

The Current

fbc Newsletter

August 2024

Pastor's Notes

Hello Church Family,

It is hard to believe that summer is already drawing to a close and school is about to start again! Of course, Scripture tells us that we are like a vapor, here for a moment and gone the next (Jas. 4).

Although APB & APG changes Sep 4, I want to address it this month, as we will be recruiting workers to help. I believe we should put a lot of our emphasis on this ministry. Our goal will be two-fold: to impress upon our children a biblical worldview and to teach them true American history, which will instill a level of patriotism in them at an early age.

We will have many activities, parents' nights, mission projects, outreaches. But again, the main thing will be teaching a biblical worldview.

I'm also excited about Haley Nance coming on board as our children's ministry director. She officially begins Sep 1, but she's already active and will be in full swing by the time Sep 1 arrives.

Guys, don't forget 414 Men. This too is a great opportunity to get more guys involved, perhaps friends, etc. Lets use it as an outreach opportunity. There will also be ministries / missions for us as we move forward. I can see 414 Men getting involved in APB, for example.

Don't forget that on Sep 8, Dr. Jeff Kinley will be with us. He is one of the best prophecy teachers in America, if not world-wide. It is a great blessing for us to have him coming.

I look forward to August, as we prepare for a new church year!

Bro Monty

Church Events

8.5

Prayer Walk

8.6 & 20

4:14 Men

8.9

SSM Game Night

8.11

Leadership Team Meeting

8.18

Business Meeting

8.27

Red Cross

God spoke today in flowers,
and I, who was waiting on
words, almost missed the
conversation.

8:00 AM Prayer Meeting every Thursday.

God's Boxes

I have in my hand two boxes, which God gave me to hold.

He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box, and all of your joys in the gold."

I heeded God's words and in the two boxes, both my joys and sorrows I stored.

But though the gold became heavier each day, the black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black, I wanted to find out why.

And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God, and mused, "I wonder where my sorrows could be?"

God smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they're all here with me."

I asked why God gave me the boxes, why the gold and the black with the hole?

"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings, the black is for you to let go."

Not everyone will understand your calling.



It wasn't a conference call!



Seasoned Souls Ministry

Greetings everyone,

Since taking over Senior Adult Ministry's, we had our first cookout at Ms. Betty's. It was an amazing turnout, 26 in all. There was so much food, fellowship and wonderful devotion from Ms. Betty. Next Event will be our Movie night, Running the bases which will be held July 26th praying for another great turnout. Nursing home ministry is doing fantastic. If you would love to join us every second and third Wednesday at 3 pm, would love to have you join us. Thank you so much JAM'D kids for the get well cards you made Priscilla Bass, she was so excited to receive them. If you are over 50 we would love for you to join us for our Seasoned Souls Ministry Events.

Game night August 9th here in the FLC.

Next Seasoned Souls Ministry meeting is August 7th at 5:00 pm

Hope to see you all at our upcoming Events.

Bro Ron Gannon
Senior Adult Ministry
(Colossians 4:6)



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The Mosaic gives us some insight on, “Self-Controlled Leadership.” Thankfully our self-control is part of the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23 and is not dependent on our ability. Our self-control grows as we spiritually mature. As Christian leaders, self-control should be one of the basic qualities exhibited in our lives. What we think, say, and do matters.

1. Our challenge is to be intentional and protective about what enters our minds. The Holy Spirit uses our daily quiet time to empower and renew our minds.

2. Our words are like a mirror into our soul, reflecting our character. As leaders we can build up or tear down those around by what we say.

3. Leaders are examples to those in our spheres of influence. As become more self-controlled, the Holy Spirit will guide us to set priorities, develop stronger relationships, and be more intentional about sharing our faith.

So as Christian leaders, what we think, say, and do, does matters. While we do not always get it right, God gives us grace when we fail. He mercifully picks us up and reminds us He is looking for progress, not perfection.

Calendar:

8/5 – School Prayer walk 9am, meet at parking lot off Summit St. If you can’t walk, sit & pray

8/9 – Baptist Student Union located at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff is providing Back to School Baskets to the students. Each Basket will be for 4 students. We will provide 2 baskets for a total of \$150.00. Donations are being collected for this campus outreach ministry.

Another fun night approaching quickly at FBC, “Parents Night Out / Kids Night In”

Parents will get to go on a well-needed date while their kids are safe and having fun.

September 13th at 6pm – Look for the sign up in the foyer (required)

Upcoming – Preparation for “Adopt a School Grade” for Christmas – approx. 120 students!!

Lots of planning, lots of work, lots of laughs, and lots of joy with lots of great servants.

Don’t miss out, choose to serve!

WMU Watchword “**Be Joyful in Hope, Patient in Affliction, Faithful in Prayer**” Rom. 12:12

Carol Wilhelmy, Missions Director

The Hebrew word for “waiting patiently” doesn’t mean to be still or quiet.

The word “qawah” actually means to eagerly expect God to act, and to be ready to spring into action when He does.



Youth Pastor's Pen

The 412 Youth went to Camp in Van Buren Missouri last month and I wanted to tell the Church what their generosity achieved. It ended any financial objections for families to attend camp. We had just the right amount of money raised from our fundraiser to send 9 youth members to camp along with four leaders. It was exciting and fun, but most of all the worship services were outstanding. The energy and the praise that was going on in that pavilion could only have come from one place and that was God. I experienced that last year as well and it was an amazing feeling and experience.

I wish we could all be on fire for God in our hearts, how amazing would that be! All church members, not just in our Church but across the world, working together for God's glory! However, the daily grind of life, especially in America, and the hustle and bustle keeps us distracted and tired, just like Satan wants us. But Satan lost at camp, we had multiple salvations and one very special young lady from our group that accepted Jesus.

Our youth leaders helped with running the camp and were an integral part of making it work, as was my wife who stayed the whole week with the group. Thanks to everyone for making this a success!

Brother Neil



*"Don't blame a clown for being a clown.
Ask yourself why you keep going to the circus."*

Therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord; II Cor. 6:17