

The Encourager

"Making Jesus First in Our Lives"

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CHURCH CALLS NEW YOUTH PASTOR: First Baptist Church voted to call Aaron Gudde to serve as our new part-time Youth Pastor effective October 1. He teaches and coaches in the CCR3 School District. He and wife Megan have three sons (Remington, Emerson and Gipson) and one daughter Addison who is in heaven with Jesus. See complete bio later in newsletter.



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE: by Robert Shelton

In a recent morning devotion I read Psalm 115 which begins with the psalmist's prayer that he might bring glory to God - "Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness" (v. 1). Then the psalmist described the futile idols that people worship in place of worshipping the one true God. He said idols have mouths, eyes, ears, noses, hands and feet but they DO NOTHING. It reminded me of the many temples and idols we saw recently in South Asia. Why would anyone make an object that he then bowed down and prayed to? Yet it is the proclivity of the human heart to ignore the source of love, forgiveness and life in search of temporary satisfaction. Like the psalmist, may we seek to give glory to God, may we seek and find contentment and answers in the LORD God.

MUSIC: by Sandy Shelton, worship leader

Psalm 150:6 says, "Let everything that has breathes praise the Lord. Hallelujah!" My footnote in my Bible said, "It is only logical that everything that has been given the breath of life from the Creator ought to praise Him!" It is logical and we ought to but we don't always do it! Let's think on that verse and try to give him the praise and glory He deserves.

We have started Christmas cantata practice on Sunday evenings singing Joy! Unspeakable Joy! It isn't too late for you to join us this Sunday at 4:58 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be presenting music on Sunday, December 10th in both services. Please mark your calendar so you will be able to come and hear this beautiful music. Remember, let's give Him our Praise! See you Sunday!!

JOYFUL NOISE is our Children's Choir for Kindergarten meets each Wednesday at 5:00 PM to rehearse the Christmas music We Three Spies. Dinner is provided at 6:00 PM for those staying for AWANA and for our youth that are helping. We ask for donations, monetarily or otherwise for this ministry. Please contact Danielle Schmitten by text (816-726-5811) to see how you can help.

PRESCHOOL NEWS: by Debbie Smith, director

October is here! The first month of Preschool has flown by. We will be taking Fall walks to see what changes are taking place in God's world.

October is National Fire Prevention month. All classes will have fire drills and learn about fire safety with the help of the Plattsburg Fire Department.

Our Fall Cowpoke Parties will be Wednesday, October 25 and Thursday, October 26. The parties will take place the last hour of Preschool.

YOUTH: by Aaron Gudde, youth minister

I am truly honored to take on this new role as youth pastor and serving with our youth at FBC. I feel God has been preparing me for this journey for a long time and I am excited to see what he has in store for our students and our church. As we move forward, I hope to help prepare our youth to serve the Lord by helping them grow their faith, equipping them with the tools they will need, encouraging them to serve the Lord, and supporting them along the way.

Activities and planning are already underway for upcoming events. Students will have the opportunity to attend Fields of Faith in Cameron, MO on October 11. Fields of Faith is a student-led event where they pray for, share with, and challenge their peers to read the Bible and follow Jesus Christ. This event also coincides the start of our new study over apologetics, "A Faith of My Own." Go to Student page on website for October events.

AWANA: by Terry Liles

AWANA is off to a great start this year. We have had 80+ AWANA Clubbers each week during September. Praise God for the opportunity to minister to these kids! Thank you parents for faithfully bringing your kids each week. Also, a big thank you to all those serving in AWANA this year, including those new to AWANA and to you "old timers." We sincerely appreciate you making the nearly nine-month commitment to serve in this ministry. Our first Store Night is November 15th. Donations of age-appropriate new or gently used items are appreciated. The kids really like those one of a kind unusual items that you have stored away collecting dust in your attic or garage. Help us get some great store items for the Clubbers to buy with those hard earned AWANA Bucks. If you are interested in helping with AWANA, please contact us. Come join the fun each week!

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ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR: We have updated our website's online calendar to a Google calendar. Go our www.fbcplattsburg.com and click on calendar to see events or click [HERE](#).

LIBRARY: by Alison Belt

With Fall here, outdoor activities will be slowing down. Now would be a good time to check out some books from the church library. All types of fiction can be found, from historical to modern, from realistic to fantasy. There are also great books to aid in spiritual growth, Christian living, missions, and biographies.

