



Pastor's Column 40th Anniversary

The church's 40th anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, October 24. A small committee will work on the details of that morning but here is the general outline of how it will go.

We will start at 10:00 AM (NOT 10:30). The first part of the service will be directed at celebrating the past. We will invite past members to come. A personal invitation from you works so much better than just a letter from the church. We really would like past members to be here because they represent the past journey of faith.

The middle part of the service will be dedicated to celebrating the present. There is a lot to celebrate about how God is using our church today to minister to the Gospel of Jesus. We will be looking for a few testimonials as to present ministries.

The third part of the service is to celebrate the future of the church. The District Superintendent, Jon Thompson, will be with us to share a little of the future of the conference and district and any encouragement he might give us. I will conclude that portion with recommissioning us to the future by using the Scripture we used November 13, 2011 to rededicate our church (Philippians 3:13B-14). We are called to be the church of Jesus Christ. We are called to take John Wesley's advise to "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

There will not be a dinner to go along with this due to health concerns so we will concentrate on Jesus being the Bread of Life to feed and nourish us for the day - Body, Mind, Soul, & Spirit!

At the top of the bulletin for years we have carried the message "This order of worship is subject to change by the Holy Spirit". So we would say the 40th Anniversary Service will conclude around noon unless otherwise directed by the Holy Spirit!

But that is not the end of the celebration! We will gather for an evening event from 6:30 - 8:30. This event will center around a bonfire, hot chocolate, s'mores, singing of camp songs, sharing more stories of the journey of faith, and finish it with a BANG! Literally, we will have a short fireworks display to signal that OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is still alive and well! Thanks be to God!!! (Check the October news for more details.)

Pastor Jack



Scriptures for the Month of September

Sunday September 5 - Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 • Psalm 146 • James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17
• Mark 7:24-37

Sunday September 12 - Proverbs 1:20-33 • Psalm 116:1-9 • James 3:1-12 • Mark 8:27-38

Sunday September 19 - Proverbs 31:10-31 • Psalm 54 • James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a • Mark 9:30-37

Sunday September 26 - Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 • Psalm 19:7-14 • James 5:13-20
• Mark 9:38-50

Bible Study

Bible Study will continue in September with Pete Briscoe's "Better". His sermons challenge us and cause us to reflect on our own faith. We have the opportunity to discuss those issues together! We also share our joys and concerns and visit.

September's agenda is as follows:

Sept 6 - NO BIBLE STUDY - LABOR DAY

Sept 13 - #16 Intimately Loved

Sept 20 - #17 Freedom from Guilt & Shame

Sept 27 - #18 Where Forgiveness is Found.

Come join us on Monday mornings from 10:30-12:15.

Drive-In Worship

The last Sunday in September (Sept 26) will be a drive-in worship at 10:30. (No Welcome Center) It will be the same format as we did before which is to meet in the back of the church with a platform next to the backdoor and you park all around that area. Drive-in worship was well responded to during those times we could not meet inside.

We also ask that all those who can stay bring a brown bag lunch. We will have an outside picnic with pop, water and juice available.

PRAYER BREAKFAST



September Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, September 11 from 8:15 - 10:30 am in the Welcome Center. This will be our first full breakfast in over a year. This means eggs, bacon, juice, milk, and, of course, Krispy Kremes!! Prayer is one of the most important parts of our faith. Prayer opens the spirit to be able to listen to God. Prayer allows us to communicate to God and have God communicate with us about our joys and concerns. Through prayer our spirits may grow calm and comforted that we are not alone nor are we dealing with answers to life alone. Thanks be to God!

September Mission Project

Pregnancy Life Line

Your Change Can Change Lives!

Pregnancy Life Line is handing out Baby Bottles to you to take a bottle home and fill it with spare coins, bills (and even checks) which will go to support Pregnancy Life Line (PLL). PLL is the only crisis pregnancy center in Stone County. Bottles can be turned in after October 10th. Monies will be used to support the free services they offer and for supplies in the Resource Room to give to new moms and dads for their baby.





CRAFTERS NEEDED

Open Doors United Methodist
Church of Blue Eye
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Fri. Oct. 8 from 9:00-5:00
Sat. Oct. 9 from 9:00-3:00
Set up on Thursday 10:00-5:00

\$25 per 6' X 6' space
\$35 per 8' X 8' space
\$40 per 10' X 10' outside space
\$50 per 12' X 12' outside space

**Contact Karen
Pizzurro
623-826-7609
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417-779-5677**




Please contact Karen ASAP if you are interested in having items in the Craft Fair. Church members can split a booth or table.



WEDNESDAY NOON LUNCHEON AND CARDS

The Wednesday Noon Luncheon and Cards started back up in June! Come and join for lunch or cards or both! Fellowship Lunch at 12:00 Noon. Play Cards or Games at 1:00.

