

Weekly activities in the church building:

Each Sunday:

Morning services at 8:30 & 10:15 am

You can also find the service online on Facebook or YouTube!

SEPTEMBER:

4-7 Family Camp at Oil Belt

Family Camp will look a little different this year. Check the camp's website for details.

6 ONE, Combined Service @ 8:30

8 HS GUYS Group kicks off at Gary's House

9th—12th grade guys
Study: Defined—Who God Says You Are

9 BRUSHFIRES Kicks Off for K-5th grade students

Join us each Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:30 pm as we have cookies, a lesson & games!

ROOTED Groups start 6:00—7:30 p.m. for adults

JH Small Group kicks off at Gary's House—6:00 pm

HS GIRLS Group kicks off at Amy's House

9th—12th grade girls
Study: Defined—Who God Says You Are

13 Fall Kick-Off for Jr. High & High School Refinery!

25-27 Washington, D.C. bus trip to Prayer March

“Rooted Deeply”

I have thought and prayed about the title of our next sermon series for some time! Yes, we are launching “Rooted Groups” this September 9th, however, this sermon series will be distinct from the “Rooted” curriculum. Living with the effects of COVID 19, attending church on Sundays used to be a way of life for most Americans. But we find ourselves living through the biggest communication shift in many years. We are also discovering that Church is becoming less of a PRIORITY especially for those younger than 40 years of age. We're you aware?

- Only **2 in 10 Millennials** (ages 23-38) believe church attendance is important.
- **59% of Millennials** who grew up in the church have dropped out at some point.
- If present trends continue, the percentage of the population that attends church in 2050 is estimated to be almost half of 1990's attendance — **a drop from 20.4 percent to 11.7 percent.** (Stats taken from *The Barna Group*)

In August, lowans experienced a rare storm of wind and rain called a “derecho” A straight lined wind storm of 140 MPH winds. 35% of the corn fields were flattened along with grain bins being toppled and trees pushed over. The trees that were left standing were trees with a deep root system. It's hard to imagine them surviving such force—however because of deep roots they did. The same can be said of a Christian. In order to survive the powerful, unexpected rare storms of life, such as a pandemic, a year of disappointment, the unexpected death of a loved one, a harsh financial set back, the unexpected, the loss of a job, or a terminal disease is to be rooted deeply in Jesus. **The Apostle Paul spoke this to believers in Colossae and Corinth:** “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” **Colossians 2:6-7** Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

I Corinthians 15:58

Notice the words “rooted in Him” and “stand firm. Let nothing move you”. Life and circumstance have the ability to “move us” spiritually. People give up on God too quickly. Yes, we need to be deeply rooted, but that infers we are. Many of us are Not. May God help us to become rooted deeply. Join us September and October as we seek to become Rooted Deeply.

—Brian



On Sunday, September 6th, we will have ONE Service at 8:30 a.m.

We will dismiss our 10:15 service that day to allow everyone to attend the Family Camp worship service at Oil Belt at 10:00 a.m. Again, on September 6th, we will only have ONE Service at Red Brush at 8:30 a.m. Have a great holiday weekend!



We are very pleased to be taking a group to this national event in Washington D.C. on September 26th!

The expense of a chartered bus has been covered by a conscientious Christian couple who care very deeply about this cause. We'll board the bus on Friday, Sept. 25th and leave RB at 7:00 pm. The bus will drive thru the night with one stop for refueling & breakfast, arriving in DC around 10 am. The March begins at 11:30. We'll head home at 3 pm, arriving back at RB between 3 & 4 am Sunday morning. We are asking for a \$25 deposit to reserve your seat. You will be given that \$25 back when you board the bus and you can use that money for food or other expenses on the trip. On Sept. 10th we will offer any remaining seats to other churches, so sign up now if you plan to attend! We are really looking forward to this unique opportunity!