There are books for babies through the teen years. There are also reference books to help you dig into and study your Bible. Come visit the library!

WMU: by Margaret Stevens

Thank you for giving to the Missouri Missions Offering to support mission programs throughout Missouri. So far you have given \$1,206.00 toward our goal of \$1690.00.

You will have the opportunity to purchase Fair Trade items from World Crafts. These come from around the world. The items are made by people earning money to keep them out of bondage or persecution of some kind. The goal is for them to be able to support their family in a wholesome and honest way. This is a good way to start your Christmas shopping!

The Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Boxes will soon be available for you to fill for children around the world. You get to choose items for a boy or girl in three age brackets. The boxes are due Sunday, November 12.

AARON GUDDE'S BIO: Aaron came to know the Lord through FBC, Lathrop and was baptized in 1995. Aaron's family joined FBC, Plattsburg in June, 1996. He was an active member of the FBC youth until he graduated from Plattsburg High School in 2005. Each summer he attended Mission trip and Grand Oaks Church camp. He has continued to serve as a Cabin leader and Assistant Camp director for the past 9 years at Grand Oaks.

After high school, Aaron attended Northwest Missouri State University and graduated with a BS in Agriculture Education. While in college Aaron met and married Megan Barnes in July of 2008. They have four children Remington, Addison who is with the Lord, Emerson, and Gipson. After graduating, Aaron taught at Hillyard Technical Center in St. Joseph from 2010-2014. Aaron then started teaching Industrial Technology at PHS where he had been coaching multiple sports since 2008. In the spring of 2016 Aaron shared with the church that God had called him to ministry. In October, 2016 FBC licensed him to the Gospel Ministry.

PRAYER PARTNERS FOR CCR3: We want to make the year great for our Plattsburg faculty and staff by blessing them in tangible ways. A letter has been sent to each school employee at the elementary, middle school and high school here in Plattsburg. They were asked for their name and a list of their favorite sweet and/or salty snacks, favorite beverage, color and something they would like to have prayer for this year. We need congregation members to sign up to adopt a faculty member from the school. Your adoption means you will pray for them this school year and provide them with a once a quarter blessing (ex: a bottle of their favorite pop first quarter, their favorite candy bar second quarter, a pack of dry erase markers in their favorite color third quarter, and a package of their favorite salty treat fourth quarter). These little surprise blessings are a way to encourage them throughout the school year and provide a reminder that the Plattsburg church community supports them. Please sign up this week with the pastor and you will be provided with the name of the faculty or staff member you will be blessing this year.

Happy Birthday to Members and their families: 3-Wesley Fitzpatrick 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 22-Gail Smith 23-Angela Bradford 25-George Riche Sr. 26-Shannon Lager & Nora Mitchell 27-Don Davis 28-Becky Lucas 29-Nancy Frerking 30-Cindy DeFreece, Hammond, Sharon Strobbe & Jordan Umphreys

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OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1:30 PM Oakridge-Deacons	2 No School	3	4	5 2:00 PM WMU	6	7 7:30 AM Christian Men's Brkfst-Masonic Lodge
				October 5—7 Balloon Booth at Plattsburg Fall Festival		
8 5:30 PM Ch Council 6:00 PM-Business Session-Deacons to follow	9	10	11 6:15-9:00 PM Youth Going to Fields of Faith-Cameron	12 11:00 AM Widow Luncheon 7:00 PM WMU	13	14 6:00 PM Deacon/Wife Dinner-Taylor Home
15 8:45 AM SS Breakfast—DeShon Class Host 6—9:30 PM Youth Bonfire at Mitchell's	16	17 6:30 PM Employee Evaluations	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Preschool Cowpoke Party	26 Preschool Cowpoke Party	27 No School	28
October 23—25 Missouri Baptist Convention—Raytown						
29 Noon-4:00 PM Set up for Hallelujah Night 5:00-9:00 PM Youth to Judgment House	30	31 6:00-8:00 PM Hallelujah Night				
<u>Sunday Schedule</u> 8:00-9:00 AM Worship 9:15-10:15 AM Bible Study 10:30-11:35 AM Worship 6:30 PM Youth		<u>Wednesday Schedule</u> 4:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study 6:30-8:15 PM Youth 6:30-8:15 PM AWANA 6:00 PM Adult Prayer & Bible Study 8:15 PM Ensemble				