

# The Encourager

**FBC, Plattsburg**

**"Making Jesus First in Our Lives"**

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

Since becoming a Christian at the age of 14, I have believed that Genesis 1:1 is key to understanding the Bible and life. I was discipled as a new believer to look at the events and miracles recorded in the Bible through that verse - "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." If I believe that before ANYTHING else existed, there was God, then whatever follows in God's Holy Word is possible because God exists—this awesome, magnificent, all-powerful, loving and gracious God is able to do the impossible.

I admit there are truths that are difficult to comprehend or to explain such as the triune nature of God (one God who manifests Himself in 3 persons) or the Incarnation of Jesus (that God came to earth in the flesh) for instance, but God's Word is completely true and fully reliable. It is essential in uncertain times that you and I be grounded through faith in the Lord Jesus and trust in the truths in God's Word. I encourage you to read and study the Bible on your own daily and to regularly study the Bible with others in Sunday School or one of our small groups (Ephesians 4:14-16; 2 Peter 3:18; 2 Timothy 2:15). Often the hardest part of getting into God's Word is just getting started. Pick up a free copy of *Our Daily Bread* devotional located in the foyer or click the link to visit Radio Bible class' website: <http://odb.org/>

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

The 9th Annual Praise Festival is Sunday, Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. This is a time of worship with other Christians in Plattsburg. The love offering will go to Ministerial Alliance and CCR3 Backpack Buddies.

Our choir will begin rehearsing Christmas music on September 25 at 4:58. The cantata is called *There Is a Bethlehem*. The cantata has seven traditional carols "Angels We Have Heard on High," "How Great Our Joy!" "Joy to the World!" "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "For Unto Us a Child Is Born" and four newer Christmas songs. We will present the Cantata during both morning services on Dec. 11. Choir is open to students grade 6 through age 99. Let me know if you have questions about singing or just come to the first rehearsal on Sept. 25.

Have you looked ahead? Christmas falls on Sunday this year. There will be one service on Christmas at 10 a.m.

## **YOUTH: by Christopher Argent, minister of youth**

School is in full swing and the summer season is near its end. With the start of fall in the month of September brings See You At The Pole. One Wednesday Morning in September every year Students and adults gather around school flag poles around the country to pray for their schools, our state, and our country. This year we will gather outside of PHS on September 28th at 7:30 am, pray and have a time of worship! This is for students 7th -12th grade but all adults are welcome to join us that morning at the high school or you can pray from home. We will provide doughnuts and milk for the students. Pray as they stand bold for Christ and pray for their school!

**FALL FESTIVAL:** FBC will hand out balloons and Gospel tracts Thursday – Saturday, Sept. 29 – Oct. 1 at Plattsburg's Fall Festival. If you are willing to sign up for a 1 hour time, call church office or sign up in church foyer. Questions? Call Michael Williams (816) 933-8042.

## **AWANA NEWS:**

- Sept. 7 – 6:30 PM Hot Dog Supper and Pre-Registration in Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 14 – 6:30-8:15 PM Official Start for AWANA

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

It's that time again. School started August 22<sup>nd</sup> with watermelons everywhere.

We made watermelon slices, watermelon shakers, watermelon finger painting, watermelon visors, watermelon rind painting and a watermelon person.

We had watermelon, watermelon Jell-O, watermelon jigglers, watermelon cookies, watermelon cupcakes and watermelon slushes to eat.

We have 17 MWF students and 20 T-Th students. We have 2 new teachers this year: Danielle Schmitt and Kathy Liles. Shauna Hofmann is assistant director.

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH by Megan and Jayme Gudde**

We start back on Sun., Sept. 11 during 10:30 worship. Children's Church is for Kindergarten through 4th grade. Children start in sanctuary and are dismissed after greeting. We are in need of snacks for the children. Your help is very much appreciated: juice boxes, small bottles of water, individual pkgs of crackers and cookies. We do need fruit snacks at this time. Thank you.

## **WMU (Woman's Missionary Union): by Margaret Stevens**

Missouri Missions Offering (MMO) is our focus in September. MMO supports mission efforts in our state. Some areas are disaster relief, Children's Home, church planting, camp and Bible clubs for children, and apartment ministry. Our church's offering goal this year is \$1540.00. Prayer guides will be handed out first Sunday of September or you can check it out here:

<http://media.mobaptist.org/public/mmo/mmo2016/mmo-prayer-guide-2016.pdf>

Thank you for supporting Christmas in August. The many items collected will be greatly appreciated by the women being helped at the Women's Shelter.

For those of you starting to think of Christmas shopping, the World Crafts book party and the Christmas boxes for Samaritans Purse are in the future!

**NEW MEMBERS' CLASS:** the pastor is teaching a class for those interested in joining First Baptist or those wanting to learn more about our faith in Jesus. The classes will be held five weeks from 9:15 – 10:15 on Sundays beginning Sept. 25 (9/25, 10/2, 9, 16 and 23). Topics covered includes salvation, assurance of salvation, 5 distinct Christian beliefs and Baptist faith, spiritual gifts and personal spiritual growth.

## **LIBRARY: by Alison Belt**

Back to school means more organized time, busier schedules, and sadly, not much free time. If you borrowed a book over the summer, please return it. Others may be waiting for that book. Also some have taken DVDs from the library without checking them out. Could you please check to see if you have any of the church's DVDs? A great way to end a busy day is to set aside some time to read a book – an old-fashioned, hold-in-your-hands, turn-the-page book. It's easier on your eyes, helping you relax and be able to go to sleep more quickly! Happy reading!

**Happy Birthday to Members and their families:** 1-Andrew Tudorowski, Dawn Peterson & Charles Wolven 3-Reggie Moore 5-Sandy Shelton, Susan McMillian & Christi Bowman 7-Luke Shelton & Diego Ortiz 9-Jim Wagner & Chesnie Umphreys 10-Autumn Bradford 12-Taylor Hartzell 13-Doris Morgan 14-LaDonna Morgan 17-Baylee Schubert & Roger Webber 18-Melana Kimmel & Mariah Peterson 19-Misty Reinbold 21-Katelyn DeFord 22-Vanessa Wright 23-Logan Cusick & Danielle Schmitt 24-Janette Lile 25-Kaegen Roberts 26-Emma Lile & Jayme Nixon 27-Dena Davis 28-Lester Hash 30-Linda Logan & Tryce Bentsen



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