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Sunday School and Worship

Sunday School – 9 am on Sundays

Worship service – 10 am on Sundays

Fork-in-the-Road Choices Carry Eternal Impact

Matthew 7:13-14

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” – NIV

“When you come to a fork in the road, take it.” Classic advice attributed to the 20th century philosopher, baseball player, and team manager, Yogi Berra.

Forks in the road force us to make choices in the direction we take in life. When traveling, you need to determine which route to take that will get you from point A to point B. Crossroads will surface that force you to make a decision – right? left? straight ahead? Fork-in-the-road moments are not limited to the highways and dusty backroads we travel by car or truck. At the spiritual level, we have a choice to make as well. We come to those moments where we can choose the way of the Lord or the path of the wicked.

The choices we make at the crossroads of life can have a far-reaching impact. As we enter this Lenten season, take time to reflect on the path you find yourself traveling. Use this season of reflection to take stock of your walk with the Lord because the most crucial “fork-in-the-road” moment we face will determine our eternal destiny. Jesus speaks of the narrow gate that leads to life and the broad road that leads to destruction – two separate paths to two distinct destinations. He is quite clear on the choice we should make – “enter through the narrow gate.” As you move toward Easter, remind yourself of the choices Jesus made because of His love for you. Remember that He chose the path to the cross so your sins could be forgiven and you could have eternal life with Him. That should make your fork-in-the-road decision a no-brainer.

In Christ,

Pastor Bryan

Mission/Outreach Committee

As we approach the Lenten Season, we will be sharing our blessings with the North Knox Social Ministries. As you make sacrifices in the Season, share with others. We will be collecting: canned goods, peanut butter & jelly (plastic jars), toilet tissue, personal items, shampoo, bar soap, or other personal items. Place in the shopping card by the cross at the Church. Let us each be the **“HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS”**.

Lenten Services Scheduled

We're taking our faith to court during Lent this year in a series of presentations titled "The Verdict Is In – Examining the Evidence of the Resurrection." Each Wednesday night of Lent we will tackle a certain topic that answers questions that challenge the reality of our faith. We will consider the evidence that backs up our belief in Jesus. In addition to these presentations, the services will include worship music and a brief "sermonette" on a Biblical Scripture.

Our scheduled opening topic for March 2 is "Is the Bible Reliable?" Other topics on the agenda include a Crime Scene Take on the Death and Resurrection, Eyewitnesses to Jesus, Archaeological Proof, and Conspiracy Theories. Other topics are being finalized.

The Lenten services will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6. A Maundy Thursday Service will take place April 14 at 7 p.m.

Memorial Fund

In memory of Tom Kixmiller:

Bill & Carole Albrecht

Randy & Theresia Barrett

Kent & Brenda Brocksmith

Dan Buescher

Gordon & Janet Clinkenbeard

John & Lillian Clinkenbeard

Denise Eahins

Linda Hammelman

Randy & Ramona Hammelman

Roberta Hay

Vaughn & Bobbie Hislip

Bernettia Hollingsworth

Steve & Roberta Horst

Curtis & Jackie Horton

Vera Jones

Sara Kixmiller & Family

John & Marilyn Koenig

Brian & Lou Ann Lindsey

Mike & Pam Loheider

Lenora McCrary

Bruce & Terri Miller

Mary Ann Miller

NKSH Teacher's Lounge

Susan Stoelting

Brian & Cathy Summers

Herman & Nancy Tilly



How to Know What God Wants Me to Do?

We all face important decisions. These decisions will often have a great impact on us and our families. It may be a question about what job to take, or where to live, or what school to attend, etc. What should we do? Does God offer any help or guidance in making such decisions? We believe the answer is YES! How does God give this guidance? In many ways:

2) **Through prayer.** Christians are to be consistent in prayer (1 Thess. 5:17). God promises to answer our prayers. We ought to approach Him with petitions for help with our important decisions (1 Peter 3:12). If you don't believe this will work, then don't bother to ask! (James 1:5-7).

