

The Voice of Billingsville

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“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

NOTES FROM THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING January 16, 2022

Julie reminded everyone to participate and sign up as worship leaders and greeters for the 2022 year.

The congregation voted to accept the recommendation made by the council to donate to the following:

- Emmaus Home: \$200.00
- Every Child’s Hope: \$200.00
- Shoebox project: \$200.00
- Neighbors helping Neighbors food pantry: \$200.00
- Cooper County Toys for Tots: \$200.00
- Harvest House: \$200.00

The church calendar for the 2022 year was discussed with the knowledge that adjustments may be made due to the on-going pandemic.

- Ash Wednesday Service: March 2 at 7:00 pm
- Good Friday Service: April 15 at 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunrise Service: April 17 at 7:00 am

Easter falls on the third Sunday this year which would normally be our 1st Quarterly Meeting. The meeting has been moved to Sunday, April 24th.

Decisions about the annual Harvest Festival were tabled until the next Congregational Meeting.

Jared Kueckelhan and Ed Schler were re-elected to the Church Council. Eddie Wassmann was re-elected to the Cemetery Board. Tracy Pannell was re-elected to the Board of Christian Education.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 6: Sunday School Card Making for Shut-ins; Holy Communion

Wednesday, February 9: Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 13: Sunday School Fellowship Breakfast at 9:30 am; SS Card Making

Sunday, February 13: Penny Sunday; Benevolence Offering

Thursday, February 24: Newsletter articles due

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LESSONS FROM THE MOUNT

Part One Of A Five-Part Devotional

Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor. Hate your enemy.’ But here is what I tell you. Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you. Then you will be children of your Father who is in heaven. He causes his sun to shine on evil people and good people. He sends rain on those who do right and those who don’t. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Even the tax collectors do that. If you greet only your own people, what more are you doing than others? Even people who are ungodly do that. So be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

If you read through the entire “Sermon on the Mount,” you’ll notice Jesus uses the phrase “You have heard...but I say to you...” a number of times. I imagine that each time he said this, the audience leaned in close to hear what he was about to say next. Today we’ll take a look at one of these statements and see how He brings clarity to the idea of what it means to love others.

Jesus identifies a love that you and I give and receive almost daily. It’s the love that we give to people that we like and who can love us back. Said another way, it’s loving the lovable. But then he says something unexpected: God’s love goes way beyond that. The kind of love that God shows to us and He, in turn, wants us to show to others, is to love the unlovable – our enemies – people who hate us – people who mistreat us (when Jesus talked about “tax collectors,” he was referring to people who were basically double-crossing criminals). Jesus invites his followers to do something that is almost irrational and could be construed as reckless. This kind of love isn’t “normal.”

But then again, the Love of God isn’t exactly what we would call normal; and this is the kind of love that Jesus invites us to give to others. Our heavenly father loved his enemies without any strings attached. In fact, if He didn’t love us that way, we’d be lost. Paul said it this way to a church in Rome, “when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son” (Rom 5:10).

This is what I love about Jesus. He doesn’t just tell us to love our enemies – He shows us how it is done. He backed up his words and ideas with His actions. Actually, He did it with His life.

Is there someone you’re going to see today that you’re not on friendly terms with? What can you do to show love to them – pray for them – do good to them? We’re not talking about letting someone abuse you, but we’re talking about lifting them up. Take a moment and ask God to give you the wisdom to know what to do and the courage to do it.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday, February 6 & Sunday, February 13: The children will make Valentine cards for shut-ins during Sunday School at 9:30 am.

Sunday, February 13: Sunday School Fellowship Breakfast at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited!

If you have clipped and saved Best Choice UPC labels, it is now time to turn them in. You can give them to Marg, put them in the red box on the stand by the west door, or mail them to Marg Scott, 13627 Santa Fe Rd. Boonville, MO 65233. They will help fund Sunday School projects.

Thanks for your assistance!

**Notes from the Church Council Meeting
January 5, 2022**

Present Jared, Ed, Linda, Scott, Vicki and Pastor Jim.

The furnace on the Sunday School side was repaired by Danny Taft.

Received a thank you from the Samaritan's Purse and a thank you from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary for the donation of \$795 the Scholarship Fund in honor of Pastor Jim.

