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Virginia Koenig, president

Dale Tiek Ed Hagemeyer

Garland Richter, vice-president

Debbie Telligman

Herman Tilly, treasurer

John Trotter

Monica Russell, secretary

Kevin Hammelman

**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-**

Father's Day has come and gone and now the next holiday will be the Fourth of July, Independence Day. As we prepare to take time off to celebrate this holiday let us reflect on the price that was paid by many to make this holiday a reality. Lives were lost and blood was spilled in order for us to enjoy the freedom that we often take for granted.

While we take time to celebrate the founding of our nation, let us also take time to remember the freedom we have as believers. Freedom from the wages of sin, freedom from eternity in hell because of the Blood of Christ, blood that was shed on our behalf, innocent Blood that knew no sin, shed that we might escape the wages of our sins. When we are in a saving relationship with God through His son, Jesus Christ, then and only then do we have true freedom. I hope you all have a wonderful Fourth of July.

In His service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:16



## Notes of Thanks

Thanks to Edith Rinsch and Marge Linneweber for their help with the Chimes last month. News for the August Chimes is due on July 20.

Dear Friends of North Knox Social Ministries,  
We want to thank you for your generous food drive for our needy people in the North Knox Area. We really appreciate your effort because we are realizing that the needs are getting greater all the time. We could not serve so many people if we didn't have help from good people like you.

-Yours truly,  
North Knox Social Ministries

A warm thanks to those who sent words of encouragement through prayers, visits, cards, gifts and meals during my recent surgery. Your acts of kindness and Christian Love were very uplifting and comforting during my illness. I am so thankful to be able to experience the love of a loving church family.

-May our Lord Bless you,  
Virginia Koenig

Dear Pastor Mike and Bethel Church Family,

Thank you so much for giving me the chance to share with you the journey I am on with the Lord. Truly it is a joy to tell of and invite others to the opportunities to show Christ's love to the Afghan people.

-Grace & Peace,  
Ashley Wilson

We express our deepest appreciation to all of you for your generous gift to us. We are thankful for your faithful support. God bless all of you!

-In His service,  
Diana Willis  
Heart to Heart Ministries

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## Bethel Prayer Chain

*“My help comes from the Lord, who  
made the heaven and the earth.”-Psalm 121:2*

Please call Mary Deerhake at 328-6208 with any prayer requests that  
you wish to have put on the prayer chain.

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## Memorials

### Memorial Fund

In memory of Milt Telligman

*Herman and Nancy Tilly*

*Mike & Jean Johanningsmeier*

*Dallas and Shirley Miller*

*Jim and Margaret Strange*

*Pastor Mike and Karen DeCoursey*

*North Knox East*

*Jim and Ruth Wesner*

*David and Nancy Rinsch*

*Paul and Janna Anderson & family*

*Ed and Kathy Elliott*

*Bill and Jean Schroeder*

*David and Kathy Trowbridge*

*Gordon and Janet Clinkenbeard*

*Randy and Theresia Barrett*

*Bob and Wilma Strange*

*Donald and Rebecca Campbell*

*Jerry and Sue Ann Williams*

*Bob and Vera Jones*

*Dale and Jane Tiek*

*Herman and Etta Snyder*

*John and Jan Spanger*

*Mike and Pam Loheider*

*Dick and Marge Finke*

*Wayne and Vera Dunkerly*

*Bob and Betty Miller*

*Gertrude Hagemeyer*

*Dorothy Spanger*

*Laverne and Betty Tilly*

*John and Marilyn Koenig*

*Dan and Karen Hooper*

*Gene and Carolyn Williams*

*Bill and Darlene Resler*

*Doris Brocksmith*

*Joe and Virginia Koenig*

*Elizabeth Telligman*

*Bob and Betty DeWeese*

*Scott and Lana Dike*

*Tom and Joyce Kixmiller*

*Lucille Robbins*

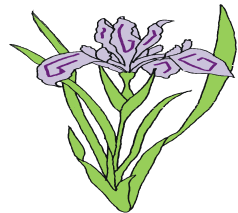
*Edgar & Linda Hammelman*

### Organ fund

*Gertrude Catt*

### Youth Minister fund

*Bob and Betty DeWeese*



### Cemetery Fund

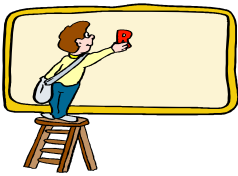
In memory of the Ernest Nolting family

*Joan R. Long*

## Church sign

Our new church sign has been generously donated by Dr. Emily Williams in memory of her parents-Emil and Vera Rinsch. God has blessed Bethel with this donation, as well as the history book that Emil Rinsch wrote for the people of Bethel. A warm thanks to Emily Williams for remembering the people of Bethel and honoring her parents in such a special way.

