

Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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Pastor's Column

This newsletter is combining the July and August news into one newsletter. The reason for this is twofold. First, the last week in July both Susan and myself have family coming for a visit and secondly, Peg and I are planning a 2 week trip with the trailer starting August 10. With those things in mind it seemed reasonable to combine the two months. So, please find a safe place for this newsletter as it has to survive the two months.

Summer is a special time for most families. This is the prime time for most of the tourist areas of our country. Also, the summer is quite special because last summer we did not get to do any normal summer activities. So, people are already on the go with all sorts of travel vehicles. We have joined that group called RVers but have not done much camping as of this writing. In fact, our trailer is in the shop with some warranty work.

Why has camping has a jump start in popularity? The main reason focuses on our need for space, the great outdoors. To be able to get away to a new reality of fun, joy, and peace. I think not being able to get away for a year or more makes this reality even more necessary. There were times when Jesus needed to get away. The reality of the crowds and their demands on His time were very stressful so he needed to get away. Often it was a boat he used to get away or a walk in a garden. If Jesus needed space, which he did, how much more important is it for us to find space?

For years we owned a boat. We used it for skiing with youth groups, taking families out for the day, but mostly we used it for our own space. We allowed one church to even name our boat. Knowing we needed time away like Jesus did to have our space for our time, for prayer, for just relaxing and just being on the water, they named this boat "Day Away".

Jesus needed time to be alone to think about what was happening in his world. He needed to gather his thoughts and to ask his Father God for direction, strength, and peace. In fact, peace was a big word for Jesus. "Peace, be still". "The Peace that passeth all understanding". And it was a very special peace. It was not like peace the world gives, it was peace of mind, soul, heart and body.

Now you don't need a camping trailer to find that peace but you do need to intentionally get away and clear your mind so God's mind can come into your heart, soul and body. Camping is one way. You need to find your way. This summer find space to be with God to find that peace that goes beyond all understanding and it will help you face the "crowds" (life!).

Pastor Jack



Scriptures for the Months of July and August

Sunday July 4 - 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 • Psalm 123 • 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 • Mark 6:1-13

Sunday July 11 - 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 • Psalm 85:8-13 • Ephesians 1:3-14 • Mark 6:14-29

Sunday July 18 - 2 Samuel 7:1-14a • Psalm 23 • Ephesians 2:11-22 • Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday July 25 - 2 Samuel 11:1-15 • Psalm 145:10-18 • Ephesians 3:14-21 • John 6:1-21

Sunday August 1 - 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a • Psalm 78:23-29 • Ephesians 4:1-16 • John 6:24-35

Sunday August 8 - 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 • Psalm 34:1-8 • Eph. 4:25-5:2 • John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday August 15 - 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 • Psalm 34:9-14 • Ephesians 5:15-20 • John 6:51-58

Sunday August 22 - 1 Kings 8: All • Psalm 34:15-22 • Eph. 6:10-20 • John 6:56-69

Sunday August 29 - Song of Solomon 2:8-13 • Psalm 15 • James 1:17-27 • Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Bible Study

We are using Pete Briscoe's series on "Better!". If you can't make it to Monday Morning Bible Study 10:30-12:15, log onto RightNowMedia.com and turn to the following sessions:

July 5 - No Bible Study

July 12 - Session 8 - The Promise of Rest

July 19 - Session 9 - Hiding Your Sin

July 26 - Session 10 - Saints Who Sin

Aug 2 - Session 11 - Baby Bottler Faith

Aug 9 - Session 12 - Standing on the Edge of Faith

Aug 16 - Session 13 - Can I Lose My Salvation?

Aug 23 - Session 14 - The Law Isn't So Grea

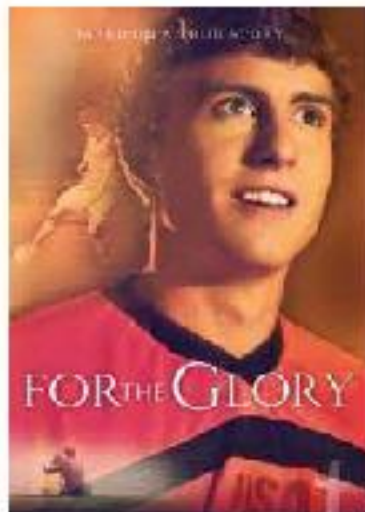
Aug 30 - Session 15 - Is God Really Committed to Me?

If you are not signed up for RightNowMedia, call Susan at the church office so she can sign you up. There are more than 2,000 Bible Study topics to choose from.

PRAYER BREAKFAST



Prayer Breakfast will be postponed until Saturday, July 17 from 8:15 - 10:30 am in the Welcome Center. It will again just be rolls, donuts, juice, coffee and chocolate milk. Let's pray together! No August Prayer Breakfast.



MOVIE NIGHT

Wed. July 7 at 6 p.m.
Join us in fellowship!
Movie - "For the Glory". True life story of Olympic soccer player Kurt Kuykendall. No Movie in August.

40th Anniversary

SAVE-THE-DATE - OCTOBER 24, 2021 Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye will be 40 years old this year (1981-2021). It is a cause for celebration. Sunday, October 24 is the date, so please put this date on your calendars NOW for it is important that we all be there! Many people and ministries have been a part of this church. We need to take time to celebrate the past (if you have pictures of past church events, please bring them to church!). If you have a bulletin, newsletter (we have 2011 to present), artifacts from days gone by bring them to church to display. The morning service will be dedicated to the past, present and future of the church. We will have some sort of lunch to celebrate in fellowship with one another. In the evening we will gather at the gazebo (October Gazebo event) for a campfire with hot chocolate and hopefully end the evening with fireworks.



