

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

MORE THAN A SHOEBOX

It’s more to me than about gifts of toys given to some far away hurting kid.
It’s more to me than about kindness shown to bring a smile to a sad & lonely face.
It’s more to me than about another heavenly feather in my eternal cap to paste.
It’s about giving the gift to a child who needs more than earthly peace.
It’s about showing God’s love to a child whose ongoing anguish does not cease.
It’s about giving a child the hope of Christ in the midst of war, poverty and despair.
It’s about denying my selfish wants & desires so God’s Kingdom a child may share.
It’s about sharing with children God’s awesome Word of freedom, mercy & graces.
It’s about filling the Kingdom of Heaven with fresh smiles of the children’s faces.
It’s about telling the children of God’s free salvation gift available in the Lord Jesus Christ.
It’s about showing the children freedom because Christ paid sin’s horrendous, awful price.
It’s about the church together fulfilling the Lord’s “Great Commission” command.
It’s about caring enough to give and help a child, about salvation, to understand.
It’s about a passion for the children that brews and stews and burns in my heart.
It’s about giving a hurting, lonely and helpless child a glorious eternal life start.
SIMPLY PUT... IT’S ABOUT JESUS!!

John N. Gans, the author of this poem, gave permission for its use.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 2: World Communion Sunday; Neighbors in Need Offering
Wednesday, October 5: Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm
Sunday, October 9: Penny Sunday; Benevolence Offering; Operation Christmas Child Shoebox kickoff
Thursday, October 13: Financial Reports due in the office
Sunday, October 16: Quarterly Congregational Meeting
Thursday, October 27: Newsletter articles due
Sunday, October 30: Fifth Sunday Food Drive

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SHARING GOOD NEWS,
GREAT JOY!

Our Shoebox Kick-Off will be Sunday, Oct. 9.

Marg and some friends will share exciting news about the Operation Christian Child Shoebox Project during children's and sermon time. It is lots of fun to pack a shoebox and visualize a child's joy as they open the first gift they have ever received!

I realize that everyone is not able to prepare a box. So, if you are unable to fill a shoebox, but would like to participate, we would sincerely appreciate your donation for postage. It now costs \$10 to send each box. That cost covers several other needs that I will explain on Oct. 9.

If you would like to help with that expense, please make your check to Samaritan's Purse and give to Marg or you can mail your check to Marg Scott 13627 Santa Fe Rd. Boonville, MO 65233.

THANK YOU!

You have been so faithful to fill and send 1504 boxes over the past 22 years. We praise God! Our Shoebox Collection will be on Sunday, November 6, 2022. May God bless you for your generosity, caring and love to share Jesus and Joy with children around the world.

Love in Christ,
Marg Scott

Congratulations!

Steele Joseph Hawley, son of Chris & Morgan (Kueckelhan) Hawley was baptized on September 18 at St. Johns by Rev. Mark Tisch.

Devin Robinson, son of Jerred & Tricia Robinson and grandson of Laura & Nick Grathwohl, placed 2nd in his age group at the Missouri State Fair Pedal Tractor Pull and will be traveling to South Dakota to compete in the National Pedal Tractor Pull! Great job Devin!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

September 7, 2022

Present: Jared, Scott, Ed, Linda, Vicki, Pastor Smith and guest Rhea Helmreich.

Rhea shared some special words with Pastor Smith and the Council; it was very much appreciated!

A thank you was received from Garrett Hundley thanking the Church for their support of him attending Youth Camp.

Scott, with Roger's help, put a fence by the septic tank.

Scott will look into solutions for the lighting in the Church basement, not all of the lights come on.

Pastor Smith submitted in her letter of resignation, effective immediately. It was accepted unanimously by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary



Plan to start your Christmas shopping and help your church at the same time!

On Sunday, October 16, after worship, we will have a Mini-Country Store.

Featured will be homemade baked goodies, preserves, craft items, fall decorations etc.

Contact Marg if you have items to add to the sale or just bring your priced items by 10:00 am.

The sale will be held in the hallway by the west entrance.

HEALTH FACTS LEUKEMIA

Leukemia is a cancer of the body's blood-forming tissue, including the bone marrow and the lymphatic

system. Many types of leukemia exist. Some forms are more common in children and other occurs

mostly in adults.