By the time this Chimes is distributed the concrete foundation for the new sign should be in place. The sign will then be scheduled for a delivery date based on the company's delivery route. The location for the sign was selected by the council after receiving recommendations from the Building and



Grounds Committee, considering visibility and the access of electricity.

## Serve the Lord Project

On Sunday, June 21, the council initiated a new project for missions entitled ***Serve the Lord Project***. The council distributed twenty \$50 checks to individuals who are willing to take the \$50 and make it multiply to serve the Lord. Our goal is to see how much money we can raise for missions. At our church picnic in September, those who accepted the challenge will turn in their funds and report on how they made their money grow. Creativity for this project is unlimited and it will be exciting to see what happens in the future.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to be an active witness for Christ in the community. Everyone can participate by encouraging and supporting those who have accepted the challenge. In fact, they may be asking for your financial support by purchasing items or services.

This will be an exciting and fun way for us to meet or exceed our mission goal for the year.



-Bethel Council

## Women's Guild

Lill Clinkenbeard is in charge of the program for Bethel Women's Guild on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The meeting will start at 1:30 pm. Hostesses are Gertrude Hagemeier and Shirley Brouhard. The Extra Feature will be given Reda Boberg. We will be in charge of the Freelandville Community Home July Birthday Party on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. There will be a short business session. We will have no meeting in August.



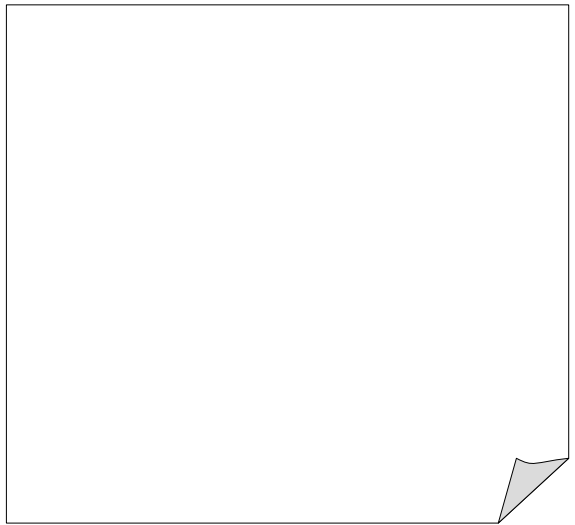
## **Youth Pastor Search Update**

The Council and the Youth Pastor Search Committee are currently still accepting resumes for our youth pastor position. The Committee has interviewed one candidate. This candidate is scheduled to meet with two of our youth groups on June 28 as part of the interview process. The candidate has worked with youth groups previously and desires to one day be a pastor. Please keep this committee and our youth in your prayers that God will guide us in our search.

Our Youth Pastor Fund is nearing the \$6,000 mark. We thank everyone who has contributed and made this fund grow. Your continued support is evidence of your commitment to the youth and future of Bethel Church.

-Bethel Council

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## **Deacon's report**

Bethel has received \$400,000 of Mary Lou Mabes' estate sell-out. The council has decided to give 10% to our local missions and to have the remaining funds split into 4 CD's worth \$90,000 each. One CD will be for 6 months, one for 18 months, one for two years and one for four years. The average interest rate will be 1.8%. The CD's will be purchased at four different banks so they can be insured. The income from the CD's will be recorded in a new account called the Mabes account in order to keep track of the interest income.

## Bethel 600

Last month, we listed the items that will be collected during the next six months for North Knox Social Ministries. Instead of collecting canned goods for July, though, we will be collecting school supplies. Below is a list of school supplies that area children are asked to bring for school. Thanks for your help with this need.