Above: Oxford Shirts



Left: Logo

Below: Tipped Polo



Tipped Polos



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.

July 21 - Hamburgers, baked beans, chips & dessert

July 28 - Salad bar & dessert

August 4 - Chicken pasta casserole, pistachio salad & dessert

August 11 - Tacos & dessert

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

Logo Shirts

We have not ordered Logo Shirts for about 2 1/2 to 3 years. So, it is time to think about updating your church shirts for future events, especially the 40th! We will take orders through July and order the new shirts in August so we are ready for fall events and BLUE SUNDAY!

We will order the two original types and offer two new types of shirts:

Original Shirts:

Superblend Polos (6.7 oz 60/40 cotton/polyester in royal blue) Cost \$23.49

Value Poplin Shirt (3 oz 65/35 polyester/cotton poplin, Button down collar with matching button, classic fit in royal) Cost \$27.11

New Style:

Tipped Polos - Superblend Polo (6.7 oz 60/40 cotton/polyester with tippon collar and sleeve.

Royal/white). Cost \$28.48

Oxford Stripped Shirt (6 oz 60/40 cotton/polyester oxford - button down collar, classic fit, Blue/White) Cost \$33.40

An order sheet will be in the Narthex for you to order. Any questions, please ask Pastor Jack. Wearing a logo shirt on Sunday and at events where the community comes is a good way to reach out to others. Also, your name on the shirt is free! Please order soon!

Red Hat Ladies Group

Debbie Hermann has organized the Red Hat Ladies group and is inviting all ladies to join her. The July get together is Tues. July 13 at 11:30 at Lillihobbs Mercantile - Wear PURPLE and a RED HAT if you have it.

The August get together is Thurs. Aug. 19 at the Imax "Ozark Legacy and Legend" (FREE) at 10:00 a.m. with lunch following at McFarlain's.

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.



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!

July 20, Tuesday - Pizza Ranch 1464 Highway 248

August 28, Saturday - Uncle Buck's Fish Bowl and Grill -

Big Cedar

September 21, Tuesday - Steamy Joes 224 W Main, 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

Our Thrift Store is up and running on the 2nd Thursday from 1-5 pm and Saturday from 8 am - noon of the month. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

July 8 & 10

August 12 & 14

We hope to be open in September and October as well. Then we will close for the winter and reopen in March of 2022. Please keep this ministry in your prayers. We are also needing volunteers to help with the Thrift Store on Thursdays. If you are available, please let Neva Mielke, Debbie Lyon or Pastor Jack know.

Janice's Ministry House Outside Projects

You probably never thought you would hear that are only small catch up projects left to do around the church. Since 2013 we have had some sort of major project going either inside or outside. We have finished all those project but maintenance and upkeep still need to be done. A list of those small projects will be on the wall in the pastors office and will have a place to check them off as they are completed. Thanks for helping with these projects!



Gazebo Ministry

In July, we will have a hymn sing along with Cathy Longstreth playing the keyboard. The July Gazebo night will be Wed July 14 at 6:00 p.m. Come and join us for a special evening with a light supper, fun, and fellowship!

We will not have an August Gazebo Ministry night since Pastor Jack will be gone. Watch for information for the September Gazebo Ministry night!

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.

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June

August

JULY

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
 <p>4</p> <p>9:30 Welcome Center 10:30 Worship</p>	5	6	7	8 Office Hours 10-5 THRIFT STORE 1-5	9	10 THRIFT STORE 8-12
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Prayer Breakfast 8:15
<p>9:30 Welcome Center 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>10:30 Bible Study Office Hours 1-5 1:00 Women's Ministry</p>	<p>11:30 Red Hat Lillihobbs Merchante</p>	<p>Office Hours 10-5 Gazebo Night 6 pm Hymn Sing with Cathy Longstreth</p>	<p>Office Hours 10-5</p>		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>BLUE SUNDAY 9:30 Welcome Center 10:30 Worship Church Council</p>	<p>10:30 Bible Study Office Hours 1-5 1:00 Women's Ministry</p>	<p>11:30 L.E.O.T.A Pizza Ranch 1464 Hwy 248 Branson</p>	<p>Office Hours 10-5 Noon Luncheon 1:00 Cards</p>	<p>Office Hours 10-5</p>		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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4	5	6	7 Cynthia Bryant	8 Jeannie Kiewning	9 Julie Wagner	10
11	12	13	14 Deuane Frazier Susan Perikin	15	16 Dave & Gail Schroeder	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Luz Gunther
25 Merry Jo Bell	26	27	28	29	30 John Bennett	31 Susan Winston Mike Fransen

August

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1 9:30 Welcome Center 10:30 Worship	2 10:30 Bible Study Office Hours 1-5 1:00 Women's Ministry	3	4 Office Hours 10-5 Noon Luncheon 1:00 Cards	5	6	7
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AUGUST



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Ellee Mitchell Deloris Bryant	7
8 Jessica Eckerle	9 Dan & Susan Winston	10	11 Natalie Short	12 Kimberly Williams	13 Laura Darden	14
15	16 Jonathan & Kathryn James	17	18	19 Steve & Mona Fennema	20 Mike & Gloria Jones	21
22 Gary Herrmann Sean & Heidi Phillips	23 Sue Cella	24	25 Dave & Jane Thomas	26 Jack & Peg Smith	27 Becky McNabb	28 Jan Hensiek
29	30	31 Cody & Shery West				