



The Beacon

Centenary United Methodist Church—Bonne Terre, Missouri

JULY EDITION



THE PASTOR'S PEN— JULY

Some of you have firsthand experience of the story I'm about to share. It is the tale of a flat tire. This is not just any flat tire, but a camper flat tire. We were enjoying the smooth ride home after a wonderful weekend of relaxation. The dog was sleeping in the back seat, my wife and I were chatting then BANG! The tire has blown and is now thumping rapidly as I bring the truck to a stop on the side of the highway. I was in a bad spot and couldn't get too far off the side, so we were quite close to the road. However, I had a spare, I know how to change a tire, and have been inspired by years of NASCAR pit stops. Set your watch, kids. Dad's going to work!

Well, hang on. See, for any of you interested, flip-flops are not good for the pit stop work I was attempting. It is very difficult to be on the side of the highway with cars zooming by on how asphalt in flip-flops and shorts. Then the real issue arises. The rim on the spare tire seems to be the wrong size. I can't get it to go on and I am very close to losing my religion there on northbound 67. Then Anthony pulled up. St. Anthony is what I'm calling him. Anthony doesn't know I'm writing about our encounter, but I feel as though he would approve after talking with him. See, he didn't bat an eye. He pulled up behind us, got out of his truck, looked it over with me, and stated: "I'll just run you back to town and we can get it swapped out and then drop you back off here." He made it sound very simple, but back to town was 15 miles to Poplar Bluff, finding a tire shop at 4 on a Sunday, and then back north to drop me off. Anthony had just dropped off his own camper from a weekend trip and was heading back to pick up his boat. So, in some ways, it wasn't out of the way, but time-wise it was a commitment. His offer would save me a great deal of time so I accepted and we loaded up for town. This is where our conversation became so powerful.



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It's amazing what you can learn in 45 minutes about someone. Anthony has led an amazing life, but not for the reasons you might think. He has faced great challenges stemming from rough living. A severe motorcycle accident almost took his arm, a gunshot wound to the head nearly ended his life. Drugs and alcohol had wrecked many relationships. It may be better to say that Anthony being alive is amazing. He just feels at this point in his life that he should give to others. He feels that caring for other people is the right thing to do. Stopping to help someone out is how people should live and that selfishness is the root of many of the world's problems (his words).

I didn't tell him that I was a pastor, at least not until we were on our way back. I wanted to get to know him without making him feel like he had to act differently around a minister. But eventually, I needed to share. He paused briefly and then shared that he hadn't really ever gone to church in his whole life. He didn't know much about God. This was the time to encourage him. I proceeded to share how his actions were a prime example of the love that God calls us to. Whether he knew it or not, he was acting as one of Christ's servants. This surprised him. I had a few moments to talk about forgiveness, and how God has been with him all along. I encouraged him that sitting in a pew doesn't make you a Christian. Faith and action are the primary marks of discipleship. I reminded him then that he had "action" down, now maybe faith was something he might consider.

As we parted, he had declined any money for gas, and all I had was something my wife had collected that morning. At the United Methodist church in Wappello, they have a prayer station that has olive wood hand crosses. She was given two and information in the event that we would like some for our church. My wife handed me one to offer to Anthony.

There we stood on the side of the highway. A handshake followed by the sharing of a cross. I shared a simple reminder that he was doing Christ's work and that I know God had sent him to help me that day. A smile and a wave, and Anthony was gone.

This story is to highlight how God sends us the people who need to hear about love and a reminder to pray for others. I don't know how God will work in Anthony's life. I do know that I am praying for him. I am thankful for God giving me the opportunity to witness and for sending the angel to wait on me in my time of distress.

So, a challenge for you all: who is your "Anthony?" A neighbor, coworker, or stranger on the street? Who is the person you may have overlooked who needs to hear about Jesus? I invite you to pray for strength and vision to witness to someone in your life. If Anthony is willing to stop and help a stranger, shouldn't we be willing to help a stranger by sharing the Good News? Grace and peace be with you all as you witness to your faith in Christ Jesus. Amen. **Pastor Dave**

WORSHIP SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

SANCTUARY/NURSERY

HELPERS:

1– Jill Clemons
8– Tiffany Schleappe
15– Jenifer Ferguson
22– Jenkins Family
29- Patti O'Connor

K– 3rd GRADE:

Kady Harris/Kathy Stewart

4-6th GRADE:

Stacy Jenkins
Patti O'Connor

LITURGISTS:

1– Dan Harris
8 – Linda Swindle
15 - Patti O'Connor
22– Jackie Berry
29 - Chuck Hubbard

MONEY COUNTERS:

Diane Moore & Judy Gillam

Check Signers:

7/4 Linda Skaggs & Bob Powell
7/11 Bob Powell & Wayne Weber
7/18 Wayne Weber & Jamey Wruck
7/25 Jamey Wruck & Jim Sowers

GREETERS:

1st Service

1 -
8– We need YOU!
15 –
22 -
29 -

2nd Service

Shirley Pruitt, Linda Prewitt,
Rita Drochelman,
Barb & Richard Hite

Are you on this list? If so, we look forward to serving with you—
and if you cannot, please find a replacement and let the church
office know! Thank you!