3) **Through circumstances.** In the Old Testament, Joseph suffered a number of awful and unjust things. In the end, he was wise enough to realize that God had used those circumstances to accomplish His will (Gen. 45:7,8). Be careful here - this 'guidance through circumstances' is sometimes hard to detect, and some are quick to jump to false conclusions.

4) **Through the counsel of others.** The many commands that urge us to exhort and encourage our fellow Christians (Heb. 3:13, Gal. 6:2) demonstrate that God intends for us to help one another with the difficult things in our lives. - by *Greg Gwinn*

Birds

Birds figure prominently in the pages of the Bible. Can you name the birds mentioned or alluded to in the verses given below?

1. Jesus said, “Be as innocent as _____.”
2. Jesus said, “You are of more value than many _____.”
3. Jesus said, “Consider the _____.”
4. A pair of _____ were used for Mary’s purification sacrifice.
5. “Your youth is renewed like the _____.”
6. “The _____ finds a home, and the _____ a nest.”
7. The first bird Noah sent from the ark was a _____.
8. “Does the _____ take flight by your wisdom?”
9. “Like the _____ that gathers a brood. . . “
10. Zechariah saw two women in a vision and “they had wings like the wings of a _____.”

Answers

1. doves, Matthew 10:16
2. sparrows, Matthew 10:31
3. ravens, Luke 12:24
4. turtledoves, Luke 2:24
5. eagle’s, Psalm 103:5
6. sparrow, swallow, Psalm 84:3
7. raven, Genesis 8:7
8. hawk, Job 39:26
9. partridge, Jeremiah 17:11
10. stork, Zechariah 5:9

WHAT TO GIVE UP FOR LENT

Give Up grumbling. *Instead, "In everything give thanks."*

Give Up 10 to 14 minutes in bed. *Instead, use that time in prayer.*

Give Up looking at other people's worst points. *Instead, concentrate on their best ones.*

Give Up speaking unkindly. *Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding.*

Give Up your worries. *Instead, trust God with them.*

Give Up hatred or dislike of anyone. *Instead, learn to love.*

Give Up the fear which prevents Christian witness. *Instead, seek courage to speak of your faith to others.*

Give Up spending so much time with newspapers and magazines. *Instead, use some of that time to study your Bible.*

Give Up TV one evening a week. *Instead, visit some lonely or sick person.*

Give Up buying anything but essentials for yourself. *Instead, give that money to God's work or someone in need.*

Give Up judging by appearances and by the standards of the world. *Instead, learn to give yourself to God.*

Preschool

February was all about God's love for us and our love for others. The children heard the stories of the lost sheep and the prodigal son. Our memory verses for February were Psalm 23:1, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." and Psalm 86:5, "For You, Lord, are good and ready to forgive."

We celebrated Valentine's Day with a fun party. The children enjoyed making heart-shaped pizzas, decorating a keepsake box, and playing many games. We are so thankful for our parents who volunteer their time and materials to make our parties very special.

We had some nursing students from VU visit and share about healthy foods, taking good care of our teeth, and getting lots of exercise to keep our heart strong. The children always enjoy the special activities when our nursing students visit.

This month we went on an exciting adventure around the world. The children learned about the seven continents and we had a great time exploring each continent. In our science area we talked about animals around the world and the habitats of different animals.

February went by so quickly. This year will be over before we know it. I pray that we are creating wonderful memories and planting seeds in the heart of every child that will grow into a deep relationship with the Lord.

God Bless,
Mrs. Carter

February was a lot about God's love and how we share that love everyday not just one day or month a year. We had fun making messes on our Valentine card that were shared with the nursing home residents. We had fun at our Valentine Parties!

Letter o was opposites, and our shape was the oval. We talked about obeying and what that means, even if it is hard to do sometimes, we know it is best. We promised “Owl always love Jesus!”

We loved pretending to make pizza or serve at the Preschool Pizzeria. We made pink pigs for a preschool puppet play with paper sacks (that’s a lot of p’s). We are a piece of God’s puzzle, and we love that we all fit together in His world.

