

Beginning...and Beginning Again

*Ashley's baby brother was crying. Ok, so he was screaming. Ashley asked her Mom, "Where did we get him?" Mom said, "He came from heaven." She said, "I can see why they threw him out."
Children and adults are a gift from God.*

I am overwhelmed by the significance of two special services we have coming up. All Saints Day and a Baby/Family Dedication Day. The latter has been referred to as a Baby Blessing service but it is a time of blessing and dedication for the whole family.

Here is a list of coming events but I want to highlight these 2 services. Even though they are a month away, I want to prepare by asking for pictures of members who have passed away in the last year and for family pictures of those who will participate in the Family/Child dedication.

Wednesday October 6- Blood Drive 3:00-7:00p.m. at the Arthur Community Building. We need cookies, people to reload the truck, drivers, servers and perhaps others. If available, check with the Outreach Committee or call Rick and the message will be passed on.

Sunday, October 17- Stewardship Seminar from 2:30-5:30p.m. in Mattoon. Sign up or let Rick know you are going. The Church has paid your registration.

Sunday, November 7th- ALL SAINTS DAY and another "**Great Expectations Potluck.**" We need pictures of our members who have passed away. This will be a time of thanksgiving and honoring our loved ones. **And** we will have a **potluck with Rick** as we consider our search for a Pastor.

Sunday, November 14th- Baby/Family Dedication and Blessing. If you would like your child to be dedicated to the Lord, let Rick know and please give us pictures of your family.

Note: If you can email pictures to the Church, that would be wonderful.

I said that I was overwhelmed at the linkage of these two services. On Nov.7th we honor and remember those who have been so much a part of our lives. On Nov.14th we pray for those who are just beginning. I saw this time as a bridge between the past and the future. Looking back and looking ahead. But that is not true. Both these services are also about the present and the future. All of us are beginning again with each day. And by faith we believe that those who have died are in fact beginning again. Revelations 21 says that some day, God will "wipe away every tear from our eyes." And we are given a special promise: "**Behold, I make all things new.**" Look around the Church. There is a sense of "new beginnings." That is a good thing.

For those just starting out in this life, for all of us who are daily finding ways to love and to serve, and for those who have gone on. All of us are beginning...and beginning again.

May the God of grace grant us all new life!

--*Rick Williams*, Interim Pastor

PARSONAGE SUBCOMMITTEE FORMING

A new Administrative Team subcommittee is forming to make recommendations as to the future of the parsonage. They will begin meeting this winter. If you are interested, please let Rich Buckler (543-2453) know.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS!

There is a church-wide potluck and meeting with Rick after worship this Sunday. Please bring a dish to share and place-settings for your family.

PUMPKIN PATCH FAMILY DAY!

Then, after the potluck, join us for a Family Day at The Great Pumpkin Patch. Attached is your family's free admission pass. When you present this pass at Admissions, they will hand you your coupons for a free ice cream or cider slush for the members of your family. Come enjoy the fall harvest with your church family!

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<p>“VSCC Family Day” Present this coupon to receive two free adult ADMISSIONS (children free) On <u>Sunday, Sept 26, 2010</u> At THE GREAT PUMPKIN PATCH www.the200acres.com</p>	
	<p>Open 9am-6pm, Sept. 15- Oct. 31 VSCC-TGPP 1010 No Cash Value</p>



RECONCILIATION OFFERING
SEPT. 26 & OCT. 3

The Reconciliation Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission priority to become a pro-reconciling/anti-racist church. Funds from this offering provide things like Youth and Young Adult camps, leadership development training and resources to promote small group study and community building.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL A SUCCESS!

This year's ice cream social raised over \$5200—another new record! A big thanks to everyone who helped by making ice cream, serving, working in the dining room and behind the scenes. We couldn't do it without everyone's help!

And when you finish eating the great ice cream that you got at the social, please bring back the 1-gallon and ½ gallon containers for next year's ice cream social. The best ones are the ½-gallon sherbet containers.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Thanks to everyone who helped deliver Meals on Wheels in September and a huge thank you to Cornelia Davison for organizing the volunteers.

