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JUNE PULPIT SUPPLY

- 6/4 Russell Brammer**
6/11 Russell Brammer
6/18 Johnie Groves
6/25 VBS



~DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING~

The church received a bequest from the estate of Pat Davis to purchase 2 Automated External Defibrillators (AED). One unit is hung in the Narthex and one is hung by the kitchen door in the Fellowship Hall. Some members have asked for training on how to use the AEDs. Taney County Ambulance District (TCAD) can host a group training at their Headquarters in Hollister. The training includes Hands-Only CPR as well as how to use the AED.

This training will be held on a weekday between 8am-4pm. Please contact the office by Monday, June 5 if you are interested in the training. After a preliminary head count is obtained, I can schedule a group training time with TCAD.

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

BY THE WAY THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift store has been busy receiving many quality donations and putting out the new items into the shop. The new LED lights are up and have brightened up the store. We had our quarterly meeting and decided to be open Memorial Day week Tuesday through Saturday. We still need infant clothes. Please continue to save plastic bags and bubble wrap packing for us.

Kathy Kauffman
 Thrift Shop co-chair



-SERVING THIS MONTH-

~ JUNE ~

Alex Segura
Jody Nelson
Ronni Haston
Greg Haston



~ JUNE ~

6/4 Grace Rein
6/11 Preston Segura
6/18 James Gillen
6/25 Jude Feeler



~ JUNE ~

Jean Mueller
Tanya Armstrong



~Youth News~

John – Outstanding character for month of May, representing the trait of self-discipline. Making the Varsity Cheer Squad for his Senior Year. Accepted into the National Society of High School Scholars (must be in top 10% of class and have a GPA of 3.8 or higher). Completed requirements to become A+ eligible. Will serve as a Junior Counselor for the State Student Council in June.

Grace - Learning spotlight and running it at the Mansion Theatre for Forsyth graduation & Miss Teen America

Darren – Student Manager at The Keeter Center at C of O for the summer work program.

Mason – Received the 8th grade Choir Award of the Year and will be one of only 2 Freshmen in the Chamber Choir next year.

James – Completed his first year of homeschooling and completed the 6th grade as a straight B student.

Jude – Scored in the top 10% of over 43,000 6th graders around the US in a math competition. Recognized for his leadership in FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes).

Carmelita – Turned 1 Year Old!!

Easton, Preston, Neal, Elias – You were all a great help at the Spaghetti Dinner.

-Directory Update-



Pat Campbell
Email: nsdecampbell2@gmail.com

Board Report

~From the Board Chair~

The Branson Christian Church Board met May 18, 2023. Many reports were given to the board with just a few items for business. Those reports will be shared throughout this newsletter. Those not covered include the following:

Building & Grounds—Waiting for responses from a company for roof repair. We cannot take care of water damage in the various ceilings of classrooms and the kitchen until the roof is free from leaks. Repairs needed for the electronic sign are under warranty and should be done in a couple of weeks. The AEDs donated by Pat Davis are now in place.

100th Anniversary Ad Hoc—next meeting will be May 30 at 10:00 am.

In unfinished business, the board approved the appointment of Bobbie Wydeen to develop a maintenance plan and training for the AEDs that were installed. A plaque will also be purchased recognizing the donor, Pat Davis, for these AEDs. This work will be done through the Building and Grounds Committee.

In new business, it was recommended to establish a Social Media Committee to write a policy and procedure for social media, visual and audio presentations generated by/for the church. This committee will work under the Worship Committee. The committee that was appointed is the following: Stacy Eastridge, Chair; John Gillen, Dominic Gillen, Russ Wydeen, Chris Armstrong, Johnie Groves, and the board chair (ex officio).

In conversation, it was noted that the prepackaged individual communion cups have increased in price and is sometimes on back order. The consensus of the board was to start using the former process of communion prior to the pandemic as of July 1. The prepackaged cups will be available for those who prefer to receive communion by this method as well as those seated in the balcony and visitations to shut-ins. Deacons will be meeting soon to discuss the proposed changes and responsibilities for preparing communion in advance.

Also brought to the attention of the board was the use of KUDOS. Instead of recognizing them in the newsletter, as many do not want their names mentioned, personal thank notes will be written from the board to the individuals. Kathy Kauffman volunteered to write notes for this month.

There is great appreciation for all who attended and gave reports for their committees. Thanks also to those who accepted new assignments to help our church. It takes a community of people to make the decisions and volunteers to carry out the tasks at hand. May God bless each one of you.

Cindy Baldwin, Board Chair

Fathers who follow God
point their children
in the right direction.

A man's heart
deviseth his way:
but the LORD
directeth his steps.
PROVERBS 16:9



Membership News

We hosted a fundraiser spaghetti dinner for the Youth Program/Vacation Bible School on Sunday, May 21st with Spaghetti, meat sauce, marinara sauce, alfredo sauce, chicken, bread, salad, and desserts made by the congregation. Everyone left with full tummies!

Dishes, dishes everywhere! There are lots of dishes that have been left in the kitchen, after each Fellowship Dinner. The dishes will be set out in the Fellowship Hall the next few Sundays. Any dishes not claimed will be given to the Thrift Shop to sell.

The committee is discussing wearing the name tags again. We will be welcoming a new Pastor in the future and it will be easier for that person to learn many new names. The name tags have been reviewed and new tags will be made for our new members and attendees.

