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We're Going Back To School

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 August, 2020 Newsletter



American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE
 Give Blood • Give Life

REMEMBER:
MONDAY, AUGUST 10th
 2:00 — 7:00 pm
Our Church Activity Center
Give the gift of life



JOHN'S JOTS

Welcome to August!! Who could have known that, after 5 months, coronavirus would still be dictating the circumstances of our society, our Church, and our families. I reviewed my article from last August, when I pined about the “H” Days of August—hot, humid, and hazy—and celebrated the achievements of our Summer ministry. But how things have changed.

I have to remind myself that God is still in charge, and He is the Lord of our circumstances. Though there have been some heartaches and some disappointments through these days, God is still loving us, blessing us, and guiding us. And ministry is still taking place. Thank God for that!

Katy Brumbaugh and Francis Lavall are busy as our Summer interns. Working with Steve and Ronda Brown, they guided our Youth Mission Week in July, and are continuing to bless our Church. Please support Katy and Frannie with your prayers and your encouragement—they have stood in the gap in this pandemic altered Summer. I am grateful that our Church family sees the value of student internships. The many young people who have served an internship like these young women have been a great blessing to our Church. My prayer is that they have been blessed by working with us. We pray God’s rich blessings on Katie and Francis as they continue serving the Lord.

School starts in a few days. And who knows what the school year will look like, whether online or onsite or both. Please pray for all our teachers, for our pupils, and for their families, as they struggle together to educate the next generation of America’s leaders.

An important ministry opportunity is scheduled for Monday, August 10th—our Red Cross Blood Drive. Your donation helps save numerous lives. My heartfelt thanks to our WMU for leading this ministry, and for all who are able to be blood donors. It really does make a difference. All blood samples will be tested for coronavirus. And remember—you will need to have an appointment. Walk-in donors will not be accepted.

Our Church Council meets this Sunday. We will discuss our Fall schedule and what we can and cannot do, given that Covid-19 is still spreading. Please pray for our Council leaders as we consider the needs of our congregation, and the opportunities God is giving us to minister in Jesus’ name. My heartfelt thanks to all who have faithfully supported our worship with your attendance or tuning in to watch, supported our ministry with your giving, and supported our Church family with your prayers.

The Nominating Committee is continuing their important work for the new year. Many have served faithfully for several years, and you continue serving. That is such a blessing to our Church. And some new folks are also serving in several ways, and that is a blessing, too. What is your *ministry*? Contact the Nominating Committee if you have any questions or feel that God is leading you to serve our Church in a particular ministry. We will hear their report in our September business meeting.

Gratefully Your Pastor
John Hessel

August Birthdays



- Brenda Robbins, Bob White.....2
- Norma Blank.....3
- Tyler Dierker.....4
- Barb Gray, Maggie McGinnis.....8
- Jim O'Shea.....9
- Becky Schulte, Dorothy Renner.....12
- Gwen Morris.....13
- Joey Emmons.....14
- Jerry Bishop.....16
- Iris Coats.....17
- Emily Schellhase, David Jacobi.....18
- Jean Rivers, Deb Gacem, Beth Boxx.....19
- Linda Downs, Kathy Johnston.....20
- Dixie O'Shea, Suzanne McGinnis.....21
- John Stanley.....23
- Leora Chapman.....25
- Sandra Caulfield, Mike Parker.....27
- Pastor John.....28
- Diane McDermott.....31

God Bless You on Your Birthday!

Coming In August

- Church Council.....2
- W.M.U Meeting.....8
- Red Cross Blood Drive.....10
- Building and Grounds Meeting.....11

Join us for Worship
Each Sunday—9:00 & 10:45 am
Online or On site

GWEN'S Gallery

All In by Mark Batterson

Half way is no way to live! Quit Holding back. Quit holding out. It's time to go all in and all out for God.

The gospel costs nothing, but it demands everything. It's all or nothing.

Batterson writes, "When did we start believing that God wants to send us to safe places to do easy things? That faithfulness is holding the fort? That playing it safe is safe? That there is any greater privilege than sacrifice? That radical is anything but normal? Jesus didn't die to keep us safe. He died to make us dangerous."

