

# THE SPIRIT



Monthly Newsletter of Branson Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

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JUNE 2020

## Pastor Minor's Message of the Month ...

I would like to thank all of you for your patience during the Corona Virus pandemic. We have opened the church for in-house worship service on Sunday, May 31st.

May 31st is the Day of Pentecost 2020, representing in biblical history the day the church began. As such, we reopened our church on Pentecost Sunday to celebrate our church resuming in-house worship again. We will do our best to observe the Governor's mandate to maintain six feet of physical distancing. This will be a very difficult thing to do and I hope you will understand and help us as we go forth.

Hopefully, all of these procedures will eventually end, but we do not know when that will be. Our worship service will be different for now, and may change from week to week depending on what the future brings. We will continue to bring forth the best service possible. The dedicated group of people responsible for filming, editing and posting to Facebook provided a great service to our community and surrounding areas. We averaged almost 500 views overall for our services during this time.

We will still film our service; however, we will not be showing it at 10:45 am. We hope to have it ready to be viewed by 6:00 pm. Once it is on our Facebook page, it will remain there and can be viewed at any time.

May God bless all of you and may God's love be with you.

Pastor Minor

## JUNE Sermons

6/7 "Restoring Broken Relationships"  
Matthew 5:23-24  
(Solving unresolved conflict.)

6/14 "Whose Will is It?"  
Luke 22:39-42  
(Being obedient to God.)

6/21 "A Father's Love"  
Luke 15:11-16  
(How God forgives us.)

6-28 "Dealing with Pain"  
II Corinthians 4:7-18  
(A different understanding of pain.)



## From the Board Chair...

The highlights from the May board meeting were mostly related to planning for the reopening of in-person worship services which was approved to begin May 31. In addition, the board approved a recommendation from the Finance Committee to engage with Givelify, an online giving option. Because normal activities are temporarily suspended committee reports and plans are on hold. We will look forward to when things get back to somewhat normalcy. Each board meeting offers an opportunity for board members to acknowledge someone with a “kudo”. There were so many mentioned it was difficult to keep track so will share what I managed to jot down. Many of those present expressed appreciation to the individuals who gave countless hours of planning, preparing and participating the weekly online worship services. To those who shared their talent and expertise behind the scenes are to be commended for their sacrifice of time and energy to quickly learn and implement the technology that offered this opportunity. Kudos to Pastor Al, Chris Armstrong, Russ Wydeen, Stacy Eastridge, Rod Phillips, Tanya Armstrong, Ginger Faragher, Annette Sain, and to those who served as worship leaders, scripture readers and provided special music. Also to Johnie Groves for researching the online giving platform, Givelify. Thanks to the congregation for your faithfulness and all the acts of love and kindness that you have offered during this time. Now we look forward to begin meeting in-person again. Our prayers are lifted up for thanksgiving and praise to the Lord for the blessings of being a part of a loving community.



Ozark Mountain Christian Church (OMCC) is in the process of finalizing the sale of their property and will no longer be meeting as OMCC. We know many of the members of our sister church through their participation in Bible Study classes and shared services, and we welcome them to Branson Christian Church. Please extend a heartfelt welcome to our brothers and sisters in Christ as they make this transition. It will be exciting to get better acquainted and discover where they continue to share their passion for serving and bless us with their love and devotion to God. The members have been busy the past few weeks cleaning, sorting and distributing items from the church. BCC has been the recipient of some of those items. They have graciously donated the Chalice Hymnals (that will replace the hymnal we currently use) Bibles, lots and lots of office supplies, a park bench, and items for the thrift store. They also provided memorabilia to add to BCC archives as a remembrance of our long standing relationship. Please join in expressing our heartfelt appreciation for their generosity and welcome them in the love of our Lord to BCC.

Jean Mueller



**From:**

**Branson Christian Church Finance Committee**

Thank you, Branson Christian Church, for your generous giving during this difficult time. It is true that we have fallen behind a bit---but many of you have stepped up to the plate and took up a lot of slack. You are to be commended--- and hopefully you will be able to give your offering in person before another sabbath day passes. There may be some of you who are still a little uncomfortable about attending church-----in that case you can still continue to either mail your gift or drop it through the slot in the front door of the church office. Also, I would like to announce to you that we now have a new platform in which you can donate to the church. In our last board meeting, the board unanimously approved a recommendation from the finance committee that the church open an account

with an on-line giving organization called "Givelify". Since that meeting, an account has been successfully opened, and if you would like to take advantage of this new method just get on-line and download the Givelify App. You can make donations in seconds from your mobile device using a credit card. The first donation is a bit more complicated----you must set up your own personal account with them----but from that time forward it's just three clicks and you're done. After each donation, you will receive an email with the receipt for the gift. This is just one more avenue for folks to give---it will make things more convenient for several people. As a matter of fact, we are already receiving donations online.

Hope to see you very soon,  
Johnie Groves, Finance Committee Chairman

**FINANCE REPORT**

Operating income April	\$ 12,232.47
Operating expense April	\$ 10,319.86
Year to date income	\$ 48,165.55
Year to date expense	\$ 50,162.30

**Serving in JUNE Worship**

**Worship Leaders**

- 7 David Faragher
- 14 Johnnie Groves
- 21
- 28

**ATTENTION ALL THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS**

A meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 12th at 10:00am. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to discuss concerns, thoughts and suggestions regarding when to reopen the thrift store.

*Diana Rice*

***~ June Birthdays ~***

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

***~Anniversaries~***

- 1 John & Gayle Rinehart
- 1 Terry & Karen Fisher
- 11 Jerry & Connie Yeutter
- 21 Roger & Kathy Kauffman
- 23 Mark & Jana Lindner



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**1000**

new churches...  
**and counting!**

SUNDAYS MAY 31 AND JUNE 7

