

## September:

- 1—4 Family Camp at Oil Belt
- 5 Grief Support Group—6:30 pm
- 6 Spanish Bible Study—6:00 pm
- 7 Senior Adult Day at Oil Belt
- 10 Jr. High COLLIDE & H.S.  
UNITED kick-off at Oil Belt!  
(See Ben's section for details!)
- 11 J.O.Y. Bunch monthly potluck  
& fellowship 11:30 am  
\*It's our first one back for the  
season! Bring a friend!
- 12 Grief Support Group—6:30 pm
- 13 Spanish Bible Study—6:00 pm  
Wednesday Night WIRED kicks  
off for all 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders!  
6:00—7:30 p.m. Bring friends!
- 19 J.O.Y. Bunch trip to Indiana  
Grief Support Group—6:30 pm
- 20 Spanish Bible Study—6:00 pm  
Elders Meeting—6:30 pm
- 24 Flora Healthcare Outreach  
11:15 a.m. - see Teresa Lewis
- 25, 26 & 28, 29  
Meals-On-Wheels days  
sign up at Connection Corner  
(2 volunteers needed per day)  
See K & S Woods for more info.
- 26 Grief Support Group—6:30 pm
- 27 Spanish Bible Study—6:00 pm

# Brushstrokes!

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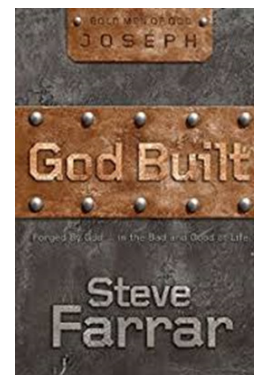
## Connect Groups

Our Connect Groups will be kicking off the week of September 10-15. We still have some openings if you are looking to get involved. Please contact Gary Barbee at [gbarbee@redbrushcc.org](mailto:gbarbee@redbrushcc.org)



## Monday Night Man Night

Men, you are invited to join us each Monday Night for a time of eating, hanging out and Leadership training. As men, we have a great responsibility to lead our families well and to lead in our church but this will not happen without intentionality on our parts. We will be studying a book called "God Built: The Story of Joseph" by Steve Farrar.



- 7:00-7:30 Meal (usually a variety of smoked meats)
- 7:30-8:30 God Built Study
- 8:30 Watch Monday Night Football



**October 15<sup>th</sup> is being tentatively  
planned as a Fall Chill & Grill party!  
Save the date for this evening of fun!**

## Grief Support Group Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm It's not too late to join!



A new session of our grief support group started up recently. You can still join! It is a weekly support group for anyone who is struggling with the loss of someone they love due to death. This is designed to help you rebuild your life. Contact Becky Payne for details.

## Congratulations & Welcome to the Family!

We love reporting baptisms & we have 6 to celebrate since our last newsletter! On August 1<sup>st</sup>, Pam Hall's parents, Robert & Regina Bricker, were baptized into Christ. It was a blessed family celebration that day, as Pam & Phil's daughter, Gena Shadwell & their nephew, Hunter Osborne were also baptized! Mason McKnight (Greg & Melissa Bible's son) was baptized at his week of camp. Karsyn Gaddy (Jeremy & Kara's daughter) was baptized on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all of you and welcome to the Family!



**Stewardship:**

**Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am	53
8:45 am	267
11:00 am	127
Total	<b>447</b>
Offering	\$12,555.57

**Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am	44
8:45 am	245
11:00 am	163
Total	<b>452</b>
Offering	\$13,341.73

**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am	56
8:45 am	228
11:00 am	150
Total	<b>434</b>
Offering	\$10,703.42

**Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am	53
8:45 am	257
11:00 am	145
Total	<b>455</b>
Offering	\$10,417.73

**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am	47
8:45 am	264
11:00 am	136
Total	<b>447</b>
Offering	\$10,720.40

**From Dusty's Desk:**

**Send Them Running**

When Jesus sent out the Twelve disciples on their first mission trip, He divided them into pairs. You can find the pairings in Matthew 10. At the bottom of the list is the last pair--Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot. The Zealots were like the Irish IRA. They were quick to fight and always willing to take up arms against Rome. And we know what Judas was. Mark Moore wrote that this must have been a "spunky team"!

