

Serving God in Ministry



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Thank you

I want to thank everyone for the cards and for my prayer blanket. It is very heartwarming to know how much you all care for me.

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We would like to thank the church for their kind thoughts, cards, and prayer blanket after losing our mother and grandmother, Eva Fountain. We would especially like to thank Pastor Steve for the beautiful service and Renee and Melinda for their help with the luncheon following the services.

*Roger and Rita Fountain
Camillia and Steve Naught*

TURKEY FESTIVAL PARADE

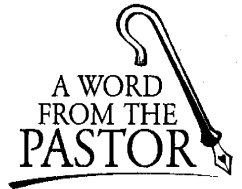
The Turkey Festival Parade will be held on September 26th at 10:00 am. The theme this year is "Back to the Future." Our church is planning on having a float in the parade. We are in need of candy donations for the kids to throw during the parade. A container will be available in the Narthex to put the donations in. We might also be in need of materials for the float decorations, but that will be announced at a later time. So be on the look out for more information on this as the time gets closer.

Youth Group

The Youth Group will be starting up again on Sept. 13th. We will meet after the 6:00 pm service is over. This year we are going to try something new. The youth will elect officers for this group. This will allow the youth to help plan their activities and gain valuable experience.

Giving Back To God?

It is that time of year again when we are looking at teams and committees for next year. I have many people tell me that they are willing to serve where ever needed. Thank you! That's great, we need you! My preference though would be to have you serve in an area that you feel passionate about. What are the talents God has given you, and how can you use them to serve God, our church, and the unsaved in our community? In what areas do you feel excited about serving God, or feel a sense of joy and peace when you help in that way? Is it Children's Ministry? Outreach? Evangelism? Work Projects (Trustees)? Worship? How about helping with the big fundraiser dinners? I am asking everyone to pray this month and see in what area God might be calling you to serve. Then, let me know! Send me an email or call me and let me know how you would like to serve in our church and with outreach to our community. Thank you. *Pastor Steve*



UMW Happenings

UMW met September 2 in the Fellowship Hall. Several members will be attending Mid-State Fall meeting at Jefferson City First Methodist Church.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 7th. All ladies of the church are invited and encouraged to attend.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We will start Children's Church back up again on September 13th. Children's Church is the time when the children (grades K - 5) are dismissed from the service, and usually lasts about 35 minutes. Our format is to show a fun Christian educational video and then discuss the video with the kids. As the kids liked them so much last year, we are going to go through the video series called "What's in the Bible?" again. This was written by the same person who created Veggie Tales.

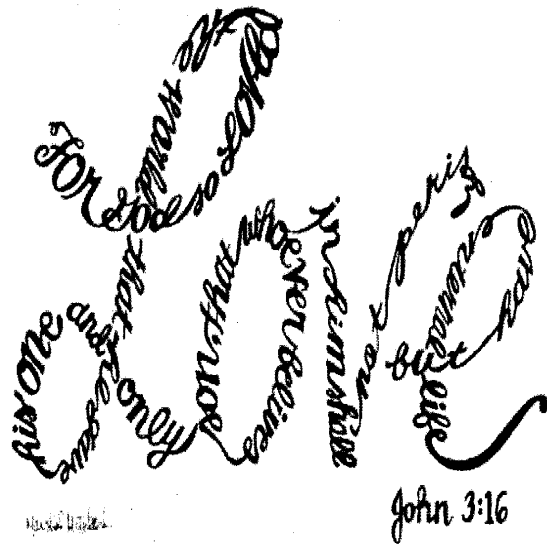
There is a new sign-up sheet in the Narthex for adults who would like to help lead Children's Church. We have the videos already picked out and have the questions too! It could not be easier, and it is a fun time to be with the kids as they learn about God. I am asking for everyone to pray about being involved with this, and to consider signing up for just once every other month (only 6 times a year). Please pray and ask God if He is calling you to be a part of this exciting ministry to our children. Thank you, Pastor Steve

Nursery Care

In order to provide consistency for the children, and to make sure that there is always someone in the nursery on Sunday mornings, we have hired Jennifer Wickham to be our permanent Nursery Care worker. Jennifer will be in the nursery from 9:15 - 11:45 am on Sunday mornings. This will be helpful for our current members as well as all future guests. Thank you Jennifer for being willing to do this, we are confident that you will do a great job.

