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# THE SPIRIT

Monthly Newsletter of Branson Christian Church  
 (Disciples of Christ)

June 2025

## GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

2025 PENTECOST OFFERING  
 SUNDAYS JUNE 1 & JUNE 8



IMAGINATION FREEDOM INNOVATION UNITY CREATIVITY

COMMUNITY SPIRITUALITY JUSTICE TRAIN EQUIP ASSIST



THE 2025 PENTECOST OFFERING IS A SPECIAL OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT  
 IN YOUR REGION AND ACROSS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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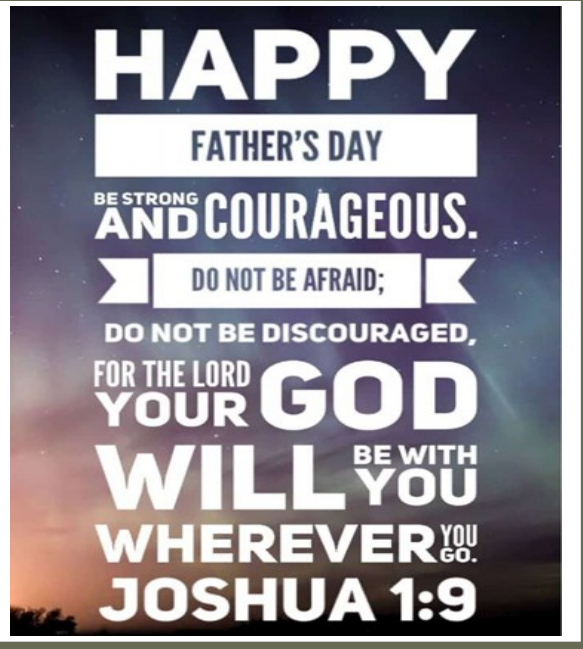


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**BY THE WAY THRIFT SHOP**

**Income for April was \$5,282.16.**

**We still need 2 volunteers for Saturdays.**

**Needed items: flower pots, gardening items, purses, paperback books, and hardback fiction.**

**Our red, white, and blue sale was a hit!**

**Thanks for the wonderful support and donations.**

*Kathy & Roger Kauffman*  
 Thrift Shop co-chairs



**On June 8th  
 please wear RED for  
 Pentecost Sunday!**



**-SERVING THIS MONTH-**

**~JUNE~**

Greg Haston  
 Ronni Haston  
 Annette Sain  
 Linda Stinger




**~JUNE~**

06/01 - Easton R.  
 06/08 - Preston S.  
 06/15 - Neal S.  
 06/22 - James G.  
 with Maleah  
 06/29 - Preston S.



**~JUNE~**

Jamie Haage  
 Kathy Kauffman  
 Cindy Baldwin  
 Johnie Groves  
 Julie Groves



**Branson Christian Church Staff & Board**

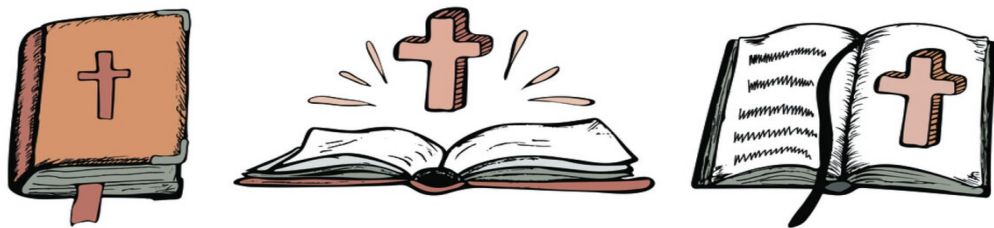
<u>STAFF</u>	<u>BOARD OFFICERS 2025</u>
Rev. Dr. Don Tharp - Pastor	Jean Mueller - Board Chair
Samantha West - Office Admin	John Lea - Vice Chair
Rod Phillips - Music Director	Johnie Groves - Treasurer
Annette Sain - Custodial Services	Pat Campbell- Secretary
	Tanya Armstrong- Financial Secretary

**Office Hours:** Mon. through Thurs.  
 9:00am. -2:00pm.

## ~Esther Women's Bible Study~

The Esther group has finished their 7-week study, and fun was had by all! We experienced a king's banquet, received our own crowns and scepters, ate a hat (it's true!) and lots of hugs (Hershey's, that is) were given. Add a few more goodies and you get the idea. Most of all, we had a great discussion as we watched the video teacher, Kelly Minter, lead us through the incredible book of Esther. There is so much going on in the background of Esther that most people don't realize how intense it is! The Esther ladies get a lot of kudos from me, because the study guide kept them busy digging into scripture. It was definitely a brain stretcher!

Thank you to all who participated. I'm proud of you. Let's do another study in the fall, what do you say?



Blessings,  
Cindy Tharp

## From the Pastor's Desk

The Listening Team met on May 4, 2025, to discuss the vitality of the church community and Bible study insights. They shared blessings and reflections, emphasizing the welcoming and loving nature of **our** church. Key Bible study themes included evangelism, unity, service, and unconditional love, with lessons seamlessly connecting to the church's purpose.