Discussion was held for items to be placed on the agenda for the Congregational Meeting on January 16th, 2022.

The Congregational Meeting in April will be held April 24th the Sunday after Easter.

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Vicki Hilden, Secretary

JANUARY STATISTICS			
	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
02	No service due to inclement weather		
09	\$1750	\$455 Penny Sun: \$34.20	27
16	\$1360	\$0	24
23	\$750	\$50	29
30	\$1250	\$0	30

**HEALTH FACTS
GLAUCOMA**

January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month. Glaucoma is called "sneak thief of sight". Age, over 60 years of age, and family history are risk factors. The cause is not known and there is no way to prevent glaucoma. This is why eye exams are important.

Eye exams include dilating the pupil in order for the doctor to see the retina and optic nerve. Others tests are a visual field test, to check side vision, and interocular pressure. Diagnosis of glaucoma depends on results of these test.

Treatment for glaucoma can include prescription eye drops, laser treatment (to help fluid drain from the eye), or surgery on the eye.

Nancy Meyer, Health Minister

Congratulations to Dustin and Jessica Wassmann on the birth of their son, Kashton Daniel, on January 3. Proud grandparents are Eddie & Linda Wassmann and proud great grandma is Bernadine Wassmann.

THANK YOU
To Marty and Kim Graves for their donation to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Barbara Friedrich.
To Eddie and Linda Wassmann for their donation to the Cemetery Fund.

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Scripture Readings
Feb 06	Marg Scott	Melissa Hundley & Volunteer	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11
Feb 13	Vicki Hilden	Volunteers	1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26
Feb 20	Rhea Helmreich	Volunteers	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38
Feb 27	Nancy Meyer	Marg Scott & Volunteer	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Hilden	02
Andrew Painter	09
Jim Woods	09
Sophia Carmichael	13
Birdie Kueckelhan	15
Emily Rapp	15
Bernadine Wassmann	15
Lakin Rold	18
Jaden Keller	20
Blake Richardson	25
Jerred Robinson	25
Teresa Carlson	28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Louise Friedrich 15

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Thomas Lyndall Grathwohl	07
Jamie Marie Simmons Swalwell	12
Peterson David Muntzel	22

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kenneth, Janet, Chad and Brooke and their family on the passing of Janet's mother, Louise Overstreet on January 24.

Please let these homebound and nursing home friends know you are thinking about them with a visit or a card.

Arlene Friedrich

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Rob & Louise Friedrich

Riverdell Care Center 1121 11th St, Boonville, MO 65233

Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)

MO Veterans Home 1 Veterans Way, Mexico, MO 65265

Louise Overstreet (Janet's mother)

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Shirley Schmidt (Vicki's mother)

Nye Point 2700 Laverna St, Fremont, NE 68025

Marjorie Vieth Meyer

Ashley Manor 1630 Radio Hill Rd, Boonville, MO 65233

Dorothy Vieth

Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

Bernadine Wassmann

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

PRAYER CHAIN

Carolyn Bunton (friend of Laura), hospice
 Angie Carmichael, cancer
 Pastor Jim & Sharon Elliott
 Carol (Pastor Jim's sister-in-law), lung cancer
 John (Sharon's brother-in-law), heart issues
 Eula Brown Gowan
 Joey Hoflander, recovering from stroke
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
 Shelley Jennings
 Iva Mae Johnson (Vicki's aunt)
 Nancy Kueckelhan
 Ava LeCave
 Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), chemotherapy
 Marilyn Rethmeyer, cancer
 Karen Schnetzler
 Carol Snyder
 Sandy Upton (Dave & Ann's niece), chemotherapy
 Cora Louise Wisdom

MARK 11:24 "Listen to Me! You can pray for anything, and if you believe, you will have it."

