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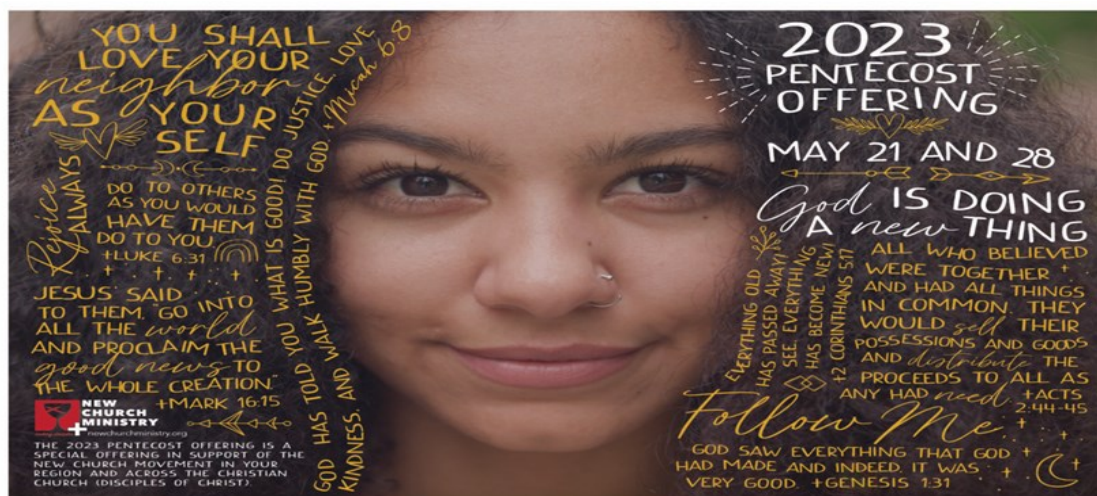
THE SPIRIT

Monthly Newsletter of Branson Christian Church
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May 2023



Special Pentecost Offering Received Sundays May 21 & 28



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MAY PULPIT SUPPLY

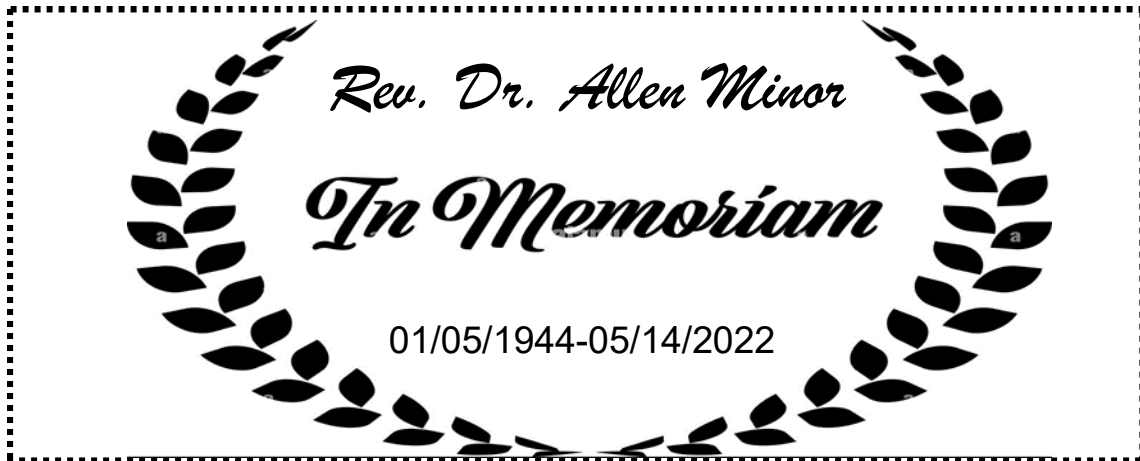
- 5/7 **Pat Campbell**
 5/14 **Jamie Haage**
 5/21 **Juli Nelson**
 5/28 **Ron Routledge**



BY THE WAY THRIFT SHOP

We have had a busy April. We were open all week at Easter and saw many new customers. Our water leak was fixed and we are so thankful to have water again. This month we welcomed a new volunteer. Teena Sims is back and we are so glad to have her. We still need volunteers for Wednesday afternoons. We could easily be open Monday through Saturday if we had more volunteers. Our needs this month are baby/ toddler clothes, gardening items like flowerpots and jewelry . Please continue to save plastic sacks and packing supplies.

