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**Contact Info for Pastor Bryan**

Just a reminder that Pastor Bryan can be reached on his cellphone at 812-236-9573, or via e-mail at btaylorbethel@gmail.com. He even has a Facebook page under the name “Bryan Taylor.”

**Sunday School and Worship**

Sunday School – 9 am on Sundays

Worship service – 10 am on Sundays

# Nine Ducks, the Ohio River, and Perfect Peace

## Isaiah 26:3

*you will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. – NIV*

The lightning zig-zagged across the clouds, thunder clapped, torrential rain fell, and nine ducks floated merrily along the choppy waters of the Ohio River. That scene greeted me on the last day of my recent vacation when we stayed in a hotel on the Ohio River in Madison, Indiana. As a huge storm rolled through, I glanced out at the river to see nine ducks going about their day. Traveling along with the current, they bobbed peacefully in the water amidst the intense storm.

Their behavior provides a strong illustration for us when it comes to the storms that blow up in our lives. Some event that alters our lifestyle can surface in an instant. It could be a health concern, a financial need, a relationship fracture or a challenge to your faith. You name it, there is no doubt the storms of life will come rolling in. How do we face them? Scripture tells us we must stay steadfast in our faith, trusting in God, and we will have perfect peace.

The storms may be swirling around us, but peace is only a prayer away. We just need to turn to Him who provides the peace that surpasses all understanding. I love the account of the storm coming upon the disciples and Jesus in the boat in Matthew, Chapter 8. Waves sweep over their boat, the disciples panic and turn to Jesus who was sleeping. He wakes up and calms the storm. When the waves of life threaten to swamp us, we must stay steadfast in our faith because Jesus will help us keep our ducks in a row.

In Christ,

*Pastor Bryan*

## **Confirmation Class Will Resume in September**

Bethel Church will start a new year of confirmation classes in September. If you know of a person who wants to join the class or if you have questions, contact Pastor Bryan at 812-236-9573.

### **Preschool**

Preschool is right around the corner and we are happy to welcome all new students and returning ones. We look for this year to be a blast and we know that Jesus's love for us is out of this world. Our first day is August 22. We are getting excited and hope the special gifts God is sending to us this year are excited also.

Mrs. Beth Carter and Mrs. Beth Durall

### **Memorial Fund**

*In memory of John Clinkenbeard:  
Glenn and Glatha Hemme*

*In memory of Joan Bland:*

*Sandy L. Bosse*

*Paul & Nancee Dunkerly*

*Nancy L. Hauck*

*Lynch Associates*

*Michael & Laura McGrail*

*The Moore Family*

*Madonna & Ruie Murphy*

*Tony & Sheila Perkins*

*Beverly S. Stephens*

*Barbara Jo May*

*In memory of Tennyson Clinkenbeard  
Bruce & Terri Miller*

## **Thank You**

Dear Church Family,

The family of Jeff Johanningsmeier would like to thank all the church members for all their thoughts and prayers.

Roger and Chris appreciates all the cards, food, prayers and everyone who made the trip to Ft. Wayne for Jeff's viewing and funeral.

Special thanks to Pastor Bryan for his calls, visits and making the trip to Ft. Wayne for the funeral.

Sincerely,  
Roger, Chris and Family

Thanks to my family for giving me a big 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the Church Shelter House on Sunday, to all the friends and family for coming. Thanks for all the cards I received and phone calls.

I appreciated everything. Hoping for a few more birthdays. Only God knows.

Love you all!  
Carolyn Williams

## **175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

WOW!!!! This summer has passed quickly and our celebration is getting close. We will be celebrating August 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am with Worship in the sanctuary. A special service is being planned, including a choir number and a special number on the organ by Brenda Spanger Roark. Following worship we will have a catered lunch in the grove/shelter house area. The afternoon will be spent reminiscing and visiting.

We have a display in the entrance to the Social Room with many historical items and there is a table in Bethel Hall with many older memorabilia items from years past. These items are available to anyone who would like to have them.

Our new directory will be ready by the first of August.

We have received a letter from Darlene Wegener Christiansen. She is the Daughter of Rev. A. W. Wegener, who served Bethel from 1938-1951. Some very interesting memories from her years of growing up at Bethel Church.

We received a letter from Pastor Herb Schafale, telling us about his years after he left Bethel. He served as Pastor from 1987-1999.

We also received a Letter from "A SON OF BETHEL" Don Bubenzer. He stated he has been part of Bethel Church for 75 years of the 175.

We are excited as the 175<sup>th</sup> Sunday draws near. We encourage each of you to come and share this special day. We have been blessed for 175 years and God's light continues to shine through Bethel for every one to see.

## **Guild Signature Quilt**

This project was chosen by the Bethel Guild to help financially in the rebuilding of Bethel Church after the fire in June 1934.

Members paid 10¢ for each name embroidered on the quilt, and the ladies then sewed and did the quilting. There are approximately 444 names on the quilt.

