

## July:

- 1 Baby Shower for our Children's Minister, Ashley Czyzewski @ 10:00 a.m.
- 2—8 CIY MOVE trip
- 3 Red Brush's day to help cook at Oil Belt C.S.C.
- 3, 4 & 6, 7 Meals-On-Wheels days sign up at Connection Corner (2 volunteers needed per day) See K & S Woods for more info.
- 5 Spanish Bible Study—6:00 pm
- 12 Spanish Bible Study—6:00 pm
- 14-15 Building in use for Wagley/Milligan rehearsal & wedding
- 16 Jr. High Dodgeball night 6-8pm
- 17 **Red Cross Blood Drive** 1:30-6:30 p.m. Come & give!
- 19 Spanish Bible Study—6:00 pm  
Elders Meeting—6:00 pm
- 22 Building in use for private event
- 26 Spanish Bible Study—6:00 pm
- 30 Flora Healthcare Outreach 11:15 a.m. - see Teresa Lewis

# Brushstrokes!

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## Vacation Bible School was a big success once again thanks to all our volunteers & donations!

Every year we are so very thankful for how our Red Brush church family gets behind and supports our Vacation Bible School. It's because of your faithful donations and volunteering of your time that we are able to put on such a big production each year for the children. We had over a hundred different volunteers that served throughout the week! With your help, we were able to show the Love of God to at least 140 different children who came through our doors. Each of those children are attached to a larger family unit that could have also been impacted by the message. Thank you so so much for making that possible.



Our missionaries for the week were Zach & Natalie McCain. They are doing an amazing work at Heir Christian Service Camp in the Philippines. Natalie (Yates) is a North Clay alum, so it was very neat to have a local tie to that ministry on the other side of the world. Through your generosity, the children were able to raise \$1,114.20 for the children who will attend the camp. Thank you, again, for always supporting VBS at Red Brush.



**Our students have been going to the MOVE Conference every year for several years now. Have you ever wondered, "Just what is 'MOVE' exactly?"**



Move is a 5-day high school event held all over the country designed to amplify the call of Christ on students' lives to become kingdom workers. It's more than just a conference. It's a life-changing week!

Please pray for the 25 students & 8 adults that are going from July 2—8. Pray for their safety and pray for them to have a great week. To make your prayers more personal, here is a list of those who are going:

**Students:** Kaylee Arnold, Lexi Bailey, Drew Barbee, Matt Billingsley, Brady Clark, Jonathan Dailey, Patrick Dailey, Lauren Edwards, Breanne Gullidge, Bryce Gullidge, Sterling Hammond, Angel Keller, Dawson Krutsinger, Chris Linder, Olivia Luzadder, Josie Mullens, Janae Pollard, Mackenzie Rinehart, Cody Smith, Trey Smith, Patricia Stephenson, Bryce Walker, Kamden Wattles, Makina Wattles and Rachel Wiley.

**Adults:** Ben & Kate Dial, Gary Barbee, Amy Walker, Morgan Walker, Dylan Bailey and Kyle & Hannah Baity.

Thank you, church family, for always supporting our students, financially & prayerfully. You play a major role in the activities we are able to do that impact the lives of our young people!

## Red Brush Christian Church

### Stewardship:

#### Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am	57
8:45 am	238
11:00 am	177
Total	<b>472</b>
Offering	\$14,872.62

#### Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am	48
8:45 am	197
11:00 am	151
Total	<b>396</b>
Offering	\$10,752.58

#### Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am	40
8:45 am	198
11:00 am	149
Total	<b>383</b>
Offering	\$8,711.68

#### Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am	49
8:45 am	240
11:00 am	151
Total	<b>440</b>
Offering	\$11,156.54

### **From Dusty's Desk:**

## **From Dreadful to Great!**

Several years ago, I met with a small group of men. When asked what we should study the consensus was the book of Revelation. We didn't agree on much, but it was fun to discuss that mysterious book! There are some frightening descriptions of Christ and His return recorded by John. John clearly indicates that the return of Christ will be met with great rejoicing in Christians and great terror from the world.

Malachi 4 is a fascinating passage. He describes the coming of the Lord as a "great and dreadful day." How can something be so wonderful for some and so terrible for others? Those who follow Jesus will be saved to eternal paradise while those who reject Jesus will be condemned to eternal torment. The return of Christ *will* be great for some and dreadful for others.

In regards to Malachi 4, we Christians have the power to change something horrible into something incredible. By leading others to Christ, we can make the coming of the Lord something to eagerly anticipate rather than to fear.

- God has given us the message of peace to an increasingly hostile world.
- God has given us the message of hope to an increasingly despondent world.
- God has given us the message of joy to an increasingly bitter world.

If you haven't yet taken my evangelism training course, plan to join us in September. The message of Jesus changes lives! In fact, He changes everything! Watch your bulletin for information on signing up in the coming months.

