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### **Council members:**

Collin Tiek, President (2025)	Clint Durall (2024)
Lisa Richter, Vice President (2026)	Bobbie Hislip (2025)
Bonnie Organ, Secretary (2024)	Christopher Nettles (2026)
Carole Albrecht, Treasurer (2025)	Bruce Clinkenbeard (2027)
<i>(Indicates the time that the term is over)</i>	Travis Kahre (2027)

### **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.”

### **North Knox Social Ministries**

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#### Food Pantry Hours

Monday: 10 am to Noon

Wednesday: 5:30 pm to 7:15 pm

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> weeks

Friday: 1 pm to 3:15 pm

#### Clothing Give-Away Hours

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday: 10 am to Noon

*Chimes news will be due October 16<sup>th</sup>.*

## **Avoid the “Who’s Taller Game” in Your Faith**

### **Galatians 6:4**

*Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else.*

I remember a rite-of-passage that would surface when my cousins and I were kids. Every time we gathered, it never failed some uncle or aunt would have us stand back-to-back to see who was taller. The old measuring game. I usually was on the short end of that game as I did not hit a growth spurt until college, and by then we had pretty much abandoned the comparison drill.

I enjoy those memories, but they provide notice we need to be alert to the possibility of falling prey to the measuring game in other parts of our lives. It’s not healthy when we start comparing ourselves with others in how we look or how much money we have, or how well our kids behave, or how what kind of car we drive. At the church level, we might be tempted to compare prayers, singing, preachers, attendance numbers, special ministries, facilities, etc. Such comparison can take our focus off God and lead to feelings of low self-esteem or superiority. Pride and envy can rule the day when we start comparing ourselves to others.

We must remember as Christians why we do what we do. Paul questions in Galatians 1:10 if he is trying to please men or God and notes “If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.” Who are we serving? That is the only comparison we should be concerned with. We must stay focused on God realizing He has gifted each of us in unique ways to serve in the one body of the church. Therefore, we will be different – not better or worse, just unique. We must accept and celebrate that fact, testing the work we do against our own motives and actions rather than comparing ourselves with others.

In Christ,



Pastor Bryan

## MISSION COMMITTEE

We are excited to continue sharing with others and be the **“HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS.”** We will be packing our Preschool prayer partner envelopes soon. Cost will be \$15.00, and we will have them available at church soon.

Food packs will begin with our first delivery on September 29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help pack the food bags just contact a Mission Committee member. We always like help.

We will be having our Family Night of **“HOT DOGS & A MOVIE”** on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Everyone come and enjoy the fellowship.

Don't forget **TRUNK OR TREAT**. It is Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Community Center with **FREE FOOD PROVIDED!!!!**

We encourage each of you to be part of **SHARING AND CARING FOR OTHERS**.

## Preschool

Hello! What a wonderful month of September we had! We started it off by celebrating our grandparents with Grandparent's Day! The social room was decorated with fall colors and sunflowers and was filled with excited preschoolers and their grandparents. The preschoolers sang a few songs for their special guests and then a delicious brunch was enjoyed by all! (Thank you so much to the preschool board for their help with the food and to Pastor Bryan and Nikki Mundy for their help in the kitchen that day!) After brunch, the preschoolers enjoyed getting their picture taken and making a craft with their grandparents and then loved getting to show them around their classroom. I loved seeing the excitement and bond between the kids and their grandparents. I think everyone had a great day!

We have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather and have played outside every day. We even got to have outdoor centers one day! So far, we have been learning to recognize our names and our

friends' names and have talked about the letters Mm, Ff and Aa. We have been learning (and working on memorizing) Bible verses and nursery rhymes. We read about Moses and about what happens "If You Give a Moose a Muffin", we even made muffins, they were yummy! We painted with feathers on the fence and created our own beautiful Rainbow Fish. We did an apple investigation and found out that if you cut an apple open there is a star shape inside! We also did an experiment to see if apples sink or float. They float!

We have gotten off to a great start and have already had so much fun this year! Thank you all for your continued prayers and support for these kiddos and our preschool. I am so excited to see what all God has in store for us this year!

