



July 2023 Newsletter

We had a great time at VBS!! We averaged 50-60 kids and 30-40 helpers each night. We learned about our Super God through the life of Moses. Eternal, Mighty, Wise, Holy and Everywhere Always! God is better than any super hero.
(More pics inside)



FROM PASTOR JEFF

“The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.” 1 Peter 4:7

When I was growing up in church, there seemed to be an emphasis on end times teaching. It was the height of the cold war, and the Soviet Union was the greatest threat to our nation. Things, for a while, looked bleak and scary so many turned to Scripture to find hope, and for some reason, that hope was in the prophetic words of Scripture.

Unfortunately, this led to some really bad teaching and a gross misinterpretation of the purpose of prophecy and its components. Many were saying that America was the new Israel, and that Gorbachev was the Antichrist because of the birthmark on his head. Books were written like “88 reasons Christ is coming back in 1988” and “The Late Great Planet Earth”. Everyone just knew the rapture was right around the corner and so we huddled up and waited. Some are still waiting 40+ years later.

Now, I am not saying we shouldn't study prophecy or talk about end times. What I am saying is that it can't be an excuse for us to sit back and wait for it to happen. It ought to fill us with an urgency to seek the Lord and then tell others about Christ and His sacrifice and Resurrection. It should compel us to action, not to complacency.

And when it comes to prophetic teaching in Scripture, anyone who tells you they know when, how, and where all these things are going to happen, remember something, Jesus said He didn't know when these things were going to happen when He was on the Earth. So, what makes us think other people are going to know more than Jesus?

As this verse tells us, end times are near so, figure out what is most important, have a clear mind, a calm spirit, and seek the Lord. Keep your eyes on Jesus, not on this world, not on the distractions all around us and seek to simply KNOW Him and make HIM known!

Following Him,

Jeff

SUMMER LUNCHESES

Fridays

We served 61 lunches our first Friday!

*We are collecting individual, pre-packaged pop tarts, cookies and chicken ramen noodles. If you'd like to give a monetary donation, we have a designated fund. Use one of the Love Offering envelopes and write Summer Lunches on it. There is also an account set up at the FNB Community Bank.



Congratulations Dalton Deming on your baptism! Welcome to FBC family!

More VBS Team pictures!



FROM PASTOR MATT

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18)

As I am typing this article the Youth Group is getting ready to head out on a mission trip to Coal Valley, IL. We are going in the power of God with the word of the cross as our message. Despite what the world may think is foolishness, the message of the cross is the only way for salvation. I am praying that we carry that message of salvation wherever God takes us this week!

June was a busy month, but a rewarding month. VBS was a superhero success! I am thankful for all the volunteers who gave up their time to serve the kids of our church and community. The mission trip is going to be a blast as we have fun, serve, and share of the gifts and the talents God has given each one of us that are going. You will hear more about the mission trip in the August newsletter.



I want to close by saying thank you to the congregation. Thank you for your support, prayers, and encouragement. Being a servant is built into my personality and it is a blessing to serve a congregation that provides all three of those items. May God continue to use His people to do His will!

Pastor Matt

Youth Camp

Older Boys July 10-14 Younger Boys July 24-28
Older Girls July 17-21 Younger Girls July 31-Aug 4

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Senior Adults will enjoy lunch at the Giant City Lodge in Southern Illinois, on Thursday, July 20th. We will also stop at the Flamm Orchard and Bald Knob Cross. We will meet at the church and leave at 8:30 am. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

See Jim Brewer for more details.

Church Office Closed

July 4th

July 14th

JULY FOOD PANTRY

Kool-Aid

Jello Mix

Pudding & Jello Packs

(individual containers)

Instant Pudding

Cake Mixes, Icing

Canned Milk

Canned Tomatoes &
Tomato Sauce

JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 Johnnie & Karen Warner

7 Clint Benhoff

7 Don & Diane Price

7 Matt Oller

8 Kora Cook

10 Delaney Lockart

12 Kennady Cook

13 Kris & Mistie Adermann

21 Reece Thoele

23 Christian Hadley

23 Jeremy Seaton

24 Cheryl Staff

24 Mike & Robin Hayes

24 Rose Wilson

28 Isaiah Miller

29 Bill & Becky Eddy

SUNDAY NIGHT

FELLOWSHIP

July 2 @ 6pm

Red, White & Blue Night!

Bring foods that are red, white or blue OR 4th of July picnic foods. Church will provide drinks and a surprise dessert!

Come and enjoy a great time of food and fellowship.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

We are collecting specific items each month of the year as we work towards completing boxes in October. Thank you for your support of this ongoing ministry.

July Items:

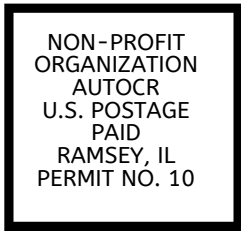
**Socks for all ages
Slippers**

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | Men's Bible Study 7:15 am Mondays | | | | | 1 |
| 2 SNF 6pm | 3 | 4 Office Closed Independence Day | 5 Youth/Bible Study 6pm | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Deacons' Mtg. 5pm Camp Prayer Mtg. 6pm | 10 Older Boys Camp | 11 | 12 Business Mtg. 7pm | 13 | 14 Office Closed | 15 |
| 16 Bible Study 6pm | 17 Older Girls Camp | 18 | 19 Youth/Bible Study 6pm | 20 Sr Adult Trip to Giant City Lodge | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Bible Study 6pm | 24 Younger Boys Camp | 25 | 26 Youth/Bible Study 6pm | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Bible Study 6pm | 31 Younger Girls Camp | | | | | |