OLD CDS & DVDS NEEDED

for the Education Decorating Committee's latest project. If you have any old or scratched discs taking up space, we'd love to have them! Please drop them off in the Secretary's mailbox by October 1st. Thank you!

BLOODMOBILE

Wednesday, October 6

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Arthur Community Building

For appointment or transportation, leave voice mail for

Beth Bartholomew at 543-2683 till 1:30 p.m. on October 6.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, but have changed their time from 9:30am to 10am. We invite you to join us anytime!

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The Douglas Co. Health Dept. is having another Electronics Recycling Drive, in which they will recycle your old electronics (DVD players, cameras, cell phones, TVs and monitors, and more). There is no charge except for TVs and monitors. It will be on 1st Tuesdays, bi-monthly, through 2010. The next date is **October 5th** & drop off is at the Arthur Firehouse from **10-11 am**. For a complete list, see the church office or www.douglascountyhealth.org.



Sunday School

Fall 2010 Class Choices

Join us this fall for Sunday School! Re-charge with one of our new & interesting curriculums. Thank you to the teachers for this quarter!

Nursery: Jeff & Jeannene Yantis

Preschool: Jason & Jama Ray

K—2nd grade: Shirley Edwards & Debbie Howell

3rd—5th grade: Gwen Ray & Sandy Dolan

6th-12th grade: Kevin & Carol Huffman

Adults: Choose the class that speaks to where you are in your journey.

- **KJV Adult Bible Class**—upstairs adult classroom
- **Life Lessons:** Rev. Evelyn Hale—Genesis Room
- **Coffee Hour**—Fellowship Hall. Relax & chat over coffee.



.... to **Adam Hopkins**, who graduated from Combat Systems Officer Training, as a navigator for the United States Air Force on Friday. His training was at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. His plane is the C-130 Hercules and he'll be stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base in Little Rock, Arkansas.

... to **KayLee Hohlbauch**, who made the MoDo Rush Traveling Softball Team. She started practice in September for games to be played this summer.



Adam and Kristy Jones had their first baby, **Abigail Claire Jones**, July 23rd at 6:17 pm. Abby weighed 10 lbs, 9 oz, and was 22” long. **Mark and Beth Jones** and **Peggy Bradford** are the grandparents. **Aunt Heather** declares her “perfect!”

Justin and Dana Tinkle, and big sister, Addi, welcomed their new little girl, **Payton Jean** on September 21st at 4:41 pm. She weighed 8 lbs, 10 oz, and was 20” long. **John & Carol Hedenberg** are proud grandparents, and **Joan Kingery** is a proud great-grandmother.

Thank You Notes ...

Dear Church Members,

There are no words sufficient to express my gratitude to all my friends and members of The Vine Street Christian Church and of course, Rev. Rick—who was my pillar at the hospital and after. I am so blessed to be a member of your group.

Naomi Rohrer

Dear Vine Street Christian Church,

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of Arthur Elementary School, I would like to thank you for the generous donation from your church. With your monetary gift, we will be able to supply our students with supplies throughout the school year. As new needs arise among our students, your considerate gift will allow us to provide for our kids. It is a great feeling to know organizations like yours are interested and will participate in the education of our young kids. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the students, teachers, parents, and administrators. We truly value your considerate act and the role you have taken in the educational lives of our community’s youth.

Thank you,

Buck Condill, Principal
Arthur Grade School

Note: We raised \$400 for the Arthur School District at the beginning of this school year!

To Arthur Christian Church,

Thanks so much for allowing the family of Bert Martin to come for a dinner there. And thanks to members who helped. Everyone appreciated it so much.

The Family of Bert Martin

Be sure to thank everybody involved for bringing the kids down to the gazebo parking lot Sunday morning. The timing was absolutely perfect and the kids were a hit! It was such a joy to see them all on the stage and singing enthusiastically. I have pictures if you'd like me to send you a couple. I took a bunch! [See front cover!]

Marty Yeakel

Arthur United Methodist Church



Marion Medical Mission
Shallow Wells for Clean Water in Africa

Steven Gangloff, son-in-law of **Marilyn Watkins**, left September 16th for Malawi, Africa to install wells for the people there. Upon each completed well they inscribe "Uchindami Kwa Chiuta" which means "Glory Be To God." Please pray for Steven and his team's safety and the success of their labors. For more info, you can go to www.marionmedical.org.