Love,  
Liberty Lemberg

We have had a great 4 weeks in preschool, and a lot of fun. We started off with a few tears that did not last very long at all. Our first lesson was how special we are because God made us that way. We talked about how we all look differently, and we know that we can't hide or run away from God. We are happy because He is always with us no matter what.

We have started working on our shapes, colors, name recognition and other preschool concepts like sitting on our pockets or staying in line. I am blessed with 19 good kids and families!!!

We celebrated Grandparents' Day with 92 special guests. The preschoolers all did a great job!! We all stayed on stage and celebrated the small steps of progress: saying our name in the microphone and singing without tears!! I love watching them interact with all the people who them love outside of mom and dad! Grandparents play a special part in our lives. Thanks to all who helped or donated--you are all greatly appreciated.

We started talking about our letters and of course A is first for us. Apples, animals, ark and ants are just a few of the things talked

about. I love watching each child as they learn to do things independently. We learned that "I can't" is not something we get away with. We have to try new things and ask for help when needed. We have art displayed in the hallway if you want to check it out.

Our dramatic play area is the apple tree farm and we have had lots to do when we go down there: Sorting, picking apples, making pies, tending to the chickens or taking care of the crops just to name a few of our "chores." We love going outside to play and are very thankful for several good days to do so.

I look forward to learning more about each preschooler as we continue to grow together in God's love!

Mrs. Beth Durall

## **Bethel Church Council Minutes** **September 11, 2023**

Present: Collin Tiek, Bryan Taylor, Bonnie Organ, Bobbie Hislip, Carole Albrecht, Lisa Richter, Clint Durall, and Bruce Clinkenbeard.

Absent: Christopher Nettles and Travis Kahre

Bonnie Organ opened the meeting with a prayer.

Pastor's report:

- Sermon Prep for month of August
- Conducted the funeral for David Rinsch
- Officiated the wedding of Audrey Hislip and Jared DeBuisseret on Aug 27
- Bible study over the End Times starts on Sept 6
- Mission Outreach Committee Aug 16
- NKMA Aug 17
- Workday at the church Aug 19
- Worship in the Grove Aug 28

- Dutchman Days meeting Aug 31
- Participated in the Run for Ryan Sept 2
- New Confirmation Class started Sept 3 - Caleb Alford, Reece Clinkenbeard, Jackson Hammelman, Owen Lane, Cooper Lemberg, Taylin Richards, Luke Schroeder, Bryer Smith, Peyton Smith, Conner Spanger, Leah Sprague, Kiara Telligman, and Molly Telligman
- Saturday Night Prayer group
- Carole Albrecht and Bruce Clinkenbeard motioned to accept the report

Secretary's report:

- Carole Albrecht and Bobbie Hislip motioned to accept the report

Deacon's report:

- Average attendance in August - 206
- Total offering in August - \$21,333.15
- Clint Durall and Lisa Richter motioned to accept the report

Treasurer's report:

- 22 kids went to Church Camp - \$2064
- Missions for September - NKSM (\$1000), Nurses Fund (\$1000), and Ashley Wilson (\$500-Missionary)
- Bruce Clinkenbeard and Bobbie Hislip motioned to accept the report

Elder's report:

- Oct 1 - Communion
- Thanks to Randy Hammelman, Bonnie Organ, Dawn Buckthal-Moore, Vaughn Hislip, Bobbie Hislip, John Brocksmith, and Vickie Loafman for attending the worship service the first Sunday of the month at the Nursing Home
- Bobbie Hislip sent card to Judy Kiser to welcome her to Bethel
- Bonnie Organ sent card to Sara Kixmiller (Freelandville township) for the purchase of the two AEDs

- Lisa Richter and Carole Albrecht motioned to accept the report

#### Building and grounds:

- Windows out in sanctuary being worked on
- One coat of paint still needed in closet in basement
- Workday was a success
- AC fixed in sanctuary and Bethel Hall
- Bobbie Hislip and Collin Tiek motioned to accept the report