Look for the Blue Clip Board to sign
up to work in the
Cornerstone Café.
We have lots of differ-
ent jobs to do. Come
have some fun while
serving Christ.



Happy Birthday!

July 01 - Katie Hacker
July 03 - Connor Ferguson
July 03 - Linda Prewitt
July 04 - Patricia Jeske
July 05 - Nicholas Inman
July 08 - Anna Moore
July 10 - Michael Hubbard
July 10 - Lila Williams
July 13 - Aidan Clay
July 13 - Donna Hickman
July 15 - Judy Gillam
July 15 - Henry Mecey
July 15 - Donna Schmidt
July 15 - Wayne Skaggs
July 16 - David Ambrose
July 17 - Mackenzie Ambrose
July 19 - Walter McClellan
July 19 - Brandon Sowers
July 20 - Cheryl Stockwell
July 20 - Leslie Weible
July 21 - Brady Jeude
July 21 - Linda Skaggs
July 22 - Jennifer Mecey
July 23 - Dwayne Chandler
July 24 - Dave Wiant
July 29 - Rick Skaggs
July 30 - Jean Brenon
July 31 - Cameron Dush
July 31 - Kim Schrum

Happy Anniversary

July 02 - Jim & Judy Gillam
July 11 - John & Sandy Cottle
July 18 - Don & Ria Drochelman
July 24 - Ronnie & Sally Skiles
July 24 - Paul & Lila Williams
July 27 - Kasey & Stacy Jenkins



Cornerstone Café @ 5:00 pm

7/4 - Closed

7/11 - Meatloaf

7/18 - Mostaccioli Casserole

7/25 - Ground Beef Stroganoff

Please help keep us with updated information. If you have a new address, phone number, email address or want to make sure we have birthdate and your anniversary date, please send an email. Or you can update any information of the attendance sheet and place in the offering plate. **Thank you!**

July, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMUNION 9am - WORSHIP 10am - SUNDAY 11am - Worship	2 6pm - PRAYER 6:30pm - Deborah 7pm - AA Meeting	3	4 2pm - Prayer Group 5pm - NO -	5 7pm - Praise Team	6	7
8 9am - WORSHIP 10am - SUNDAY 11am - Worship	9 6pm - PRAYER 7pm - AA Meeting	10	11 5pm - Cornerstone 7pm - Phoebe Circle 7pm - Praise Team	12	13	14
15 9am - WORSHIP 10am - SUNDAY 11am - Worship	16 6pm - PRAYER 6:30pm - Finance 7pm - AA Meeting 7pm - Ad Board	17 6pm - Chautauqua	18 2pm - Prayer Group 5pm - Cornerstone 7pm - Praise Team	19 Chautauqua	20	21
22 9am - WORSHIP 10am - SUNDAY 11am - Worship 12pm - Youth - Hite	23 5:30pm - Dessert 6pm - PRAYER 7pm - AA Meeting	24 10:30am - Women's	25 5pm - Cornerstone	26 7pm - Praise Team	27	28
29 10am - 5th Sunday	30 6pm - PRAYER 7pm - AA Meeting	31	1	2	3	4

PRAYER LIST

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Joys

Prayer request from	Thank you for:
Bruce & Jan Vaught	Nephew Kevin Sheldon got his heart, Praise be to God
Jim & Judy Gilliam	Elzy Bannister is on the med- got staples out of back of head
Jim & Judy Gilliam	Our Godson's Wedding went very smoothly, Beautiful Wedding
Linda Prewitt	Bryan Alicia home from Syria
Ronnie & Sally Skiles	So happy to be here at church after knee surgery. Thanks for prayers.
Dan & Kady Harris	Great visit with niece, Beth
George & Jan Caudle	Wow what an awesome God full of love & righteousness!
Dawn Young	Started a diet and lost 2 lbs since May 31st
Linda Prewitt	Michelle is home safe
Richard & Barb Hite	Thanks for all fathers and our fathers in heaven.
George & Jan Caudle	Awesome to be in the House of the Lord & the Ladies Directing Service
Kathy Stewart	Amber & Christy Finished their Master's Degree, both have Jobs
Bruce & Jan Vaught	Celebrated our son's Christopher's birthday, last Sunday
George & Jan Caudle	The Lord is good & we praise his Holy Name
Brad & Mary Porter	Jordan will be 1/2 way through the Appalachian trail next week

