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THE SPIRIT

Monthly Newsletter of Branson Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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Special Easter Offering
Received on Sunday's 04/02 & 04/09



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APRIL PULPIT SUPPLY

- 4/2 Easter Cantata**
4/9 Johnie Groves
4/16 Suzie Moore
4/23 Larry Campbell
4/30 Russell Alexander



BY THE WAY THRIFT SHOP

This has been a busy month for us. We had a donation of a tall jewelry display from a local jewelry store. That enabled us to get rid of the bulky white display case. We sold that to a small business owner. This will give us more space for small furniture, etc. Turnover went well so it's already Spring for us. We are seeing a sharp increase in customers and were open all week for spring break. We could still use a few more as needed volunteers. The Lord continues to bless us with donations from locals and out of towners. Our next meeting is May 6th.

Kathy Kauffman
 Thrift Shop co-chair



~Prayer Vigil~

BCC will participate in the church wide Chain of Prayer on Friday, April 7 from 6:00 am - 6:00pm. This is a continuous prayer event where we are joined together in unbroken prayer with Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations.



Resources are available at: www.discipleshomemissions.org

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-

~ APRIL ~

Bobbie Wydeen
Sharon Fairless
Steve Fairless



~ APRIL ~

4/2 Preston Segura
4/9 Mason Feeler
4/16 Grace Rein
4/23 Jude Feeler
4/30 John Gillen



~APRIL~

Johnie Groves
Julie Groves



~Easter Offering~



We Are Witnesses

Acts 10:39

Supporting general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) received in most congregations

Sunday April 2 and 9, 2023

On Easter, we rejoice in the good news that God's love is more powerful even than death itself. Gifts to the Easter Special Offering support ministries that help Disciples witness to that good news. General ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) witness to God's love through:

- Relationships with global mission partners serving in communities impacted by climate change.
- Health and social service ministries that meet basic needs for neighbors.
- Mental health resources for pastors and congregations.
- New congregations worshipping in a variety of languages and worship styles.
- Leadership development programs that nurture new leaders in the church and the world.
- Stewardship education for congregations to grow in their practice of generosity.
- Opportunities like the General Assembly, where the church can gather for worshipful work.
- Support for hospital and military chaplains serving around the world.
- And so much more...



The Easter Offering supports these general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries (Obra Hispana), Communication Ministries, Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries (Global Ministries), Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, New Church Ministry, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, Office of the General Minister and President, Treasury Services

We are witnesses to the power of God's love, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. Please give generously in your congregation on April 2 and 9, or make a gift at disciplesmissionfund.org/give.

-Directory Update-



The correct numbers for:
Maxine Church is 417-527-3205
Terry & Karen Fisher is 417-439-7228

~Upcoming Holy Week Events~

April 2nd— Palm Sunday

Easter Cantata (The Easter Story)



April 6th—Maundy Thursday Service 6pm.

April 7th—Good Friday

Prayer Vigil 6am.-6pm.

*In the Sanctuary. Sign up in the Narthex
Or online at bransonchristianchurch.com*

April 8th—Easter Egg Hunt/Luncheon/Movie 10am.
In Fellowship Hall

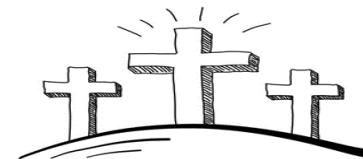
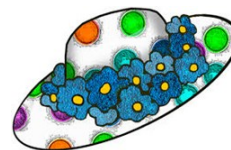
April 9th—Easter Sunday

*Easter Pancake Breakfast 9am.-10:30am
In Fellowship Hall*

Easter Sunday Service 10:45am

*Easter Bonnet Contest wear your fanciest bonnet
Or hat for a chance to win a prize*

*Family Photos in classroom off Sanctuary
10am.-10:30am & after service-12:30pm*



Board Report

~From the Board Chair~

The Branson Christian Church Board met March 16, 2023. While there are several articles in this newsletter about the activities of the various committees, the report will basically cover those items not stated elsewhere. The following committee reports were as follows:

Building & Grounds—Repair on the gutter by the office will be taken care of by Dominic Gillen. The youth have offered to help with the grounds upkeep, and lights need to be replaced in the kitchen area.

Worship—March 26—Prayer rocks painted by Sandy Poos will be made available to the congregation as a reminder to pray for the search for pastoral leadership for BCC, as well as the church, its missions, and members.

In unfinished business, the AEDs loving provided by Pat Davis have been delivered and the next step is installation and training.

In new business, the Finance Committee recommended approval of 3 fundraising events—tips for servers for Easter Breakfast, spaghetti lunch for raising funds for VBS, and an event in the fall to support the youth and their events. The board approved the recommendation as presented.

The other business that was approved was the establishment of an ad hoc committee for the purpose of the actual 100th year celebration for the church. Co-chairs appointed will be Pat Campbell and Jean Mueller. Other appointed committee members will be Susie (Cook) Knapik, Tanya Armstrong, Bobbie Wydeen, and the board chair (Ex Officio).

Please remember that all elders, deacons, and trustees are members of the board. Others may visit at any time to observe the business of the church. Please come.

Cindy Baldwin, Board Chair

Membership News

Easter Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, April 9th 9-10:30am. Pancakes, Sausage, and Beverages will be served.

