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Monthly Newsletter of Branson Christian Church
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July 2023

2023 General Assembly

KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023 - Louisville

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JULY PULPIT SUPPLY

- 7/2 **Jerry Yeutter**
 7/9 **David Faragher**
 7/16 **Juli Nelson**
 7/23 **Johnie Groves**
 7/30 **Johnie Groves**



BY THE WAY THRIFT SHOP

June has been a very busy month for us as we picked up 6 garage sales and have many new and unique items to add to the store. *We will have a special 16th Anniversary Sale in July and plan to be open all week.* Thanks to all the volunteers and workers over the years that brought the store into fruition and kept it going as a service and outreach to the community.

Kathy & Roger Kauffman
 Thrift Shop co-chairs



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-

~ JULY ~

**Bobbie Wydeen
 Sharon Fairless
 Steve Fairless**



~ JULY ~

**7/2 Easton Rein
 7/9 Mason Feeler
 7/16 John Gillen
 7/23 Mason Feeler
 7/30 James Gillen**



~ JULY ~

**John Lea
 Kathy Kauffman**

ELDERS



~Youth News~



Vacation Bible School was a huge success. We hope you enjoyed the Sunday Worship service and our trip to Treasure Cove. If you missed it, you can find the links on the church website, Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter. We had 6 youth ages 1-10 that participated and 7 teen mentors ages 12-17. The teen mentors paired up with the youth the entire event. They assisted with crafts and classes. Everyone had a great time with stories, crafts, puppet shows, games, music and of course food. A huge shout out to Dominic Gillen for making sure the kids were well fed over the 2 days. Thank you to the teachers who each prepared a class complete with story and craft. Some classes even had a small snack. Be watching for pictures of the event to be coming soon.

**Thank you to everyone who stayed through the Church Service, we went over time just a little, but how everyone enjoyed it.*



Are you interested in learning how to play the handbells? You do not need to be able to read music, you only have to count to 4 and know your right from your left hand. If you are interested, please contact Stacy Eastridge. Practices will start up in September if there are enough interested people.

-Directory Update-



Bob & Marilyn Johnson
7373 E. US Hwy 60 Lot 91
Gold Canyon, AZ 85118
Email: dmcarlson12@gmail.com

Board Report

~From the Board~

The church board met on Thursday, June 15th at 5:30pm. The following reports were given as well as the others throughout the newsletter:

Building and Grounds: There was much discussion on how to fix the roof. One bid was received for approximately \$15,000 to coat the roof with a special material that would be guaranteed for 20 years. It was suggested that we gather another bid for a pitched roof option so we will pursue that for now. The electronic church sign would need thousands of dollars to repair one side so will get a second opinion.

The 100th anniversary ad hoc committee reported many possible ideas and will continue to meet and refine those plans.

The Pastor search committee stated they are working closely with a potential candidate.

Thanks to all who work diligently on our committees and those who are supportive so the work of BCC can continue.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Kauffman, Vice Chair





2023 General Assembly Save the Date

When the General Assembly meets in Louisville, Kentucky July 29-August 1, 2023, it will be the first time in four years the church as a whole has gathered in person. The theme for the **2023 General Assembly** is “Kindom of God Within Us, Among Us.” The theme is based on three scriptures: Luke 17:20- 21, Genesis 11:1-9, and 2 Peter 1:3.

The planning committee described the theme, “There are multiple words, scriptures, languages, and ways to share and shape our common life. The church has more than one story to tell, and more than one tool for innovation and distinctive witness in the future. God is with us. What is life before God like? Salt, an open table, zoom, and treasure in clay jars. What have Disciples learned about life before God in the midst of the uncertainty the church and its members faced over the last three years?”

The theme “Kindom of God Within Us, Among Us” is a call for Disciples to strengthen their relationship to God both individually and communally through an expansive in-person and digital gathering of the church in Louisville. The past two years, local congregations and the wider church have needed to be separated but have also innovated new ways for God’s limitless love to be revealed in our church, our communities and around the world. God’s limitless imagination holds so many possibilities for the church.