ONGOING

Prayer request from	Pray for	Reason
Jim & Judy Gillam	Dr. Michael Edgar DDS	Hospice has been called in
George & Jan Caudle	Traveling to Michigan	Granddaughters wedding July 8th
Loretta Kosar	Julie & Michael Douglas	Need Healing for leg cancer & care-taker
Audra Wiant	Jill Taylor - Audra's Bestie	Car Accident, hospitalized
Ephesians Class	Cornerstone Café	Ministry to be blessed
Ferguson's & Clemon's	Lior - 6 yr. old little girl	Multiple heart surgeries
Kathy Stewart	Sarah, Lyle, Marshall, Cindy & Pat	All have Cancer
Steve & Ileana Denny	Eko - great nephew - 2 yrs old	Leukemia - started chemo
	Pray for the Refugees Families	To keep them together
Dee Krause	Marty Gawf	Surgery June 28
Barb Hite	Kathy Wiles	Breast Cancer - Chemo & Radiation
Barb Hite	Kendall Matthews	Life Issues
Diane Moore	Homeless People	Those that feel helpless
Sherry Smith	Jan Mills - (Sister)	Cancer
Dave & Jill Clemons	Jason Civey's Mother - Carolyn	Breast Cancer
Kasey & Stacy Jenkins	Jim Stack - Stacy's Uncle	Continues to be in & out of Hospital
Ralph & Pat Stamm	Michelle	Safe trip home
Linda Swindle	Grandson	10 weeks training

Barb Hite	Polly Monroe	Arthritis
Alan & Sharon Sewell	Raelyn - 6yr old	Has seizures facing surgeries
Bill & Torie Young	Son of Kayci/Adam Capps- Will	6 mo. old - incurable seizure disorder
Loretta Kosar	Loretta Kosar	Pray for my health
Stamm's & Gillam's	Kady Harris	
Kasey & Stacy Jenkins	Brad Lackey	In hospital for 8 wks. - future heart surg.
Pastor	Linda Tribout	Continue healing

GREIVING

Prayer request from	Pray for	Reason
Ron & Sally Skiles	George Skiles family	George's passing
Grace Gillingham	Sister Clara's Family	Clara's passing on 6/22/18
Jim & Judy Gillam	Brooke Linsey	Sister Brandee House Mann passed
Judy LaBruyere	Cindy LaBriueres Family	Cindy's Fathers Passing

ASSISTED LIVING/HOMEBOUND

Pray for	Location	Reason
Pat Scott	Country Meadows	
May Belle (Jenkins) Steward	Brookdale - St. Peters	
Audrey Duckett	Homebound	
Evelyn Morris	Homebound	

NURSING HOME/REHAB

Pray for	Location	Reason
Tony Schrum	Community Manor	<i>Nursing Home</i>
Arlene Roberts	St. Joe Manor	<i>Rehabilitation</i>
Andy Duckett	NCH Desloge3	Rehabilitation
Ethel Loehr	Rehab Facility	<i>Alzheimer's</i>
Debbie - Diane Moore's Sister	Nursing Home Belleville IL	

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Pray for	Location	Prayer requested by
Rosa Prewitt	National Guard	Linda Prewitt
Jacob Sutton	Air force - Guam	Jill & Dave Clemons - grandson
Anthony Verde	Air force-In Guam for 2 years	Dee Krause
Zach Breck	Marine	Patrick and Karen - Son
Matthew LaBrot	Army	Jeff and Karen - Son
Andy Vaughan	Air Force	Gillingham - Grandson
Anna Husted	Marine	Prayer Team
Todd Mabery	Navy	Vicki Weible
Rebecca Jones	Texas	Dean (café diner)

SERVING AS MISSIONARIES

Pray for	Location	Reason
Rev. Geraldo Nathaniel Matsinhe	<i>Micas Madonele UMC in Mozambique</i>	Our Partner Church
Brian Tucker & Family (cousins)	<i>In Haiti</i>	

Centenary UMC

Pastor: Rev. David Wiant

20 Park Ave

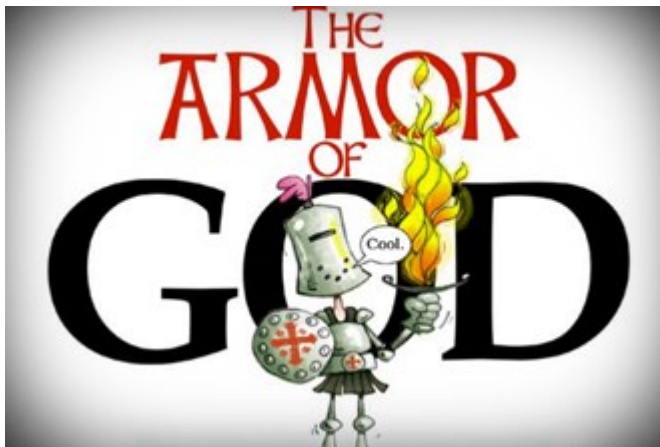
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VBS – August 12th



See Karen LaBrot to help.

