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THE SPIRIT

Monthly Newsletter of Branson Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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**Guide us on the path of salvation, O God,
that the radiance and power of your Holy Spirit
working in the world will gather together
all peoples and nations in one community
to offer you worship and proclaim your splendor. Amen.**

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FEBRUARY PULPIT SUPPLY

2/5 Julie Pappenfort

2/12 Youth Sunday

2/19 Johnie Groves

2/26 Jamie Haage



BY THE WAY THRIFT SHOP

Greetings from the Thrift store. We had a busy December. Now, we are decorated for Valentine’s Day and St. Patrick’s Day. Our back-room floor got several coats of acrylic paint, and it is easier to keep clean. Keep saving plastic bags and packing materials. Spring items and knick knacks are welcome. Thanks for all your donations.

Kathy Kauffman
 Thrift Shop Co-chair



Samantha West: We are so pleased to have Samantha as the new secretary. She has been very cooperative and pleasant to work with us.

Ginger Faragher: Thanks to Ginger for all the extra time she has given to us in helping Samantha through the training time. Her commitment to seeing that Samantha is exemplary. We are all so very grateful for Ginger.

Dominic Gillen: Thanks for helping in the media room. He has stepped in to assist with the camera views for the viewing of our services. We really appreciate the work that he is doing for us.



Branson Christian Church Staff & Board

STAFF

Samantha West- Office Admin
 Rod Phillips - Music Director
 Annette Sain - Custodial Services

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

BOARD OFFICERS 2023

Cindy Baldwin-Board Chair
 Kathy Kauffman-Vice Chair
 Annette Sain-Treasurer
 Jean Mueller-Secretary
 Johnie Groves-Financial Secretary

-SERVING THIS MONTH-

~ FEBRUARY ~

Chris Hedenberg
 David Hedenberg
 Jolene Herington



~ FEBRUARY~

2/5 James Gillen
 2/12 Easton Rein
 2/19 Preston Segura
 2/26 Jude Feeler



~FEBRUARY~

John Lea
 Kathy Kauffman



~Memorial~

~In Loving Memory~

Brenym Shae McDonald

(Great-Grandson of Linda Hubbard)

February 18, 2014 - January 1, 2023



-Search Committee-

It has been a while since the Search Committee has provided an update. In part, our committee was struggling through unforeseen barriers of illnesses and holiday schedules that slowed our progress. However, we are back to full speed and working through the process of searching for the pastor to be called to serve at Branson Christian Church.

We have received and reviewed some profiles sent from the Area office. That being said, it is a process of prayer and discernment.

As we move forward, please continue to hold the search process in your prayers. Pray for the church and those serving during the transition, the search committee for discernment and wisdom, for the next pastor waiting to be called to serve Branson Christian Church and for patience as we wait on the Lord's timing.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

The Search Committee

BOARD REPORT

~From the Board Chair~

Another year has begun, and the board is busy working for the church. Our church is blessed with the leaders and committee members that are dedicated to the work that needs to be done.

The Branson Christian Church Board met January 19, 2023, at 5:30 PM. The following committee reports were given:

Building and Grounds/Property--No report was given; however, a letter was read with information that the defibrillators donated from Pat Davis should be shipped in February.

Christian Education—Teen Worship Sunday will start this month. Need volunteers to help in the coming months. Super Souper Bowl Sunday is planned to follow the Youth Sunday Feb. 12 to help raise funds for the upcoming Young Christian's Weekend at Silver Dollar City. An all-church day at Grand Country Splash center Feb. 26 with pizza is being planned. VBS will be June 23-25.

Church Growth & Membership—Planning for the coming year included fellowship dinners, Easter breakfast with the youth serving, church picnic, Thanksgiving Dinner, Hanging of the Greens luncheon, and Adoration Parade. Collaboration with the Christian Education committee for the Souper Bowl Soup luncheon was also discussed. Discussed new ideas to get new members.

Finance—The church ended the year with total income of \$200,665 and expenses of \$128,458. It was noted that the difference was largely due to no minister's salary for several months. Totals receipts for the Thrift Store totaled \$38,134.14, well beyond the \$18,000.00 budgeted.

Outreach—The group discussed collection of food items for Super Bowl Sunday. Also discussed was the Week of Compassion Special Offering to be received February 19 & 26.

Personnel—The group met December 20 and reviewed the secretary's first 90 days and was very impressed with her work. The Love Offering taken for the paid staff was then discussed and distributed to the personnel.

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Board Report

Thrift Store--The floor in the back of the store was painted and greatly improved the look of the room. A donated mirror was given to the church for use in the bathrooms. Donations have been very well received.

Worship Committee--The committee reviewed the Christmas Eve and Christmas day services. Plans are being made for the Lenten and Easter season. Ash Wednesday services will be at 6:00 PM on February 22. Lenten devotionals are being ordered and the choir will be performing a cantata. The prayer vigil is being planned as well.

Vision 100/2024—Will be meeting January 24 at 5:00 PM.

Search—Will be reviewing new profiles that have been received.

In new business, the meeting time of the board was reviewed. It was decided to keep the 5:30 PM time.

The other item of business was a request from the Branson Regional Arts Council who has purchased the Owens Theater for granting permission for them to obtain a permit for serving alcohol of any kind in concessions during shows or as a refreshment during art galleries and special events. Their property is within 300 feet of our church and city and state codes do not allow them to apply for a permit without prior written permission from the church. In the past, our church denied a request from another venue for the same reason. The board voted to deny the request for the Branson Regional Arts Council.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Doxology. The next meeting will be held February 16, 2023, at 5:30 PM.