This four-day event will encourage Disciples to gather online and in-person to celebrate the way that God’s expansive love connects each of us as “kin” and to part of the larger kindom of God. Save the date and join the church **July 29-August 1, 2023 for worship, workshops, Bible study, opportunities to explore Louisville, mission, and the sacred work of the church.**

Membership News

Name Tags- New name tags have been made for newer members and will be placed on the name tag boards in Fellowship Hall or the Narthex. The committee is asking everyone to wear his/her name tag since in the future we will be welcoming a new pastor!

New coffee pots with thermo pots have arrived and the air pots will be retired.

Hands-Free CPR

The Taney County Ambulance District Education office suggested that anyone interested in the Hands-Free CPR class, register on the Hollister Chamber website for the free class that is held once a month at the TCAD office. The next 2 classes are scheduled for Thursday, 6/22 & Thursday, 7/13.

www.hollisterchamber.net

Under events

If there are any problems registering on-line, please call Alice Yeager, Administrative Assistant at 417-334-3050

Classes held at Taney County Ambulance District Office
106 Industrial Park Dr
Hollister, MO 65672
417-334-6586

Bobbie Wydeen, Chair

~Outreach & Missions~

July food pantry donations suggestions are for personal care items. Also watch for those back-to-school sales as we will be collecting school supplies soon.

Jolene Herington, Chair

~Christian Ed~

The Christian Education committee has spent most of this month planning for Vacation Bible School. We are looking into various other activities and will get that information out as soon as the dates are finalized. We are looking into activities to get the youth and the church more visible and involved in the community. More details to come soon. Thank you to everyone who came and planted and cleaned closets. We will be planning another cleaning day to work on the former nursery. We have been talking about a youth project to give back to the church for the 100th anniversary. We are still in the discussion phase and hope to move to the planning stage soon. Be looking for information on church t-shirts. Hopefully we will have designs submitted by the youth to choose from. These shirts will be worn when in the community for service and activities. This is just another way to make us visible.

Stacy Eastridge, Chair

~Youth Kudos~

A big shout out to Neal, Preston and Easton for coming in voluntarily and helping dry dishes for the June fellowship dinner.

John Gillen - served as Junior Counselor for the Missouri Association of Student Council (MASC) leadership council. He did such a great job he was asked to fill out an application to be a Head Junior Counselor.

Committee Reports

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report through MAY 2023

Operating income May	\$19,042.94
Operating expense May	\$7,407.52
Year to date income	\$82,304.07
Year to date expense	\$40,797.25

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

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~Outreach	Jul 10	4:30pm.
~Worship	Jul 11	10:30am.
~Finance	Jul 18	6:00pm.
~Board	Jul 20	5:30pm.



~Thank You~

Laura Vestal would like to thank her church family for the prayers, calls and cards after her surgery.



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

~July Birthdays~

Jul 3 Lexi Mata
 Jul 8 Brynna Lindner Howell
 Jul 8 Terry Fisher
 Jul 12 Mary Holmes
 Jul 15 Melanie Mayes
 Jul 15 Brenda Wilhoit
 Jul 16 Bill Burnett Sr.
 Jul 21 Bill Stoll
 Jul 22 Amy Delaney
 Jul 22 Michele Enright
 Jul 28 Phil Endicott
 Jul 28 Jude Feeler

~Anniversaries~

Jul 5 Phil & Linda Endicott

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 Office Closed Independence Day	5 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	6	7	8
9 Teen Sunday Worship Led by Tanya	10 Outreach & Missions Comm. Mtg. 4:30pm.	11 10:30am. Worship Comm. Mtg	12 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	13	14	15
16 Fellowship Dinner	17	18 6pm. Finance Comm. Mtg	19 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	20 5:30pm. Board Mtg	21	22
23 30	24 100th Anniversary Mtg. 4:00pm 31	25	26 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	27	28	29

Serving in July
Worship Leaders
 2nd ~ Cindy Baldwin
 9th ~ Johnie Groves
 16th ~ Jamie Haage
 23rd ~ Annette Sain
 30th ~ Chris Hedenberg

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.