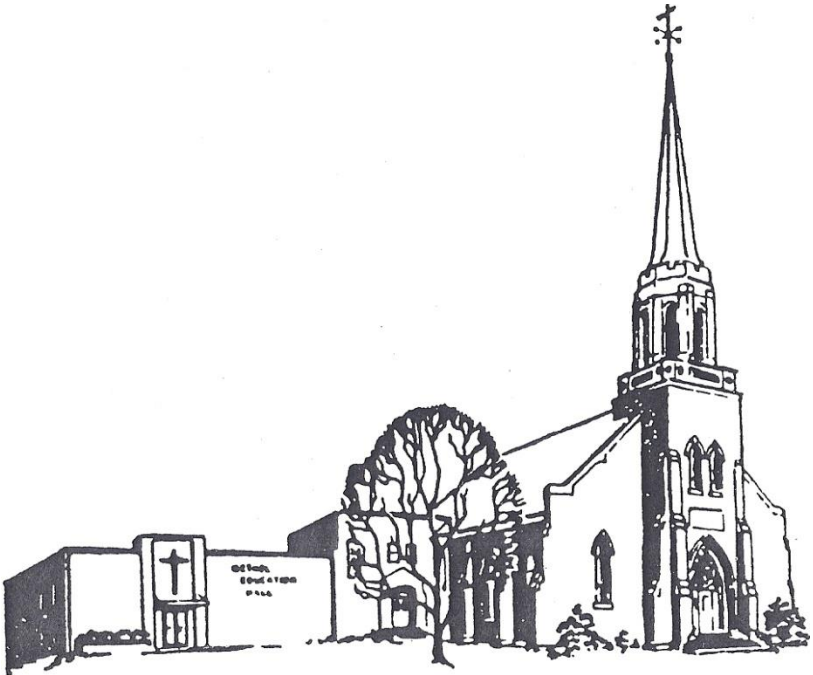
9 Kara Johanningsmeier (86th)
 13 Janet Tilly (81st)
 14 Joe Malone (83rd)
 17 James Benedict (89th)
 18 Dorothy Spanger (84th)
 18 Mary Miller (83rd)
 27 Lois Repass (87th)

Chimes news will be due on October 15th.

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