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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 February 19th.*

## Receiving a Lesson From a Bar of Soap

### **Ephesians 4:29**

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. – NIV*

During the holidays, I dutifully watched “A Christmas Story” where a kid named Ralphie wants a B-B gun for Christmas. Part of the engaging movie includes a scene where Ralphie blurts out a vulgar word and then moves to the bathroom where he has a bar of soap stuck in his mouth as a punishment aimed at helping him see the errors of his extended vocabulary.

I’m sure many of us could stand for some mouth-cleaning of our own. Unwholesome talk permeates our society. The current political environment in our country has political adversaries using words to tear each other down. Many movies and television shows make vulgar language seem to be a regular part of the American vocabulary. Unwholesome talk also includes bullying, inaccurate labeling, sarcasm, ridicule, mockery, laying inappropriate blame, griping, complaining, destructive criticism, angry words, threats, arguments where you seek to win to maintain power, gossip, slander, taking the Lord’s name in vain, filthy talk, and coarse jokes.

The original Greek used in our Ephesians passage for unwholesome is “sapos” and it means “rotten.” It’s worthless talk that does nothing good for anybody. God calls us to forgo the rotten and replace it with words that build others up so they may benefit. Examples here include encouragement, praise, appreciation, gratefulness, loving words, patient words, kind words, gentle words, Scripture that God has used, and prayer. I pray each of us can take an honest verbal inventory and begin discarding the rotten while we increase talk that builds others up.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Bryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Bryan

## **Online Presence**

Don't forget you can keep up with Bethel Church online. We livestream Sunday services on Facebook at "bethelchurchfreelandville". Other news and messages are posted there as well. And we have our website at [www.bethelchurchfreelandvile.org](http://www.bethelchurchfreelandvile.org) which contains church information and an archive of past services. For you YouTube aficionados we maintain a YouTube channel at "Bethel Church Freelandville.

## **Lenten Services on the Horizon**

Once again Bethel Church will offer Lenten services on Wednesday evenings beginning on February 14. Each service will include music, special programming, and time in the Word to lead us to Easter. Wednesday service dates will be February 14, 21, 28 and March 6, 13, 20.

Our Lenten services will move to Thursday on March 28 in observance of Maundy Thursday.

## **GUILD**

The Guild will be having the memorial service on February 7 at 1:30 p.m. This will be held downstairs in the Social Room. We will honor (with a book place in our library) Shila Webster, Judy Kiser, Patty Buescher, Carolyn Williams, and Debbie Tiek.

Winter is a good time to pick a book or two to read. Bethel Guild has plenty of them in the Guild room, just off of the kitchen. Help yourself any time! We encourage reading!

## **MISSION COMMITTEE**

The prison at Carlisle collects old and new material and sewing notions to be used to make quilts which are then donated to community events and Fire Departments. There will be a tote in Bethel Hall for your donations.

Continue to be the “HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS IN 2024.”

### **Preschool**

Happy New Year from the preschoolers!

I think everyone enjoyed the extra time with their families over Christmas break and came back ready to go! It has been so rewarding and fun to see all of the kids progress from the beginning of the year until now!

January was a great month in our classroom! We have been talking a lot about the signs of winter. One of the signs is snow. We learned that all snowflakes have six sides or points from where they form but even though they all have six sides there are no two snowflakes that are exactly alike. We discussed the ways that God made each of us special and learned that just like the snowflakes, God made each of us unique!

Seeing people all bundled up is another sign of winter so we looked at pictures of clothing and sorted them into piles of “things you wear in the winter” and “things you don’t wear in the winter.” The kids loved learning to spell “yes” and “no” as they would shout out and spell the answer to me instead of just saying yes or no. They were having so much fun they didn’t even know they were learning!

There are so many fun activities to do in the winter! We talked about different ones and then took a poll and each child voted for their favorite winter activity. In the morning class drinking hot chocolate came in first place followed closely by building a snowman! The afternoon class had a tie for first place between drinking hot chocolate and baking cookies!