The team's next focus is **spiritual discernment**, exploring how to seek God's guidance through prayer, scripture, and patience. Future discussions will examine the **denomination's influence and local** church history. Pastor Chad, our consultant, will attend the next meeting by Zoom. He will bring a wealth of information and help us begin the next steps toward designing the plan to receive input from the congregation.

Resources, including a video on the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and survey materials, were provided for preparation. The meeting concluded with prayer, and the next session is scheduled for **June 5 at 10:00 AM**.



Blessings,  
Pastor Don

## **~Membership News~**

**The June Fellowship Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, June 8, 2025, due to Father's Day.**

The committee is planning an outing to a Springfield Cardinals game in August. More information to come.

Rebecka reported that College of the Ozarks made changes to the Students' Chapel schedule. The committee discussed how to include the college students in our church home.

The Hollister Rotary Club and Taney County Ambulance District have joined to sponsor monthly Hands-Only CPR and AED training. A blast with the dates for the next month will be sent out. It is the hope of the committee that more than a handful of members have been trained to use the AED units that the late Pat Davis helped purchase. Be on the lookout for more information.

*Bobbie Wydeen, Chair*

## **~Outreach & Missions~**

**The food donation suggestions for June is ramen noodles and granola bars.**

The special offering for Pentecost is on June 1st and 8th. This offering supports Disciples' new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregations is part of the Disciples' vision.

The Crisis Center work day is Monday June 2nd from 9:00am. - 12:30pm. Please let Jolene know if you can join us to help out sorting clothing, power washing cabins, and other tasks as needed.

Our Christmas Children's box projects continue as we meet again Tuesday, June 3rd at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun as we work on more sewing items, crocheting projects, sunglass sleeves, and fishing kits.

*Jolene Herington, Chair*

## ~Christian Ed~

Thank you everyone for Celebrating our Graduates!

Pizza VBS kick-off party on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. in fellowship hall. The kiddos will begin practicing their songs for VBS.



Our last Worship and Wonder will be on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have Children's Worship Bulletins available for the kids to follow along with services instead. Bags of crayons will be in the basket in the Narthex, with the bulletins above them on the table each week this summer.

Mini Golf at Lost Treasure Golf, located at 3346 W 76 Country Boulevard in Branson. On Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm. For a group of 15 or more we will pay \$9 a person, I will have to pay in one transaction, money will be accepted thru Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see Rebecka Gillen to get in your reservation and pay.

Vacation Bible School is Camp Firelight- A Summer Camp Adventure With God. VBS is going to be on June 27<sup>th</sup> (5pm. - 8pm.), 28<sup>th</sup> (9am. - 3pm.) with a little bit of Sunday Service on the 29<sup>th</sup> (10am. - 12pm.).



*Rebecka Gillen, Chair*

## Committee Reports

### FINANCE REPORT

#### Finance Report through APR. 2025

Operating income Apr.	\$20,088.82
Operating expense Apr.	\$10,547.37
Year to date income	\$80,809.89
Year to date expense	\$48,903.87

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

**SAFE ~ SECURE ~ SIMPLE**

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

~Membership	June 5	5:30pm.
~Outreach	June 9	10:00am.
~Worship	June 10	1:00pm.
~Finance	June 17	2:00pm.
~Board	June 19	5:30pm.
~Christian Ed	June 22	After Service




## ~Special Music~

**If you are interested in performing special music during service, please contact Rod Phillips. Our BCC Chancel Choir is going to take a break for summer.**



# JUNE

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Mission Moment Felder Family</b>  <i>Pentecost Special Offering</i>	2 Crisis Center Work Day 9:00am– 12:30pm.	3 Christmas Box Project 5:30pm.	4	5 <b>Membership Mtg. 5:30pm.</b>  <b>Listening Team Mtg. 10:00am</b>	6	7 VBS Pizza Party 4:00pm
8 Pentecost <b>Fellowship Dinner</b> <b>Wear Red TODAY</b> <b>Last W &amp; W</b>  <i>Pentecost Special Offering</i>	9 <b>Outreach Mtg. 10:00am.</b>	10 <b>Worship Mtg. 1:00pm.</b>	11 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	12	13	14
15 Father's Day 	16	17 <b>Finance Mtg. 2:00pm.</b>	18 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	19 <b>Board Mtg. 5:30pm.</b>	20	21 <b>All Church Mini Golf Treasure Golf 4:00pm</b>
22 <b>VBS Decorating after service</b>  <b>Christian Ed Mtg. after service</b>	23	24	25 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Bible Study	26	27 VBS 5:00pm - 8:00pm	28 VBS 9:00am - 3:00pm
29 <b>VBS Program 10:00am - 12:00pm.</b>	30					

**~June Birthdays~**

June 1 Teena Sims  
 June 1 Kathy Kauffman  
 June 2 June Doyle  
 June 6 Juliana Tilden  
 June 7 Andrea Phillips  
 June 7 Connie Yeutter  
 June 12 Lucy Johnson  
 June 16 Easton R.  
 June 17 Evan Kauffman  
 June 23 Laura Vestal  
 June 28 David Faragher  
 June 30 Linda Endicott  
 June 30 June St. Laurent



**~Anniversaries~**

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

**Serving in June**

**Worship Leaders**

1st ~ Pat Campbell  
 8th ~ Evan Kauffman  
 15th ~ Larry Campbell  
 22nd ~ Chris Hedenberg  
 29th ~ Johnie Groves