

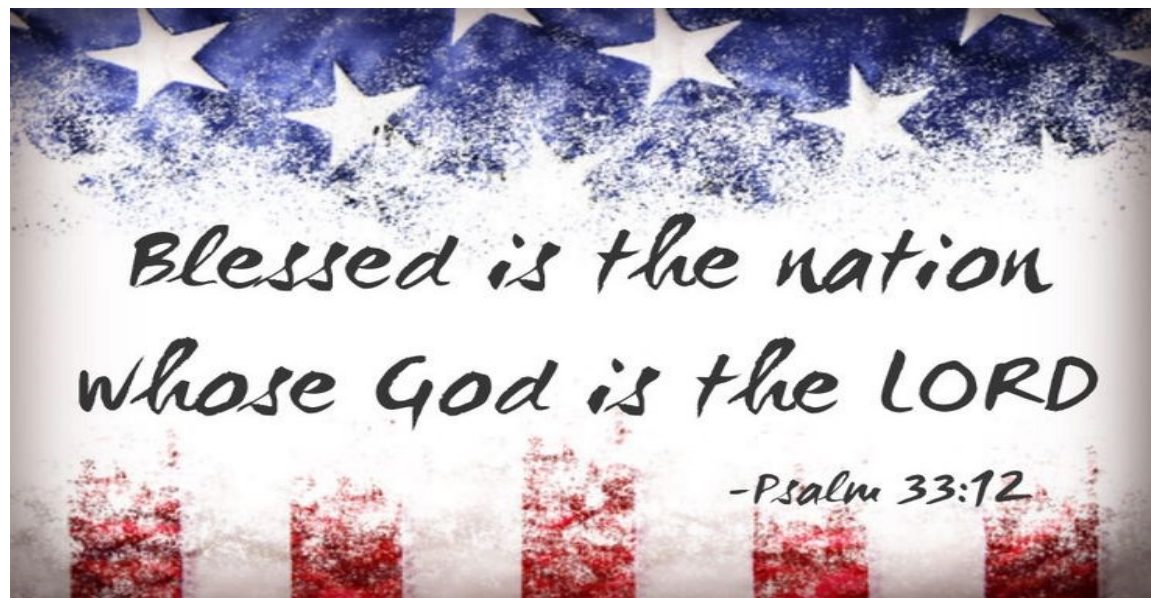


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THE SPIRIT

Monthly Newsletter of Branson Christian Church
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Wednesday Bible Study



The bible study sessions for the month of July will all come from the teachings of Andy Stanley.

Johnie plans to start off with
"Grace & Truth"

10:30am. in Fellowship Hall

Branson Christian Church Staff & Board

STAFF

Rev. Dr. Don Tharp - Pastor
Samantha West - Office Admin
Rod Phillips - Music Director
Annette Sain - Custodial Services

Office Hours: Mon. through Thurs.
9:00am. -2:00pm.

BOARD OFFICERS 2025

Jean Mueller - Board Chair
John Lea -Vice Chair
Johnie Groves - Treasurer
Pat Campbell- Secretary
Tanya Armstrong- Financial Secretary

BY THE WAY THRIFT SHOP

Our oldest volunteer, Bill Wilson is retiring at 96. Thanks for your faithful service!

Welcome our newest volunteer Denise St. Laurent.

Income from May: \$4992.34.

Our needs are paperback books, patriotic/Summer items.

Thanks for all of your support and wonderful donations.

Kathy & Roger Kauffman
Thrift Shop co-chairs



-SERVING THIS MONTH-

~JULY~

Chris Hedenberg
Annette Sain
David Hedenberg
Alex Segura



~JULY~

07/06 - Maleah
07/13 - Preston
07/20 - Maleah & Neal
07/27 - Mason



~JULY~

Jamie Haage
Kathy Kauffman



~Membership News~

We want to congratulate our 5 new members/ baptisms on Sunday, June 15th! Welcome!

The Springfield Cardinal Faith and Family Night Game is Friday, August 15th 7:05pm. start. We will meet at the church at 4:30pm. and carpool to Springfield for the game. Tickets are \$11.00 each. Please contact Bobbie Wydeen for more information 417-699-4728 or bobster218@aol.com.

The committee is looking at different avenues to promote BCC from researching a retractable banner to designing new business cards for the church and the thrift shop on one card with a QR code to go to the church website. We are updating the website and all social media.



Save the Date! The Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 21st at 12pm. at the Oakmont Community Center. Be looking for more information.

Bobbie Wydeen, Chair

From the Pastor's Desk

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. *Acts 3:19-20*

These past few weeks have been exceptional. Almost every week someone has come to me and said, "I want to be baptized and accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior." Wow! A pastor's dream come true. I like the way the book of Acts talks about this as times or seasons of refreshing, referring to times of revival and renewal that come from God's presence following repentance and forgiveness of sins. This concept highlights God's desire to restore and revitalize believers, both individually and collectively.