We read a lot of good books about winter this month, but I think a favorite might have been “Ten on the Sled” one of the boys even exclaimed, “That was awesome!” when I finished reading it the first time. We read it several more times and even used linking cubes to model the 10 animals on the sled and then took one away each time one jumped, slipped, whirled or fell off. I loved seeing how much fun the kids had with it and I love getting to watch them develop a love for reading!

No matter what we are doing at preschool it is always a good day, we have so much fun with each other. Miss Jennifer and I are blessed to have a front row seat to get to watch the friendships form, the love for learning develop and the growth that each child makes!

Love,  
Liberty Lemberg

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We are back for the second half of our preschool year. With only 3 days in (at the time of this writing), we are eager and ready to continue learning, playing and having fun...our first day back was all about how God made each of us unique just like all the snowflakes. Although the weather was almost 40 degrees that day, we went to the polar bear and penguin dramatic play area and painted with our make-believe snow.

The next week, we learned about letter “m” as we talked about Moses and monkeys. We love to be on the move and both of those days kept us busy!

We are looking forward to sharing our love for others as we celebrate Valentine's Day.

God is love!!  
Beth Durall

## **Thank You**

Bethel Church,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, visits, phone calls and food! Thank you to Bethel Guild for the beautiful flowers. Thank you to Bryan for being with us during my surgery and for all the visits and phone calls.

I am truly blessed and thankful for my church family and friends.

Sincerely,  
Jean Johanningsmeier

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers as the Earl Linneweber family said goodbye to their father, grandpa, great grandpa and friend. Several guests commented on the beauty of the service, church decorations, and the traditions observed.

Thank you to the Bethel Guild and Salem church ladies for their bountiful lunch. Per Earl's request, several Gideon bibles were donated in his name.

Suzan, Mike, Patty, Dan

## Friends

1. Who befriended Paul when he was a prisoner?
2. Who were Job's three friends who sat with him for seven days and nights?
3. What two men experienced an immediate bond of friendship?
4. Who became a false friend to David?
5. What three people were warm, personal friends of Jesus?
6. What king and governor, who had been enemies, became friends during a trial?
7. What man and wife were friends of Paul?
8. What king was a friend and business associate of a father and son over a period of years?
9. Who was called "the friend of God"?
10. Who, when he got a promotion from a king, requested that his three friends be promoted also?

1. Onesiphorus (II Tim. 1:6,7)
2. Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar (Job 2:11, 13)
3. David and Jonathan (I Sam. 18:1-3)
4. Hushai (II Sam. 16:16-18)
5. Mary, Martha, Lazarus (John 11:5)
6. Herod and Pilate (Luke 23:6-12)
7. Aquila and Priscilla (Rom. 16:3)
8. Hiram (I Kings 5:1; II Sam. 5:11)
9. Abraham (James 2:23)
10. Daniel (Dan. 2:48, 49)

Answers:

# **Bethel Church Council Minutes**

January 8, 2024

Present: Bruce Clinkenbeard, Bonnie Organ, Bobbie Hislip, Collin Tiek, Carole Albrecht, Travis Kahre, Pastor Bryan Taylor, and Lisa Richter

Absent: Clint Durall and Christopher Nettles

Collin Tiek opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

Pastor's report:

- December 2023 sermon preparation
- Van driver for Cochren and Co. concert
- Helped with Christmas tree decorating
- Attended Ablaze Spark Night
- Participated in the Preschool Christmas program
- Bible study Christmas party
- Officiated the funerals of Earl Linneweber and Alberta Hunt
- Sang in Christmas choir
- Participated in Christmas morning candlelight service
- Helped with the Christmas tree removal
- Designated as credentialed clergy member of the Evangelical Association
- Coordinated advent readings for the confirmation class
- 10 hospital visits
- Wednesday night Bible study on Messianic prophecy
- Helped with backpack program
- Instructed confirmation classes
- Attended Saturday night prayer group

-Pastor Bryan read a Thank you note thanking the council for his monetary gift at Christmas



- Pastor Bryan handed out spread sheet on the attendance for the year 2023
- motion made to accept minutes made by Carole Albrecht and Bruce Clinkenbeard

Secretary's report:

- Read and approved
- Motion made to accept minutes by Carole Albrecht and Bobbie Hislip

