

Youth Mission Trip...

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In June, I had the opportunity to go on a mission trip to South Dakota with the rest of the youth from Brookdale. I can honestly say that this was one of the best weeks of my life and I could without a doubt write an entire book about it, but I'll try to keep this fairly short. During the long car ride to South Dakota, we found various ways to keep ourselves entertained including sleeping, making bracelets, talking to each other, playing the license plate game, and of course singing and blasting music. We stopped in Sioux Falls, where we got to walk around and look at the beautiful waterfalls. Unfortunately, while we were there, Xavier lost a shoe so we had to make a pit stop at a store to get him a new pair. That night, we stayed in Murdo, South Dakota where we swam and fit 15 people into the small hotel hot tub. The next day we got to see the beauty of the Badlands. We also visited Wall Drug and spent some time in downtown Rapid City before going to the church we were residing in for the week. My sleeping room had 13 girls packed inches apart from each other so every night was like a giant slumber party. We often repeated the phrase "let's get squishy" throughout the week because of the number of times we had to squeeze together due to the amount of people. For our week of work, they split the 3 churches into 6 groups: the bison, bears, wolves, skunks, turtles, and elk. David, Grace, Xavier, and I were a part of the bison crew along with 4 kids and 2 adult leaders from a church in Littleton, Colorado. I, personally, was nervous about being with people I didn't know, but that fear quickly dissipated after the first day of working with them. The adult leaders, Patricia and Matt, and the kids, Brody, Mason, Jack, and Jessie, were incredibly fun and hard working. The bison traveled to 5 different work sites throughout the week including a camp, a community garden, a nursing home, a thrift store, and a therapeutic horse-riding center. For the first 2 work days, we were at the camp in the kitchen helping to make food and wash dishes for 300 campers. We made many desserts including cake, cookies, banana bread, and brownies and we helped prepare fruits, vegetables, side dishes, and main entrees. Grace and I even cracked 200+ eggs each to prepare for breakfast the next day. For the third day of work, we went to a community prayer garden and a nursing home for the elderly and people with special needs. At the prayer garden, we met Ken who took care of and maintained the garden. He told us the story of the prayer garden and had us pull weeds and pick up trash. The nursing home had the biggest impact on me personally. I got to talk to the residents there and hear their individual stories. I specifically remember a woman named Mary Lou who was touched by our company and expressed her joy through tears. Some of us also delivered mail to the rooms and got to experience the joy on their faces when they realized it was for them. The residents don't get to see new faces often so getting to go spend time with them was very special. For our last day of work, we went to a thrift store, and a therapeutic riding center. At the thrift store we pulled weeds and picked up trash around the building and sorted through donated items. Our last service site was a ranch that gives people with special needs the opportunity to ride horses in a calm and comfortable environment as a form of therapy. One of their storage buildings was in need of a new paint job and they recently had white paint donated to them so we gave the building a fresh coat of white paint. When we were done painting we got to feed the horses and meet Chuck Norris the cat and Rubar the mule. Continue on page 3...



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Day trip to Chillicothe!

Not very often in July is it too cold to swim or have a refreshing hike but this day trip wasn't your average day trip. We make plans, mark our calendars and expect that everything will go the way we want, or at least close enough.

An awesome group of leaders and kids went to Pershing State Park for a nice hike in July, and it was great. We didn't sweat, or get eaten by bugs, although there were a few cobwebs. The temperature was a wonderful 70°. In July! Our next stop was visiting the old covered bridge where we stopped to have a short devotional about the Holy Spirit. So cool that God's plan was for Jesus to leave and send the Holy Spirit so we could draw closer to him. After that it was to the pool. But things aren't always what we expect and it started to rain and the temperature dropped to 66° - in July - at 1:30pm. Who knew? But kids are kids and when asked if they wanted to swim or go bowling, it was a resounding answer SWIM. They were a little crazy in my mind but we went ahead and swam. We pretty much had the entire complex to ourselves and eventually it warmed up a bit. We ended our day with a trip to DQ in Cameron, we wore our sweatshirts, and eventually made our way home to Saint Joseph. All in all, it was an excellent adventure. God is good. —Sue Bolander



Session Summary-July 2023

Search for a Transitional Pastor is ongoing.