*Dusty*

### **Congratulations & Welcome to the Family!**

We've had five baptisms here at the church in the last month, and we've learned of seven baptisms that have happened at Oil Belt Christian Service Camp so far this summer. We are praising God and so thankful for each one! On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Dakota Spitzner made the decision to follow Jesus & he was baptized into Him. Then, on June 9<sup>th</sup>, Leah Wetherholt made that same decision and was baptized by her big sister, Kaylee Arnold. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, Jeremy Myers (John & Joyce Robey's son-in-law) came forward and was baptized into Christ. Then, on June 16<sup>th</sup>, Wayne Murphy was baptized. Lastly, Hunter Webb-Ord (Tammy Merrell's son) was baptized on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to all this excitement, we've also been notified of the following baptisms at camp so far this summer: Olivia Haun, Alexia Newman, Charlie Newman, Jr., Yori O'Connor, Alexis Wilson, Madison Winterrowd and Connor Young.

Young or old, we rejoice with each decision of one who chooses to give their lives to Christ and be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins & the gift of the Holy Spirit. Congratulations to each of you!



## Children's Ministry

**Nursery**  
Birth to 24 months

**Lil'Praisers**  
Teaching Little Hands & Little Feet  
how to Serve Jesus and Love others  
2 and 3 year olds

Nursery — Room 203  
2's & 3's — Room 201  
4's - K — Room 205  
1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> — Room 301

All children's classes  
meet during the  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.  
services.

**Lil'Praisers**  
Teaching Little Hands & Little Feet  
how to Serve Jesus and Love others  
4 years to Kindergarten

**KIDZONE**  
God is still at work on me!  
1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Grade



**There is still time to sign up for CAMP!**

**(And we'll still pay for one week for each student!)**

**The camp season is almost half way through,  
but there are still lots of camps for all ages!**

**Footprints 2** (2nd-3rd grade)  
**Niners** (9th grade)  
**Jr High 2** (7th-8th grade)  
**Encounter 2** (5th-6th grade)

**July 7-8**  
**July 16-21**  
**July 23-28**  
**Aug 6-12**

**Athletes** (6th-8th grade)  
**Father/Child** (K-4th grade)  
**Deeper Life** (10th-13th grade)  
**Pathfinders 2** (4th grade)

**July 9-14**  
**July 21-22**  
**July 30-Aug4th**  
**Aug 13-15**

## Jr. High &amp; High School Ministry

**COLLIDE**

Jr. High Collide is on break for the summer, but be on the lookout for details about summer events!

**UNITED**

**High School UNITED** is on break for the summer, but we'll be having some events in the coming months.

**move**

**STUDENTS going to the MOVE Conference:**  
**Make sure you've filled out your CIY Medical Release Form! You cannot go without it!**

**Church Family:** Please keep our high school students & sponsors in your prayers for their upcoming trip July 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. It's always a life-changing week!

**You can still sign up for camp!**

Red Brush pays for 1 week  
per student!

Name of week	Dates	Grades:
Athletes	7/9-7/14	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>
Niners	7/16-7/21	9 <sup>th</sup>
Jr. High 2	7/23-7/28	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>
Deeper Life	7/20-8/4	10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>



\*Register for a week of camp that corresponds with the grade you will be entering in the fall.

**FUN FACTS**  
with Ben

Did you know  
the word "teenager"  
was never used until 1922!  
It's not even 100 years old!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mark Your Calendars

This Month

July 2-8: CIY MOVE Conference in Holland, MI  
July 16: JH Dodgeball Tournament (6-8pm)

I was listening to a Southern Gospel singer this past week and he said he had experienced several losses this past year. Then he said "You have to expect losses and deal with them when they come." I wish I remembered what song he sang next. I'm sure it was very appropriate to make his point.

A few days after Memorial Day, I visited the Clay City Cemetery. I had a strange feeling that day as I stood close by eleven graves of relatives. I looked out further from that spot and counted a total of twenty-one graves of relatives who were buried in that cemetery. There were my four grandparents, my parents, eleven aunts and uncles, and four cousins. Then I thought of the twelve other aunts and uncles who are buried in various other cemeteries. Oh the memories that came flooding back that day.

But there are other losses we experience other than just deaths. There are the loss of a job, loss of health, loss of energy and stamina, fading sight, hearing, taste, memory, etc. Then there is the loss of personal freedom, loss of personal control of our lives and bodies. There is the loss of driving privileges, loss of long time friends, and the loss of family members as they have moved away. And this list goes on and on.

Oh, boy! This has gotten depressing. Sorry! But losses are a big part of life whether we like it or not and they come to everyone on the planet. But as the singer said, we need to expect them (not morbidly or fearfully), but be realistic and then do what we can to prepare for them. Then when they come, we need to deal with them in a positive way. Yes, I know. That's not easy, not easy at all.

How does a Christian cope with loss? I don't have enough space in this whole newsletter to thoroughly cover that topic.

But... let me give a condensed answer. God is real! We need to believe completely in Him and His Word. We need to let our losses draw us closer to the Lord and strengthen our faith. We need to use our faith to face and move through those losses.

We need to use the power of prayer in good times and bad, and use it abundantly.

We need to remember we are never alone and we always have the Holy Spirit in us to assist us in carrying our burdens, and boy do we need Him and His help.

Bottom line, we need to practice what we preach. God and our faith in Him will lead us through each and every loss, as horrible as it may be. Someone wrote: "The most beautiful people are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known loss and have found their way out of the depths."

For years, my life verse, which has helped me out of many times in the depths, has been Philippians 4:13. I share it once again with great confidence, assurance, and results: "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Amen and amen and amen!

Still In His Service,  
*Ron Payne*

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

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