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OCTOBER PULPIT SUPPLY

- 10/2 Cindy Baldwin**
10/9 Bob Patton
10/16 Larry Campbell
10/23 Johnie Groves
10/30 Dr. Dave Leslie



BY THE WAY THRIFT SHOP

Thanks to all the great volunteers who worked while the Kauffman’s were on vacation. A super big thanks to Jolene for being in charge of it all. We had many donations come in and are so grateful.

You'll have to stop by the Thrift store and see that Autumn has arrived. All new clothes, home furnishings, and knick knacks decorate the store. Plus, we have a little bit of Christmas out for those early shoppers.

Turnover from summer to fall went well thanks to Cindy, June, Vernon, Jean, Sandy, Jolene, Kathy, and Roger.

Continue to save packing materials. Thanks again for you donations as well as prayers for the Thrift store. It's such a great outreach for BCC.

Kathy Kauffman, Thrift Shop co-chair

—OUTREACH & MISSIONS—

CAM October food donations:

Soup, chili & crackers

-SERVING THIS MONTH-

~ OCTOBER ~

- Stacy Eastridge**
Sandy Poos
Bobbie Wydeen
Jody Nelson



~ OCTOBER ~

- 10/2 John Gillen**
10/9 Mason Feeler
10/16 Grace Rein
10/23 Preston Segura
10/30 Easton Rein



~OCTOBER~

- Julie Groves**
Keith Nelson
Johnie Groves
Cindy Baldwin
Jamie Haage



ANNOUNCING...Samantha West

We are pleased to introduce Samantha West as the new Office Administrator at BCC. She resides in Branson with her husband, Dennis and 2 children.

Samantha is qualified in office procedures and we believe she will be an asset to the office ministry. Ginger Faragher will be training for the next 30 days.

Beginning October 10th the office hours will resume Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am. To 2:00pm.

Please keep Samantha and Ginger in your prayers as the office goes through this time of transition. Join in welcoming her to our church family!



Branson Christian Church Staff & Board

STAFF

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

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

BOARD OFFICERS 2022

Cindy Baldwin-Board Chair
 Jamie Haage-Vice Chair
 Annette Sain - Treasurer
 Jean Mueller-Secretary
 Ginger Faragher-Financial Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Dear friends,

I wanted to let you know I will be moving in September to Kansas to be closer to my daughter and her family. Hal and I made so many friends in Branson the past 22 years. I am grateful we were part of this wonderful church community and wanted to say thank you to everyone.

Love and farewell,

Joyce Dewell

goodbye

Joyce Dewell c/o
Cumbernauld Village
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Membership News

The Church Picnic was a success! 50 people were in attendance enjoying the fellowship, good food, and beautiful weather! Everyone joined in with Rod and Johnie singing our favorite hymns. A great time was had by all!

Talent Auction	10/29/22 3p-5p
Thanksgiving Prep	11/12/22
Thanksgiving Dinner	11/13/22
Hanging/Greens	11/20/22
Christmas Lamb Play	11/26 & 11/27
Adoration Parade	12/4/22

The Membership Committee will be busy the rest of the year. See the list of upcoming events and mark your calendar!

Bobbie Wydeen, Chair

~CHRISTIAN EDUCATION~

The temporary nursery, located in the library, is scheduled to be completed by Sunday, Oct 2. Thank you to everyone who has helped clean and purge.

Plans are still in the works for a teen adventure day and an all-church day at McKenna farms; watch for an e-blast from the church office for dates and more information.

It's not too late to join us for "The Chosen" video bible study on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6pm in Fellowship Hall.

We are looking for some individuals that would like to help backstage during "The Christmas Lamb" production in November. We also still have some small parts on-stage as well. If you are interested, please contact Stacy Eastridge.

BOARD REPORT

~From the Board Chair~

On September 15, 11 members of the board met and shared information about the activities of the church as well as made decisions that were needed to continue the church's purposes for the membership.

The reports of the board are as follows:

- Building & Grounds (Jamie Haage): Waiting for bid to replace gutter by the office entrance; windows in fellowship hall/classrooms need to be repaired (caulked) to prevent water leaks; back entrance steps were replaced; 2 bids were received for replacement of the A/C in the media room; and a donation of 2 AED units from Pat Davis.

The board approved the recommendation from the committee to accept the bid from Knight's Heating and Air for \$4650 to install a new A/C unit in the chapel/media room using funds from the Emergency Fund to cover the cost.

- Christian Education (Stacy Eastridge): All-church mini-golf tournament was attended by 21 people; drive-in movie night for youth had 4 in attendance; Worship & Wonder needs help with cutting out wooden figures; graduation for Worship & Wonder will be Sept. 18; and the Library is being cleaned to be used as temporary nursery. Other future activities were mentioned.