One interesting bit of instruction Jesus gave them is found in Matthew 10:23 which says, "When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another." When they saw trouble rising, they were to run away to the next place. Paul followed this advice over and over again in his ministry. Now understand that when they fled, it was not because of fear. They fled because they still had work to do. Their premature deaths would have been a blow to Jesus' plan for the building of His Kingdom.

The disciples had no reason to fear their enemies, neither on earth, nor in the heavenly realms. Jesus had made it clear that He had authority over everything and He gave that same authority to the disciples. Jesus gives us His authority too--the authority to lead others to Christ, knowing He will accept those we bring to Him--the authority to rescue people from Satan's hold.

In fact, Satan was afraid of Jesus, so it stands to reason that He fears anyone who has Jesus living inside them. James 4:7 says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Just as the disciples were told to flee from persecution, we are told that Satan will flee from us if we put up a fight.

In "It's A Wonderful Life", the annoying little girl says, "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings." That's not biblical at all, but this is: "Every time a Christian witnesses, a demon wets his pants!" Demons were terrified of Jesus. When we look like Jesus, talk like Jesus and act like Jesus, demons are terrified of us. We have no reason to fear. Serve the Lord with all your heart. He will go with you, provide for you, protect you and give you success for the sake of His Kingdom.

*Dusty*

## 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



## Calling all 1st—5th Graders

**WIRED** is BACK!

Join us starting **September 13<sup>th</sup>** from **6:00pm—7:30pm**

as we take a journey through the book of Daniel.

*Supper will be served every Wednesday night*

## Jr. High &amp; High School Ministry

**COLLIDE**

Jr. High Collide kicks off at Oil Belt Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>!  
Then, regular Collide at the church begins Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>!

**UNITED**

**High School UNITED** kicks off Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at Oil Belt!  
Weekly United at the church starts Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>!



**BRING YOUR  
FRIENDS**

## Jr. High & High School YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>!!!

Come join us in playing dodgeball  
and finishing with Slip and Slide Kickball!  
We will be meeting at **Oil Belt @ 6pm**  
and pick up will be **@ 8pm at Oil Belt.**  
Can't Wait to see you guys there!



**FUN  
FACTS**  
with  
*Ben*

Did you know that  
"Sunday School" began as  
literal school on Sunday for  
kids who couldn't go to school?

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4: Labor Day  
September 10: Youth Kickoff  
September 17: Regular Youth Group Begins

The older we get, the more challenges we face. Things just aren't the way they used to be. Can God still use us as we grow older and as we go through challenging times? ... of course! He may have been preparing us all along so that we can be strong, more determined, and full of wisdom to face the end stages of life.

A preacher friend shared this quote that he read in some devotional material recently: "Suffering isn't an obstacle to being used by God. It is an opportunity to be used like never before."

I'm thinking of the Apostle Paul. It seems like the older he got the more problems he had. He had some health issues that never got any better, only worse. His work of planting and growing churches seemed to only get more difficult the older he got. But God used him in great ways despite the problems and seeming setbacks and age. Even though Paul was in an advanced age, sickly, stuck in prison, getting weaker as the days went along, God was still using him to write New Testament books, witness to the guards and prisoners, bring encouragement and hope to people both near and far, etc. God did not stop using Paul on earth until He called him home and Paul used every opportunity afforded him to keep serving, witnessing, praying, loving, etc.

Paul was able to write at the end of his life: "I have fought the good fight (and life is a fight at times), I have finished the race. I have kept the faith" I have fought, I have finished, I have kept.

Satan tries to discourage, depress, and defeat us. He puts up stumbling blocks, roadblocks and walls, but God stills gives us opportunities, determination, and just enough strength to let our lights shine so people can see and hear of Jesus in our lives and their need of Him.

May our prayer be, "Lord use me like never before."

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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