Dessert Divas will meet July 23, 5:30-8 pm

In the Cornerstone kitchen. Bring the ingredients for a fabulous dessert to serve or freeze for Cornerstone Cafe! In June, seven divas made 18 recipes worth of pies, cakes, cheesecake, cookies and brownies. Contact Patti O'Connor or Donna Hickman or call the church office to find out more.

Rada Knife Sale

If you missed it last year, you have another chance to order some fantastic Rada knives and kitchen accessories. The Women's Circle has catalogs available. They will be taking orders until July 15. See any member or Dee Krause for catalog or information.



**Events
@ Centenary**

Monday:

6:00 Knitting Shawl Ministry

6:30 Deborah's Circle
(Women's Group)

1st Monday

7:30 AA/Al-Anon

Tuesday:

Centenary Circle (Women's
Group) 4th Tuesday

Wednesday:

2:00 Prayer Group

5:00 Cornerstone Café

6:30 Youth (7-12th Grades)

6:00 Chamber Choir

7:00 Phoebe Circle
(Women's Group)

1st Wednesday

Thursday:

7:00 Praise Team Rehearsal

Sunday:

9:00 am Worship Service

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

**Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9:00-3:00**





The Bonne Terre Senior & Nutrition Center

June 5, 2018

Attention: Local Area Church Parishioners
RE: Request for Volunteers

To Whom It May Concern:

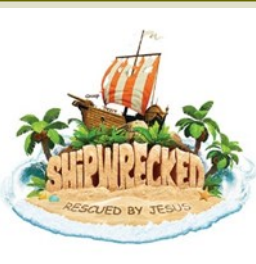
The essential goal of our center is to provide quality services to enhance the health, safety and well being of persons age 60 and over, enabling them to live in their own homes for as long and independently as possible. One of the ways we do that is by delivering a nutritionally balanced supplemental meal once daily 5 days per week. We, at the Bonne Terre Senior & Nutrition Center prepare and deliver approximately 115 meals daily. Eligibility requirements are as follows: They must be at least 60 years of age and over or 18-59 disabled living in senior housing. This program is NOT income based. Last year we delivered 37, 414 meals and it's growing more and more.

We are reaching out to you to help us accomplish our goal by spreading the word that we need volunteers. We are in need of 4 volunteers per week to help us deliver hot meals to qualified individuals. The routes take about 1.5 hours or less. Most of our volunteers choose to have 2 people (teamwork) when delivering but it is not required. We would appreciate so much if you could post this letter in your bulletins and/or on your announcement boards.

DOING GOOD IS GOOD FOR YOU... It reduces depression, chronic pain, stress, risk of disease and social isolation. It increases physical fitness, mental functionality, and sense of purpose, social connection and longevity. WE ARE SEARCHING FOR DEDICATED PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER AT OUR CENTER DELIVERING A HOT MEAL ONCE A WEEK TO A SENIOR CITIZEN IN OUR COMMUNITY. Anyone interested, please give us a call at 573-358-3726 and ask for *Cher* or *Catie*.

Thank you and God Bless,
Cher Robinson

114 N. ALLEN ST BONNE TERRE, MO 63628 573-358-3726



VBS for First Baptist Church Bonne Terre

July 8-12 6- 8:30

Special Insert

****Please update the Church Office regularly with status****

(Names are on the list for 30 days unless church office is notified)

Church Office (573) 358-2238

Email: admin@centenarybonneterre.org



Your **Blessing Basket** gifts help support local charities as well as helping persons in need of assistance. Examples of our support include: Free Stuff for Back to School, SEMO Family Violence Center, Shared Blessings, Bonne Terre Nutrition Center, Bikers Against Child Abuse, and The United Way.

Thank you for your support, The Blessing Basket Committee.
Ralph & Pat Stamm, Bruce & Janice Vaught, Jackie Berry &

BIG RIVER



July 19th - 21st

Big River Chautauqua

Centenary Band

Come join the band.



Open to anyone who can play an instrument and read music.

July 10th 5:30 in sanctuary is the first practice. Performance

Youth Swim Party

Who: Youth & Parents

What: Swimming, Boating, Tubing,

Pontoon Riding, Food, Ice Cream & Fun.

When: July 22, Noon

Where: The Hite House -

819 Nicole Court, TDL



Special Insert