The kids painted with a q-tip and we talked about asking questions when necessary. Then we enjoyed a snow day and I heard many kids played outside and went sledding or made a snowman. We were happy about a snow day. One little boy thanked God and said it was the best day ever.

Letter r was about the promise God made with rainbow and how we love all the colors God gave us. We loved reading about robots and making one from recycled rectangles. The kids thought it was funny that I named them Rosie and Robert. I love how they are starting to sound out the letters and make up new words for each of our letters.

We loved going to space in the dramatic play area. We talked about the planets, moon and sun. The kids has so much fun pretending to be astronauts.

We are excited about our donuts with our special guy coming up March 5. I have heard stories already about how some of the dads love donuts, especially chocolate ones or ones with lots of sprinkles :-)

We are looking forward to spring and nice weather to play outside, learning more about Jesus and making more messes as we have fun.

Spring Blessing!!
Beth Durall

Bethel Church Council Minutes

Tuesday Feb. 15, 2022

Present: Bonnie Organ, Bobbie Hislip, Christopher Nettles, Carol Albrecht, Randy Hammelman, Clint Durall, Brandon Spanger, Lisa Richter

Absent: Pastor Bryan and Collin Tiek

Prayer given by Brandon Spanger

Randy Hammelman welcomed our new council members-Lisa Richter and Christopher Nettles

Old Business

Sound system update given by JP Sprague

- 50 % deposit given to Alvis
- Everything has been ordered
- Be here around the beginning of March
- Be less than \$16,000 because we only purchased 2 microphones instead of 6 to 8

Lam Banquet

- Feb 17(6 at a table) - Bobbie and Vaughn going

Pastor's Report

- Sermon Preps
- Bible study on Sermon on the Mount
- Community Home service on Feb 6
- Visited 14 people
- Teaching Confirmation classes every Sunday morning
- Shoveled snow and salted sidewalks
- Blank Slate church webinar

Secretary's report

- Read and approved

Deacon's report

- January average attendance - 144
- Total offering for Jan. - \$23,509

Treasurer's report

- Discussed balance sheet for the new year
- Missions for Feb.- \$500 to Nurses fund and \$1500 to Heart to Heart

Elder's report

- Valentine's day cards sent to shut-ins by Bobbie Hislip
- Ordered lent book for shut ins

Building and grounds

- Snow removal was a group effort- GREAT JOB Bethel Church!

New Business

Windows

- Front window and one under balcony downstairs
- Randy will be calling Jules to set up a date to start repairing these two windows

Bethel Staff Appreciation Dinner

- Nicole's on March 14, 2022

175th Anniversary

- August 21
- Letters to former pastors are being sent out to attend the celebration

Randy Hammelman will be announcing on Sunday Feb 20 the revote of changing the council duties from 5 years to 3 years. The re vote will be on March 6 after the church service.

Parish Records

New Members: Bill Davis, Mike and Shirley Bright

Deaths: Thomas Kixmiller, 80, died on January 17, 2022. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on January 21, 2022.

Rod Harbin, 67, died on January 28, 2022. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on February 13, 2022

Attendance:

Jan. 16 134
Jan. 23 151
Jan. 30 153
Feb. 6 144
Feb. 13 107

Ushers: Michael & Brandy Toney

Nursery (Sunday School):

March 6 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer
13 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman
20 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer
27 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista McLaughlin

Nursery Notes (Worship):

March 6 Beth Durall/Emma Miller
13 Allison Rohlk/Hannah Summers
20 Macey Alsman/Brittany Pahmeier
27 Nikki Mundy/Brittany Page

Children's Church:

March 7 Jenny Anthis/ Amy Tiek/ Brandy Toney
13 Tracey Kahre/Autumn Cone
20 Janet Clinkenbeard/Rylee Hammelman
27 Dale Tiek/Natalie Phegley/Autumn
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March Birthdays

17 Mary Bratton (83rd)

Chimes news will be due on March 21st.

March 2022

Bethel Chimes



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