

Messenger



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Mission Statement

McCutchanville Community Church's mission is to connect our community with God's power and hope through the love of Christ.



What can we as a church in McCutchanville do to help to cure some of the ills of today's world? I think we have the answer from God. For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son to die for us. He loves us that much and more (as He always gives us more than we deserve). Why can we not always love our neighbor as God first loved us? And God always desires a vital relationship with us and we should do this with others.

Science has shown that people who have close friendships are happier, more successful and even more physically and emotionally healthy. And through social media in our hyper connected culture, it may seem like it's never been easier to make and maintain relationships. But is that true? How do Americans meet their friends? Who is most likely to feel lonely? According to a nationwide online study by the Barna Research Group (May 2017), one out of five Americans surveyed said they regularly or often feel lonely. Men are more likely to be lonely than women; millennials are more lonely than any of the age groups that preceded them. In the event of an emergency or a difficult time, 69 percent said they'd seek help from someone outside their family. Forty-two percent claim they met their closest friends at work. Only 20 percent said church is where they found their closest friends. Lower-income people are more inclined to be lonely than others, and they claim to have an average of 2.5 friends compared to the average for the general population of five friends.

While people might have hundreds of Facebook friends, true, close friends are decreasing. Perhaps most concerning of all, one in ten people admit that they have no close friends at all. Loneliness is an epidemic in modern society. Why? Perhaps because Americans have bought into a lie. We were raised to believe that rugged individualism was the road to happiness. If I can just have my own "man cave" I would have all the peace and quiet I would need. Or if I could just stay in bed all day, I could truly get some peace in my life. While these might be good to do from time to time, I don't think that is what we want and need on a constant basis. Will all that privacy really make us happy?

The Lord God said in the creation story, "It's not good that the human is alone" (Genesis 2:18). The scared, confused, sometimes conflicted band of believers who formed the Christian Church many generations later got one thing right. They stuck together. They devoted themselves to the fellowship: "The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers" (Acts 2:42). The word "community," *koinonia* in Greek, stresses the strong "common" (*koinon*) bond among the early followers of Jesus. What we can learn from those first Christians is that one way to combat loneliness is to keep company with Christ and with those who keep company with Christ.

Friends are those rare people who come to see one another when the rest of the world is in opposite directions. Friends are the people who ask how you are, and then stay around long enough to hear the answer. Friends know your deepest and darkest secrets and love you anyway. Is it possible to find those kinds of friends in church? In our church? Just maybe it is possible. Just maybe outreach and intentional goodwill toward our neighbor can once again foster a unity that our world so desperately needs today.

That curmudgeon of a comedian Groucho Marx said, "I wouldn't want to be a part of any church that would have me as a member." I want to be in a church where the Groucho Marx's of the world will be welcome, a church where love is the constant, grace is the action, and Christ is the center of all that we do. What all churches need to be is a safe place for all God's children, a shelter in the time of storm, a place of stability through the ups and down, and a place where hope reigns and faith flows. I believe that what will help to combat loneliness in America is for the church to be a welcoming place where all God's children are knit together and strengthened to become the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

Be blessed and be a blessing to others,
Pastor Greg



CHURCH NEWS



Announcements and Upcoming Events

The Princeton Fall Festival is September 15-17.

The West Side Nut Club Fall Festival is October 2-7!



We need lots of volunteers for our food booth to make these successful events. The sign up sheet is located outside Pastor Greg's office.



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Please be generous with your time and sign up often!

The Fall Festival sign up sheets are also available! Volunteer to work and enjoy fun and fellowship with other MCC



MCC's 2nd annual

"Lunch on the Lawn"!!

Stop by for FREE Hotdogs and drinks, cookies and fellowship!

Friday

September 8th

11:00 am—1:00 pm

Fall entrepreneur...



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St John the Evangelist Catholic Church
5301 Daylight Drive,
Evansville

Social and Dinner

Sunday, Sept 24

10:30am-1:30 pm

Chicken or Beef Dinner

Adults: \$10.00 Children: \$5.00

Fried Chicken or beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade chicken & dumplings, homemade slaw, vegetables, dessert & drink.

