

**Each Wednesday:**

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

**May:**

- 5 Building in use
- 6 **Graduation Sunday!**  
Join us at the beginning of the 11:00 service as we honor our 8<sup>th</sup> grade, H.S. & College grads.
- 7 **JOY Bunch (Age 55 & older)**  
Monthly potluck & gathering  
Join us at 11:30 a.m. for a baked potato bar! Don't miss it!
- March 7, 8 & 10, 11  
Meals-On-Wheels days  
sign up at Connection Corner  
(2 volunteers needed per day)  
*Call the church office if you can serve.*
- 8 Freezer Meal Prep Party 5:30 p
- 13 **Mother's Day!!!**  
*Come celebrate with us & we'll take a quick family photo for you! They'll be printed & ready to pick up the next Sunday.*
- 14 **Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Please come & give the gift of life and/or sign up to help with the drive!  
What a gift!!! 1:30—6:30 pm
- 15 **Women's Ministry Event**  
Random Acts of Kindness.  
Details are here →
- 16 Elders' Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Meal Ministry Appreciation Banquet. Make plans to attend!
- 27 Flora Healthcare Outreach  
See Teresa Lewis for details

**2018 VBS is just around the corner!**

**June 18<sup>th</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup>**

**6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each night**

**Supper is served nightly.**

**This year's theme = Secret Agents for the Lord**

We hope to have a record number of kiddos this year!

Be sure to invite every kid you know ages 3 yrs. thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. (2 year olds are welcome to join us, but a family member must stay with them.)

We'll begin sign-ups for kids & volunteers on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please be thinking & praying

about where you can find your place of service.

For more info. contact Ashley Czyzewski or Penny Arnold.



## Women's Ministry News

### Random Act of Kindness

Hey Ladies!! Please join us Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

We are going to be doing various random acts of kindness to people in our community over the rest of this year. For our first event, we are planning to put together appreciation baskets for our emergency responders to thank them for all that they do for us. We would love for you to come out on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to help us with this project. We will be praying for those who are involved in the emergency services, as well as putting together appreciation baskets. We will need ladies to help us with this as well as some willing to deliver them. Be on the lookout for other future opportunities to do random acts of kindness in your neighborhood or communities!



### Coming in June for Women's Ministry...

We want to encourage all the ladies to take part somehow in Vacation Bible School. There are various ways to serve depending on your gifts and talents. If you are unable to come the week of VBS, you can still help ahead of time. They will need people to help with preparation of the meals, crafts, decorations and set-up. If you can come the week of VBS, you can help in these areas as well or help work directly with the kids. They will also be in need of help with clear up at the end of the week. So, there are many ways you can serve! See Ashley or Penny.

**JABEZ** Please try to bring in your baby bottles full of change by Mother's Day (May 13). All funds raised are to benefit the Jabez Pregnancy Center located in Flora.

If you have questions about the center, please see Becky Payne or Darren Barbee.



## Red Brush Christian Church

### Stewardship:

#### Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

##### *Resurrection Sunday!*

7:30 am	62
8:45 am	365
11:00 am	161
Total	<b>588</b>
Offering	\$18,627.33

#### Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am	48
8:45 am	256
11:00 am	171
Total	<b>475</b>
Offering	\$13,630.54

#### Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am	56
8:45 am	250
11:00 am	139
Total	<b>445</b>
Offering	\$11,856.45

#### Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:30 am	47
8:45 am	209
11:00 am	150
Total	<b>406</b>
Offering	\$9,558.53

#### Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am	44
8:45 am	239
11:00 am	137
Total	<b>420</b>
Offering	\$11,643.68

## Greater Things!

### Ephesians 3:20

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us..."

Notice, this verse points to God's immeasurable greatness when you and I get involved in His work! It's obvious to Melinda & I that Red Brush Christian Church believes this!

First of all we would like to say THANK-YOU! Your welcoming love and spirit has spoken volumes and given us a glimpse into **Greater Things**. We have been so uplifted and encouraged by your support in this transition. Thanks to all who helped us move, those who helped clean the parsonage, removed the old carpet, brought a homemade meal or just sent a friendly message via Facebook! Thank you for greeting us with a welcoming smile and encouraging word on Sunday mornings too!

