

Each Wednesday:

Spanish Bible Study led by Ron, Shirley & Becky Payne at 6:00 pm

July:

1—7 CIY MOVE Conference in Cleveland, TN

Keep our students & leaders in your prayers as they attend this life-changing week.

2, 3, 5 & 6

Meals—On—Wheels days sign up at Connection Corner (2 volunteers needed per day)
Call the church office if you can serve.

11 J.O.Y. Bunch trip to Chester, IL

Call the church office to sign up or sign up in the foyer!
We'll leave at 8:00 a.m. that morning.

13 Ministry Camp 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

All 3rd—8th graders are invited to join Miss Penny on this day to experience what goes on behind the scenes at the church. We'll also play games & eat lunch together! Join us!

16 Red Cross Blood Drive

1:30—6:30 p.m.
All blood types are needed!

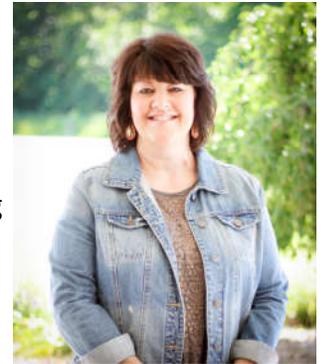
29 Flora Healthcare Outreach
See Teresa Lewis for details

July 30—Aug. 3

Meals—On—Wheels days

Staff Update

We are pleased to let you know that Kris Goodman is now our full-time Facilities Manager. Kris has been on staff as our part-time custodian for 3½ years, but the needs of our church have grown to the point of needing a Facilities Manager. Kris will now assist with our future work projects and building improvements, as well as oversee the cleaning and maintenance of our building. She will also assist your family in scheduling and planning for any building requests such as weddings, showers, parties, etc. We are thankful to have her as a part of our team!



Student Minister Search



Please continue asking God to guide us to the one He has selected to be our next Student Minister. We have been receiving resumes and are following up with those that seem to be a good fit for our church. We are trusting in God's timing and His provision. Thank you for your prayerful support.

MOVE Conference

Our 23 high school students and 6 adults leave on Sunday, July 1st for a week-long conference. They are traveling to Cleveland, TN to the campus of Lee University. Please be praying for them as they spend the week growing in their faith and knowledge. Also, be looking in your email for daily prayer requests for them during the conference. Thanks for your continued support of our high school students.



J.O.Y. Bunch (Just Older Youth) Trip—Monday, July 9th



We invite everyone age 55 & older to sign up for our next trip. The date is Monday, July 9th. We will be leaving from the church house at 8:00 a.m. We will be going to Chester, IL, the home of Popeye the Sailor Man. We will go down the Popeye Trail and see all of his friends, plus some beautiful sights. We will enjoy dinner at the Harvest House Smorgasbord. Please sign up at Connection Corner in the foyer.

Welcome to the Family!

It has been awhile since we updated you on those who gave their lives to Christ & those who transferred their memberships, but we wanted to tell you each one so you could share in our excitement & welcome these brothers & sisters in Christ! Here are the baptisms that have happened in recent months: Lynaver Bacani, Jovy Adkins, Gloria Staley, Shad Petersen, Simona Pastor Pena, Trevor Nicholson, Shayla Macias, Ava Murbarger, Barry Brown, Kaitlin Stephenson, Jacob Arnold and Paris VanDyke. Those who transferred their memberships were:

Andres Pena and Chris & Dawn Murbarger. We are thrilled to have each one of these souls as a part of our Red Brush Church family! Be sure to welcome them & encourage them on their walk with the Lord.



Red Brush Christian Church

Stewardship:

Sunday, June 3rd

7:30 am	44
8:45 am	256
11:00 am	159
Total	459
Offering	\$11,852.00

Sunday, June 10th

7:30 am	50
8:45 am	239
11:00 am	139
Total	428
Offering	\$11,520.51

Sunday, June 17th

7:30 am	45
8:45 am	263
11:00 am	132
Total	440
Offering	\$11,191.10

Sunday, June 24th

7:30 am	50
8:45 am	224
11:00 am	140
Total	414
Offering	\$10,225.56

Greater Things!

When we first moved to Illinois I went to find a paper map of the Taylorville area. To say the least it was like hunting for a needle in a haystack. Paper maps are just not in demand like they were 10 years ago. With cell phone technology and GPS, you can get from point A to point B. Rarely do we need a paper map. However, for me to successfully become familiar with the city of Taylorville, a map was essential.

Maps help you get where you want to go effectively and efficiently if you're planning a road trip or want to know where you're going. It is no different for a church. Our church needs a plan forward much like weary travelers need a map on a long road trip.

A map will keep us all on the same track. When there is no clear, compelling plan, most fellow travelers will improvise and devise a way forward, although it usually results in disunity. With a clear plan, the church can move forward together.

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A map provides hope during the long, frustrating parts of a journey. Every traveler has experienced rough times on the road: a flat tire, a child getting sick, long stretches with few potty breaks. If you know where you are and where you're going, as well as how you'll get there—the stress is easier to bear.

A map provides a quick view of how far you've come. At the end of a day of traveling, a map is an encouraging reminder of the distance traveled, giving you a sense of accomplishment. As a staff, we are working through the process of creating a map for the church. To create that map, we are answering the following questions: As a church, where are we going? This will be our new Vision Statement. As a church, what do we exist to do? This will be our new Mission Statement. How do we accomplish the mission? These will be our new strategies. As a Church, why do we do this? This is our all-important "Why" Statement. And finally, as a church, what are the things we value? These will be the new values we prioritize.