Grand Raffle, Quilt Raffle, Theme Baskets, Country Store with Baked Goods.



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UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME

The United Methodist Youth Home is always in need of hygiene baskets or hygiene items for residential youth. Items needed are:



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Shower Caddy, Louffa or Bath sponge, shampoo & conditioner, body wash, toothbrush & toothpaste, mouthwash, shaving cream, brush or comb, hair gel or mousse, bath-sized towels. The UMH could also use duffel bags that can be given to the youth as they leave the residential program.



Ron Gross	6
Maren Hubble	7
Barb Siegert	13
Don Skelton	13
Sidney Cagle	15
Nancy Glackman	17
Gary Sprinkle	21
Teresa Davis	24
Joy Roettger	24
David Dixon	25
Cory Mills	27
Jane Bennett	27
Mary Moore	28
Marie Pickett	28
Paul Feistel	29



CELL PHONES VS BIBLE



I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones.

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

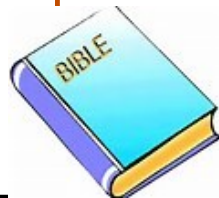
What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it as a standard part of our lives AND for emergencies?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

Now my friend....where is that Bible of yours?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we really don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected



because Christ already paid the

*You're a wonderful couple
Joined by God above
May your marriage continue
In God's love*



Kemper & Martha Lease	10
Don & Sue Harris	15
Cherie & Gordon Venema	15

Be sure to check out our website!
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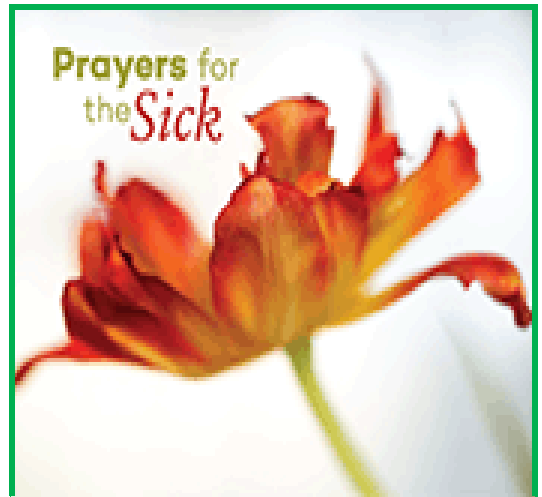
August Attendance and Giving

	Attendance	Building Fund	General Fund	Internet Giving	Rent: Facility & Houses	Habitat Collection & Missions	Food Pantry	Memorial	Total Checking Deposit
August 6	75	\$865.00	\$2,568.10	\$1295.00	\$550.00	\$159.00			\$5,437.10
August 13	69	\$458.00	\$1,889.00	\$1180.0			\$25.00		\$3,572.00
August 20	73	\$5,090.00	\$6,735.00	\$1100.00	\$300.00				\$13,225.00
August 27	73	\$248.00	\$1,052.00	\$1100.00				\$10.00	\$2,410.00



Pioneer Club will kick off
September 5, 2017
6:00—7:30 pm
Volunteers are still needed! Would you be willing to volunteer a couple of hours a week or a month for this wonderful mission of the church? Talk to Teresa Davis or Shiloh to see how you can reap the benefits of being involved!

GET INVOLVED!
Be a volunteer and reap the rewards



It is Well
The 2017 Interfaith Health & Wellness Summit

Presented by Anthem
Wednesday, September 20, 2017
8:00am-2:00pm
Sweetwater Event Center
8335 Eagle Lake Drive
Evansville, IN 47725

On Sept 20, interfaith leaders, health service workers and government agencies will gather at the inaugural summit to help strengthen our community's health and wellness. Hear from speakers, engage in open discussions and collaborate on new health programs that will strengthen our community's mind, body, and soul.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The event is free-advance registration is requested. Seating is limited.

