

# The Encourager

October

“Making Jesus First in Our Lives”

2018

**OUR PURPOSE - MAKING JESUS FIRST IN OUR LIVES** leads us to bring others to experience His love and to build relationships within His family, develop them to become Christ-like and enable them to serve, to witness and to worship.



## **PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE: by Robert Shelton**

It is harvest time. Jesus used the harvest as an analogy to urge us to “pray earnestly for the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers in to the harvest” (Matthew 9:38). Paul taught us that actions have good and bad consequences when he wrote “whatever one sows, that will he also reap” (Gal. 6:7) and that generous giving to support Kingdom work produces a bountiful harvest (2 Cor. 9:6). We are also taught that Christians should never grow weary of doing good (2 Thes. 3:13) even when it seems that nothing good is happening. These verses remind us that God wants to use our lives daily to impact, influence and improve the world around us. We get the privilege of planting “seeds” (God’s Word) in people’s lives that they might come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus told the parable of soils or the sower (Mark 4) where He described the different heart responses to the Gospel. The important thing for us to remember is that we are called to be faithful and are not responsible for the results – only God can bring salvation and spiritual growth. “So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth” (1 Cor. 3:7).

## **MUSIC: by Sandy Shelton, worship leader**

Happy Fall! Psalm 100:2 says, “Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.” The Lord commands us to sing. We work on many things to improve ourselves, and many people tell me “I can’t sing.” Well God tells us in Psalm 100:2 to sing joyfully not perfectly. That said, I hope you will sing joyfully to the Lord next time you sing. Or come join us in choir on Sunday evenings practicing for the Christmas cantata. We would love to have you! :) God Bless!

## **YOUTH: by Aaron Gudde, youth pastor**

“The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth” (Psalms 145:18). Students ended September with See You at The Pole, an event to pray for classmates, teachers and other school staff, community, and our Nation around the flagpole in front of their school. We have to call upon Him to receive his power and strength to get through the trials we face. We need to call upon Him in truth and rely on Him for our every need. SYATP is one powerful way to see God work in our youth.

September was a good month for the youth to prepare for the upcoming events. We only had a couple of events during September but we have a long list of activities and events in October. The youth will be having a BBQ fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 7 from 11:30-1:30 in the church parking lot. Students will sell hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks and desserts. This is open to the community. On Oct. 14 students will be going to Fields of Faith at Spratt Stadium in St. Joseph. This event is sponsored by FCA and is an opportunity for students from the surrounding communities to come together and share their faith and worship together. On Oct. 28 students will set up for Hallelujah Night from 12-4 then will head to Cameron at 4:30 for Judgment House. Anyone interested in joining us at Judgment House is welcome. As a reminder the youth also meet each week on Wednesday Nights from 6:30-8:15 and Sunday Nights from 6:00-7:30.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS:** by Debbie Smith, director

The first month of Preschool has flown by. We have made new friends, explored the classroom, and our outside surrounds.

All classes will be looking for changes in God's world on our Fall walks.

October is Fire Prevention month. We will be practicing our fire drills and learning about fire safety with the help of the Plattsburg Fire Department.

Our Fall parties will be Thursday, Oct. 25 and Oct. 26. The parties will take place the last hour of Preschool.

**AWANA:** by Terry Liles, commander

AWANA Clubbers will participate in the Fall Festival parade on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church at 10 am and head to Perkins Park. Parents please make sure you have signed and submitted a permission form for AWANA Clubber to participate. Please let me know if you want to participate in decorating the trailers for the parade. We are in serious need of helpers in the AWANA T&T Boys group. Let me know if you are willing to assist us in this ministry.

**WMU:** by Margaret Stevens

Thank you for giving to the Missouri Missions Offering. So far we have received \$725.00. There are several ways for all to participate in mission during October:

- Oct. 13 – Fall Festival – Bring candy for AWANA parade float to give away
- Oct. 18 – Church wide World Crafts Party – International snacks, wear international clothing if you have it.
- Oct. 30 – Hallelujah Nigh – Bring candy and/or come and give away the candy!
- On Monday afternoons at the church you can come help make jump ropes for the Christmas boxes or to go overseas to other organizations. You can bring MORE t-shirts for others to cut up.
- Samaritans Purse Christmas boxes will be delivered this month

Above all please PRAY for our missions team returning to South Asia Oct. 10-20.

**CHRISTIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST** : You are invited to the monthly Christian Men's Breakfast which will be held this Saturday, October 6 at 7:30 AM here at Broadway United Methodist. See Eric Carter if you have questions.

**Building For Tomorrow (BFT) Committee** by Roy DeShon

After a very long wait, we are making major advances in the efforts to replace our aging sanctuary. This month the Church completed the purchase of a second property across the alley from our building. We now own both corner lots. The process of cleaning the trees and removing the house has begun. Special thanks to the Property Committee for extra effort in identifying which trees to remove, engaging the contractor, and supervising the process. We really appreciate your work.

The excitement is building for the Building. Since some of us are impatient, let's remember that the very first impact is immediate. For years we have been hampered by what can best be described as inconvenient parking, i.e. double stacking. With the new lots we can spread out and not block each other in. So, live a little. Go ahead and park on the new lot and get ready for a second one coming soon.

In the weeks to come you will continue to see changes as the house is removed. After that, we'll begin looking plans for the new building. And it's time to start thinking about where you can best help this project. What kinds of things interest you, where do your talents lie, what needs to be done. All of this work and planning is useless unless we pray and seek God's will and God's power. Begin to pray about this. Make this serious prayer, not three minutes of distracted contemplation. Pray daily! We're looking forward to getting this done together.

**B.I.G.F.I.S.H.** by Dotty Davis

We will having a workshop each Sunday at 4:00 PM. See Don or me if you have any questions.

**EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS** will be held Oct. 4. If you have a praise or a concern, please put in writing and give to one of the following Personnel Committee members: Marilyn Hake, chairman; Brad Bowman, Paul Compton, Paulette Taylor or Terry Liles. Employees are Robert Shelton, pastor; Sandy Shelton, worship leader; Aaron Gudde, minister of youth; Vickie Tippit, secretary; Sharon Clements, pianist and Judy Holt, custodian.

**LIBRARY:** by Alison Belt

The nights will be getting cooler, and sometimes it's great to snuggle up in an afghan and watch a good movie. The library has acquired several good movies the past few months. The newest one to arrive is based on one of our favorite "The Mitford series." Just arrived is "At Home in Mitford." Be sure to check it out and enjoy. We also have that series, written by Jan Karon, in our fiction section. Enjoy life in the small North Carolina mountain town of Mitford, with its very distinct, imperfect characters!! Get these books and movies from your church library!

**Happy Birthday to Members and their families:** 3-Wesley Fitzpatrick 6-Jacob Clymore 8-Jeremy Thomas 10-Marilyn Foland 11-Kemper Gudde 12-Hannah DeFord 15-Lori Clements 16-Tracy Thomas 18-Anna Gump & Debra Webber 20-Clark Cradic, Carol Davis & Mollie Gudde 23-Angela Bradford & George Riche Jr. 26-Shannon Lager & Nora Mitchell 27-Don Davis 28-Becky Lucas 29-Nancy Frerking 30-Cindy DeFreece, Sharon Strobbe & Jordan Umphreys

**ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR:** We have updated our website's calendar. Go our [www.fbcplattsburg.com](http://www.fbcplattsburg.com) and click on calendar



online calendar to a Google to see events.

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