

Remarks from Pastor Steve

I'm very excited to share the results of our first 5th Sunday Unity service, 205 people showed up and were blessed! I had hoped for more, but I'm thrilled with the day we shared. The lunch after church had more people in attendance than our Thanksgiving meal! God bless Gary and Kirk Kepley for fixing the chops, they were amazing! Mark your calendars, the next 5th Sunday Unity service is on August 30th.

We are currently looking for a Technology Director and have developed a job description and will be hiring this person to enhance our worship experiences. A job description is available on the church website.

We continue to grow our local outreach and prayer ministries and a new prayer initiative begun on June 9th. Every Tuesday at 7 am we will offer a small group worship experience in our church! If someone does not want to pray aloud, they can pray silently or just add their support by being with us.

Paul Weber is beginning a "door to door" calling ministry. He will be asking various volunteers to sign up for two hours of calling. He and one other will go "door to door" collecting prayer requests from those who are at home and open the door. The resident who responds will be able to share prayer needs and these will be given to our weekly community prayer team. Each person who answers the door and welcomes our callers will receive a nice ink pen and information on our church. Paul's goal is 500 homes by the end of September and he is praying for ten families to be added to our church. Would you join him in praying for a blessing for this new outreach?

A new Bible 101 session begins Sunday, June 28th at 5 pm. If you have not taken this course you should consider making the 8 week commitment. This course will help you understand God's Word, how to pray and connect with God and how to know the Will of God. Thank you to the anonymous donor family who provides a new Study Bible for each participant.

Our newest offering, Bible 201 will begin Sunday, September 20th at 9:30 am during the Sunday School hour. The pre-requisite for this course is Bible 101. Here we will study Baptism and Discipleship. This course will also be for 8 weeks, taught by me and no homework will be required. This class will be limited to sixteen and meet in the 101 classroom. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Campbell Hall.

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WOMEN OF FAITH®

The Christian Women from Mattoon Area Churches is hosting a Women of Faith LOVED Simulcast. The event will be held at the First Baptist Church on south 9th street on October 2 from 7-10:30 pm and October 3rd from 9-5:30 pm. Speakers will include: Patsy Clairmont, Mary Graham, Korie Robertson, Sandy Patty, Luci Swindoll and more. Through stories of their own experiences and the stories found on the pages of the Bible, Women of Faith has served over five million women and thousands of churches across the Nation through their arena and simulcast events. Tickets will be available soon for this event.

Recipes Needed



The Deaconesses want to put together a church cookbook and they need everyone's recipes. Please email your recipes to Kelly Armer at:

Purcell80@hotmail.com or if you don't have a

computer please drop the recipes off in the office. The deadline to turn in recipes will be August 1st. Everyone (men and women) please turn in as many recipes as you want...we need at least 150 recipes.



Vacation Bible School "Outback Rock" will be June 26th from 6-8 pm and 27th from 10 am-12:30 pm. VBS will be

for kids entering K-6th and the JHH class. Registration forms are available on the church website: www.mattoonfcc.com

Craft Group Needs

The Crafts Are Us Group needs donations of jewelry from the congregation. If you have items of jewelry that you no longer need, please bring to the church office. It will be used to make items for sale at the Cookie Walk in December."

Seniors' News

A Senior Luncheon will be Thursday, June 25th at 11:30 am in Campbell Hall. The program will be *before* the meal and a ladies group will play dulcimers. Barn-yard burgers will be provided, please bring a dish to share and sign up in the narthex.

A Branson trip is planned for October 12-15 and they are only 6 spots left so if you are interested sign up in the narthex soon. They will see shows by: Shoji, Six, The Duttons, Oak Ridge Boys and Jonah. Itinerary sheets are available on the Welcome Center to explain the entire trip.



Attention...Branson Trip Update: A \$100 per person deposit must be made by June 21st. When paying this deposit you are making a commitment that you are going or you will find a replacement.



If you have any prayer concerns for the new Prayer Ministry to pray for please call the of-

office at 234-2829 or email to: fcchurch@consolidated.net

New Bible 101 Class

A new Bible 101 session will begin on Sunday, June 28th. The class will meet for 8 weeks on Sunday nights from 5-6 pm. If you are interested in this class please sign up on the bulletin board in Campbell Hall or call the church office.

Board Splinters

The official church board meeting was held on Monday, June 8th and opened with prayer from Steve Huckaba.

Informational Reports:

Elders: they met on June 2nd and discussed the communion rotation and some other items. The next meeting will be August 4th.

Deaconesses: they are working on a church cookbook and encourage men and women to submit recipes.

Sr. Minister: will complete the series on "Make Your Mark" on June 28th and the next series will be "Glory Days" to teach us to grow in glory, will start a Bible 201 class in September, the 5th Sunday Unity Service went well, excited concerning the new prayer group and Paul's home calling ministry.

Elementary Minister: graduated the 5th graders to Youth Group and they attended their first Youth Group Outing; hired new nursery workers: Kara Brand, Arlene Betty and Genna Brand; and VBS will be June 26 and 27 and volunteers are needed.

Outreach: donated money to the MFD for fire safety materials, will pack 50 bags of food for the summer Backpack Program, will support the Bridges School with school supplies and some proceeds from the pork fundraiser will help purchase computers.

Christian Ed: the Mission Trip will be June 29th-July 3rd.

Stewardship: went over the statements and the YTD investments are up.

Trustees: approved some maintenance work to be done on the elevator and hired Terminix to treat the termite problem and look into the bat issue.

New Business: added Arlene Betty as a deaconesses for a three year term and approved \$300 to advertise a technical

Free Music Classes

Would you like to learn to read music? If there is enough interest classes will begin soon. Call Barb Wisner at 234-2640 and sign up today.



Peace Meals

The next time our church needs to deliver Peace Meals is June 29th thru July 3rd. Please contact Deb McNeely at 259-1842 if you are available to help.



The Building Fund has a balance of: \$216,927.94

Church Life

Sunday, June 14

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, June 15

10 am Staff Meeting

7 pm Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, June 16

7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room

6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, June 17

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

Sunday, June 21

8:30 am Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

Monday, June 22

10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Evangelism Meeting

Tuesday, June 23

7 am Prayer Time in the UIC room

6:30 pm Worship Team Practice

Wednesday, June 24

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

Thursday, June 25

Noon Sr. Luncheon in Campbell Hall

Friday, June 26

6-8 pm Vacation Bible School

Saturday, June 27

9-10 am Smart Choice Distribution

10-12:30 pm Vacation Bible School



Serving Communion

Sunday, June 14

9:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Carroll Gibbons, Don Inman, Steve Lane, Bud Miller

10:30 am — Dave Whitley (captain), Randy Albin, Vern Belt, Jeff Maninfior, Dolo Wishard, Neil Wofford

Sunday, June 21

8:30 am — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Jim Long, Denny Booker, Jack Browning, Tim Buford, Mike Craig, Randy Pierce

10:30 am — Donica Brand (captain), Chanon Fine, Dennis Goings, John Holmes, Amy Maninfior, Kyle Carter

Church Attendance

May 31st: 5th Sunday Service = 205

June 7th: Traditional: 141, Contemporary: 78 = 219

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