Kathy Kauffman
 Thrift Shop co-chair



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-

~ MAY ~
 Chris Hedenberg
 David Hedenberg
 Jolene Herington
 Roger Kauffman


~ MAY ~
 5/7 Easton Rein
 5/14 James Gillen
 5/21 Preston Segura
 5/28 Mason Feeler


~MAY~
 Kathy Kauffman
 Jamie Haage
 Cindy Baldwin
 Julie Groves
ELDERS


~Youth News~

If you know of a congregation member who will be graduating from High School or College this year, please send Name and School (if college, include course of study) to Stacy Eastridge at shortround9276@gmail.com so they may be recognized.

Join us Saturday, May 13 at 3pm for Family Movie Afternoon. Bring a snack to share. We will be showing "Greater". Based on the true story of Arkansas Razorback football player, Brandon Burlsworth. Told he wasn't good enough to play Division I football, Brandon took a risk and walked on in 1994, and he became the most respected player in the history of the program.

If you had Easter picture taken and have not received them – they are waiting for you down in Fellowship Hall.

Shout out to several of our youth:

~Grace Rein – inducted into the Junior National Honor Society (4.0 GPA)

~Mason Feeler – for his outstanding performance in the Jr. High Production of "A Midsummer's Night Dream" – directed by our very own Holly Segura

~Jude Feeler – (and his traveling baseball team) – for recent win at the Forsyth Invitational

~Darren Gillen - accepted for summer work program at C of O.

~John Gillen - purchase of 1st car while balancing work, school & sports.

~James Gillen - finishing his 1st year of homeschool.

To all the rest of the youth...we praise you too.. keep being you!

-Directory Update-



Cindy Etnyre
114A Vista View Dr.
Branson, MO 65616

Linda Hubbard
211 Timberlake Rd.
Branson, MO 65616

Board Report

~From the Board Chair~

The Branson Christian Church Board met April 20, 2023. While there are several articles in this newsletter about the activities of the various committees, this report will basically cover those items not stated elsewhere. The following committee reports were as follows:

Building & Grounds—Lights were replaced in the kitchen area. Plans are being made to improve the outside grounds soon. A recommendation came from the committee to replace the lights in the Thrift Shop with LEDs.

Worship—Plans are being made to honor the women of the church for Mothers' Day.

Vision 100/2024—Costs of materials for remodeling of the sanctuary are being pursued.

100th Anniversary Ad Hoc—The 100th anniversary of the church will be celebrated June 22-24, 2024. More details will follow later.

In new business, the Finance Committee recommended approval of 2 events—the replacement of the lights in the Thrift Shop for the Building and Grounds committee and requesting donations for a volleyball play area at the Crisis Center in Rockaway Beach. Both requests were approved by the board.

The meeting was well attended. I thank all of those who participated as well as those members who faithfully help with the committees and other business of the church. We are so blessed to have such devoted members. God bless them all.

Cindy Baldwin, Board Chair

~Kudos~

1. All of the adults who are volunteering to help with Teen Church.
2. Sandy Poos--painted rocks for the distribution at the Thrift Shop. Customers are very grateful to have one.
3. Larry Campbell--The Coffee King at the Easter Breakfast.
4. Dominic Gillen--handling all of the kitchen duties for various youth events.

Welcome New Member

Maxine Church 04/09/2023



Charm is deceptive, and beauty
is fleeting; but a woman
who fears the Lord
is to be praised.

PROVERBS 31:30 NIV

Wishing you God's unending
favor, kindness and love this

Mother's Day
and always.



Membership News

Easter Breakfast was very popular! The Youth served more than 50 people. The pancake flippers went through 10 pounds of pancake mix and over 100 sausage patties! Thanks to the Youth and kitchen volunteers!

The May 21st Fellowship dinner is a special Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for Vacation Bible School. The committee is currently working with local grocery stores for donations of pasta, sauce, salad, and bread. The ground beef has been donated. We are asking the congregation to bring desserts such as brownies, sheet cakes, etc. Please watch for more information through email blasts and Sunday announcements.

First Quarter Attendance

Sunday attendance has averaged the following:

January- 60 attendees
February- 70 attendees
March- 70 attendees

Ash Wednesday 25

Maundy Thursday 31

Easter 117

Our attendance keeps growing! Keep inviting friends and neighbors!

Bobbie Wydeen

~Outreach & Missions~

The Outreach Committee is planning a workday at the Crisis Center on Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 to 3:00. We hope for volunteers from the church to help. Our plans include purchasing a volleyball set and installing permanent poles for it. Other possible projects that are needed are small repairs, power washing cabins, and organizing storage units. The number of volunteers will dictate which projects we can tackle. If you are willing to help, please contact Jolene Herington.