Festival of Sharing October 17 School Kit items

- 1 pair blunt child's scissors
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1-30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 large eraser
- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 pencil sharpener (hand-held)
- 3 Spiral or tape-bound notebooks of ruled paper, 8" x 10"
- 14"x16" finished SIZE, cloth bag with cloth handles. Please contribute any of these items or make some cloth bags for the festival. If you have any questions call Lorraine Dowler.



Youth Group Fundraiser and Evangelism

On Sunday, September 20th I will be skipping church. Yes, that's right, I will be skipping church to take the youth and other volunteers down to the Lake in the hope of raising some money for our youth group and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with bikers who will be attending the Lake Bike Fest that weekend. Our church has been given the use of Luby's Stage and part of the parking next to Wok-N-Roll on The Strip to play Christian music and sell lunch plates. If you are interested in helping please contact Pastor Steve or sign-up in the Narthex. Rev. Shirley Williams will be preaching for me that morning.

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir will be starting back up this fall. If you are interested in being one of our church's Ding-a-lings please contact Pastor Steve.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The men's fellowship & devotion breakfast will continue this fall on the first and third Saturday of every month from 8:00 – 9:00 am at the Silver Dollar. This month we will meet on Sept. 19. This is a time when we can come together as Christian men to eat, have a short devotion, fellowship, and to encourage each other in our faith. This is an informal group for MEN of all ages and no RSVP is required, just show up hungry.

Singing Choir

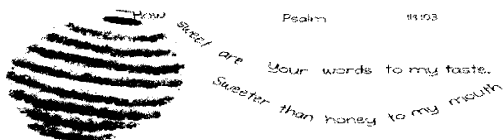
Over the last 3 years I have been asked a number of times when we are going to start up a singing choir again. Well, the time is now! If we can get even a handful of people who would like to sing in the choir, then we will sing once a month. If you are interested in singing in the choir please contact Pastor Steve.

WHO MOVED THE OFFERING?

The Worship Committee has decided to take a suggestion given to Pastor Steve by the Board of Ordained Ministry and move the offering to the end of the service. We give our offering, and pledge ourselves to God, as a response to God's Spirit speaking to us and leading us. Having the offering at the end of the service will allow us to respond to all that God has in store for us each Sunday.

Chili & Soup Extravaganza

Fall is just around the corner and it's time to start thinking about our "Chili and Soup Extravaganza". We have set a date of Thursday, October 29. Everyone always looks forward to the vast variety of soups that our members come up with so get those recipes out and start planning. We, of course, will need lots of volunteers to help with the meal so please mark this date on your calendar (and the day before for prep). If anyone has any suggestions for changes or improvements, please let the activities committee know.



BELIEVE

Starting on September 13th, our church is doing something new for this school year. We are using a Bible study and sermon series called BELIEVE by Randy Frazee.

Grounded in carefully selected Scripture, BELIEVE is a unique spiritual growth experience that takes you on a journey to Think, Act, and Be more like Jesus. We will study the ten key Beliefs of the Christian faith, the ten key Practices of a Jesus-follower, and the ten key Virtues that characterize someone who is becoming more like Jesus.

Sunday school classes from preschoolers to adults will all study the same topic, with age-appropriate lesson material, and then my sermon will also be on that topic. All of the Beliefs, Practices and Virtues we will study line up with Jesus' command to love God and to love others.

As Christians we need to know what we Believe and why it matters. Every believer needs to be able to answer these three questions:

- WHAT DO I BELIEVE?
- WHAT SHOULD I DO?
- WHO AM I BECOMING?


Our BELIEVE series will help everyone be able to do this, and this will allow everyone in your family to learn together to be more like Jesus.

Sunday school classes for all ages starts at 9:30 am. If you have not already decided to attend Sunday school, I encourage you to come and check out this new series. I will also be preaching on the same topic at the evening service, but it will be a different sermon than at the early service. This will allow everyone to attend both services while having a completely different worship experience at both.

Sunday School

The teachers this year are Melissa Mihalj for the Toddler/Preschool class, Shannon George & Penny Richards for the K-2nd grade, Claire Wilhoit for the 3rd-5th grade, Paula Richard for 6th-12th grade. Becky Malott for the Your Choice adult class.

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1:00 pm UMW	3 7:00 pm NA Group	4	5 5:00 pm MA presents Family Night @ Allee Field
10:30 am Worship service UMC Crusaders meeting 6:00 pm Contemporary Service	 Office Closed	8	9	10 7:00 pm NA Group	11	12
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