



Branson Christian Church  
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# THE SPIRIT

Monthly Newsletter of Branson Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

March 2023

# LENT

*Fast  
Pray  
Give*



**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**

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**MARCH PULPIT SUPPLY**

**3/5 David Faragher**

**3/12 Suzie Moore**

**3/19 Johnie Groves**

**3/26 TBD**



Jerry Yeutter, Jamie Haage, Roger Kauffman, & Robert Baldwin--Many, many thanks for the ice/snow removal that was done recently. It was so much safer for our members the next morning to attend church.

Stacy Eastridge--For all the work that you have done for the youth in our church and their events.



Jan Bond--For the beautiful hats you crocheted for our children of the church. They were so appreciated.

**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**

Our Thrift store meeting was on February 11. We plan to have our \$4 bag sale February 23rd to March 11th. Turnover to put out Spring/Summer clothes will be Monday March 13 at 8am till done. A suggestion was made to be open Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 5pm if we can find willing volunteers. We welcomed back Matt Sisson to our volunteer staff this month. We also discussed being open all week for Spring break and Easter week. We had some great donations from our BCC members this month. Thanks to all of you who donate time and items.

*Kathy Kauffman*  
 Thrift Shop co-chair



**-SERVING THIS MONTH-**

**~ MARCH ~**

Roger Kauffman  
 Jody Nelson



**~ MARCH~**

3/5 Grace Rein  
 3/12 Easton Rein  
 3/19 John Gillen  
 3/26 James Gillen



**~MARCH~**

Cindy Baldwin  
 Keith Nelson



## ~ATTENTION ALL KEY HOLDERS~



**If the reason you've been issued a key to the church, thrift shop, or office has expired, please return your key to the office during business hours.**

**Thanks for helping to keep costs down and our key log up to date!**



Thank you to my church family for your love and support in the loss of my great grandson, Brenym. I am grateful for all the cards, prayers of comfort and expressions of condolences that have lifted my spirits during this difficult time.

God bless you all for blessing me and my family.

Linda Hubbard

## BOARD REPORT

### *~From the Board Chair~*

The Branson Christian Church Board met February 16, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

The following information was reported to the board:

Building and Grounds/Property—Jamie Haage

- Still trying to get help for the roof problems, ice removal
- Still waiting for AEDs to arrive

Christian Education—Stacy Eastridge

- The youth event on Super Bowl Sunday raised over \$900.
- All splash event is being planned for at Grand Country with pizza Feb. 26.
- On March 11 a VBS planning session will be held at 10:00 am. At 3:00 the movie, "Running the Bases" will be shown for all.

Church Growth & Membership—Bobbie Wydeen

- Fellowship Dinner Feb. 19.
- Easter Morning Breakfast is scheduled for April 9.
- Ordering new coffee pots hopefully in March.

Finance—Johnie Groves

- Still operating in the positive.
- Noted that utilities due to weather were high and will again be high for the month of Feb.

Outreach—Jolene Herrington

- Continuing the Adopt A Teacher project with the Hollister schools
- Planned the Super Bowl collection for the food pantry with prizes for first, second, and third place. For each 5 items donated, ticket with name was placed in a drawing.
- March food donations will be macaroni and cheese and applesauce
- Purchasing bracelets to be given out at the Thrift Store, "God's Got This"
- Emphasizing Week of Compassion Feb. 19 and 26

## Board Report

Thrift Store—Roger and Kathy Kauffman

- Opened for the week of Valentine's Day from Monday through Saturday
- \$4 bag sale will be February 23 to March 11.
- Turnover for changing to Spring/Summer clothing will be 8:00 am Monday, March 13.
- Have had some great donations from our BCC members this month

Worship—

- The Sundays in Lenten season will have a thought read from the devotional that is being used this year.
- Lenten devotionals were ordered and are available in the narthex.
- The Prayer Vigil will be from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Friday, April 7th. Sign up sheets will be available the last week of March.
- Plans are for Palm Sunday and Easter week activities are being made.
- Edited Worship leader guides will be distributed soon.

Vision 100/2024—Tanya Armstrong

- Planning to meet soon

Search—Jean Mueller

- Continuing to meet and reviewing candidate profiles

In unfinished business, the board was informed of the response to the Branson Regional Arts request for serving alcoholic beverages. As in the past, the board voted No to the request.

Under new business, the closing procedures of the church were reviewed. Lists will be posted to assist volunteers when needed. Parking issues were discussed as well.