Voted to continue to allow the Current Church plant to rent the Student Ministries Center through the end of September.

We will celebrate communion on Sunday, August 6, 2023.

Monthly prayer meetings are continuing the 3rd Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. An all church prayer and worship time is being planned for August 25, 2023.

Discussed plans for youth ministry this Fall. Elders Brandon Furlong and Ann Weston will talk to potential leaders.

Men's Ministry will have a camping/hiking trip at Indian Cave State Park in Nebraska on October 6-8, 2023 and will sponsor a fundraising fish fry for the Guatemala Mission Trip on August 6, 2023 after church at the Blazer's Farm

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting soon. Elders David Bolander and Brandon Furlong will be representatives from Session.

Elders are organizing listening groups as a follow-up from the PIR Leadership Retreat. All members, regular attenders, and small groups are encouraged to participate.

Discussed improving the implementation of our Vision Statement

Next Scheduled Session Meeting is August 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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Every day of serving was filled with fun, laughter, and learning. Each day a different crew was in charge of making and cleaning up breakfast and dinner. Every morning and night we had dedicated time to do devotions and worship the Lord. We got to enjoy an activity each night including going to the park, visiting Mount Rushmore, learning about the Lakota culture, getting ice cream, and having a lip-sync battle (which my crew won). The last night was the most special and emotional night. The adult leaders washed our feet and prayed over each individual just like Jesus did for his disciples. Mostly everyone was crying during this time, myself included. We spent the rest of the last night crying and talking within our church group about the week we had just experienced. By the end of the week, I found myself feeling closer to God and ready to continue to serve him. I could see God working throughout the community and through each person I met on this trip. I made new friendships with people from other states and I grew closer to God and the people from Brookdale I came with. I left Rapid City knowing more about myself, Sue, Lara, Mark, Andrew, Xavier, Leyton, David, Grace, Alice, Nevada, and even Harry, Adam, Kevin, and Calvin who I didn't really talk to before the trip. This mission trip was honestly one of the best weeks of my life and I would absolutely do it all again in a heartbeat. I'm so incredibly grateful for the opportunity to go serve the Lord with my friends and I'm very thankful for all the wonderful staff, leaders, and kids who made it so much more special.



Guatemala Brookdale Church Mission Trip
January 6-14, 2024

Contact Bobby Larimore if you would like more trip details:
bobby@fendertransport.com
816-273-7978

Fish Fry

FUNDRAISER



Join us for a Fish Fry Dinner to help raise funds for the mission trip to Guatemala in January.

Sunday August 6

@ the Blazer Home
12900 State Rte. 6
Easton, MO 64443

Dinner includes:
fresh fish, potluck sides and desserts

\$10 suggested donation per person
\$25 suggested family donation

HI, BROOKDALE! SAVE THE DATE!

ALL CHURCH PICNIC



When: September 17
Where: Bartlett Park
Hosted by: The Deacons

Announcement Guidelines

PURPOSE:

1. To encourage participation in church ministry events by announcing the details of the activities prior to the worship service.
2. To provide equal opportunities for all ministries to announce upcoming events.
3. To protect worship time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The announcement pertains to a specific, timely event relevant to the ministries of the church.
2. The announcement should ideally not exceed two minutes.
3. If a ministry desires to make their own announcement, we ask that it be coordinated with the office administrator by Monday. Ideally only one person, in addition to the elder/staff person will be making announcements to protect worship time.
4. If persons wish to highlight a ministry, mission, missionary, or other significant event that warrants more than 2 minutes, please plan as far in advance as possible, coordinating with the office administrator. This will allow for adequate planning by the worship team.

PROCEDURE:

1. Contact the office administrator by Monday or earlier to schedule announcements.
2. If the announcement request falls outside of the guidelines or there are conflicting requests, the worship team will be consulted. The office administrator will then notify all parties of the worship team's recommendations.
3. Please avoid requesting announcement time on Sunday.