Elmer's white glue	24 pack of Crayola crayons
pencils	pink erasers
scissors-blunt & pointed	markers
colored pencils	glue sticks
large boxes of Kleenex	Ziploc bags-sandwich and gallon size
pocket folders	pencil cases
highlighters	loose-leaf wide ruled paper
backpacks	wet wipes
rulers	ink pens-red, blue, black
correction tape (not liquid white out)	
notebooks-wide and college ruled	

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*Evan Telligman  
and  
Krista Marczak*

*will be united in marriage on July 8, 2009  
in Pigeon Forge, TN.*

*They would like to invite their church family to  
celebrate their special day with a dinner reception  
that will be held on:*



*Saturday July 18, 2009  
from 5 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
at the Bicknell Elks.*

## VBS Crocodile Dock: Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light

God provided an exciting week at Crocodile Dock! Each day we had a Bible Point and Bible Story that the kids learned and lived in each of the stations (crafts, games, songs & drama, Chadder Theater, Bible Drama and even snacks). The kids learned that God is with us, God is powerful, God does what He says He'll do, God gives us life, and God cares for us. The kids saw God speaking to Moses in a burning bush, how He sent the plagues on Egypt, how God spared the Israelites at Passover and how they crossed the Red Sea.

As each of these Bible stories, points, and verses came to life at VBS, the kids (and adults!) were reassured that we do not need to fear. NO FEAR! ... is what we heard shouted out all week at VBS. I also heard a VBS child yell "NO FEAR" just last night to one of her friends...encouraging her during play. (The lessons stuck in her heart and mind!)

No matter what any one of us is going through, the Lord will provide, care and protect us. These are verses from VBS that all of us, no matter what our age, can and do rely on everyday. I would encourage you to put these verses somewhere in your home that you can refer to them when you need to hear God's voice and reassurance.

"God answered, "I will be with you." (Exodus 3:12)

"I will show you that I am the Lord." (Exodus 7:17)

"The Lord kept his promise." (Exodus 12:42)

"Don't be afraid...He is risen from the dead." (Matthew 28:5-6)

"Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today." (Exodus 14:13)

If you were able to be in church on the Sunday following Bible School, you were blessed to participate in a portion of what was experienced during the week at VBS. The black garbage bags symbolized our sins that we then gave to Jesus as we laid them over the cross. Seeing "Jesus" take them and hold them assures us that we don't need to be afraid. The battle has already been won!

The kids and I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and donations of time, materials, and money provided. VBS is a project that takes many hands and hearts to carry out. On Monday of VBS, we had 96 kids show up!!! Wow...did God provide! On Tuesday, we went over the 100 mark. Each day, the Lord sent more kids...120 different children had passed through Bethel's doors at some point during the week.

I shared this earlier with you in our closing program, but this still amazes me how God provided EXACTLY what we needed. Each day God

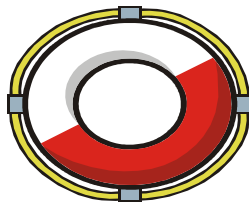
provided the number of volunteers that we needed. No matter how many kids walked through the door, there would be someone who I had not counted on just appear at the right times to volunteer. On Friday during the closing, we were supposed to use and then give out small lights that had been used throughout the week. (Whoops, I didn't realize this until the night before.) As I "counted heads" of the children that morning...96 heads!! 96 lights!!!!

My personal lesson for the week was that God will take care of us. However, my lesson came from the story that immediately follows the VBS stories in Exodus...the quail and the manna. Just as God provided the Israelites with the perfect amount of quail and manna, He provided for VBS. I could hear the Bobwhite Quail at home and at the church from the time I really started working on VBS preparation. Little did I know that the song of the quail was part of God's lesson for me. I was reminded that God is always perfect and always provides what we need in just the right amount and time. NO FEAR!

Marking my calendar and looking forward to:

**VBS 2010**  
**High Seas Expedition...**  
**Exploring the mighty love of God**  
**June 7 – 11, 2010**

Mark your calendar, too!



In His service,  
Jo Anne Brocksmith

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The family of Harold Wagner is requesting that all family and friends come celebrate his birthday on July 19 from 1-3pm in the church basement. Bud will be 90 on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please no gifts. Anyone wishing to send a birthday card may send it to:

Harold Wagner  
Lodge of the Wabash  
723 East Ramsey Road  
Vincennes, IN 47591



**Parish Records:**

**Birth:**

Sophia Grace, daughter of Randy and Dixie Russell, was born on Saturday, June 6. Bethel grandparents are Ernie and Monica Russell and great-grandparents are Joe and Anita Malone.

**Marriages:**

Todd Ricketts and Nicole Dike were married at Bethel on Saturday, June 13.

Ryan Marczak and Angie Krohn were married at Bethel on Saturday, June 20.