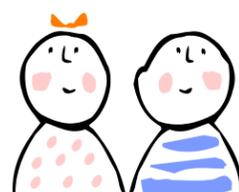
Many people believe they are following Jesus when, in reality, they have invited Jesus to follow them. Mark Batterson calls it the inverted gospel. He challenges you to go all in and all out by fully surrendering your life to the lordship of Jesus Christ.

If Jesus is not Lord of all, then He's not Lord at all.

Crisis Shot by Janice Cantore

Tess O'Rourke dreams of becoming the first female chief of police in Long Beach, California. As commander of the East Division, she is well on her way . . . until the night she responds to a call and fatally shoots an unarmed teenager. Despite being cleared of wrongdoing by a grand jury, Tess is so hounded by the public that she takes a job in Oregon to escape the bad press.

Winning over the residents of Rogue's Hollow might be more difficult than adjusting to her new role as police chief in the small, backwater town. Especially when her closest friend, the pastor's wife, goes missing and the woman's cousin is found shot. Tess finds an ally in sheriff's deputy Steve Logan, but as they track down Rogue's Hollow's first murderer, she worries that she's breaking one of her rules and getting too close to him.



**Please pray that our
Kidz Kollege can safely
resume someday soon!!**

Kids Praise

Good afternoon! I hope your having a good day!

August is here, which means Kids' Praise is starting again! This month, we will be working on a mission project that will take us outside (weather permitting) periodically. What are we doing, you ask? You will just have to wait and see!

If you have any questions about precautions to keep our children safe, feel free to contact me at 314-435-3958. I cant wait to see your kiddos!

We Praise God by loving one another and we show that love through RESPECT.

Cyndi Harmon



A Note from Minister of Worship John Gorse



Greetings, Everyone,

Day 132 since Gods Choir at Oakville has had rehearsal, preparing for services and the Easter Cantata. It seems like years ago! I sure miss each of you in the choir and our special time of practicing and preparing for services. Oh yes, on with the task at hand.... The August newsletter.

I was deeply saddened when I heard the news of the passing of Charlie Daniels on July 20 of 2020. Please indulge me as I reflect on his life and share a memory. Mr. Daniels was born on Oct. 28, 1936, in Wilmington, North Carolina, and raised on a musical diet of Pentecostal Gospel, bluegrass and rhythm and blues. By the time he graduated from high school, he was very skilled on guitar, fiddle, banjo and mandolin. In 1964, he co-wrote *It Hurts Me* that Elvis Presley recorded. He was a Nashville session musician, and played on three Bob Dylan albums. He released his first album in 1971. In 1979, he recorded his biggest hit *The Devil went Down To Georgia*, that crossed over into many music genres. He released several Christian and Gospel albums and wrote several books, one being *Never look at the Empty Seats*, that he said you should always give your best whether there were 10 or 10,000 that show up for your concert. In 2007, he was invited to become a member of the Grand Ole Opry, and in 2016, he was elected into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

He was a big supporter of the military and raised awareness and funds for soldiers that have trouble returning to normal life after war. Last Winter, my parents and I went to a Charlie Daniels concert that was sponsored by KSHE95, the local hard rock station. The crowd was, I would say, mostly mid 40's to late 60's with a lean to the Outlaw Country/Biker side. My parents, along with Charlie, were the eldest in attendance. In the middle of the concert, Charlie's band left the stage and he came to the front of the stage and began singing *How Great Thou Art*. You could hear a pin drop as he sang, and he received a standing ovation from the attendees. I'm not sure any other performer could have gotten that reaction from that crowd, but I believe they respected a man not afraid to share his Christian beliefs in song. Charlie had a great way of weaving a story in song and did numerous narrations. One I recommended that we played at the last Pioneer Harvest Dinner is *My Beautiful America* and you can view it on Youtube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2AEkfc6-o&frags=pl%2Cwn>. Enjoy.

May God Continue to Bless Abundantly and I LOVE YOU ALL,

John Gorse

The Nominating Committee is seeking to fill a few positions:

- Substitute teachers for Youth and Children's classes
- Publicity Committee member
- Coordinator for weddings, baby showers, etc.

Please contact Ronda Brown, chairperson, to volunteer or
To get information about these ministries.