Please pray for God's leading in the development of our map!!

Blessings,

Brian & Melinda

New Grief Support Group Starting, led by Becky Payne

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: We will begin another Grief Support Group on August 14th from 6:30–8:15 pm. Our group will meet on Tuesday evenings, for 13 weeks, in the Prayer Room.

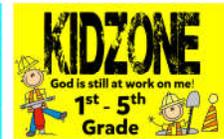
The grief group is designed to help people deal with the death of loved ones. The grieving process can be very tumultuous and very painful no matter what the circumstances are. If you or anyone you know is interested, be sure to put these dates on your calendar. Contact Becky Payne or the church office for more details.

Children's Ministry



Nursery — Room 203
 2's & 3's — Room 201
 4's - K — Room 205
 1st - 5th — Room 301

All children's classes meet during the 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. services.



VBS Update

We've wrapped up another EXCITING week of VBS here at Red Brush! We had a total of 110 different kids come thru our doors during the week and an average of 65 plus volunteers each night. That is an incredible amount of people! We cannot thank all our volunteers enough. VBS simply is not possible without all of you. Thank you for taking time to pray for our kids, donate food and money, feed & clean up after the kids, help set up and tear down, and those who helped all week long in many different areas.



Thank you!

Our missionary this year was Zach and Natalie McCain from Heir Christian Service Camp. Natalie (Yates) McCain is a Clay County girl & we are thrilled to be supporting her & her husband in their mission work. We not only met our goal but surpassed it by raising \$1,065 for their growing Christian camp in the Philippines. Your generosity will help them build a new chapel and bring even more kids to the camp to learn about Jesus. Thank you!!!



Mommy & Me workshops will be back in July for water play fun! Our tentative date is July 18th! Watch the bulletin for details & plan to join us!

Oil Belt News: There are still MANY weeks of camp left & you can still sign up! Check out all these camps! You can sign up online or get a form from the foyer!

Date	Camp	Grade	Start Time	End Time
July 1-4	Discovery	4 th -5 th	3:30pm	9:30am
July 6-7	Footprints 2	2 nd -3 rd	5:30pm	3:30pm
July 8-13	JH Athletes	6 th -8 th	3:30pm	3:30pm
July 15-20	Niners	9 th	3:30pm	3:30pm
July 20-21	Father/Child	K-4 th	5:30pm	3:30pm
July 22-28	Jr. High 2	7 th -8 th	3:30pm	9:30am
July 29-Aug 4	Deeper Life	10 th -13 th	3:30pm	9:30am
Aug 4	NEW! 1 st -2 nd Day Camp	1 st -2 nd	10:30am	5:00pm
Aug 5-10	Encounter 2	5 th -6 th	3:30pm	3:30pm
Aug 12-14	Pathfinder 2	4 th -5 th	3:30pm	5:30pm
Aug 17-18	Oasis	Adult	5:30pm	3:30pm



John 11 is the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. It's quite a story. Lazarus was very ill and he even died. Jesus hears of his illness, but waits for four days to show up. He is welcomed by both Martha and then Mary. Both say, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Everyone is weeping, including Jesus, as the shortest verse in the Bible says. . . "Jesus wept." Then comes the marvelous words, "Lazarus, come forth!" and the even greater response, "the dead man came out." This was arguably Jesus' greatest miracle.

If you would examine this chapter, you would find that the point of the chapter is faith. John used the word believe or a form of it eight different times in the chapter. He starts out encouraging the disciples to have faith and believe in the first sixteen verses. In verses seventeen through forty, he is encouraging Mary and Martha to have faith and believe. He ends up in verses forty-one through fifty-seven trying to get the Jewish people to have faith and believe.

Having faith and believing in the Lord and in His Word are huge topics throughout the Bible, especially in the New Testament. Things were not looking good at this time in the life of Jesus and in the lives of those around him. We see sickness and death, threats and schemes, fear and uncertainty, hatred and evil, etc. But in the middle of it all, Jesus encourages all those around him to have faith and believe. Maybe He was encouraging Himself as He was facing the cross.

Read through Hebrews 11 and you will see a long list of people who had faced multiple major problems, yet they are recognized and honored for their faith and what that faith accomplished for them and the Lord.

Would you agree with me that life is challenging and very tough at times? God's challenge to us as we face and go through a huge list of obstacles, problems, disappointments, heartaches, losses, sicknesses, etc. is to have faith and believe. *Each major challenge that pops up in our lives ought to increase our faith.* Each difficult time is a time of testing and might I say a time of growth and maturity if we stay focused on the Lord and His Word. God will turn bad things into good things if we just trust Him and stay close to Him.

I have shared many times that when bad things come into my life, I ask two questions: What can I learn from this? And who can I help because of this? In other words, how can my faith increase in and for the Lord, for me and for others?

Jesus said to His disciples concerning Lazarus' death, "It is for God's glory." He said to the two sisters, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" If we will just have faith and believe, when our hard times come, we, too, will see God's glory.

Still In His Service,
Ron Payne

Sunday Morning Worship:
7:30 a.m. traditional (no kids classes)
8:45 a.m. contemporary (nursery & classes)
11:00 a.m. contemporary (nursery & classes)
Sunday School:
8:45 a.m. (adults only)
10:15 a.m. (all ages)

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