Attendees have the opportunity to:
Hear from keynote speakers who'll share their experiences, resources and approaches in creating impactful programs. Participate in an open discussion about health issues during the Health and Wellness in Action panel. Collaborate with fellow community leaders on new health initiatives.

The goal is simple-to engage the faith community in discussions that lead to strengthening the mind, body and soul.

The family of Peggy Davidson, Victor Doty, Terri Schuetter (Director of God's Kids) Joy Roettger, Brick Briscoe (Teresa's brother) Sharon Hendricks, Ed Schiffer, Jonathan & Shiloh Abner, John & Irene Green (Jane Bennett's parents), Nancy Glackman, Amy Higgins, David and Sarah Dixon, Ruth Postal, Marie Pickett, Parker Dubber, Pioneer Club, The homeless population, God's Kids, our FireFighters

Do you have a prayer request you would like listed in the Messenger? Please contact the church office and



GOD'S KIDS reporting.....



Welcome back Teacher's, Staff and Children!

It is great to be back! Summer was a busy time at God's Kids and we certainly enjoyed the older children joining in on the fun. September is here and God's Kids is in **full** swing!

Our children have now moved up to their next classroom and we have been celebrating birthdays! We want to mention our Summer birthdays as well as those that we will celebrate in September!



July Birthdays: Drew (4), Amelia (6), Blakely (8), Emma (27) Jake (28), Elise (31)

August Birthdays: Lucas (1), Frida (4), Ace (5), Conner (5), Leighton (5), Victoria (14), Austin (16), Nola (19), Isabelle (20), Mia (20), Stella (20), Dominic (26), Willow (30), Lawson (31), Porter (31),

September Birthdays: Alex (1), Jillian (1), Reid (1), Crosby (3), Jacquelyn (4), Asher (7), Jayli (17), Jozalin (17), Jackson (26),

Places we are headed this month: The 3 year olds and Pre-K will be going to TJs Apple Orchard.



The 2 year olds will be going to Goebel Farms Pumpkin Patch.



The children who attended our summer session certainly enjoyed VBS this year. Thank you McCutchanville Community Church for providing the opportunity for the childrens' spiritual growth. We continue to look forward to Tuesday morning chapel time with Pastor Greg and Teresa! We certainly look forward to the ladies from MCC who continue to come and read to the children..

The new floors in the classrooms look wonderful and clean. Thank you to MCC for providing financial and physical support to complete the flooring project.

We look forward to this school year. Almost all of the classes are full with very few openings. God continues to bless God's Kids in many ways.

Next month we will continue with our "Teacher Spotlight". Time was too short this month to get a profile together but we want you to know us as we continue to get to know each of you





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	6:30pm- Room 203 reserved				1	2
3 Communion Sunday	4  6:30pm- Room 203 reserved	5 10:00 am God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa 6:00 pm Pioneer Club begins	6	7	8 2nd Annual Lunch on the Lawn-11:00-1:00	9
10	11 6:30pm- Room 203 reserved 6:00 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall	12 10:00 am God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa 6:00 pm Pioneer Club	13	14 6:00 pm Trustee Meeting	15 Food Booth at Princeton for Heritage Days 15th-17th	16 Food Booth at Princeton for Heritage Days 15th-17th
17 Food Booth at Princeton for Heritage Days 15th-17th	18 6:30pm- Room 203 reserved	19 10:00 am God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa 6:00 pm Pioneer Club	20	21 6:00 pm Ad Council 7:00 Charge Conference	22 First day of Fall 	23 12:00—5:00pm Fellowship Hall Rented
24	25 6:30pm- Room 203 reserved 6:00 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall	26 10:00 am God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg and Teresa 1:00 UMW Conf Room 6:00 pm Pioneer Club	27 9:00 am Piano Tuning Sanctuary 6:00 pm Gym Rental	28	29	30 10:00-11:30 Gym rental
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