September 15 - Vegetable Soup

September 22 - Meatloaf

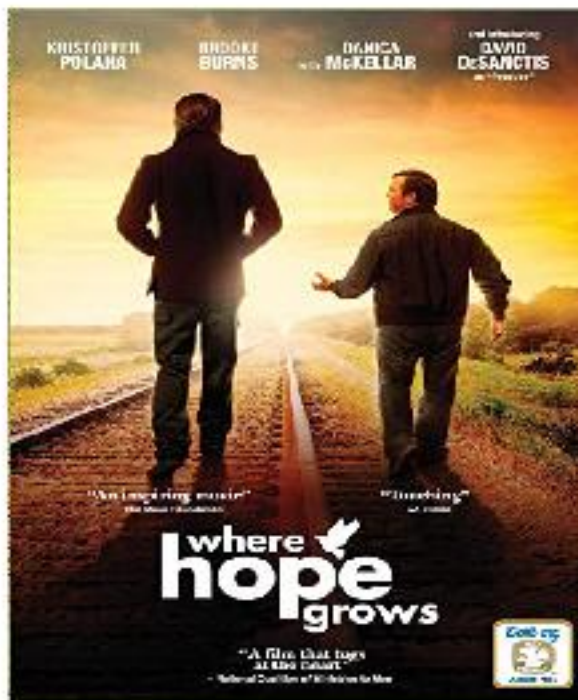
September 29 - Corn Dogs

Menu is subject to change.

Suggested lunch donation is \$3. Debbie Hermann is the coordinator. Please contact her if you would like to help. RSVP 281-460-2038.

Movie Night - September 1 at 6 p.m.

"Where Hope Grows" A former pro baseball player with a self-destructive streak, has his faith in God restored when he meets, Produce, an inspirational man with Down syndrome. As their friendship develops, Calvin is reminded that sometimes hope can grow in the most unlikely of places.



Red Hat Ladies Group

Come and join us! It will be fun. Please RSVP to Debbie by noon the day before if you will be coming. 281-460-2038.

September 14 - Keeter Center for lunch at 11:30 then go to the Ralph Foster Museum (\$5.00)



L.E.O.T.A.

Let's Eat Out Together Amen

L.E.O.T.A. Let's Eat Out Together Amen - started up in March. Come join for a fun time of food and fellowship!

September 21, Tuesday - Steamy Joes 224 W Main, Branson

October 16, Saturday - Panda House, 2130 Highway 248, Branson

All lunch times will be at 11:30 a.m. PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Debbie Hermann 281-460-2038 by phone or text message by noon the day before each luncheon if you will be attending. Thanks! Hope to see you there!

Thrift Store

Thurs., Sept., 9 from 1-5

Sat., Sept., 11 from 8-noon



Lots of treasures to be had! Donations welcome! Volunteers needed!



Parking Lot

As part of the 40th Anniversary we will renew our parking lot, literally. We have entered into a contract with Advanced Sealing and Striping of Blue Eye to renew our parking lot and repair certain areas including the bumps around the tree leading to Ministry House. The church is able to set aside \$5,000 of the \$9,895.90 to do the job. The other \$4,895.90 is "by faith" in you, the congregation. We are asking all people of the church to give what they can. This is an ALL CHURCH asking. As small donation is still a donation to help reach the goal. We will start collecting on September 5. A renewed parking lot is an "outward sign" of an "inward spiritual faith" to all that we are alive and well in the faith!



Gazebo Ministry

The September Gazebo Ministry will occur on Sept 8 at 6 pm. The evening will start with hot dogs, chips, desert, and drinks (all provided). The evening event will center around Bible Trivia. We will divide into small groups of 2 to 4 people. You will be given a Bible Trivia question and each group will come up with an answer. If you have the right answer your group will get a point. Group with the most points win the prize for the evening. The other groups will also receive consolation prizes (so we all win)! It is an evening of fun related to our faith. You can bring your Bible if you wish. Should be done around 7:30 pm. Bring your own lawn chair if you wish. Come join in for fun, food, faith, and fellowship!


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We have a Facebook page, please go to our page and "like" us. You can post suggestions, pictures or anything you would like. It is also a great way to find out what is going on and see the pictures of events already taken place.

August

October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Hours 10-5 Movie - 6 pm "Where Hope Grows"	2	3	4
5 9:30 Welcome Center 10:30 Worship	6  Office Closed	7	8 Office Hours 10-5 Gazebo Night - 6 Hot Dogs and Bible Trivia	9 Office Hours 10-5 THRIFT STORE 1-5	10	11 Prayer Breakfast 8:15 THRIFT STORE 8-12
12 9:30 Welcome Center 10:30 Worship	13 10:30 Bible Study Office Hours 1-5 1:00 Women's Study	14	15 Office Hours 10-5 Noon Luncheon 1:00 Fellowship Cards	16 Office Hours 10-5	17	18
19 BLUE SUNDAY 9:30 Welcome Center 10:30 Worship Church Council	20 Office Hours 10-5 Noon Luncheon 1:00 Fellowship Cards	21 L.E.O.T.A. 11:30 Steamy Joes 224 W Main, Branson	22 Office Hours 10-5 Noon Luncheon 1:00 Fellowship Cards	23 Office Hours 10-5	24	25
26 10:30 Drive-In Worship and BYO Picnic Lunch	27 Office Hours 10-5 Noon Luncheon 1:00 Fellowship Cards	28	29 Office Hours 10-5 Noon Luncheon 1:00 Fellowship Cards	30 Office Hours 10-5		



September

SEPTEMBER 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Katie Jensen Makayla Blake	2 Janet Florke	3 Dave Thomas	4
5	6	7	8 Jack Mielke	9	10 Bob Bell	11
12 Dave & Sharon Gilliam	13 Jim Perkin	14	15 Henry & Ruth Ann Flinck	16	17 Steve Fennema	18
19	20	21 Michaela Fransen Randy & Julie Wagner	22 Mike & Jessica Eckerle	23 Susie Bouchey	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		