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Traditional Service 8:30am
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...I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...2 Timothy 1:6b

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“Seven Things Men NEVER Say:
Admitting We Don’t Have What It Takes”

[Adapted from *When You Don’t Have What It Takes* by Kyle Idleman,
and his foreword for the upcoming book, *Wise Guys* by Kent Evans.]

June is full of outdoor events: cookouts, ballgames, yard work...things men are usually supposed to be good at doing. With Father’s Day fast approaching I thought it would be nice to share some thoughts about men that I have been pondering. Maybe I have been pondering these because as I stated, men are supposed to be good at certain things and I sit here with a very tender eye after getting a piece of wood lodged under my eyelid after breaking up some dead limbs in the yard (without protective eyewear...men don’t need safety goggles...is what I used to think!). Anyway, I just finished reading a couple of writings from my current favorite author, teacher, and preacher, Kyle Idleman that dealt with men, and being Father’s Day and all...well, you get the point.

The following helped me put some things in perspective as a man and I think it will help any man who reads it, and the good news is that it will be of interest for our ladies as well, so take a gander and ponder along with me about some things you will never hear a man say and why we have to admit we don’t always have what it takes!

Kyle begins...

I’ve been working on a list of things that are hard for me to say. Here’s what I’ve got so far:

- I’m lost! Where can I ask for directions?
- Before I begin assembly, where are those instructions?
- I’ve had enough bacon.
- Sorry honey, I’m too tired. I just want to go to sleep.
- Hey bro, you want to run to the bathroom with me?
- Does this make me look fat?

The winner, though, might be this four-word golden great: “*Will you help me?*” I just tried to say that and nothing came out but a cough. Go ahead—try it yourself.

We guys are great at lots of stuff. I can throw that list together for you, too (Making lists actually is on that list!). But asking for help is not one of our primary skills, which explains why we don’t like to ask for directions or read the instructions.

We’re convinced we can do things ourselves. Doesn’t matter what kind of skill we’re talking about; we’re on it, whether it’s brain surgery or defusing a ticking bomb. We want to be able to say, “*Look! I operated on this brain all on my own, and I never even went to med school!*” Or, “*Let’s hear it for me—I just defused this b . . .*” There may be a few extra brain parts or bomb wires lying around afterward, but what matters to us is that we did it our way.

So we forge right into adulthood with our “*I’ve got this!*” flags flying. Looming ahead of us are marriage, fatherhood, career, and other crazy adventures. We need to connect with those guys. We need to scrap the old DIY mentality, because being a husband, a father, a friend, and a devoted follower of Christ aren’t the same as installing a new stereo system in your car. Some of this stuff goes boom. On the manhood journey, we need help and we need each other, so here’s something for all of us.

I came home from work one day and my wife greeted me at the door with, “Morgan is still asleep. She’s been sleeping long enough though, so why don’t you go wake her up.” When I opened her door, I could see that a large chest-of-drawers had fallen over. I frantically looked around the room for Morgan. That’s when it hit me.

I ran over, pulled the chest off my 4-year-old daughter and screamed for my wife. Morgan was breathing, but was black and blue and she wasn’t moving or making any noise.

BETHEL PRAYER LIST

Bethel Family

Carol Borches	Donna Wakeland	District Superintendent,
Peg Cussen	Gayle Westfall	David Neckers
Bob Dorsey	Linda Wheaton	Pastor Brian & Rachel
Diana Halter	Those of our congregation	Campbell and family
Opal Herrberg	who are job-hunting	Kid’s Kingdom
Ann Kramer	Families in crisis – financial,	Awana Clubs
Pastor Jerry & Liz Machgan	health, marriage	
Bonnie Jean Merriman	Bethel Staff & Volunteers	
Mike & Arline Miller	Bethel Church	
Marcia Moore	Bethel Preschool & Bethel	
Ray Owen	Daycare	
Russ Sunday	Bishop Michael J. Coyner	