## **1993 Signature Quilt**

With the rebuilding of the church tower, The Women's Guild made a signature quilt. The charge was \$1 per name. The total raised for the tower fund was \$593. Marie Borgmeier submitted the friendship quilt pattern. Each family had their own signature on slips of paper, which were then painted on the quilt by Jean Schroeder. The Mary and Martha Circle did the quilting and Lucille Bunte bound the quilt. The signature quilt committee was: Dorothy Spanger (Chair), Selma Drew, Marie Borgmeier, Helen Buckthal and Laura Volle.

## **Bethel Church Council Minutes**

July 11, 2022

Present: Carole Albrecht, Bobbie Hislip, Lisa Richter, Bonnie Organ, Clint Durall, Randy Hammelman, Christopher Nettles, Collin Tiek

Absent: Pastor Bryan Taylor (vacation) and Brandon Spanger

Opening Prayer: Bonnie Organ

Pastor's report:

- Vacation Bible School - June 13-17
- Met with Jon Hooper about the baptism of his daughter Delilah Pearl Hooper
- 175th Anniversary meeting - June 23
- Helped host Wabash Valley Teen and Adult challenge during and after service on June 26
- Worked on Bethel brochures with Jean Johanningsmeier
- Officiated funeral of Pauline Bland
- Community Home Service - July 3
- Tour of the church with Rachel Varns
- Participated in Saturday night prayer group during the month of June
- 18 - Home visits and 3 - Hospital visits

Secretary's report: read and approved - big Thanks to Bobbie Hislip for filling in as Secretary at the June meeting while I was on vacation

Deacon's report:

- Average attendance for June - 169
- Average offering for June - \$18,815.24

Treasurer's report: reviewed and approved

- Missions - Social Ministries \$2500

Elder's report:

- Randy called Irma O'Niones in Deaconess hospital in Evansville since Pastor Bryan is on vacation

Building and Grounds:

- Check lights in sanctuary
- Float (van) in the Freelandville parade
- Graded parking lot
- Check batteries in microphones once a month
- Start windows end of July

Old Business:

- 175th Anniversary book being printed
- July 24 Ice cream party and Anniversary movie in the Social room at 5:30
- Order form for Anniversary shirts online and in Bethel Hall
- July 27 floors cleaned at 8 am (July 26 - 6:30 pick up items off floor in preschool rooms)
- Work day - Aug 20 at 8 am

New Business:

- Church picnic - Sept 18
- Radio Ad - ask youth to do

Next meeting Aug. 8 at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned after the Lord's Prayer.

## **Parish Records**

### **Attendance:**

June 26 164  
July 3 105  
July 10 162  
July 17 163

**Ushers:** Michael and Brandy Toney

### **Nursery (Sunday School):**

Aug. 7 Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
14 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Diane Telligman  
21 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
28 Cheryl Hagemeyer/Krista McLaughlin

### **Nursery Notes (Worship):**

Aug. 7 Cabella and Liberty Lemberg  
14 Brianna and Brittany Page  
21 Allison Rohlk/Hannah Summers  
28 Macey Alsman/Brittany Pahmeier

### **Children's Church:**

Aug. 7 Jane Tiek/Amy Tiek/Brandy Toney  
14 Autumn Cone/Jenny Anthis  
21 Micah Morgan/Rylee Wampler  
28 Brenda Maddox/Natalie Phegley/Autumn Burress

### **August Birthdays**

5 Sara Kixmiller (84<sup>th</sup>)  
21 Lucille Robbins (94<sup>th</sup>)  
31 Vera Jones (86<sup>th</sup>)

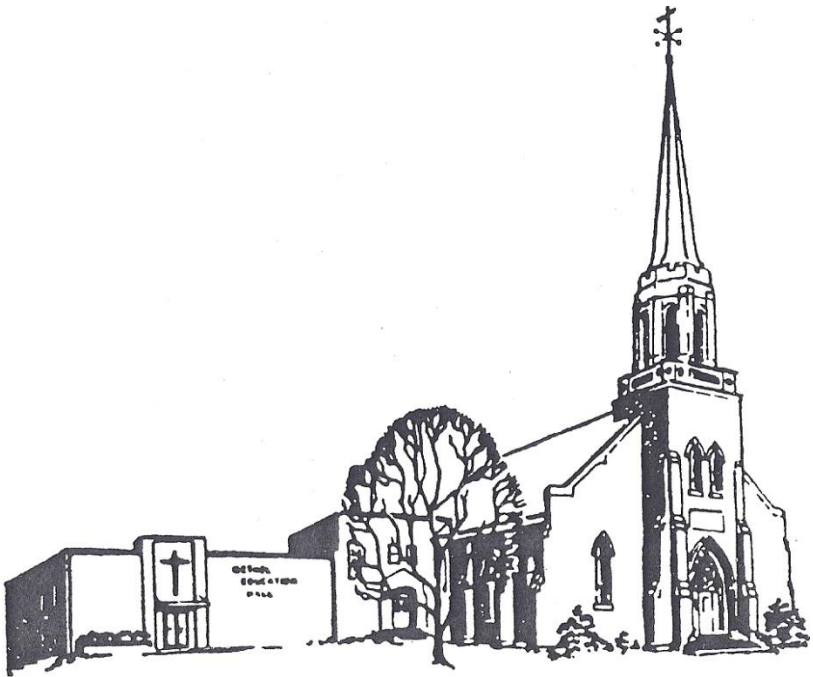
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