

**Each Wednesday:**

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

**June:**

4, 5, 6, 7 & 8

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

10 **Comedy Concert 6 pm**

Fun for the whole family!  
Come see *Jonnie W.* from the  
*Laugh All Night Comedy group.*  
This is a FREE event. Pick up  
your free tickets at the church  
to sit in the reserved seat area!

11 **J.O.Y. Bunch trip to Vincennes**

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

12 **Kitchen Help Day at Oil Belt**

We need 4 people for each shift.  
8:30am-1:00pm & 3:00-7:00pm  
Call the church office to sign up!

18—21 **Vacation Bible School!!!**

Nightly from 6:00—8:30 pm  
Supper served for kids & helpers.  
You can still find your place to serve!

22 **V.B.S. Family Night 6:00 pm**

Food & fun for the whole family!  
Come see what the kids learned!

24 Flora Healthcare Outreach  
See Teresa Lewis for details

30 Building in use for private event



If you still have a baby bottle for the Jabez Pregnancy Center fundraiser, please be sure to bring in back to the church soon. Jabez has already served many families in Clay County. See Becky Payne or Darren Barbee for details!



# Brushstrokes!

# June 2018

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## Vacation Bible School is just around the corner!



**June 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>**  
**6:00pm—8:30pm**

**Ages 3 yrs. – 5<sup>th</sup> grade**



2 yr.-olds are welcome but a family member must stay with them.

**Supper served nightly!**

Kids & volunteers can sign-up at the church.

**Free Gift** for all kids who register by June 17<sup>th</sup>!

## **FAMILY NIGHT is Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Come at 6 pm for food & fun for the whole family!**

**You'll get to see a small portion  
of what the kids have learned!**



## Women's Ministry News

**Women's Ministry Service Project:** We want to encourage all ladies to take part in this year's Vacation Bible School. There are many ways to serve depending on your gifts & talents. There are opportunities to serve prior to VBS, as well as during the week of VBS. Here are some key areas of service & the people to contact if you are interested in serving:

1. **Prayer** is a vital part of this week. Please pray for the young lives that will be touched through this ministry as well as their families. Pray for open hearts & minds to hear the message and respond to God's calling. Pray for the teachers and all those who are working with the kids that they would have soft hearts and a willingness to share God's love to all who walk through these doors.
2. **Monetary & food donations** – See foyer sign-ups
3. **Serving food and helping clean up dining area after each group** - Kris Goodman
4. **Crafts** – Tiffany Devore
5. **Decorations** – Stephanie Foster
6. **Friday night tear down and clean up** – Kris Goodman
7. **Other areas to serve with the kids** - Ashley Czyzewski or Penny Arnold

**We want to encourage you to find a way to serve in VBS this year.**

**We know that you will be blessed by your investment in this ministry!**

## Red Brush Christian Church

### Stewardship:

#### Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am	47
8:45 am	212
11:00 am	202
Total	<b>461</b>
Offering	\$14,877.11

#### Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am	61
8:45 am	296
11:00 am	176
Total	<b>533</b>
Offering	\$14,050.76

#### Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am	46
8:45 am	253
11:00 am	169
Total	<b>468</b>
Offering	\$10,092.00

#### Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am	44
8:45 am	215
11:00 am	111
Total	<b>370</b>
Offering	\$10,719.17

### **Greater Things!**

In our brief time at Red Brush, Melinda and I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you, and look forward to increasing that number! I must also say that it has been a blessing getting settled into the parsonage and seeing that boxes are now being emptied. And we really enjoy being close to the church building.

Coming into an established church, as “fresh eyes”, can be a good thing. We have the opportunity to see how things operate and we can do it very objectively. We get to see the things that seem to work well and those that may not work so well. To be a vibrant church in a rural community can also be a real challenge! It’s apparent that all of you have done some amazing things! Under the Elmore’s leadership and love—Red Brush Christian Church grew and impacted her community with real success. It is our prayer that we can continue to build on that foundation and continue this legacy well into the future.

I have introduced a perspective to the staff and some of the Red Brush ministries that I hope will become our filter through which we see all things in the church. It’s the perspective of “Good, Better, Best!” it translates into “Good, better, best, never let it rest, until your good gets better and your better gets best!” In other words, over the next few months, we will be assessing current ministries and methods, while making tweaks to become better.