Friends of Bethel

Brent Ashby, Rachel		
Campbell’s brother		
Ava Bower, child with	Ryan & Chole McIntyre,	Caz Strzynski
Leukemia	relatives of Betty	Marscell Sloffer,
Destiny, Robb & Diana	Failor	Charlotte Klerner’s
Bilderback’s niece	Judy Miller, friend of Ron &	mother
Helen Goonen, Betty Failor’s	Phyllis Shappell	Niccole Snowden Willoughby
sister	Jim Overholt, friend of Bob	friend of Pastor Brian
Julie Harper, friend of	Moore	& Rachel Campbell
Sarah Menefee.	Larry Reeder, Top Clean	The President and Cabinet
Pastor Donna Holcomb,	Beth Richardson, friend of	(the government)
friend of Don & Barb	Dave & Pat Muncie	Pray for the schools,
Cross	The Saneta Family	children, teachers etc.
Richard Johnson, Jenny	Wayne Sauers, Linda	
Lemmon’s father	Wheaton’s father	
Mercedeas, Shugert’s	Wayne Smith	
granddaughter	Shappell’s son-in-law	

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE OF CHANGES THAT NEED TO
BE MADE TO THESE LISTS. WE THANK YOU FOR CARING ENOUGH TO
PRAY FOR THEM.

**Remember those of our church who are
in healthcare, shut-in or in assisted living:**

Juanita Arnold: Heritage of Fort Wayne
5250 Heritage Parkway, Room 327 Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Arlene Domer: Golden Years Homestead
8300 Maysville Road, Apt 2019, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Edna Doty: 2033 S. Lone Pine Rd, Columbia City, IN 46725

Betty Failor: 2001 Hobson Rd, Room 601-B, Fort Wayne, IN 46805; 260-446-3899

Opal Herrberg: 1821 Gilmore Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Ronald Jones: 413 Columbia Drive, Apt #19, Columbia City, IN 46725

Marcia Moore: 14409 Sunrise Court, Leo, IN 46765

Elizabeth Richards: Care of their son, Tom Richards
16203 Thunderbird Road, Huntertown, IN 46748

Rooney Stewart: P.O. Box 5194, Fort Wayne, IN 46895-5194

Russ Sunday: Coventry Meadows
7843 West Jefferson Blvd, 412-B, Fort Wayne, IN 46804; 260-432-4848

Erna Troth: 7833 W. Jefferson Blvd., Apt 107, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

A REAL MAN

My whole life I had tried to be a “real man.” Being a real man meant having what it takes to do whatever needed to be done. But in that moment, I realized I couldn’t help my daughter. I felt totally desperate and kept repeating to myself, “I don’t have what it takes!” There was absolutely nothing I could do to help my daughter! I grabbed the phone and dialed 9-1-1. It rang more than twenty times but no one answered. I hung up, and ran out to my car, carrying Morgan.

I DON’T HAVE EHAT IT TAKES

I drove to the hospital while my wife sat in the backseat holding my daughter. I called 9-1-1 again, but there was still no answer. I felt totally desperate and kept repeating to myself, “I don’t have what it takes.” There was absolutely nothing I could do to help my daughter.

That’s when I heard my wife. She was praying. I realized that was something I could do, and I started to pray with her. Not having what it takes forced me to turn to God. Eventually we got to the hospital. Morgan still wasn’t moving or making any noise. Doctors and nurses surrounded her and began preparing us for the worst. Again, I felt helpless. “I don’t have what it takes” Again, I prayed desperate prayers.

Finally the doctors were able to revive Morgan, but when we left later that day, she still couldn’t move her left leg. The doctor said the nerve damage might be permanent. Weeks of testing followed and we were told that within six months, her muscles would palsy and she would be left with a permanent disability. I wanted so badly for my daughter to heal but there was nothing I could do to help her. Again, “I don’t have what it takes.”

Every morning my wife and I would go in and pray for Morgan. Then we’d say the same thing, “Morgan, move your toes.” And every day she would look up at us smiling and say “They don’t work.” Then finally, one day, they did! (You’ll have to forgive me if you see my daughter running through church and I don’t stop her.)