#### Old Business:

- AED - Josh Trotter would volunteer to do training and check them once a month
- Met with Steve Wolfe and his hardware man about the doors- not changing the Sanctuary doors and Preschool double doors
- Bruce found a church with a portable baptismal-Wabash Community Church
- Wix - (new website) will be coming soon
- Looking into Tithe.ly
- Dead tree on south side of sanctuary

#### New Business:

- Need more hydrants around the church
- Bilskie's to grind up stump and look at tree in cemetery
- Background checks for staff and volunteers working with kids are about done
- Sound system - asking someone that is sitting in church to check Facebook to see if the sound is fine

Next meeting is Oct 9, 2023

Closed meeting with the Lord's prayer.

## **Parish Records**

### **Attendance:**

Aug. 27 262

Sept. 3 226

Sept. 10 213

Sept. 17 Dutchtown Days

**Ushers:** Kyle and Jennifer Stafford

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

Oct. 1 Krista McLaughlin/Cheryl Hagemeyer

8 Krista McLaughlin/Cheryl Hagemeyer

15 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer

22 Krista McLaughlin/Cheryl Hagemeyer

29 Krista McLaughlin/Cheryl Hagemeyer

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

Oct. 1 Beth Durall/Lindsey Zollman

8 Hannah Summers/Allison Rohlk

15 R. Hammelman Family

22 Tracey Kahre, Juli Dye

29 Natalie Phegley, Nikki Mundy

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

Oct. 1 Amy Tiek, Brandy Toney, and Caleb Bottum or  
Carter Lemberg, Jane Tiek, Jake Alsman

8 Theresia Barrett, Macey Alsman, Peg Taylor,  
Samantha Smith

15 Rylee Wampler, Shirley Bright, Lily Phegley, Laura  
Phegley, Lucy or Sherry Sheren

22 Natalie Phegley, Brenda Maddox, Carole Albrecht

29 All kids meet in basement with Bonnie Organ and  
Stacy Page

### **October birthdays:**

13 Janet Tilly (86<sup>th</sup>)

14 Joe Malone (88<sup>th</sup>)

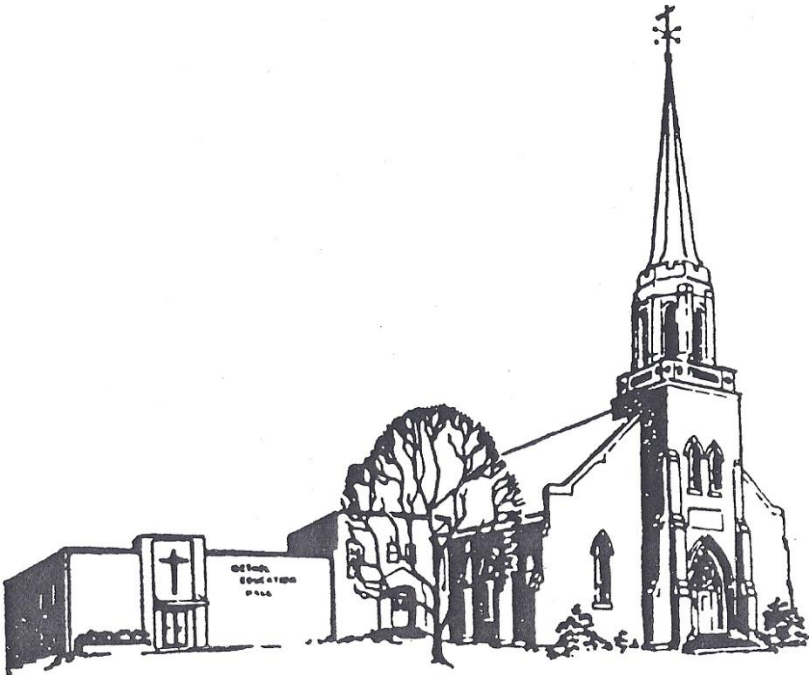
28 Linda Woods (82<sup>nd</sup>)



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