



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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## *Pastor's Column*

Allergies!! If you do not have allergies then consider yourself blessed. If you do have allergies then this has been a terrible year. Some people who have never had allergies have been affected by the pollen season. For the last three years I have started my May column with allergies. May is a beautiful month because everything begins to bloom. The transition has been spectacular!! So, allergy sufferers I am in total sympathy with your plight.

But, on to greater things like Tim Tebow. I was able to attend the C of O evening with Tim Tebow. He is a very good speaker and for his age he has quite a hold on reality. The thing that impressed me most was his direct approach to his faith. He is not shy about witnessing his faith and what he believes in. Jesus Christ is the guiding force in his life. He tells you about how Jesus has affected his life and the goals he has set for himself. And he encourages us to look at our faith and put Jesus in charge. He is a very good football player, but he has the Tim Tebow Foundation where he helps kids with special needs and life threatening illnesses. One of his programs that the C of O participated in is the "Night to Shine" for special needs kids. After listening to Tim the first thing that popped into my head was that the man does not have time to play football. He is a speaker and runs the foundation as CEO.

What Tim brings to light is that all of us have a witness to share. We have talents to give. We need to pray and he did pray with us to give our lives to Jesus. So much of the time we want to control how we serve the Lord when actually it needs to be driven by God's Spirit to our inner spirit.

There were four what I call ministries that were honored that night. And what it shows us is that a lot of good things are happening in our world. Turn off the bad news and key in on the good news that is happening right here; Options- Pregnancy clinics, Bridge of Faith Community Church, Camp Barnabas, Generation Next, to name the four that night. It renews my spirit to know many, many, many people work for the Lord!

May God bless us as we do His work!

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# Scriptures for the Month of May

Sunday, May 1: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 5:1-9

Sunday, May 8: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;  
John 17:20-26

Sunday, May 15: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, 25-27

Sunday, May 22: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Sunday, May 29: 1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39 and Psalm 96; Galatians 1:1-12;  
Luke 7:1-10



## National Day of Prayer

Stone County's 17th Annual National Day of Prayer will be at the Galena Courthouse lawn Thurs., May 5 at 10 a.m.

"Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet". Isaiah 58:1

They are hoping for a large group to come to pray together. If you can't go take a moment at 10 a.m. to pray for our country, our county and our community!



## Prayer Breakfast

Prayer breakfast will be Sat., May 7 and Pastor Jack will be out of town. He and Peg are going to Mike's girlfriend's graduation as she will receive a Masters Degree in Theater from Mankato State University in Mankato, MN. This will be a good experience of lay people gathering to pray. Sometimes lay people think they need the preacher to pray "which is really not true, for all people can pray. There goes my job security!" We do need to pray for our world and there is so much good stuff going on in our world and there is so much that is not good happening as well. Prayers Help!!

COME AND PRAY MAY 7 AT 8:15 A.M.!

## Wedding

Kathryn Jean Jensen and Alex

Eaton-Williams are getting married on May 14 at 11 a.m. at Williams Memorial Chapel, Point Lookout MO. (College of the Ozarks). And we are all invited to come witness the joining together.

Kathryn (Katie) is the daughter of Jack and Vivian Jensen

There will be a shower for them in the Welcome Center on Monday, May 2 at 5:00 p.m. given by Shelly & Michaela Fransen



## Potluck

Since there are 5 Sundays in May we have an opportunity to have the potluck on the 4th Sunday. We usually don't have a potluck due to Memorial Day. Yet this year we can do the not so usual and gather on May 22 for our monthly potluck. Our potlucks are important because they are a great fellowship time and it shows we are an active congregation who likes to get together. POTLUCK—May 22 at 11:45 a.m. P.S. Maybe we will be able to use the new kitchen downstairs on the lower level!





# Spring Garage Sale



Our garage sale went over quite well. We didn't have a lot of clothes but we had some good selling items that brought in a total of \$3,375.00!! Thanks goes to Beverly Gunther and her family for organizing the sale and for all the church people who were able to come and help before and after the sale. It is like a church fellowship commitment to do this and we appreciate all who were able especially since some of us were not able to help much this year, other folks took up the slack.

THANK YOU!!

## Pastor Out of Pulpit

Pastor Jack will be gone Sun. May 8 and Michael Fransen will be the lay leader and speaker for that morning along with Shelly leading the singing. They are a good team. Come out to worship and pray with Mike and Shelly on Sun. May 8 at 10:30 a.m.!!



## Movie Night

The movies for this month are:

"A Mile In His Shoes" May 10 and

"Love's Abiding Joy" May 19 at 7:00

It is fun to get together for an evening with a good film. We have tried to provide this and you have responded. We have had great turnouts each time. Some nights it looks like just a few are going to show up but by show time more people gathered together for a good evening out.

THANKS FOR COMING!!