A PEACE THAT PASSES UNDERSTANDING

Looking back, I remember standing in the waiting room and wondering what was happening with my daughter. I remember praying and suddenly having the panic of the moment give way to a sense of peace I couldn’t explain. God promises he’ll give us a “peace that passes understanding” and that’s exactly what I experienced in that hospital. God came through for me in all kinds of ways by forcing me to turn to Him after realizing I couldn’t do a single thing to help my daughter. Turning to God in complete desperation after realizing I couldn’t is where I discovered He could.

Perhaps you’ve been in a place where you could not deny, “I don’t have what it takes.” If not, it’s coming. If it’s happened, or when it does, it feels painful. Why? Because real men are supposed to have what it takes. We can do it ... on our own. We don’t need anyone or any help.

THAT’S ...A LIE!

It’s also a lie that arriving at the moment of realization that “I don’t have what it takes” is full of pain. Well, there may be some pain, but, even more, that moment is full of power. Why? We receive God’s power only to the extent that we’re able to recognize our need for it.

That’s why **real men learn to live in the recognition that they don’t have what it takes** – as husbands, fathers, employers or employees, church volunteers or leaders – and so they **live in a radical dependence on God**. They live in a radical partnership with God. **Through that partnership and through God’s strength, they find they have what it takes.”**

Thanks be to God! PB

**PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW OF ANY CHANGES THAT
NEED TO BE MADE SUCH AS ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER.**

BETHEL AWANA CLUBS

Awana Clubs on Summer Break

Awana clubs are on break for the summer, but have no fear, we will return on September 7th. Keep an eye out for registration to begin in August. In the meantime, have a fun and safe summer. Also, don't forget to check out the Bethel Children's Ministries page for summer events, including Bethel's VBS program, Thailand Trek, and many more.

Bethel's Upcoming Summer Events:

VBS - Thailand Trek	June 12th - June 15th
Music City Show Live	June 23rd - 7pm
Bethel Golf Outing	June 25th - See Page 3
Mega Sports Sunday	Sundays, June - July



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Popcorn For Sale

Popcorn for sale in a variety of flavors! Enjoy as an afternoon snack or buy several for your next gathering. Prices are either \$2.00 or \$4.00 depending on the flavor you choose.

Notecards For Sale

Notecards designed by Bethel's own kids are available in packages of 8 cards for \$6.00.



Bethel UMC's Next Dine to Donate

Please join us on Sunday, June 19th at Chipotle Mexican Grill located at 6175 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818 just in front of Home Depot. This event runs ALL DAY (11am - Close). **50% of your bill will be donated to Bethel**, not including tax or gratuity. In order for us to receive this donation **you must present a flyer with your payment**. Flyers are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office. Help Bethel raise some money and enjoy some good food at the same time!

THANK YOU

Heartfelt thank you to the **Voices of Praise** and our pianist, Jan Roberts, for a wonderful year of praising God! You have been a blessing to our Bethel Church Family! Singing and sharing the STORY with love, Barb Cross

BETHEL HAPPENINGS...

June Meetings

Tuesday, June 7th

7:00pm Finance Meeting

Tuesday, June 28th

7:00pm Finance Meeting

Thursday, June 30th

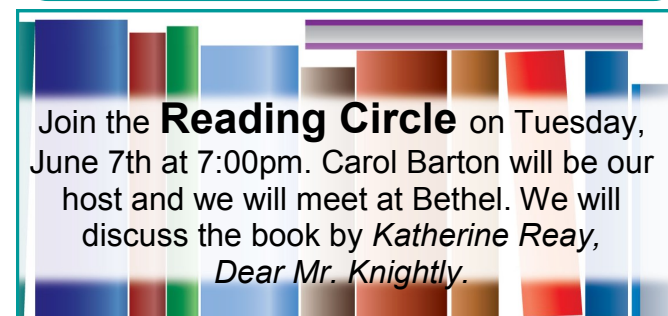
7:30pm Trustee Meeting

NO Church Staff Meeting is scheduled for June. Yes, there are **2 Finance meetings** for June and beginning this month they will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet on **Saturday, June 4th at 9am.**



Eve Circle will be held on Thursday, June 16th at 7:00pm at Bethel. Our host will be Sharon Krouse. See you there!



