

Church Hosts Bicycling Groups

At mid-month we were host to three groups of cross-country bicyclers who stopped at the church to re-charge and spend the night in our Life Center. The groups were with Overland, a company that challenges teens and young adults to spend six weeks of their summer crossing from Savannah, Georgia to Los Angeles, California. Each group was met with ice water and air conditioning prepared ahead for them, and a helpful ride to pick up supper and supplies. The groups are always super thankful for our hospitality and the showers. Pictured below are two of the groups that passed through with us.



Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School was enjoyed by 23 children this past week. Our youth and adult volunteers gathered each evening to share stories, food, games and crafts with the children. The theme was Jungle Explorers. The children learned that following Jesus is rewarding and they were encouraged to learn about God's wonders as they explored their faith. A huge shout out to all who helped provide food, and to Miss Sandy for providing the pool party!

We Invite You to Join

We are looking for you to grow in participation and mission with us. How can you do that? You can become a loyal member. What is a member? A member is someone who takes their vows to God seriously. Therefore, we ask that you vow to support the ministry of this church with five things: Your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness of Jesus. I don't believe this is more or less than what Jesus asked the first disciples.

I am setting Sunday, August 8 aside so that we can receive new members during our worship that day. I hope that if you have been visiting with us, or if you have worshiped with us for a while, that you will say "yes" to Jesus and this church and be a committed partner with us in ministry and mission to the world. Give me a call if you would like to join, or just fill out one of the New Member forms found in our bulletins and I will contact you.

Upcoming Events

July Family Movie Night--Join us this Friday, July 30th, 7:00 p.m. to watch *Amazing Grace*. Bring along snacks to share and we will have a really great evening of Christian fellowship. By the way, August's Family Movie Night will be *Unconditional*.

Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social--I am currently planning for a date of Wednesday, August 11th at 6:00 p.m. We will sing favorite hymns for a little over an hour, and then dismiss to the Fellowship Hall for homemade ice cream and treats. This is always a great event, lots of fun, and a way to invite others into the fellowship of the church.

WNL Back to School Kickoff--Wednesday, August 18 we hope to have you out to start our fall program with meals, kid's activity and study, Bible Study for adults and a great fellowship with an evening starting with a meal at the church. As always, we will need volunteers who will be willing to share a rotation to help cook or clean.

The Summer Doldrums

You will notice that we have sent out the giving envelopes with this copy of the *Messenger* to remind our members that we continue to need your steady gifts to operate in an unhindered manner. June and July are always months where the giving to our general account runs a little behind, and the utility and maintenance bills go up.

We don't have all of our regular members attending due to virus concerns, and some of our faithful have taken trips and vacations. While we hope you have memorable trips this summer, please take time to remember the church with your regular, faithful giving. We want to put our best foot forward as we begin the push for fall activities and some summer ending special activities. Thank you in advance for your faithful responses!

Special Prayer Request

The current resurgence of the Coronavirus in Arkansas has placed many people in jeopardy. This is especially true in light of the start of schools soon. I would ask you to take time each day to pray for students, teachers, healthcare workers and those who provide essential services to our families each day. Pray for those who are sickened and those who will provide for their medical care. I firmly believe that when people pray, relief will come quickly.



Cindy Benfer	08-01
Linda Judkins	08-07
Sondra Crabtree	08-08
Scott Carter	08-09
Mike Duncan	08-10
Sandy Wood	08-11
Presley Cheek	08-14
Kenneth George	08-15
Susan Stevens	08-15
Brenda Woody	08-15
Gail Goins	08-16
Todd Middleton	08-18
Lucy Pitts	08-18
Martha Merritt	08-20
Ethan Middleton	08-21
Suny Mendez Bean	08-22
Peggy Sheets	08-22
Peggy Griffin	08-23
Chris Merritt	08-24
Jennifer Edwards	08-25
Kathleen Balloun	08-29
Janis Birkhead	08-30
Caleb Hicks	08-31