- Church Growth and Membership (Bobbie Wydeen): Change of meetings will be to the first Thursday of the month at 5:30; and upcoming events included church picnic, Sept.25, Thanksgiving prep and dinner, November 12 & 13, and others.

- Finance (Ginger Faragher): August financials ended in a positive position with \$33,675 net YTD operating income; decision from committee to renew the annual Chamber of Commerce membership was made; a Certificate of Deposit maturing Dec. 12 will be rolled over; and the annual insurance premium will be paid in Sept. Acceptance of the financial report was moved and seconded. Motion passed.

- Special Gifts (Lucy Johnson): no report

- Outreach (Jolene Herington): Clothe-A-Child donations to date \$622.00; collections boxes in September are available for local animal shelters; Operation Christmas Child project will be promoted in October; and CAM donations for Sept. will be soup, chili, and crackers. The CAM has relocated to the Presbyterian Church Youth Building and hours of operation have changed.

- Personnel (Tanya Armstrong): The committee interviewed another candidate for the Church Secretary position and recommended hiring Samantha West. The recommendation based on the outcome of references and background check and an increase of the hourly wage to \$15.- was made to the board. The board approved.

- Thrift Store (Kathy Kauffman): No report

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From the Board Chair

· Worship (Cindy Baldwin): The committee reviewed Missionary Sunday favorably; and discussed and made changes to the order of worship to be implemented Sept 18. Worship leaders and acolytes will be made aware of these changes. Mary Wallace will be in charge of the candles and managing the wicks for the candle lighters. World Communion Sunday will be observed Oct. 2. Advent devotionals were selected. Light a Candle for Children will be observed September 18 – October 9.

· Program Planning Council (Jean Mueller): Talent Auction is scheduled on October 29, 3:00 – 5:00 PM with light refreshments being served. Jamie Haage will be the auctioneer. Some items will be displayed early and everyone is encouraged to promote the event.

· Vision 100/2024 (Tanya Armstrong): Renovations to the chancel will be postponed until next year.

· Search (Jean Mueller): The Regional Area Office continues to provide referrals to fill the pulpit. The Congregation Profile will be submitted which will hopefully generate candidates for an interim and/or settled pastor.

No unfinished business was presented.

In new business, a slate of members was presented to be appointed as the Nominating Committee for the coming year. The members were as follows: Steve Fairless, Johnie Groves, Russ Wydeen, Kathy Kauffman, and Jean Mueller. Motion to accept the slate of members for the Nominating Committee was seconded. The motion was approved. That committee will present a proposed slate of officers at the October board meeting.

The members of the board were given a copy of the proposed 2023 budget. This budget will be presented at the October meeting for approval.

This year has been a very busy year for the congregation. It is amazing the amount of volunteering and work that has been done. Branson Christian Church is continuing to be involved in the community and region. Plans are being made now to continue into the year 2023 in anticipation of our 100th year in 2024. The congregation is continually being blessed with all that the Lord has for us.

Cindy Baldwin,
Board Chair

Annual Meeting Reminder

According to the church's constitution, congregational meetings shall be held at least annually in the month of November. This year's meeting will be held November 6th following the Sunday morning worship service. Officers for 2023 will be elected. The Budget for 2023 will be presented for approval or rejection as well.

Please plan to attend.

Church Talent Auction

The good Lord has blessed everyone with a talent. What's yours? Some have been blessed with many talents and sometimes what you may think of as not being a talent, is certainly one to someone else who can't do what you do.

So, you think baking a delicious apple pie is normal? Trust me it isn't! Just ask my kids. Maybe you think every guy can fix a leaky faucet, but trust me, they can't and that's why we always call a plumber. Or maybe you are gifted in storytelling, or raking leaves, or carving fruit bowls, or making Christmas wreaths. Doesn't matter, because we need you to share your talent at the upcoming church talent auction on October 29th from 3 – 5 p.m. And we also want you there to bid on the things that you can't do or make...maybe do some early Christmas shopping!! What a wonderful exchange of talents it will be!

For those of you who have things ready to contribute to the auction, please bring them to the church by October 3rd so we can display some "sneak peek" items. All auction items should be dropped off at the church by Sunday, October 23. If you plan to offer a service please email the details to Jean Mueller at fjmueller334@gmail.com by the 23rd. Food items can be brought the day of the auction. Jamie Haage is going to be our auctioneer, so you know it will be a fun event!!!

The funds are going to a very worthy cause for our church 100th year celebration in 2024!! So, we need everyone to participate, to both give your talent as well as to bid on someone else's talent that would be of benefit to you. Plus, this will be a great opportunity to discover all the hidden talents in our congregation and get to know each other better!! Invite your friends and family to attend this afternoon of fun and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Program Planning Council



KUDOS goes to Robert Baldwin
for replacing the steps at the back entrance.