Join the **Reading Circle** on Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00pm. Carol Barton will be our host and we will meet at Bethel. We will discuss the book by Katherine Reay, *Dear Mr. Knightly*.

General Operating Report - April

4/01/16 Beginning Balance	-20,157.30
INCOME	16,627.78
EXPENSES	18,681.13
4/30/16 Ending Balance	-22,210.65

June Greeters

June 5	Jack & Shirley Birch Cheryl Nicolet
June 12	Minerva Belote TBD
June 19	Randy & Gayle Westfall TBD
June 26	Bob & Susan Houser TBD

Faith on Friday



If you are in need of a little gal pal time please join the Faith on Friday circle. This group is open to women of any age looking for spiritual uplifting and time to share experiences of faith, family, fun. At the Faith on Friday meeting we will spend time sharing in a devotional and then sharing in fun. We hope to see you there!! Faith on Friday will meet at Bethel on Friday, June 16th at 7:00pm.

Matthew Bible Study

Wednesdays, 11:30am to 1:00pm in Room S5

Where are you in your life? What do you struggle with? What makes you rejoice? This IMMERSION Bible Study remains true to Scripture, but always asks these questions. It is about God and God's Word, but it is also about you -- your feelings and your faith. AT the present time, we are studying **Lesson 5, Jesus Proclaims the Kingdom of Heaven, Matthew 13-22**. Together, we invite you the share with us on our journey through the Gospel of Matthew.

Summer Office Hours



It's that time of year again, the church office will be moving to their summer hours. **We will remain open Monday through Thursday, 8am - 3pm and CLOSED on Fridays.** If you have any submissions for the bulletin please have them to Brandi in the church office by 9am on Thursday's. Brandi has no plans this summer for a long vacation but will take random days off here and there. She will do the best she can to give everyone notice in a timely manner of these days (as it will mean the office is closed) by posting them in the Sunday bulletin. As always if you reach the office during these closed times please leave a message and we will get back with you by the next business day.

Staff Hospitality Fund

Some of you may have noticed the small wooden church in the Narthex area with the sign in front that says 'Staff Hospitality Fund'. The Staff Hospitality Fund is a new fund that Bethel has started to help recognize the good deeds of the church staff. This fund will go towards things like recognition of significant employment anniversaries, staff that has gone above and beyond their duties, and overall staff appreciation. So please consider donating your spare pocket change by dropping it in the small wooden church on the counter in the Narthex.

Bethel UMC Golf Outing

When ~ Saturday, June 25, 2016 **Where** ~ Foster Park Golf Course
Time ~ 8am shotgun start **Cost** ~ \$45 per person includes Lunch

Scramble Format!

Sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall or call us at 260-489-3651, email us at bethelchurch@myfrontiermail.com with a 4 man/woman team and we will do it for you. Please contact Sarah Davidson with any questions.



BETHEL CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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Nursery is Now Available!!

Starting in May, the nursery will be available during the second service. The nursery is for children birth to 3 years old. Thank you for your patience while we worked to renew this program!! We are still looking for additional helping hands to be part of the rotation schedule, if you would like to help in this area, please contact Mandy Odum or Traci King.

Kids Summer Sunday School

For the months of June and July we will be combining the all classes so they can participate in our Mega Sports Sunday school program. This will allow kids to have a bible lesson and be able to learn & play basic Soccer moves and games. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help be mini coaches. You DO NOT need soccer experience to be a coach!!

We also are asking for soccer balls, cones, and flags that we can borrow. Please check out those garages for any of these sports items! Please see the Sunday School team for any questions.

Coming Soon...

New!! Kids Choir- This new choir will be for kids led by kids! Tiffany Utedge (check her spelling) will be directing this new exciting program and we will have more information coming over the summer months. Thank you Tiffany for putting together this wonderful addition to our children's program!!