Small Church Initiative has completed it's first phase and we are ready for Phase II. Thanks to the dedication of people who attended we have decided to do Phase II. The first session we needed 4 people to show up and 16 people did. The second session was a "Wow" for 13 people were able to attend that session too. We discussed a lot, listened a lot and learned a lot as well. The book--"The Healthy Small Church" by Dennis Bickers is a great book that helped us a whole lot, too. We have a copy in the office if you would like to use it.

The second phase will not be until later this fall and there will be quite a bit of preparation for that event prior to it happening. Stay tuned!!

## Kitchen Update

Work goes on as we complete the Fellowship Hall kitchen on our lower level. If you have not taken time to look at it, please do as it is really taking shape. We are about 80% done with some painting, one counter top, and all the trim work left to do. Some of the people say it looks a lot bigger than the old kitchen. We expanded the kitchen by 6 inches so I think it is! It is the new tile, new cabinets, better lighting and a new configuration of cabinets that gives the feeling of it being bigger. Whatever it is, thanks to all who have helped one way or another to make this happen.

Pastor Jack

## Kid's Fishing Day

Kid's Fishing Day at Roaring River State Park, Cassville, MO--Sat., May 14 from 6:30 a.m. to 8:15 p.m.--Fun for the whole family. See flyer in entry



# The Trip Home

A pastor had been on a long flight between church conferences. The first warning of the approaching problems came when the sign on the airplane flashed on: Fasten Your Seat Belts.

Then, after a while, a calm voice said, "We shall not be serving the beverages at this time as we are expecting a little turbulence. Please be sure your seat belt is fastened"

As the pastor looked around the aircraft, it became obvious that many of the passengers were becoming apprehensive. Later, the voice on the intercom said, "We are so sorry that we are unable to serve the meal at this time. The turbulence is still ahead of us."

And then the storm broke....

The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines. Lightning lit the darkening skies, and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next, it dropped as if it were about to crash.

The pastor confessed that he shared the discomfort and fear of those around him. He said, "As I looked around the plane, I could see that nearly all the passengers were upset and alarmed. Some were praying. The future seemed ominous and many were wondering if they would make it through the storm. Then, I suddenly saw a little girl. Apparently the storm meant nothing to her. She had tucked her feet beneath her as she sat on her seat; she was reading a book and everything within her small world was calm and orderly."

When the plane was being buffeted by the terrible storm and all the adults were scared to death, that little child was completely composed and unafraid. The minister could hardly believe his eyes. When the plane finally reached its destination the pastor asked the little girl why she had not been afraid.

The child replied, "Cause my Daddy's the pilot and he's taking me home."

Physical, mental, financial, domestic, and many other storms can easily and quickly darken our skies and throw our plane into apparently uncontrollable movement. We have all known such times, it is much easier to be at rest when our feet are on the ground than when we are being tossed about a darkened sky.

LET US REMEMBER: OUR FATHER IS THE PILOT. HE IS IN CONTROL AND TAKING US HOME!

## GREETERS WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

May 1: Helen Feuz  
Merry Jo Bell

May 8: Debra Tompkins

May 15:

May 22: J.D. Settles  
Charles Julian

May 29: Gerald & Barbara  
Curbow

May 1: Randy & Laura  
Darden

May 8: Helen Feuz  
Merry Jo Bell

May 15: Jack & Peg  
Smith

May 22: Pat Bangert  
Barbara Curbow

May 29: Debra Tompkins  
Deloris Bryant



This newsletter is published monthly. If you have an article for publication please get it to the pastor before the last week of the month. Also if you have an address of someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter please leave that information in the church office.

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.

April



# May 2016



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30  COMMUNION	2 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 Wedding Shower 5:00	3	4 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	5 Office Hours 9-5	6	7 Prayer Breakfast 8:15
8 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30  	9 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	10 Movie Night 7:00 "A Mile In His Shoes"	11 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	12 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	13	14 Jensen/Eaton-Williams Wedding 11:00
15 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30  Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	16 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	17	18 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	19 Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night 7:00 "Love's Abiding Joy"	20	21 Work Day 9-4
22 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Potluck 11:45	23 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	24	25 Office Hours 9-5 Choir 6:30	26 Office Hours 9-5	27	28
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Happy  
Birthday

May 2016

Happy  
Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Monika Bennett	5	6	7
8 	9	10 Sean Phillips	11	12 Beverly Gunther	13	14 Ben Johnson Cole Riggs Jerry & Frankie Oldani
15	16 Jerry Oldani Kathy Reimer	17 Sybil Mitchell	18 Bob & Debbie Lyon	19	20 Cody West	21
22	23	24 Dwane Smith	25	26	27	28 Tammy Walker Mike & Shelly Fransen
29 Jonathan & Makayla Blake	30 Neva Mielke Tom & Phyllis Kutzner	31				