The board members work diligently for the church. If members have concerns, please contact me or a board member. We are very fortunate that so many members have been willing to help the church and its activities whenever problems have arisen. We are so very blessed. God is so good.

*Cindy Baldwin, Board Chair*

## Membership News

Fellowship Dinners have been a great success in 2023 with yummy food and great fellowship.

Please remember to take home any leftover food. Otherwise, we have science projects growing in the refrigerator!

There are lots of casserole dishes, platters, and containers that have been left. Please check the kitchen for any dishes you may have left behind.

Next Fellowship Dinner is March 19th - We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and asking everyone to make their favorite Irish dish.

Mark your calendar! Easter Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, April 9th 9-10:30am

Thanks!  
Bobbie



## ~Outreach & Missions~

**Food Pantry donations for March are macaroni & cheese and applesauce.**

The upcoming special Easter offering which supports General Ministries of the Church that serve across the U.S. and Canada, and around the world, will take place on April 2nd and 9th.

Jolene Herington, Outreach Chairman

## ~Christian Ed~



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](https://youtu.be/g0nlx_Fjdk)

Thank you to everyone who supported the youth through the Super Souper Bowl Supper and Raffle.

The winners of the raffle were Sandy Poos and Johnie Groves.

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped by making soups, desserts or helped in the kitchen. Also thank you to the hospitality committee for helping man the kitchen and get everything set up so the youth could lead the worship service.

Through everyone's support and generosity we raised \$960. This money will be used to send the teens (of which we have 6 eligible) to Silver Dollar City for Young Christian's Weekend on April 1.



## Committee Reports

### FINANCE REPORT

#### Finance Report through JAN. 2023

Operating income January	\$12,871.47
Operating expense January	\$10,236.29
Year to date income	\$12,871.47
Year to date expense	\$10,236.00

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

**SAFE ~ SECURE ~ SIMPLE**

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~Membership	Mar. 2	5:30pm.
~Christian Ed	Mar. 11	10:00am.
~Outreach	Mar. 13	4:30pm.
~Worship	Mar. 14	10:30am.
~Finance	Mar. 14	6:00pm.
~Board	Mar. 16	5:30pm.




## ~ Easter Lilies ~



Envelopes for Easter Lily orders will be in the bulletin on Sundays, March 19th & 26th. The cost will be \$12.00 each. If you would like to order please fill out the envelope designating In Memory Of or In Honor Of and place in the offering plate. They will be on display in the sanctuary for Easter Service on Sunday, April 9th.

# MARCH

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  10:30am – 12:00 Bible Study  Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	2  Membership Committee 5:30 pm.	3	4
5  <b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	6	7  6-8pm Chosen Bible Study (Season 2 Episode 1)	8  10:30am – 12:00 Bible Study  Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	9	10	11  10am VBS Planning/ Christian Ed Mtg.  3pm - Family Movie "Running the Bases"
12  Teen Sunday Worship (Led by The Gillens)  <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	13  Outreach & Missions Comm. Mtg. 4:30pm.	14  10:30am. Worship Comm. Mtg.  6pm. Finance Comm. Mtg	15  10:30am. – 12:00 Bible Study  Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	16  <b>5:30pm. Board Mtg</b>	17 St. Patrick's Day  	18
19  Fellowship Dinner  Lily Orders Accepted  <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>	20 First Day of Spring  	21  6-8pm Chosen Bible Study (Season 2 Episode 2)	22  10:30am – 12:00 Bible Study  Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	23	24	25
26  Lily Orders Accepted  <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>	27	28	29  10:30am – 12:00 Bible Study  Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	30	31	

**~March Birthdays~**

Mar. 4 Avery Mueller  
 Mar. 4 David Hedenberg  
 Mar. 4 Harry Wilhoit  
 Mar. 5 Chris Armstrong  
 Mar. 6 Mark Schultz  
 Mar. 7 Cindy Etnyre  
 Mar. 11 Marty Nutt  
 Mar. 11 Janice Smith  
 Mar. 14 Mike Mueller  
 Mar. 24 Jeff Eastridge  
 Mar. 31 Janet Minor

**~Anniversaries~**

Mar. 14 Steve & Sharon Fairless  
 Mar. 22 Chris & Tanya Armstrong



**Serving in March**

**Worship Leaders**

5th ~ Jean Mueller  
 12th ~ Kathy Kauffman  
 19th ~ Chris Hedenberg  
 26th ~ John Lea