We want to go from good, to better and then from better to our best in everything. So, please be open to possibilities as we move forward to “Greater Things.” Please stay flexible to the Holy Spirit as we pray for God’s guidance, and be ready to step out in Faith as we move toward our “best”. We can only be our best when we allow God to use us and transform our lives to His glory.

Bless you!

Brian and Melinda

### **Remember, You can Still Sign Up for Camp at Oil Belt!**

Camps have begun!!! There is still time to sign up online. Camps for kids going into 1<sup>st</sup> grade through current high school graduates are still available.

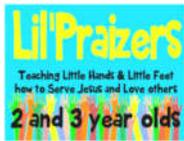
- ☺ *New camps* have been added this year for Kindergarteners – College age! Check out the schedule at [oilbelt.com](http://oilbelt.com) or at Connection Corner in the foyer.



- ☺ *New way to register*— If you register online **anytime** this summer, you’ll receive a (one time) FREE \$5 canteen card.

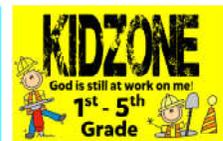


Children's Ministry



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

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



The Mommy and Me workshops are taking a break during the month of June.

Please join us at VBS June 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>!

VBS is for ages 2 years old thru 5<sup>th</sup> graders. (2yr olds need an adult or family member to stay with them.)

Mommy & Me workshops will be back in July for water play fun!

Tell all your friends & get your FREE tickets from the church office! Jonnie W. is part of a group that tours the country providing clean family fun!

Student Ministry News

July will be here before we know it!

That is MOVE month!!!

Our high school students, along with some amazing sponsors, will be attending this life-changing conference July 2<sup>nd</sup>—6<sup>th</sup>. Be praying now for safe travel, good health, open hearts & for God to MOVE in the lives of all in attendance. Thank you so much, church family, for always supporting our youth!

**LAUGH ALL NIGHT COMEDY CONCERT**

A FREE COMEDY EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

FEATURING **JONNIE W.**

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018 6:00PM  
 RED BRUSH CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
 16707 HIGHWAY 45  
 LOUISVILLE, IL 62858  
 618-665-3280  
 WWW.REDBRUSHCC.ORG

AN OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED BENEFITING NEW MISSIONS

I want to thank everyone who has complimented me on our place and how it looks this spring. I have no doubt that the Lord led us to Louisville and provided for us our property and home. It was an amazing story and experience. I've never owned a home of my own. I still can't believe we have the place that we do. Since God provided it all, I know that it is really His on loan to us for a while. He gave us a great place, so in thanks to Him, I want it to be as beautiful as I can make it. But again, I may provide the blood, sweat and tears, but it is His beautiful roses, irises, azaleas, gladiolas, lilies, peonies, . . . (well, I have between 75 and 100 different varieties of flowers and flowering bushes and trees,) that make the place glow with beauty.

Shirley was an answer to my many, many, many prayers throughout junior high, high school, and college. She is a gift to me from God. Therefore, I've always wanted to be the best husband that I could be for her and for the Lord. When the kids came along, they were answers to my many prayers. So since they all were special gifts from God, I wanted to be the best dad I could be for them and for the Lord. Have I been a perfect husband and dad? Of course not, but I've learned from a lot of mistakes and am a better man because of the mistakes and the learning process.

I wanted to be a preacher many years ago and God opened a door of opportunity for me. Was it what I expected? Not exactly, but I gave it my all because it was God's church. Again, I may have provided the blood, sweat, and tears, but it was God that provided each and every blessing (and there were so very, very many.)

Even my retirement is His and I've prayed that He will continue to use me as He wants and use me He has. Shirley asked me a few weeks ago, "What is it that you did for nearly fifty years that you are not doing now?" After a little thought, the only thing I'm not doing now that I did for all those previous years is work with the youth group. But God has provided the Hispanic ministry in its place. All that I'm called to do is because of God and we owe Him our best.

Look at your home and property. . .your spouse. . .your kids. . .your profession. . .even your retirement, they all come from God and have been blessed and used by God to build His kingdom. If not, then you've been looking in the wrong direction. Quit looking in the mirror to try to find your success. Quit bragging about what "I've" done and accomplished. Quit looking at "your" accomplishments and see what God has done and is doing in and through you. Then do your best to thank and glorify the Lord in every element of your life and then see what exciting and even beautiful thing comes next.

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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