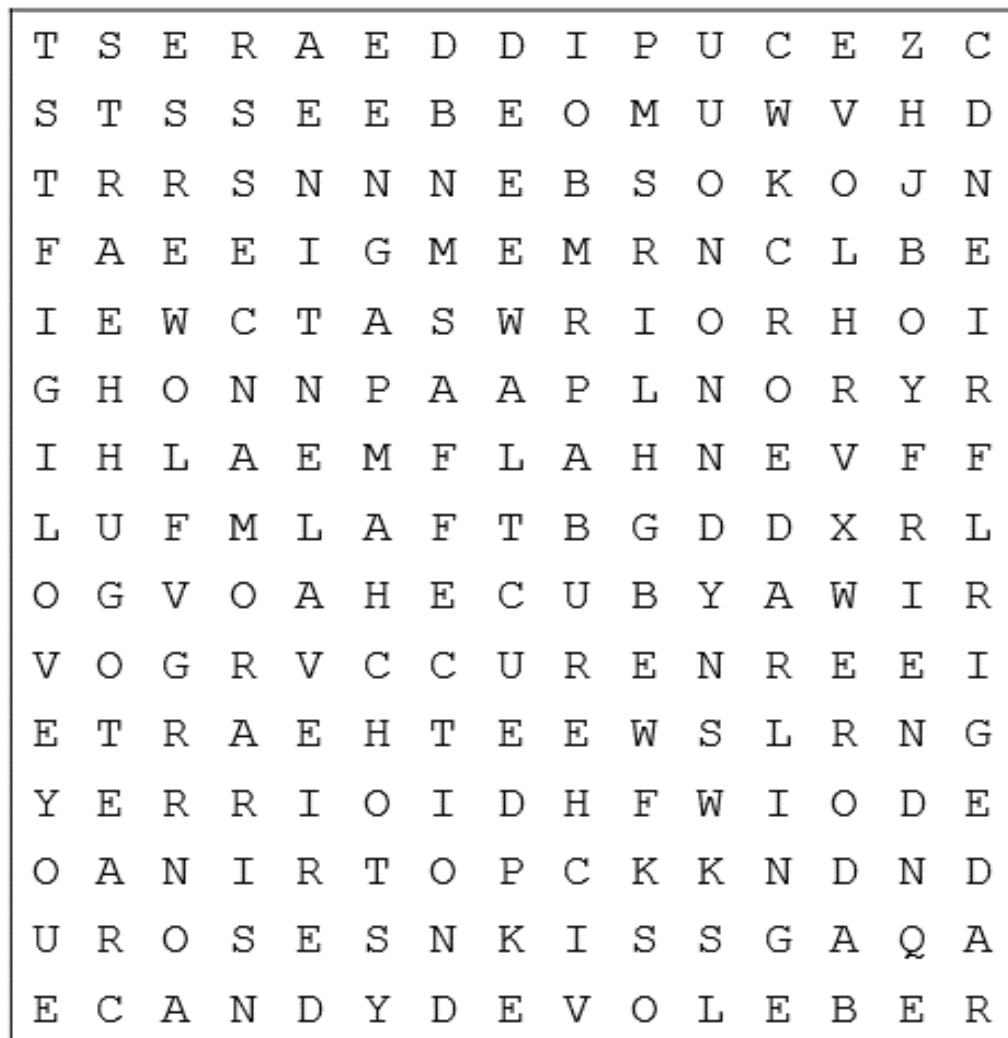
Serving in our military:

Landon Bail	Cliff Burgoyne	Jeff Burgoyne
Lakoda Davis	Tony Davis	Chris Hawley
Natalie Meng	Blayne Vickery	James Walker



Valentine's Day

February 14th



ADORE
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ARROW
BE MINE
BELOVED
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CANDY
CHAMPAGNE
CHERUB
CHOCOLATE

CUPID
DARLING
DEAREST
FLOWERS
GIFTS
GIRLFRIEND
HEARTS
HUG
I LOVE YOU
KISS

LOVE
PINK
POEM
RED
ROMANCE
ROSES
SWEETHEART
VALENTINE





Rhea delivered the donations from our MLK Sunday Suppers collection to the area food banks and buddy packs. Thanks to everyone who donated!



**SHARING GOOD NEWS,
GREAT JOY!**

BIG NEWS—The numbers are in! Join us in thanking God for 10,505,155 shoebox gifts packed and donated worldwide (for 2021)! 122 of these boxes were packed and sent from our church. Thank you!

This represents 10,505,155 children who are given a Gospel Opportunity that you made possible. Over 10.5 million children will learn how to have a relationship with God through His son Jesus Christ! Millions of these children will go on to complete The Greatest Journey discipleship program, in which they will learn more about following Christ!

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NKJV)

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