Deacon's report:

- Total offering for December 2023 is \$30,080.77
- Average attendance for December 2023 per Sunday is 215
- Motion to approve and accept the report made by Lisa Richter and Bobbie Hislip

Treasurer's report:

- Continued discussion on the Huffman Estate money -Carole talked to Troy Stoll about not receiving money for 2023 - waiting on an answer
- Lenten service - Vickie Loafman will be filling in for Karen for two services
- 1/10 of \$317,682.58 used for missions - \$32,150 was proposed to use for missions
- Motion to approve and accept report made by Bruce Clinkenbeard and Travis Kahre

Elder's report:

- Served 144 communion on January 6, 2024
- Served 20 communion at the Freelandville Nursing Home
- Bobbie Hislip sent out Christmas cards to the shut-ins
- Motion to approve and accept report made by Lisa Richter and Bruce Clinkenbeard

## Building and grounds

- Garland Richter and Mike J'meier fixed the water fountain drainage
- Blaine and Collin finished painting the closet in the basement
- Motion to approve and accept the report made by Bobbie Hislip and Lisa Richter

## Old Business:

- Doors/Locks - discuss at Annual Meeting
- Baptismal being shipped the end of January
- Need rock for parking lot

## New Business:

- List of Communion dates for 2024 was presented
- List of Committees for 2024 was discussed
- Randy called Jules for the repair of more windows - looking at 3 (part of 2 windows and 1 whole one)
- Budget for Cavan (music leader) was discussed
- Discussed new council dinner - Nicole's restaurant
- Mustard Seed Sunday school class will be serving lunch at the Annual meeting January 28, 2024
- LAM dinner in February - Bethel will be sponsoring two tables
- Prison ministry is in need of material for making quilts

Annual meeting - January 28, 2024

Meeting adjourned after the Lord's prayer.

February 12 - next meeting

## **Touch the World Through Missions**

God has called his believers to go out into the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. At Bethel Church we provide some local missions and some of our people have served on mission trips. Also, we give more than 10 percent of our income to support other missions. We share the following list of some of the missions our dollars support or have supported in recent years.

Ablaze Conference	Jacob's Well/Micah 6:8
Backpack Blessing	Knox County Drug Court
CCF	Life After Meth
Christian Radio	Love Packages
Church Camp	Mission Trips
Emergency Distress	North Knox Social Ministries
Gideons	Nurses Fund
Guild	Operation Shoebox
Heart to Heart	Pre-School Scholarships
Helping His Hands	Prison Ministry
Isaiah 117	Wabash Valley Teen Challenge

### **Parish Records**

Janet Tilly, 86, died on January 3, 2024. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on January 6, 2024.

John Buescher, 66, died on January 17, 2024. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery on January 22, 2024.

### **Attendance:**

Dec. 24 242  
Dec. 25 200  
Dec. 31 152  
Jan. 7 190  
Jan. 14 145

**Ushers:** Bonnie Organ and Andrea Chatten

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

Feb. 4 Krista McLaughlin/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
11 Krista McLaughlin/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
18 Krista McLaughlin/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
25 Holly Spanger/Cheryl Hagemeyer

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

Feb. 4 Liberty and Cabella Lemberg  
11 R. Hammelman Family  
18 Beth Durrall/Natalie Phegley  
25 Hannah Summers/Allison Rohlk

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

Feb. 4 Amy Tiek, Kenzie Barrett, and Caleb Bottum or  
Carter Lemberg, Jane Tiek, Jake Alsman  
11 Theresia Barrett, Macey Alsman, Peg Taylor,  
Samantha Smith  
18 Bonnie Organ and Shirley Bright or Jennifer Nettles  
and Sherry Sheren, Laura and Lily Phegley  
25 Natalie Phegley, Brenda Maddox, Carole Albrecht

### **February birthdays:**

Feb. 9 Anita Malone (85<sup>th</sup>)  
12 Robert Miller (89<sup>th</sup>)  
20 Doris Richter (89<sup>th</sup>)  
21 Lillian Clinkenbeard (92<sup>nd</sup>)

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