These "seasons of refreshing" can be seen as times of spiritual healing, where burdens are lifted and a fresh perspective on God's love and purpose is gained. The book of Acts, particularly the early church, provides examples of how these seasons of refreshing were manifested through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, powerful preaching, and significant conversions.

I love that we are seeing this here at the Branson Christian Church. God is working today to call new believers into the family. Let us all continue to pray that this time of refreshment will continue as we each share God's love with those around us.



*Blessings,
Pastor Don*

~Your Input is Needed~

The next step for the Listening Team process is to gather information with a congregational survey. We acknowledge that Branson Christian Church is in a very healthy position and this process is not intended to disrupt that position. Rather, the survey is simply an assessment of what we are doing well and what might lead to new opportunities. God has richly blessed Branson Christian Church throughout our 101-year history and our hope is to continue to listen and seek God's direction.

To have viable results everyone is encouraged to complete a survey regardless of your membership status. Everyone is welcome to participate! The results will provide the framework to set goals that, as a congregation, we will work together to accomplish over the next three (3) years. Your input is valued and important.

Anonymous surveys will be offered in a variety of ways...you can decide which option works best for you. Options include paper surveys that can be completed at home and returned to the church or participate in a group session or an electronic version accessed via an online link or QR code, shown below.

Paper surveys will be available on Sundays July 13 and 20. Immediately following the worship service, on July 13 there will be an opportunity to meet and complete the survey, if you would like to participate in that option.

You are encouraged to spend time in prayer to seek guidance for this important time in the life of Branson Christian Church.



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Please respond by July 20th.

The Listening Team

~Outreach & Missions~

The July donation suggestions for CAM include personal care items.

Our month of May CAM donations collected at the church totaled \$10,100.00! (This does not include donations sent directly to the CAM web site.) Thank you to all for this outstanding response to their call for help.

Thank you to all who volunteered at the Crisis Center in June for a workday. We were kept busy cleaning out and organizing the clothing room and power washing cabins.

We continued making homemade items for the Children's Christmas box project in June by making & stuffing teddy bears. Everyone is welcome to join us in another fun night when we meet next on August 5th at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall.

For the month of July we will be collecting school supplies for the Junior Auxiliary, there is a table and basket set up in the narthex for your donations. It is a good time to take advantage of the back-to-school supplies sales.

Jolene Herington, Chair

~Christian Ed~



We had 21 in attendance for the mini golf event on June 21st. Thank you for all that came, we sure had fun in the sun! We are pleased to be looking forward to another mini golf or bowling adventure coming soon.

Vacation Bible School was a success! We were blessed with having 7 campers, 11 counselors and 2 directors this year. When I am afraid, I will trust in you, Psalm 56:3. A statement of faith and reliance on God, even when facing fear and adversity! A warm and heartfelt thank you to all that made this possible.



A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESTON ON HIS END OF THE YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS!

Rebecka Gillen, Chair

Committee Reports

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report through MAY 2025

Operating income May	\$17,738.70
Operating expense May	\$13,282.62
Year to date income	\$95,548.59
Year to date expense	\$62,186.49

Online giving is available for your convenience at the church website and Facebook page.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~Membership	July 3	5:30pm.
~Christian Ed	July 13	After Service
~Board	July 17	5:30pm.



~Library News~

The latest BCC library book order has just come in. Come take a look! New teens and children's books. New titles in fiction and non-fiction, true stories, inspiration, and DVD's. Some are located in the "what's new" section, but others are located throughout the library.

Do you have a book you'd like to see in the library? I've had two recent requests, and I love "book hunting." Come talk to me and I'll see what I can do! ☺

Blessings,
Cindy Tharp



ALL SUNDAYS

9:30am - Sunday School
10:15am - Fellowship Time
10:45am - Worship Service

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	3 Office Closed Membership Mtg. 5:30pm.	4 	5
6	7	8	9 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	10	11	12 Thrift Store Mtg. 3:15pm.
13 Christian Ed Mtg. after service	14	15	16 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	17 Board Mtg. 5:30pm.	18	19 Elder Mtg. 9:30am.
20 Fellowship Dinner	21	22	23 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	24	25	26
27 Parents Day	28	29	30 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	31		

~July Birthdays~

July 8 Brynna Lindner
July 8 Terry Fisher
July 12 Mary Holmes
July 15 Melanie Mayes
July 15 Brenda Wilhoit
July 16 Bill Burnett Sr.
July 21 Bill Stoll
July 22 Amy Delaney
July 22 Michele Enright
July 28 Phil Endicott
July 28 Jude F.



~Anniversaries~

July 5 Phil & Linda Endicott



Serving in July

Worship Leaders

6th ~ Janet Minor
13th ~ David Faragher
20th ~ John Lea
27th ~ Bobbie Wydeen

All services are videotaped. Photos taken at church events may appear on the Church website or Facebook. If you prefer not to have your photo online, please notify the church office.