The donations for CAM in May are cans of tuna.

Jolene Herington

~Christian Ed~

- ∅ The Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the Easter Pancake Breakfast. The youth had a great time serving you and are very appreciative of the tips that were raised. Through your kindness, \$535 was raised for the youth fund. These funds are used to provide events and assist with conference admissions and camp admissions. We thank you for all the support you have given to the youth. The youth will be paying it forward to the Church with a workday to spruce up the outside and work on cleaning out some closets and the old nursery on May 27.

- ∅ Join us Saturday, May 13 at 10am for a Mother’s Day Crafting Event. This is open to all youth and adults. We have 2 crafts available. We will be making wooden jewelry boxes and we will be decorating pots and planting flowers. Please let Stacy Eastridge know by Wednesday, May 10 if you plan to attend so we have enough flowers for everyone. Snacks will be provided during the event.

- ∅ Many events are planned or in the works of being planned. Most exciting is we are working on an All-Church event to attend Sight & Sound’s production of ESTER. We have been communicating with Alex Segura and are working on establishing a date. Be watching for more information to come.

- ∅ Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School June 23-25. We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to help for an hour or a day, please contact Stacy Eastridge. Help is always needed with decorating & teardown, teaching (classes still available for a teacher), child wrangling, or just about anything. We will always find something for you to do. Vacation Bible School will be open to all youth. Youth up to age 12 will attend the classes. Youth 12 and up will help as mentors and guides. Be watching for more information and online registration. Monies raised at the Spaghetti Dinner on May 21 will go towards VBS to purchase food, craft supplies, lesson materials, etc. We serve a full lunch and two snacks over the course of the 3 day event as well as having a craft for every lesson (total of 5 lessons) and opening day craft.

Stacy Eastridge, Chair

Committee Reports

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report through MAR. 2023

Operating income February	\$16,252.49
Operating expense February	\$7,942.18
Year to date income	\$47,731.75
Year to date expense	\$25,323.42

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

SAFE ~ SECURE ~ SIMPLE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~Christian Ed	May 7	After Church
~Outreach	May 8	4:30pm.
~Worship	May 9	10:30am.
~Finance	May 16	6:00pm.
~Board	May 18	5:30pm.



Search Committee

The Search Committee has received several profiles from the Region to review and give consideration. There are many facets to this process and can take time to work through. Please be assured the committee is prayerfully committed to finding the best candidate to serve as our pastor.

We acknowledge this process is in God's hands and only He can lead us to the individual who is waiting to be called to serve as pastor of Branson Christian Church. Please join the committee in prayer as the search process continues.



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

~May Birthdays~

May 2	Phyllis Rotrock
May 3	Marilyn Johnson
May 9	Jody Nelson
May 11	Carmelita Segura
May 13	Jared Lindner
May 15	Tara Groves
May 16	John Lea
May 23	Tanya Armstrong
May 23	Matt Sisson
May 25	Josiah Felder
May 27	Marlene Henderson
May 28	Rod Phillips
May 29	Jeanie Burns
May 30	Charie Barton

~Anniversaries~

May 11	Garry & Debbie Weinstein
May 17	Javier & Shan Carrasco
May 20	Jeff & Stacy Eastridge
May 25	Keith & Judy Adams
May 25	Larry & Sandy Poos

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6-8pm. Chosen Bible Study (Episode 5)	3 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	4	5	6 Thrift Store Mtg. 3:15pm. 9am.-3pm. Crisis Center at Rockaway
7 Christian Ed Mtg. After Church	8 Outreach & Missions Comm. Mtg. 4:30pm.	9 10:30am. Worship Comm. Mtg.	10 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	11	12	13 Mother's Day Craft 10am.-12pm. Family Movie Night 3pm. "Greater"
14 Mother's Day	15	16 6-8pm. Chosen Bible Study (Episode 6) 6pm. Finance Comm. Mtg	17 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	18 5:30pm. Board Mtg	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21 Freewill Spaghetti Dinner (Proceeds to VBS) Pentecost Offering	22	23	24 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.	25	26	27 Youth Work Day At Church Time TBA
28 Teen Sunday Worship Led by The Gillen's (Book of Micah) Pentecost Offering	29 Office Closed Memorial Day	30	31 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study Choir rehearsal 5:30pm.			

Serving in May

Worship Leaders

7th ~ Stacy Eastridge
 14th ~ Johnie Groves
 21st ~ Jean Mueller
 28th ~ Tanya Armstrong

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.