**New member:**

Traci French became a member of Bethel Church on Sunday, June 14.

**Attendance:**

May	24	137
	31	144
June	7	148
	14	123
	21	158

**Greeters:**

**June 28 and July 5**

Garland and Lisa Richter

**July 12 and 19**

John and Jan Spanger

**July 26 and August 2**

Gordon and Janet Clinkenbeard

**Ushers:**

July	Gary and Kathy Murphy
July 19	Youth

**Nursery Notes:**

July	5	Kelci Anderson
	12	Ramona Hammelman
	19	Stacy Page
	26	Andrea Miller



**Children's Church:**

July	5	Ramona Hammelman/Kelci Anderson/Chris Horst
	12	Lenora McCrary/Austin Miller/Bonnie Organ
	19	Cally Miller/Emily Telligman/Chris Horst
	26	Micah Bowman/Tracey Kahre/Nancy Tilly

**Happy July Birthday to:**

- July 1 Margaret Koenig-(Happy 84<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 8 Beverly Schuckman-(Happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 12 Lois Wampler-(Happy 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday)
- 15 Stella Pieper-(Happy 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday)
- 18 Lorene Huffman-(Happy 84<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 23 Harold Wagner-(Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 24 Helen Stoelting-(Happy 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday)
- 27 Helen Hankins-(Happy 87<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- 30 Marjorie Horst-(Happy 85<sup>th</sup> birthday)

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**Church Council Meeting  
June 8, 2009**

**Pastor's Report** – The past month was very busy as Pastor Mike held a premarital counseling session, held staff meetings, attended deacons meeting, elders meeting, helped with VBS and continued working the Bible study project. He also participated in the Relay for Life, taught S.S., conducted the youth pastor interview and conducted the service at FCH. He also had several home visits and several calls and visits with counseling needs.

**Secretary's Report** – Approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Approved as printed. We have received the sign donation money. The Cemetery Trust status is \$197,126. Mission distribution was as follows: Christian Radio \$500, Heart to Heart \$500 and Light House \$500. We have received \$400,000 from the Mabes estate. Discussion was held on being good stewards of this gift. A motion was made and unanimously approved to give a tithe (\$40,000) to go to local missions and invest the balance (\$360,000) in staggered C.D.'s. We will receive more money from this estate in the next few months. The council will formulate a plan on when and where the needs of this money will be spent with the approval of the congregation.

**Deacon's Report** – Approved as printed

**Elder's Report** – They discussed a Serve the Lord project to raise money for the Mission Fund. Proposed to give \$50 to a family, class or individual to be used in any way to be used as seed money for a money making project for our

mission budget. All will report back at the Sunday school picnic. Motion made and approved for this project.

**Building and Grounds Report** – Carpets will be cleaned the week of July 6-10. Shelter house water leak has been fixed. The cemetery committee recommended some small fee changes in the policy. Motion approved. They reported that some old stones need to be reset. They will check on the cost and get back to the council.

**Old Business:**

**Chapel** – No new news, still waiting on estimates.

**Youth Pastor Resumes** – The youth pastor committee has had one interview and ads are still being advertised in the newspaper and on the web.

**Special Gifts Comm.** – They have met and will purchase the stools for funerals and new altar cloths where required.

**Church Sign** – The location was unanimously approved and the sign is nearing completion.

**New Business:**

**Copy/Fax/Scan** – Wendy is in need of a copy/fax/scan machine. Motion made and approved. Virginia will purchase this item.

**Automated Prayer Chain** – Briefly looked at this type of telephone service, can be used also for special meetings, general announcements, special events, etc.

**Pre-School Contracts** – Pre-School board is meeting with current employees and new contracts need to be signed for the upcoming year.

**Sunday School Picnic** – The picnic is set for Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> with John Trotter as chairman.

**Work Day Date** – Work day is set for Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Vacations** – Wendy will be on vacation July 13-17. Pastor Mike will be off one Sunday in July.

The next council meeting will be Monday, July 13.