ADMIN. MEETING RE-SCHEDULED

The Administrative Team Meeting that was scheduled for Wed, Oct. 6th has been moved to **Tuesday, Oct. 5th** at 7:00 pm.

**Carle**
Home Health Services

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Carle Hospice is recruiting and training compassionate, caring people to provide comfort and support to terminally ill patients—and there is a great need for people in our area. If you can play cards, mow a lawn, walk a pet, run errands, or just be a friend, you can volunteer!

Training is scheduled for **Tuesday, Oct. 19th** and **Thursday, Oct. 21st** from 5:30 – 8:30 pm and you must attend both days of training. If you are interested, please call 1-800-239-3620 to request an application.

EBERHARDT VILLAGE EVENTS

Wellness group: every Wed. & Friday at 10 am. Open to the public.

Blood pressure clinic: every 3rd Thurs., 11 am, Community Room.

OCTOBER 2010

<u>EVERY SUNDAY</u>	8:25 am SINGING GROUP PRACTICE 9:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am WORSHIP
EVERY MONDAY	8:30 am Crafts Group 5:30 pm Weight Watchers

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26 RECONCILIATION OFFERING BEGINS
The Great Pumpkin 9:00 am Sunday School
Patch Family Day 10:00 am Worship
11:00 am "Great Expectations!"
Potluck and Meeting with Rick

Saturday, Oct. 2 12-4 pm Basement Reserved

SUNDAY, OCT. 3 *Food Pantry Sunday*

Tuesday, Oct. 5 11:00 am Prayer Group
7:00 pm Admin Team Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 6 1:30 pm CWF
**3-7 pm Bloodmobile at Arthur
Community Building**

Saturday, Oct. 9 8:30 am Ladies October Birthday
Breakfast at Yoder's Restaurant

SUNDAY, OCT. 10 *Home Communion Sunday*

Monday, Oct. 11 *Columbus Day*

Wednesday, Oct. 13 10:00 am Women's Bible Study
Noon-2:15 Cluster Mtg
7:00 pm Board Meeting

SUNDAY, OCT. 17

Tuesday, Oct. 19 11:00 am Prayer Group
7:00 pm Education Meeting

SUNDAY, OCT. 24

Monday, Oct. 25 Noon *Visitor* article deadline

Wednesday, Oct. 27 9-11 am Toenail Clinic
10:00 am Women's Bible Study

SUNDAY, OCT. 31

OCTOBER 2010 BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 - Sharon Binion
Andrew Greer
Tara Lindsey Bursa
Rosalie (Wilson) Burris
Jeffrey Rohrer
Dorothy Hutchcraft | Maddie Myers |
| 2 - Grace Hutchcraft
Robert Lundquist
Ray Foster
Keith & Margie Phillips (A) | 18 - Edith Mayfield
Jeremy James Malin
Naomi Rohrer |
| 4 - Troy Hopkins
Eleanorah Condill | 19 - Andrew Michael Gephart |
| 6 - Lisa Nebergall
Erin Taylor | 20 - Paul Singer
Kevin Maffett |
| 7 - Pat Haney Barnes | 21 - Karly Nicole Goodman |
| 9 - Rick Fustin
Robert Fustin | 22 - Chase Coleman |
| 10 - Beryl & Shirley Edwards (A) | 25 - Karl Bursa
Brooke Harris |
| 12 - Wilma Kerschner | 26 - Beryl Edwards
Buck Condill
Mac Condill
Eden Johnson |
| 13 - Barry Williams | 28 - Debra Tiffan
Hank Schrock
Dylan Foster
Richard & Becky Harrer (A) |
| 14 - Shawn Davison
Mike Maxedon | 29 - David Hopkins
Janet Earnst
Nancy Ferchow
Rose Lundquist
Chloe Alexander |
| 15 - Josh Helmuth | 30 - Jeff Willoughby |
| 16 - KayLee Hohlbauch | |
| 17 - James Stewart | |

Please let us know if anything in this list needs to be corrected.

Thanks – and Happy Anniversary!