Brookdale Summer Interns



From: I was born in Kansas City but moved to Kansas and made my way to Saint Joe when I was in 1st Grade

Fun Facts: I love to cook and learn the various different techniques. I also like to build PC's with my friends.

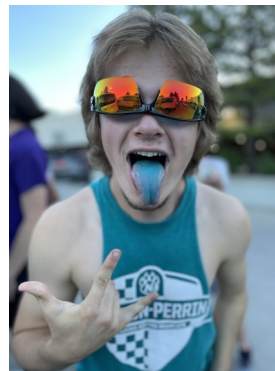
Movies: Across the Spider-verse, A Silent Voice, and Your Name.

Favorite Color: Light Blue??

Where is your heart: I love the opportunities I get to serve in Christ's name on mission trips

Major and School: I'm a Business Management Major at Missouri Western.

Hobbies: Cooking, PC Building, Gaming, and Collecting nerd stuff.



From: I was born and raised in St. Joseph, as well as here at Brookdale.

Fun Facts: My favorite Bible verses are Ephesians 2:8-10 and I have a weirdly good ear for music.

Favorite Movies: Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith, Lord of The Rings: Return of the King, The Negotiator, and The Dark Knight.

Favorite Color: Blue

Where is your heart: I really love sharing the Gospel with kids through youth work, as well as reflecting the love of Christ through mission projects. I also love being a part of worship team-both here and at school.

Major and School: I am an Exercise Science Major at Northwest Missouri State University.

Hobbies: Basketball, lifting weights, drums, and Legos.

GOING LOCAL MISSION TRIP

JULY 31 - AUG 3 MONDAY EVENING- THURSDAY EVENING

St. Joe



JOIN US

July 31 - 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall and ending at 9:00pm
 August 1-2 - 7:30am for breakfast followed by devotions, service, lunch, more service, free time, dinner, evening fun, worship and gathering
 August 3 - Similar schedule with a neighborhood cookout at 5:30-7:30. We will clean up after and have our worship.

WHO: 4TH GRADE AND UP
WHEN: JULY 31-AUG 3
WHERE: BROOKDALE CHURCH AND SERVICE/ACTIVITY SITES
COST: \$25

What to bring:

- Water Bottle
- Bible/Pen
- Cinch bag
- Swimming stuff for Tuesday night
- Work gloves, old clothes sturdy shoes



SERVICE PROJECTS

Noyes Home - Community Gardens - St. Joseph Museum
 Pivotal Point - Yard Work - Second Harvest - Care Portal and so much more.



EVENING ACTIVITIES

Cabana Ice Cream
 Bartlett Park & Sonic
 Swimming
 Neighborhood cookout
 Worship and Gathering



WHAT IS INCLUDED:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Snacks
 Cost of Sonic and ice cream
 Morning Devotions and Evening Worship
 Transportation

PURPOSE:

Disciple Students
 Develop New Leaders
 Serve the St. Joseph Community

August Birthdays

- 1 - Mark Shepherd
- 2 - Ron Hillyard
- 3 - Nadienne Hoffman
- 4 - Caitlynn Butler
- 5 - Doris Wyckoff
- 6 - Wyatt Beier, Valerie Dahle, Kendra Korner
- 8 - Sage Nightingale
- 9 - Sharon Addington
- 10 - Steve Blazer
- 11 - Tripp Dunn
- 14 - James Hudgens, Marianne Wing

- 22 - Cohen Funk, Patti Seever
- 24 - Jeremy Miller
- 25 - Jeremy Decker
- 27 - Nancy Savely
- 28 - Brennan Matthews
- 29 - Allyson Swank

September

- 1 - Leyton Furlong
- 3 - Carter Corcoran
- 5 - Mark Austin, Matthew Bolander
- 6 - Max Richter

Congratulations...



Dylan and Kelsey Corcoran welcomed a new daughter on April 14th. Lola June



Liam and Makayla Hancock welcomed a new son on July 5th. Elijah Rhy.