Cindy Baldwin, Board Chair

A Thank You from Kissee Mills Head Start!

Thank you for your generous gift to our kids at Kissee Mills Head Start. we are thrilled to have your support. You truly made a difference for our children at the center.

Membership News

The Membership Committee met on Thursday, 1/5/23.

The committee reviewed activity dates for 2023 which will be put on the Church calendar.

The Membership Committee will collaborate with the Christian Ed committee on Souper Super Bowl Luncheon. Committee members will assist the youth with the event.

The February Fellowship Dinner is scheduled for 2/19/23 with a Valentine/Love theme.

Picture is with Kayla Combs Boyd, she has been attending the BCC Adoration Parade open house for 42 years! Her parents started bringing her as a baby!

Thanks! Bobbie



SAVE THE DATE



Mark your calendars for an All-Church Family movie event, March 11 at 3pm. Bring a snack to share. We will be showing "Running the Bases".

When a small-town baseball coach gets the offer of a lifetime from a larger 6A High School, he uproots his family and leaves the only home he's ever known. However, as a man of faith, he soon faces extreme opposition to his coaching methods from the school superintendent. Rated PG.

Watch the trailer at:
https://youtu.be/g0nlx_Fjdk

~Christian Ed~



The Christian Education Committee has been busy planning many fun things for the upcoming year. Join us for the following events in February:

Friday, Feb 10 at 5pm - Kids/Youth Movie night.
 Sunday, Feb 12 - Youth Sunday and Souper Super Bowl Supper Fundraiser
 Sunday, Feb 26 - Teen worship
 Sunday, Feb 26 - All church afternoon at Splash Country.
 We are seeking adults who are willing to give one Sunday to lead the Teen Worship time. Materials will be provided. Contact Stacy Eastridge if you are interested or have any questions.



Join us Sunday, February 12 for a special youth led service including an opening flag ceremony led by Boy Scout Troop 290. Then stay and join us afterwards for a Souper Super Bowl Supper and Raffle. We have several soups to choose from. You can stay and enjoy them along with some great fellowship or you can get your soups to go. This is a fundraiser to send our teens to Young Christians' Weekend (April 1) at Silver Dollar City.



Sunday, February 26 following the Sunday worship service is an all-church afternoon at Papa Grand's Pizza and Splash Country Waterpark. We will meet at Papa Grand's Buffet for lunch and then journey over to Splash Country for a fun afternoon in their newly expanded indoor waterpark. This is open for all church members. There will be more information to come with cost and signup information soon.

Committee Reports

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report through DEC. 2022

Operating income December	\$19,458.35
Operating expense November	\$6,959.88
Year to date income	\$191,238.15
Year to date expense	\$123,009.00

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

SAFE ~ SECURE ~ SIMPLE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~Membership	Feb. 2	5:30pm.
~Outreach	Feb. 6	4:30pm.
~Christian Ed	Feb. 8	6:30pm.
~Worship	Feb. 14	10:30am.
~Finance	Feb. 14	6:00pm.
~Board	Feb. 16	5:30pm.



John Gillen, (Junior) was recently featured as the **Missouri Association of Student Councils Alumni Foundation** December Student Spotlight. Branson High School Student Adviser, Sunshine Ridinger, describes John as an “all in” kind of student. “He is always willing to do whatever job is needed and he does everything with such a happy heart. He is loved by his peers and teachers because of his attitude, motivation, and all-around love to help and make people better,” says Ridinger. His peers note he is a leader not by voice, but completely by action. Ridinger says, “John is always role-modeling what it is to be a great leader and a great Branson Pirate.”

February

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Membership Committee 5:30 pm.	3	4
5 Teen Sunday Worship Begins	6 Outreach & Missions Comm. Mtg. 4:30pm.	7 6-8pm Chosen Bible Study (Season 2 Episode 1)	8 10:30am – 12:00 Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm. Christian Ed Mtg 6:30pm.	9	10 Tentative - 5pm Kids Movie Night	11
12 Youth Sunday Boy Scout Sunday SouperBowl Freewill Lunch & Raffle	13	14 Valentine's Day 10:30am. Worship Comm. Mtg. 6pm. Finance Comm. Mtg	15 10:30am. – 12:00 Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	16 5:30pm. Board Mtg	17	18
19 Fellowship Dinner *Week of Compassion	20 President's Day	21 6-8pm Chosen Bible Study (Season 2 Episode 2)	22 10:30am – 12:00 Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm. Ash Wednesday Service 6pm.	23	24	25
26 Tentative - Teen Sunday Worship *Week of Compassion	27	28				

~February Birthdays~

Feb. 1 Steven Cade York
 Feb. 2 Gretchen Schultz
 Feb. 3 Jolene Herington
 Feb. 3 Larry Wallace
 Feb. 4 Sandy Poos
 Feb. 5 Bob Brown
 Feb. 8 Diana Rice
 Feb. 9 Richard Groves
 Feb. 11 John Gillen
 Feb. 12 Alex Segura
 Feb. 13 Johnie Groves
 Feb. 18 Gary Weinstein
 Feb. 23 Jerry Yeutter
 Feb. 23 Darren Gillen
 Feb. 25 Rebecka Gillen
 Feb. 27 Debbie Weinstein

~Anniversaries~

Feb. 11 Bob & Anita Brown
 Feb. 12 Charlie & Linda Neff
 Feb. 15 Johnie & Julie Groves

Serving in February
Worship Leaders

5th ~ Jamie Haage
 12th ~ Youth Sunday
 19th ~ Pat Campbell
 26th ~ Bobbie Wydeen