June Fellowship Dinner is moved to Sunday, June 11th due to Father's Day on the 3rd Sunday of the month so families can celebrate.

Mark your calendar- The Annual Church Picnic at the Table Rock State Park is scheduled for Sunday, September 17th.

Bobbie Wydeen

~Outreach & Missions~

On May 6th we had a volunteer workday at the Crisis Center. Some of the projects we worked on included: power washing cabins, cleaning out gutters, replacing screens, and sorting and organizing clothes. Thanks to all our volunteers. We are planning another workday for Monday, June 26th and would appreciate anyone who can join us. Let Jolene Herington know if you would like to help. We are still taking donations to help purchase a volleyball set and permanent poles for the Crisis Center also.

Food pantry suggestions for June are ramen noodles and granola bars. There are marked boxes in Fellowship Hall for both CAM and the Blessing Box donations along with the basket in the Narthex.

Jolene Herington, Chair

~Christian Ed~

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School. Signup on the church website www.BransonChristianChurch.com and click the VBS tab at the top of the page. We are still looking for adult help. Registration will be open until June 10. VBS is open to attendees 3-12. VBS will be June 23-25. Times are Friday, June 23 6pm-8pm / Saturday, June 24 9am-3:30pm / Sunday, June 25 10:15am after Church. We will be providing the Sunday service.

We are in the planning stages for setting up a date to go as a group to “Esther” at Sight and Sound Theater. We are looking at the end of August or first part of September. If you are interested, there is a signup sheet in the Narthex to find out the best time for the majority. You can also email Stacy Eastridge at shortround9276@gmail.com. We are looking into a Friday or Saturday evening.

Coming soon!! It’s time to get the ding-a-lings back together. In other words, it’s time to bring back the handbell choir. We will start practicing in September. If you are interested, please let Stacy Eastridge know. You do not need to be able to read music, we will teach you everything you need. Practice day and time will be decided later to fit the schedules of everyone wanting to participate.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spaghetti Luncheon. Over \$500 was donated to go towards Vacation Bible School. These funds will help with the purchase of food (we have 2 meals, snack and drinks), purchase of craft materials, purchase of lesson materials, and decor. We look forward to showing you everything we’ve learned at “Treasure Cove” during the Sunday Worship service, Sunday June 25th.

If you’ve noticed that there are a few more flowers around the church and the bushes are trimmed, the youth and adult volunteers were hard at work Saturday, May 27. We pulled weeds, laid landscape material and mulch, painted planters, planted flowers and trimmed up the hedges. Inside we were also hard at work cleaning out closets and cleaning up the old nursery.

Stacy Eastridge, Chair

Committee Reports

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report through APR. 2023

Operating income April	\$15,529.38
Operating expense April	\$8,032.98
Year to date income	\$63,261.13
Year to date expense	\$33,389.73

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

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~Membership	Jun 1	5:30pm.
~Christian Ed	Jun 4	After Church
~Outreach	Jun 12	4:30pm.
~Worship	Jun 13	10:30am.
~Finance	Jun 13	6:00pm.
~Board	Jun 15	5:30pm.



~Worship Committee~

The Worship committee met and discussed plans for Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, and Father’s Day. We also talked about how to introduce a new or unfamiliar Hymn to the congregation. It was decided to sing 1 verse of the new Hymn for several Sundays after announcement time. That would get us familiar with the Hymn before singing it in its entirety.



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

~June Birthdays~

Jun 1 Teena Sims
 Jun 1 Kathy Kauffman
 Jun 2 June Doyle
 Jun 6 Juliana Tilden
 Jun 7 Andrea Phillips
 Jun 7 Connie Yeutter
 Jun 9 John Rinehart
 Jun 12 Lucy Johnson
 Jun 14 Ruth Griffin
 Jun 16 Easton Rein
 Jun 17 Evan Kauffman
 Jun 23 Laura Vestal
 Jun 26 Bill Knapik
 Jun 28 Joyce Dewell
 Jun 28 David Faragher
 Jun 30 Linda Endicott

~Anniversaries~

Jun 1 John & Gayle Rinehart
 Jun 1 Ross & Paula Stuckey
 Jun 1 Terry & Karen Fisher
 Jun 2 Alex & Holli Segura
 Jun 11 Jerry & Connie Yeutter
 Jun 19 Matt & Katie Hedenberg
 Jun 21 Roger & Kathy Kauffman
 Jun 23 Mark & Jana Lindner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Membership Mtg. 5:30pm.	2	3
4 Christian Ed Mtg. After Church	5	6 10:30am. Worship Comm. Mtg. 6-8pm. Chosen Bible Study (Episode 5)	7 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	8	9	10
11 Teen Sunday Worship Led by Tanya Fellowship Dinner	12 Outreach & Missions Comm. Mtg. 4:30pm.	13 6-8pm. Chosen Bible Study (Episode 6) 6pm. Finance Comm. Mtg	14 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	15 5:30pm. Board Mtg	16	17
18 Last W.O.W. Day Father's Day	19	20 6-8pm. Chosen Bible Study (Episode 7)	21 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	22 Decorate for VBS 5pm.	23 VBS 6pm. - 8pm.	24 VBS 9am.-3:30pm.
25 VBS Sunday	26	27 6-8pm. Chosen Bible Study (Episode 8)	28 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	29	30	

Serving in June
Worship Leaders
 4th ~ Jerry Yeutter
 11th ~ Larry Campbell
 18th ~ David Faragher
 25th ~ VBS