St. Joe Petroleum Co.

WE'RE CELEBRATING 45 YEARS IN BUSINESS!

Join us as we celebrate this milestone!

Wednesday, August 16th
Open House
11 am - 3 pm

St. Joe Petroleum Office
2520 S 2nd Street
St. Joseph, MO 64501

- Food trucks
- Giveaways
- Refreshments
- Games

Hello Brookdale Friends!

You've been part of our lives and the life of our company (St Joe Petroleum & Fastgas) for a very long time! From washing windows for Missions trips, to buying gas gift cards and filling both your tanks & tummies at our stores, to coming to our rescue and cleaning out the Missouri River muck after our office was flooded (Ugh!! What a mess!).

Ron & I are very grateful for your friendship and support over the years, so we wanted to make sure to include you all in our 45th Anniversary celebration! The details are below!
Thanks again and we hope to see you there!

Beth & Ron Bachman

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 6:30am Men's Ministry Meeting 5:30 Dance Fit 6:30 Deacons	2 6:30 Men's Prayer Break-fast 1:30 SALT 5:30 Dance Fit 6:00 Women's Bible Study	GOING LOCAL MISSION TRIP JULY 31-AUGUST 3			5 10:00 Dance Fit
6 Communion 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Fish Fry	7 10:00am Women's Bible Study	8 Election Day 5:30 Dance Fit 6:00 Trustees	9 6:30 Men's Prayer Break-fast 11:00 Daytimers 5:30 Dance Fit 6:00 Women's Bible Study	10	11 6:30 Mens Bible Study 2:00 Book Club at Dot's Wyckoff's	12 10:00 Dance Fit	
13 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	14 10:00am Women's Bible Study 2:00 Women's Bible Study 5:15 Finance	15 5:30 Dance Fit 6:30 Session 7:00 Square Dance	16 6:30 Men's Prayer Break-fast 5:30 Dance Fit 6:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Prayer Night	17 Haven House Food Kitchen	18 6:30 Men's Bible Study	19 10:00 Dance Fit	
20 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	21 10:00am Women's Bible Study	22 5:30 Dance Fit 7:00 Square Dance	23 6:30 Men's Prayer Break-fast 11:00 Daytimers 5:30 Dance Fit 6:00 Women's Bible Study	24	25 6:30 Men's Bible study 7:00 Quarterly Prayer	26 10:00 Dance Fit	
27 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2-4pm Loss of Spouse In the Fellowship Hall	28 10:00am Women's Bible Study 2:00pm Women's Bible Study	29 5:30 Dance Fit 7:00 Square Dance	30 6:30 Men's Prayer Break-fast 5:30 Dance Fit 6:00 Women's Bible Study	31 Griefshare Begins 10am & 6pm			





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*Brookdale Church is called to
bring the beauty of the Gospel
to the brokenness of life.*



Fall Women’s Retreat--Brookdale Presbyterian-- Women 2 Women

Great Adventure of Experiencing the Holy Spirit
Guest retreat present: Julie Wiemann

*“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.”
Romans 8:14*

Date: September 8 – 10, 2023 Friday evening thru Sunday worship

Location: Heartland Retreat Center (Parkville) - Pete’s cabin 16965
NW Highway 45, Parkville, MO 64152

Cost: \$120 (2 nights lodging & meals) Commuter cost: \$60 (meals)
Scholarships are available for those that need it, please indicate on the
registration form.

\$25 deposit due August 6th with your registration. Full payment is
due by August 25th.

Pick up a Registration bag or Contact Julie Schmitt for details

W2W

Fall RETREAT

Save the date!

SEPT 8-10 **Connecting Women 2 Women**

Experience a Fresh Explosion of Faith!
Come, connect in a deeper way with your Savior.
Come, connect in a deeper way
with your sisters in Christ.

WATCH FOR MORE EXCITING DETAILS TO COME!

BROOKDALE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Cost: \$120 Heartland Center Parkville MO \$25 Deposit Required Supplemental scholarship available.