July 2009

*Bethel*  
*Chimes*

Bethel Church  
Freelandville, Indiana

## **Bethel Family's Military Members**

### **Major Shane Turner**

son-in-law of John &  
Marilyn Koenig  
390 Ashland Ave.  
Camden, DE 19934

### **SSG Hooper, Matthew**

son of Mike Hooper  
Charlie Co. 4<sup>th</sup> BSTD  
FOB Salerno  
APO AE 09314

### **SSG Wolfe, Tim**

son-in-law of Dan &  
Karen Hooper  
Delta Co. TF 1-151  
FLB Sycamore, COB Speicher  
COB Speicher Iraq  
APO AE 09393

### **SSG Butler, John D.**

son-in-law of Starlin &  
Cheryl Sims  
4801 Manchester Ct.  
Bloomington, IN 47404

### **E2 Inman, Andrew**

nephew of Wendy Wilson  
LCpl Andrew Inman  
3/8 H & S co. Rep. Pit.  
Unit 73275  
FPOAE 09510-3275

### **AB Mackey, Luke**

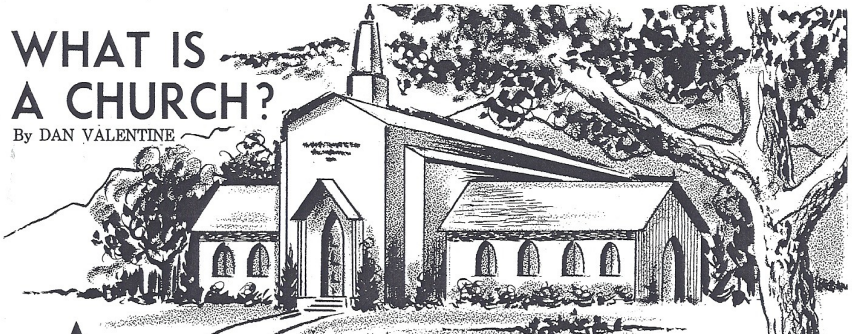
husband of Brittany (Wesner)  
1516 E. Carswell Circle  
Bolling AFB, DC 20032

### **SGT Williams, Brandon T.**

grandson of Laverne &  
Betty Tilly  
A Co., 3-7 INF  
Unit #40625  
FOB ISKAN  
APO AE 09312

# WHAT IS A CHURCH?

By DAN VALENTINE



## A CHURCH IS MANY THINGS . . .

It is a building with a soul . . . It is a building with a heart . . . It is a building that breathes . . . and sings . . . and feels . . . and prays . . .

It is a Church.

A Church is more than bricks and wood and steel and concrete . . . and pews and drapes and stained glass windows.

A Church is hope and heart and faith and love and kindness . . . and people.

A Church is more than land and lights and windows and doors . . .

A Church is warmth in a man's heart, comfort in a woman's soul, faith in a child's eyes . . .

There are small Churches nestled in quiet valleys . . . There are large Churches towering on city boulevards . . .

There are rich Churches . . . and Churches not so rich . . . But large or small, towering or tiny, all Churches have the same quiet dignity, the same warm glow . . .

There are mighty cathedrals, hamlet chapels . . . Wayside Churches and New England meeting houses . . . There are Churches for a thousand souls, and Churches but for a few . . .

However, large or small, on Sabbath mornings they have a similar spiritual brightness.

A Church never dies. It can be crippled by bombs, blackened by fire, shaken by earthquakes, threatened by bigots and zealots and weakened structurally through the years . . .

But its spiritual foundation never withers . . . Its strong beams of spirit never crumble . . .

It is a building erected on the strong foundation of humanity, held together with the

mortar of Christian faith. It is built with the bricks of love, made strong with the timbers of hope, and roofed with the shingles of kindness.

It is the purest of buildings, the most serene of structures . . . It stands night and day as a beacon for the lost . . . It is a lighthouse for the lonely and troubled.

A Church is a building of truce, standing in the middle of the battlefield of life . . .

A Church is a house of ethics, a house of worship, a house of prayer, a house of meditation.

It is the echo of a hymn on a summer Sunday morning. It is the music of bells across a snow-flaked prairie. It is the symphony of an organ resounding across the green grass of spring. It is an island of serenity in the Sabbath of a great city . . .

It is a building with a tower . . . a center of light. It is built on the foundation of forgiveness. It is a citadel of hope. Its roots are buried in the past . . . Its tall spires hold out arms to tomorrow.

A Church knows laughter. A Church knows tears. A Church knows peace of mind . . . A Church knows serenity in troubled times.

Great men have said great things about Churches. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote: "I never weary of great Churches. It is my favorite kind of scenery."

An old French proverb says: "A Church is God between four walls."

It's a mansion built by man, dedicated to God . . . the hope of peace in the world.

It's a Church.

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