

The Encourager

September

“Making Jesus First in Our Lives”

2018

PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVE: by Robert Shelton

The Bible teaches the principle of sowing and reaping (see Galatians 6:7-10). You would never expect to plant corn and reap beans or to plant tomatoes and harvest cucumbers. So why are we surprised in relationships with others and with God that we often harvest exactly what we sow. God’s principle of sowing and reaping is both a warning and a promise: if you sow hatred, you will harvest hatred but if you sow love and faith, you will reap love and faith. This principle of sowing and reaping applies to our actions, the investment of our time, the way we spend our resources and even the words we speak to one another. The Bible also teaches that there is often a huge gap in time between planting good seeds and harvesting good results so God encourages believers to “not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up” (Gal. 6:9). What “seeds” have you been planting in your relationships? At school or work? In faith?

MUSIC: by Sandy Shelton, worship leader

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations” (Psalms 100:1-5 ESV). I love reading the Psalms! It reminds me of what I am to do and who God is to me. The Lord is good and praise is a normal response to His goodness. We praise through music and we have so many wonderful songs to sing to Him. Let’s remember to make worship an important part of each day and our Sunday! Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday! God bless!

YOUTH: by Aaron Gudde, youth pastor

“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others as more significant than yourselves” (Philippians 2:1-3). We discussed this Bible passage a couple weekends ago at the Youth Back to School BBQ. “Do nothing from selfish ambition.” As the school year is getting started, I challenged the students to “make yourself uncomfortable while making others comfortable.” Christ was not comfortable during his time on earth, but that is so we could know the comforts of eternal life with him.

The youth only have a few things on the calendar for this month. We are attending a fall retreat “Aftershock” at Grand Oaks on the 2nd and 3rd. Youth are also invited to each 5th Quarter after the home football games (9/21, 9/28, 10/12 and 10/19) this year. FCA and the Bread of Life Church are sponsoring these events.

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.



PRESCHOOL NEWS: by Debbie Smith, director

We are back from our trip to outer space and ready to start our trip through letters, numbers, shapes, and concepts. We have met new friends and found our way around the Preschool. September is about apples and a change in the season. Summer will be over and Fall will arrive. Have a Happy Fall!

AWANA: by Terry Liles, commander

AWANA officially starts on September 5 with our annual “Kick Off Event.” We will have hot dogs and chips for all the AWANA Clubbers and their families. AWANA takes a lot of resources to cover all the needs of the various groups we minister to each week. We would love for you to come and stand with us as we work to reach our future...our kids...as they grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus.

WMU: by Margaret Stevens

Thank you for a fantastic response for items needed for the Light House Pregnancy Center. They will really appreciate all the items. The girls are given coupons to spend in the “store” when they attend various classes. They can chose items they want.

“Missouri On Mission” is our State Mission Rubin L. South Offering. This offering goes toward funding for mission work here in Missouri. The Light House Center and other Children’s’ Home ministries are a part of this offering. A new ministry within the Children’s’ Home family is a safe house for victims coming out of the sex trade. Disaster Relief is one of many other ministries. Pick up a prayer calendar to learn more and pray through a week in September. Our offering goal is \$1860.00

The WMU Retreat September 20th and we are asking you to donate gently used Bibles to send to missionaries around the world for them to distribute. Bring on or before September 19.

WANTED FOR MISSIONS PROJECT: We need used youth and adult t-shirts (at least 80% or more cotton) for a rope project. T-shirts may be stained but cannot have holes in them. Please put in box in the foyer. Thank you! Questions? See Alison Belt

PRESCHOOL is in need of small metal coffee cans with lids. If you signed up to bring items for the Preschool, there is a box in the foyer for you to put your items.

CHRISTIAN MEN’S BREAKFAST : You are invited to the monthly Christian Men’s Breakfast which will be held this Saturday, Sept. 8 at 7:30 AM here at FBC. See Eric Carter if you have questions.

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

Puppet workshop Sundays in September. Learning to share Jesus with Puppets. Pray about joining us, starting September 9 at 4:00.

LIBRARY: by Alison Belt

The library has a copy of Max Lucado’s newest book, Unshakable Hope - Building Our Lives on the Promises of God. This book contains 14 chapters filled with different promises of God that can encourage us and lift us up. Also new this month is a trilogy by Mindy Starns Clark and Leslie Gould. Each book has both a historic and a modern setting. It should be an exciting book series from these suspense-writing authors! Finally, our church now owns a copy of the DVD, Star, a delightful animated story of Jesus’ birth, told through the eyes of animals. Dr. Ted Baehr, Founder and Publisher of MOVIEGUIDE, said that this movie is the most authentic Christmas story he has ever seen. Catch all these new items in our church library!

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.



MINISTRIES

AWANA is a Scripture memory program for children Age 3 (by August 1) through Grade 6. AWANA meets on Wednesday during the school year from 6:30 – 8:15 p.m. Thanks. Terry Liles, AWANA commander

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES: Studying the Bible is for every Christian! We encourage you to make study of the Bible with other Christians a consistent part of your life and week. See Larry Miller for available classes for infants through adults.

EXTENDED SESSION: Each week we provide childcare during the 10:30 worship caring for infants through 4 year olds. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office to put your name on the list.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY Women meet each Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. To sign up, contact Julie McDowell (816) 217-8357. Childcare is available.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH meets during 10:30 worship. Children (kindergarten – grade 4) will meet in sanctuary for opening songs then be dismissed to Children's Church.

BACKGROUND CHECKS: All adults from age 18 up who work with babies thru youth need to have a background check every 2 years. Cost is \$5. Forms are in the holder outside the secretary's office, on the table in the foyer and on the church's website.

Happy Birthday to Members and their families: 1-Charles Wolven 5-Sandy Shelton, Susan McMillian & Christi Bowman 7-Luke Shelton, Diego Ortiz 9-Chesnie Umphreys 10-Autumn Bradford 13-Doris Morgan 14-LaDonna Morgan 17-Baylee Schubert & Roger Webber 18-Melana Kimmel & Kassidi Florence 19-Misty Reinbold 21-Katelyn DeFord & Bill Burnich 22-Vanessa VanNess 23-Logan Cusick & Danielle Schmitt 24-Janette Lile 26-Emma Lile 27-Dena Davis 28-Lester Hash 30-Linda Logan & Tryce Bentson

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