We will need Pancake flippers!



We will join the Christian Education Committee in Hosting a Spaghetti Fellowship Dinner Sunday, May 21st.



THERE IS NO FELLOWSHIP DINNER IN APRIL!

Thanks Bobbie!

~Outreach & Missions~

Many thanks for all the items for the Super Bowl. A carload and a half were delivered to CAM and some to the House of Hope for the Blessing Box. Our Week of Compassion donations added up to \$875.

The Easter special offering will be received on April 2 and 9.

The food pantry donations being emphasized for April are peanut butter and canned vegetables.

In addition, Christian Action Ministries (CAM) is having a grand opening on Friday, March 31, in their new building at 2400 State Highway 1645 at 12:00 p.m.

New bracelets which say “God’s got this” were purchased and are being given out for free at the Thrift Store and here in the church.

~Christian Ed~

The education committee is pleased to announce several upcoming events. First, we will have an Easter egg hunt on Saturday April 8th at 10 AM. You do need to register, and forms can be found in the Narthex, or you can email Stacy Eastridge @ shortround9276@gmail.com by no later than Monday, April the 3rd. Just send the child's name and age.

On Easter Sunday the youth will be serving the pancakes at breakfast for tips that will go into the youth fund for activities throughout the year.

The youth have asked that we bring back the Easter bonnet contest. So, wear your most decorated Easter bonnet or hat. You will also have the opportunity for family Easter pictures in the seeker's room, just off the sanctuary. 10am. - 10:30am. and after church till 12:30pm.

The teen worship monthly Sundays have been a great success. We are still looking for volunteers to take one Sunday a month to facilitate. The youth have chosen to study the lesser-known prophets. So far, we have learned about Joel, Amos, and Obadiah. We look forward to the upcoming sessions where we will learn about Micah, Malachi, Zachariah, Zephaniah.

The education committee has chosen a theme for this year's vacation Bible school. It will be "Treasure Cove" and we will be journeying through a treasure map to learn all about the wonderful things Jesus has to offer.

Mark your calendars for May 21, for a free will spaghetti luncheon. This will be in place of the monthly fellowship Potluck dinner. The main course and sides will be provided and we ask congregation members to bring a dessert to share if they would like. Money raised will go towards vacation Bible school to provide craft materials, lesson materials, and food for the event. VBS is scheduled for June 23 to 25.

Stacy Eastridge, Chair

Committee Reports

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report through FEB. 2023

Operating income February	\$18,582.79
Operating expense February	\$7,178.28
Year to date income	\$31,454.26
Year to date expense	\$17,414.57

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

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~Outreach	Apr. 10	4:30pm.
~Worship	Apr. 11	10:30am.
~Christian Ed	Apr. 12	6:30pm.
~Finance	Apr. 18	6:00pm.
~Board	Apr. 20	5:30pm.



~ Welcome ~

Welcome our new church member

Mary Ann Geer

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Contact information to add to church directory:

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April


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

~April Birthdays~

Apr. 2 Wilma Springer
 Apr. 3 Rhonda Johnson
 Apr. 3 Kelly Weinstein
 Apr. 4 Ron Derry
 Apr. 7 Annette Sain
 Apr. 8 Kelly Pratt
 Apr. 11 Jana Lindner
 Apr. 15 Carol Turpen
 Apr. 15 Karen Fisher
 Apr. 16 Qorban Tilden
 Apr. 17 Glenda Lewellen
 Apr. 19 Robert Baldwin
 Apr. 19 Sydnee Hey
 Apr. 22 Sandy Rice
 Apr. 27 Lynn Defebaugh
 Apr. 28 Lydia Pribble
 Apr. 28 Cindy Baldwin
 Apr. 29 Joe Burns
 Apr. 30 Rosemary Pribble
 Apr. 30 Annika Wydeen

~Anniversaries~

Apr. 1 Rod & Andrea Phillips
 Apr. 7 Vernon & Judy Doyle
 Apr. 8 Harry & Brenda Wilhoit
 Apr. 11 James & Kristin Lea

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SDC Young Christians Weekend
2 Easter Cantata Palm Sunday Easter Offering	3	4 6-8pm. Chosen Bible Study (Episode 3)	5 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	6 Maundy Thursday Service 6pm.	7 Prayer Vigil 6am.-6pm. Good Friday	8 Easter Egg Hunt 10am. with Movie & Lunch after
9 Pancake Breakfast  Easter Sunday Easter Offering	10 Outreach & Missions Comm. Mtg. 4:30pm.	11 10:30am. Worship Comm. Mtg.	12 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm. Christian Ed Mtg. 6:30pm.	13	14 Kids Movie Night 5pm.	15
16 NO Fellowship Dinner Earth Sunday	17	18 6-8pm. Chosen Bible Study (Episode 4) 6pm. Finance Comm. Mtg	19 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	20 5:30pm. Board Mtg	21	22 Earth Day
23 Teen Sunday Worship 30	24	25	26 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	27	28	29

Serving in April

Worship Leaders

2nd ~ Cindy Baldwin
 9th ~ Jerry Yuetter
 16th ~ Pat Campbell
 23rd ~ Jamie Haage
 30th ~ Annette Sain