New!! Kids Library- In the library we will soon have a kids corner for all kids to come and borrow a book for home reading. We have a couple of sets of books that we will be using to start this program but if you have young faith based books that you would like to donate we would appreciate it.

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Look Into What's Coming In June For Sunday School



Christian Home Builders-(Room S6)- Leader-Don Cross

Can you believe June is already here? Since it is , the summer lessons in ADULT BIBLE STUDIES follow the theme, “Toward a New Creation” The quarter’s first four lessons, Judgement and Salvation, deal with the concept of the Day of the Lord, the consequences of disobedience, assurances and joy for the faithful, and the consequences of ignoring God’s truth. Scriptures come from Genesis , Psalms 8; 104; 136; 148, Zephaniah, and Romans 1. All are welcomed for Christian fellowship, friendly discussion, and group learning.

Seekers of the Covenant (Room S5)- Leader- Jeff Cusick

During the month of May, The Seekers have been supplementing Pastor Brian's month long sermon series called The End of Me with additional studies. These studies include expanded videos of the four testimonies shared during this month's series. These videos include testimonies from very interesting people from all walks of life and have led to interesting discussions among the group. This series concludes on May 29th. Next month's topic has not been selected yet, but promises to be interesting. Please join us after first service.

Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members

In June or July, the Koinonia class is starting a study about angels. Written by Billy Graham, Angels is his response to an inordinate amount of attention being paid to demons. Using only scripture and personal experiences as his source, Dr. Graham answers such questions as: Are angels God’s secret agents?; Are angels real?; Are angels visible or invisible?; What are the differences between angels and humankind?; What is the angelic hierarchy?; Are UFO’s actually angels?. As Dr. Graham writes, “If we had open spiritual eyes we would see not only a world filled with evil spirits and powers—but also powerful angels with drawn swords, set for our defense.”

Friends and Followers - (Fellowship Hall) Leader-Barb Cross

What a great time we have had becoming Friends and Followers! Together we have realized that the Truth of Jesus and His Gospel influences and affects every decision, every conversation, every choice, every aspect of our lives. Beginning with the first book of the bible, Genesis, we will continue to what God’s purpose was in creating all things, including us. Most of us have memorized Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Some of the questions we will be answering are: “What does it mean to glorify God?” and “How have you seen God’s glory through the lives of others?” Sharing our personal stories and experiences have truly benefited each of us as we relate the Scriptures to our daily lives. So get your cookies and join us, because we need your stories and experiences to help to become better Friends and Followers of Jesus Christ! See you Sunday!

BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL



Bethel Daycare Ministry

Summer Care for Elementary Age Children: (Kindergarten -5th Grade) Bethel Daycare Ministry provides daycare for elementary age students during the summer months. If you or someone you know is in need of a summer program for their elementary child, please let us know. We ask that students that participate in our Summer Care Program complete an enrollment form and turn in a \$45 activity fee (fieldtrips & supplies fee) as soon as possible as space is limited.

Please contact: Kelli Moody, Director ~ betheldaycarekids@gmail.com
260-489-3650

Silent Auction A Huge Success!

A big THANKS to everyone who volunteered or came out to our Silent Auction this year. We had about 250 people come out on such a cold and dreary day to our event. Even with those weather conditions, the event raised about \$4000 so thank you again!

Another Year Comes to an End

Another Preschool Year has ended. We are sad to see some of our parents leaving, but have quite a few coming back. As it stands, the preschool is full for all of the All-day classes, but we still have openings for the 3yrs old turning 4yrs old am classes.

Preschool Office Summer Contact Info

Preschool office hours will be sporadic over the summer. If you need to contact Sarah, please call and leave a message. She will get back to you sometime that same week or you can email her at bethel



Preschool &
Daycare
parents,
please join
us in June
for VBS!
Look for
details on
the front
cover.

April Scrip Report:

Total Sold	\$2410.00
Parent %	\$29.86
School %	\$112.94