Announcements

Thanksgiving weekend- *The Christmas Lamb*, a 75-minute musical written by Rod Phillips, will be performed by members of Branson Christian Church, Chancel Choir, Family, and members of the community. It was last performed at BCC in 2000 and 1998.

Performance dates and times are:

2 PM Saturday, November 26 and
4 PM Sunday, November 27

Jamie Haage will play Uncle Jess/Emcee, and will play guitar and fiddle and sing a new song written just for this performance.

Other Roles are:

Kylee Chandler (12) playing "Sarah" (last performed by Camille Phillips!)

Matea Tilden (6) playing "Rachel"

Dylan Pratt- "Preacher"

Stacy Eastridge as Adult Rachel and Bobbi Wydeen as Adult Sarah

Juliana and John Tilden will play "Ma/Lorelei" and "Pa/Reynard"

Members of the Chancel Choir and Rod Phillips will play keyboards, guitar, and banjo.

Other roles will be played by Dance Branson members:

AJ Turner (11) , Louella Newberry (10), and Lydia Worthy (10)

James and John Gillen (Kings) and

Tanya Armstrong and Grace Reins (Angel 1 and 2)

The story is set in the rural Ozarks in 1933, in the midst of the Great Depression. The first scene is a One-Room Schoolhouse (Fellowship Hall); a Christmas Pie Supper. The second scene is the Tipton farmhouse, shed, and Nativity in the Sanctuary (upstairs).

Make your reservations now online at the church's website:

www.bransonchristianchurch.com.

Rod Phillips

Committee Reports

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report through August 2022

Operating income August	\$16,576.33
Operating expense August	\$9,000.68
Year to date income	\$123,071.60
Year to date expense	\$89,526.37

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

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~Nominating	Oct. 4	2:30pm.
~PPC	Oct. 5	6:30pm.
~Membership	Oct. 6	5:30pm.
~Outreach	Oct. 10	4:30pm.
~Worship	Oct. 11	10:30am.
~Christian ED	Oct. 12	6:30am.
~Finance	Oct. 18	6:00pm.
~Board	Oct. 20	5:30pm.



Search Committee Update

The Search Committee has been working on the details of the search process the past couple of months. The most significant action is the completion of the Congregational Profile.

The committee used the results from the Congregational Survey along with community statistics to summarize who we are as a congregation and community. The committee took time to give this process the attention and due diligence required to best present Branson Christian Church to prospective candidates. The profile has been submitted to the Mid-America Regional office and will be posted for candidates to review. We are now in a waiting cycle for them to begin to contact us.

In the meantime, the Regional office continues to support us through contacts for pulpit supply and we are most appreciative of those from our congregation who have shared their gifts to provide meaningful messages during this season. We give praise to God for answering our prayers to fill the pulpit each week with messages that feed us spiritually and keep us strong during this transition.

We ask for your continued prayers as we wait, knowing God has a plan for Branson Christian Church.



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

~ October Birthdays ~

Becky Groves	2
Nolen Berry	4
Larry Campbell	6
Rick Johnson	8
Linda Snyder (Keith)	9
Matea Tilden	9
Samantha Bailey	9
Gail Rinehart	11
Chris Hedenberg	12
Juanita Witcher	13
Jimmy Dan Pribble	14
Maxine Church	15
Brenda Archambeau	15
Grace Rein	15
James Wallace	16
Pat Campbell	18
Jean Mueller	19
Neal Segura	25
Linda Hubbard	28
Gary Hammer	30

~Anniversaries~

Oct. 17 ~ Chris & David Hedenberg

Serving in OCTOBER

Worship Leaders

2nd ~ Jamie Haage
 9th ~ John Lea
 16th ~ Annette Sain
 23rd ~ Larry Campbell
 30th ~ Johnie Groves

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 World Communion Sunday LIGHT A CANDLE FOR CHILDREN Reconciliation Offering	3	4 2:30pm Nominating Comm. "The Chosen" Episode 3 6-8pm.	5 10:30am – 12:00 Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm. PPC 6:30pm.	6 Membership Committee 5:30pm.	7	8
9 LIGHT A CANDLE FOR CHILDREN 1:30PM Christmas Lamb practice	10 Outreach & Missions Comm. Mtg. 4:30pm.	11 10:30am. Worship Comm. Mtg.	12 10:30am – 12:00 Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm. Christian Ed. Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm.	13	14	15
16 FELLOWSHIP DINNER	17	18 "The Chosen" Episode 4 6-8pm. 6pm – Finance Comm. Mtg	19 10:30am – 12:00 Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	20 5:30pm. Board Mtg	21	22
23	24	25	26 10:30am – 12:00 Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	27	28	29
30	31					TALENT AUCTION 3-5PM.

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.