Shoe Drive to benefit Lighthouse Pregnancy & Health Services in Vandalia

Our own Jennifer Sporleder is on the board for Lighthouse. We are supporting them by being a drop-off location for their shoe drive. **Please bring new or gently worn, used shoes to the church between NOW and**

November 1st. This is a very impactful project and we are happy to partner with them. Once the shoes are collected at various locations, they will then ship those shoes to a mission in Haiti

where they are distributed to people. The Haitian people then sell them which, in turn, provides an income for them that they can be proud of. We have a tote by the window in the foyer.

Let's fill it up over & over again! Thank you for supporting this special mission!



Stewardship:

Sunday, August 2nd

8:30 am 191
 10:15 am 128
 Total 319
 Offering \$8,429.36
Online giving 6,842.00
 Total \$15,271.36

Sunday, August 9th

8:30 am 154
 10:15 am 114
 Total 268
 Offering \$5,828.00
Online giving 6,045.35
 Total \$11,873.35

Sunday, August 16th

8:30 am 152
 10:15 am 103
 Total 255
 Offering \$7,135.94
Online giving 5,086.00
 Total \$12,221.94

Sunday, August 23rd

8:30 am 179
 10:15 am 115
 Total 294
 Offering \$6,541.09
Online giving 4,947.00
 Total \$11,488.09

Weekly Offering Goal:
\$14,500.00

Ron's Column:

A few days before I wrote this article, I was reminded of how life can change in the blink of an eye. Many of you have experienced this firsthand. I was talking with Shirley and all of a sudden, she had what turned out to be a mini-stroke. It was a scary time.

My thoughts immediately changed from "what am I going to do today?" to "what in the world is going on?" to "I have to call Becky and we have to get Shirley to the hospital, now!"

Fortunately, everything turned out okay. She was taken by ambulance to Champaign, so I knew she was in good hands. That evening I was busy with phone calls, e-mails, Messenger messages, etc.

Then after some time passed, it got quiet in the house. My mind got to reviewing what all had happened during the day, especially those several minutes that morning. Then I started thinking "what if." Those were not pleasant thoughts.

Tuesday was memorable to say the least, but the next day was just as memorable. I got up at 3:30 am, got Becky at 4:15 to head to Sarah Bush Hospital where she had knee surgery at 7:30. I stayed until almost 11:00 to make sure she was okay, then Sally Barbee came to take her home. At that time, I was off to Carle Hospital in Champaign to check on Shirley. Thanks to over 300 people who let us know they were praying for us, we got home at 8:00 pm with great joy in our hearts that the day and crises were over.

The next day as I was listening to the radio, I heard Gloria Gaither talking about a Gospel song and she was talking about the importance of "cherishing the moment." I don't remember her examples, but it was something like. . . holding a baby in your arms, sitting down as a family to eat dinner together, birthdays, anniversaries, working in the yard and/or garden together, sitting together in church as a family, praying together, waking up in the morning together, giving and receiving hugs, hearing and saying "I love you."

The Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 5:15 to "make the most of every opportunity." (Cherish all your special times.) Then in verse 20 he writes "always giving thanks to God the Father for everything." We should cherish and give thanks while we can, especially for those we love the most in life.

Let me suggest that sometime today you give a big hug to your spouse or child (no matter the age), a grandchild, a niece or nephew, a brother or sister, a grandparent, someone you love with all your heart. Cherish the moment before that "blink of an eye comes." Make the most of that opportunity and give thanks from the bottom of your heart.

Still In His Service,
Ron Payne



Rooted is a 10-week small group experience that connects people to God, the church, and their purpose. Rooted isn't simply a Bible study or book, it is a community experience where people practice 7 rhythms essential to a healthy relationship with Jesus. See Alex Foltz for more info and sign up at the kiosks or on the Church Center App. You can also e-mail Alex at afoltz@redbrushcc.org.

If you'd be interested in an online group, let us know that as well!

Join us for either
 Morning Worship
 Services at
 8:30 & 10:15 a.m.
 The service can also be
 viewed on Facebook or
 YouTube at 10:15 each!

Return service requested

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