Leukemia usually involves the white blood cells. Your white blood cells are potent infection fighters.

But in people with Leukemia, the bone marrow produces an excessive amount of abnormal white blood

cells which don't function properly.

Signs of Leukemia can be: fever and chills, persistent fatigue, loss of weight, swollen lymph nodes,

bruising, nosebleeds, and bone pain. It can be diagnosed by blood test and bone marrow test.

Treatment can be complex, but it can be successful.

Nancy Meyer, Health Minister

Thank You

To Sarah Auer for her donation to the Cemetery Fund in memory of her grandparents, Forrest & Kitty Kenney.

SEPTEMBER STATISTICS

	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
04	\$3092	\$50	37
11	\$692	\$75 Penny Sun: \$47.73	34
18	\$1025	\$75	56
25	\$1086	\$0	23

In the Mail

Saint Johns UCC,

Thank you so much for your donation towards my trip to Crooked Creek Colorado. About 30 students from Boonville met with 508 other Young Life members to experience God's creation, build our faith, and fellowship together in activities such as hiking through mountains or a ropes course. Thank you for sponsoring this trip for me.

Garrett

Biblical Riddles

Why didn't Noah go fishing?

Answer: He only had two worms.

What is a dentist's favorite hymn?

Answer: Crown him with many crowns.

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCT

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Scriptures
02	David Muntzel	Nancy Meyer Ginger Wenger	2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10
09	Rhea Helmreich	Laura Grathwohl Abigail Pannell	2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19
16	Melissa Hundley	Marg Scott Ed Schler	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8
23	Donna Kammerich	Kamrynn Hundley Marg Scott	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14
30	Jason Hundley	Rhea Helmreich Donna Kammerich	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	
Aceyn Painter	01
Aimee Sandy	01
Justin Kueckelhan	03
Rodney Richardson	06
Ginger Wenger	06
Ed Schler	09
Cayley Inskeep	10
Cora Smith	10
Carson Bail	12
Luke Geiger	12
Shelley Jennings	23
Jeanne Muse	25
Shawn Bohlken	30

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

Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)
MO Veterans Home 1 Veterans Way, Mexico, MO 65265

Shirley Schmidt (Vicki's mother)
Nye Point 2700 Laverna St, Fremont, NE 68025

Ruth Searfoss
Hartmann Village 615 Rankin Mill Ln, Boonville, MO 65233

Dorothy Vieth
Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES	
Kent & Donna Kammerich	06
Terry & Linda Schler	08
Bill & Marilyn Geiger	11
Rodney & Melinda Richardson	15

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠	
Jeanne Muse	03
Brittany Woods Stretz	10
Haley Woods Floyd	10
Lori Woods	10
Beau Daniel Rapp	11
Richard Cotton	12
Gage Matthew Rold	15
Robert Carl Friedrich	17
Jason Edward Helmreich	17
Heather Lynne Simmons	18
Macsen Dray Simmons	18
Keith Michael Bail	20
Edgar Reed Becker	21
Khale Parker Bohlken	21
Mikayla EvaMarie Bohlken	21
William Oliver Geiger	30

PRAYER CHAIN

- Angie Carmichael, cancer
- Roy Cary
- Jim & Sharon Elliott
- John Ferguson, heart issues
- Family of Eula Brown Gowan
- Joey Hoflander, recovering from stroke
- Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
- Shelley Jennings
- Nancy Kueckelhan
- Ava LeCave
- Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), chemotherapy
- Marilyn Rethmeyer, cancer
- Karen Schnetzler
- Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in Remission!)
- Vicki Simmons, cancer
- Carol Snyder, lung cancer
- Cora Louise Wisdom
- The people of Ukraine

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
- Tony Davis Natalie Meng Blayne Vickery
- James Walker



Happy Halloween



AMULET
APPARITION
BATS
BLACK CAT
BOO
BRIMSTONE
CACKLE
CAULDRON
COBWEB

CONJURE
EERIE
FRIGHTFUL
GHOST
GOOSE BUMPS
JACK-O-LANTERN
MOON
MYSTERIOUS
PHANTOM

POTION
PUMPKIN
SKELETON
SPELL
SPOOKY
TRICK OR TREAT
TWILIGHT
WITCH



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