

Calendar at a Glance:

July 31, Aug 1, 3 & 4

Meals-On-Wheels days
sign up at Connection Corner
(2 volunteers needed per day)
See K & S Woods for more info.

AUGUST:

- 2-5** Discovery Ministries Canoe Trip to Eminence, MO
- 2** Spanish Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
- 7** J.O.Y. Bunch trip to Grafton, IL Pere Marquette State Park, Nat'l Great Rivers Museum and other sites around Alton, IL. Call the church office to sign up!
- 9** Spanish Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
- 16** Spanish Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Elder's Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 20** Building in use in the afternoon for private event
- 23** Spanish Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
- 27** Flora Healthcare Outreach
- 30** Spanish Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
- September 2**
Building in use for tentative wedding

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Congratulations & Welcome to the Family!

We've had two more baptisms & two transfers since our last newsletter, and we're excited to tell you about the additions to the family. On July 2nd, Debra Hilliard transferred her membership to officially join the Red Brush family. Debra is Don & Sally Shreffler's daughter. Then, on July 18th, Mark Davis was baptized into Christ & his wife, Mary Jean Davis, transferred her membership. On July 23rd, Briley Mullens (daughter of Cortney & Niki Mullens) came forward and was baptized. What wonderful celebrations we have had in July! Congratulations to all of you & welcome to the family!

Ron's Column

I Peter 5:7 says: "Cast **all** your anxiety (cares) on him because he cares for you." How are you doing with that directive, with that instruction? Peter did not write this as a mere suggestion. We know that God cares for us. He loves us to the max. We don't have much trouble accepting that. But we are so independent and proud and somewhat self-centered, that we don't always trust him with our troubles. We think we can handle them by ourselves. That's not wise. So many times I try to do things all by myself (and some things are getting harder and harder to do), then my wife will say, "Why don't you let me help you?" And she will say, "Becky is here. She can help you do that." Do I want to ask for assistance? Well...not really. But when I do, the job goes faster and easier and many times better than when I tried to do it all by myself. Maybe it didn't used to be like that, but it is now.

God wants to help us. He longs to help us. James 4:8 tells us to "Come near to God and he will come near to you." Then in verse 10 he writes "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." It takes humility to come to the Lord and to trust him with our cares and anxieties. It is not a sign of weakness and defeat on our part. It is a sign of strength and wisdom and maturity.

If God can speak the universe into existence, if God can free the Hebrew children from Pharaoh, part the Red Sea so they could escape, feed them in the desert for 40 years, etc., if God could spare Joseph's life and make him second in command in Egypt, rescue three young men from a fiery furnace, cause the widow's jar of flour and jug of oil not to run dry, cause some ravens to feed Elijah in the dessert, cause a virgin to have a baby, raise Lazarus, Jairus' daughter, and the widow of Nain's son from the dead, calm storms with just a word, feed 5,000 then 4,000 with just a very little bit of food, and I could go on and on and on, then he can help us bear our burdens and get us through our tough times.

Tough times come in the form of health issues, financial issues, family problems, relationship problems, work problems, school problems, spiritual problems, but praise the Lord, he can handle them all. But we have to take our problems to him, lay them all out, talk to him about them, then trust him to do his thing. Romans 8:28 says "And we know that in ALL THINGS God works for the GOOD of those who LOVE him, who have been called according to his purpose.

One of our names is Believers. Let's truly believe in the Lord in all things, in all areas, and cast all of our anxieties and cares on him.

Still In His Service,
Ron Payne

Children's Ministry



Oil Belt Camp RECAP

Red Brush has had the privilege of sending over 145 kids to Oil Belt Camp so far this year!

How exciting to see so many getting to learn and grow in the Lord.



Stewardship:

Sunday, July 2nd

7:30 am	41
8:45 am	231
11:00 am	149
Total	421
Offering	\$13,789.08

Sunday, July 9th

7:30 am	49
8:45 am	199
11:00 am	135
Total	383
Offering	\$9,001.28

Sunday, July 16th

7:30 am	59
8:45 am	265
11:00 am	141
Total	465
Offering	\$13,519.86

Sunday, July 23rd

7:30 am	39
8:45 am	195
11:00 am	126
Total	360
Offering	\$9,122.85

From Dusty's Desk:

Get Up John

Until doing this in-depth sermon series on the life of Jesus, I've never fully appreciated the significance of John the Baptist's role in paving the way for Jesus' ministry. John would enter a town and preach about Jesus for a time until they were filled with anticipation, then Jesus would arrive. When Jesus came into that town, John would go to another town and repeat the process. John leveled the dirt on which Jesus would build the foundation of His church.

The new-grass band, The Lower Lights, recently recorded an old Bill Monroe song written in 1954. It's a touching lyric about the man Jesus said was the greatest man on earth (Luke 7:28).

Well get up John go down to Jordan
Get up John prepare the way
Man from Galilee is waiting
You must meet him there today

Get up John go tell my people
This will be a Holy day
Tell them of the Jew that's waiting
That the Saviors on the way

Well get up John go tell Jerusalem
Savior's waiting on the shore
Baptize Him in the River Jordan
I'll send a dove from Heaven's door

Well get up John your work is finished
Daylight breaks the soldiers come
You will die for me tomorrow
Welcome home your race is run

John, You've been chosen
John, Go Unafraid
John, I'll go with you
John The Baptist, This is the day

As God called John to a significant role in His Kingdom, He also calls us. Coming up in my sermon series, I will be preaching through the end of John's life, studying his faithfulness to the end. In September, I will be taking a second group through "It's All About Relationship," the training for relational evangelism. Just like John prepared hearts to receive Jesus, we are called to do the same. This class will teach you exactly how you can do that. Please see me if you are interested in receiving this training.

Dusty

10:15 a.m. (all ages)
8:45 a.m. (adults only)
Sunday School:
(nursery & classes)
11:00 a.m. contemporary
(nursery & classes)
8:45 a.m. contemporary
(no kids classes)
7:30 a.m. traditional
Sunday Morning Worship:

Return service requested

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