There are certain vital signs that indicate whether or not a church is healthy, vibrant, and poised for future growth. Unfortunately recent statistics indicate that 3,500-4,000 churches die each year and it usually starts with little or no sense of urgency. Growing churches have an "exceptional sense of urgency." Stagnant and declining churches don't. If every Sunday is just another Sunday—and you don't have a burning sense that lives and eternity hang in the balance—then we've lost our edge. **Thanks for displaying your sense of urgency!**

Another telltale sign of an unhealthy church is when "your affection for the past is greater than your excitement for the future." Stuck or declining churches are yesteryear churches. They remember when everything was amazing, which clearly isn't today. I have been listening to the way people talk. There's excitement for what's next, but also a sincere appreciation for what was. When our affection for the past is greater than our excitement for the future, we're in trouble. **Thanks for having greater excitement for the future!**

Declining or stagnant churches misunderstand the rapidly changing culture. There are new generations of people who need Jesus, but they act and think differently than we do. We need to embrace rather than avoid culture, showing them that Jesus is relevant! Jesus loved the world enough to die for it. The church should love the world enough to reach it. **Thanks for being so willing to understand our changing world!**

I could go on and on but suffice it to say, we are excited for the Greater Things that God has in store for our family, the Church, Louisville and the surrounding communities! He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to His power that is at work in all of us!!

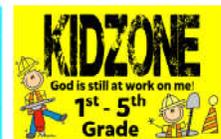
Blessings!!  
Brian and Melinda

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.



We are excited to report our first **Mommy & Me Workshop** went fantastic! Our next Workshop will focus on large motor play. So, mark your calendars for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We will take a break in June for VBS but hopefully be back in July with lots of art fun!

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

Free T-Shirt month has passed, but you can still go online anytime to register for camp or pick up a registration form at the church. Oil Belt Christian Service Camp is a great place to invest time in this Summer!



- ☺ *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*— We LOVE the new and easy way to register online. If you register online **anytime** this summer, you'll receive a (one time) FREE \$5 canteen card.



**More Women's Ministry News!**



Our freezer is empty for our meals to the sick. So, we will be having another **Freezer Meal party on Tues., May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** to help prepare freezer meals. We'll be cooking a bunch of meals to keep on hand to provide for those who have been hospitalized or recently had a baby. If you can join us to help us prepare the meals we would greatly appreciate it! Be sure to sign up in the foyer to help with this event. If you'd like to help with this team or if you have any questions, please see Stephanie Foster or Becky Payne.



**Meal Ministry Appreciation Banquet**

May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you are involved in any of the meal ministries (Meals to the sick, funeral meals and dessert, or meals on wheels) we would love for you to join us for an appreciation banquet to say thanks for all you do for the meal ministries of RBCC. Please sign up in the foyer or contact RBCC to let us know if you plan to attend!

If you have been a Christian for any time at all, you are familiar with Matthew 28:19, 20. It is known as the Great Commission. Jesus instructed us to “go and make disciples of all nations.” The commission was to “go” and spread the message of Jesus to the neighboring countries and then to keep going and spread it all around the world.

We live in a place and time when people from all over the world want to come to us. Despite all our flaws, America is still the best place to live in all the world and offers innumerable opportunities.

My two oldest grandchildren went to a high school in the Portland, Oregon, metropolitan area that enrolled over 3,000 students and within that student body, they spoke over seventy different languages.

We still need to go into all the world and share the gospel, but we also need to reach out to people from all over the world who are moving to/living in our own area. The fields are white unto harvest all around us if we are willing to step out of our own culture and comfort zone.

I'm so thrilled to be working with Red Brush's Hispanic ministry each Wednesday night. We have 18 adults and 17 children that we are presently working with. They come from Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, and San Salvador. They are a wonderful, loving, joyful, eager to learn people. I'm having the time of my life. We welcomed a new family just last week.

My daughter, Becky, and translator Rachel Greenwood work with me with the adults. Randy and Becky Bailey, Curtis and Rachel Thompson, and Levi and Amanda Bailey are working with the grade schoolers through high schoolers. My wife, Shirley, is working with the two to five year olds. (We have two newborns that stay in my class.) Four of these Hispanic families have been attending our morning services in recent months. Please speak to them and welcome them to our church family.

It was such a thrill back on April 11, to be asked to baptize Simona Pena that very evening. Then on Sunday morning, April 15, to welcome her and her husband, Andres Pena into our church family here at Red Brush. The Lord is truly blessing this ministry . . . and yes, the fields are white unto harvest. Please be praying for the fulfilling of the Great Commission and join us in doing it.

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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