

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study
OK. I have not burned my Pray for Snow sweatshirt but I did put it away until next year! The seniors are still managing to stay busy! The bus will leave for Soldiers’ Memorial and Pappy’s at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 14. Don’t forget to sign up.

Those riding the bus to *My Three Angels* on Friday, March 22, should be at church by 5:45 p.m.

On Thursday, April 11, we will go to the Holocaust Museum on the campus of the Jewish Community Center. There will be a speaker that day who is either a survivor or relative of a survivor. This is a very moving experience and I hope you will plan to attend. Lunch will be at The Shack.

On Tuesday, April 23, we will go to Hanley House and CJ Muggs for lunch. The Hanley farmstead was built in 1855 and the restored house contains artifacts representing 19th century Missouri life.

On June 13 we will tour the stadium and museum and have lunch at Ballpark village. A sign-up sheet for this will be posted early so we can get tickets.

Finally, I need a few people I can call on to take some of our members for appointments. If you would be willing, please email or text me your name so I can ask you when a need arises. (314 604-6071) Thank you in advance.

Bible Study Corner

We have Bible studies for all ages on Sunday morning and both Men’s and Women’s studies on Wednesday night at 6:15. We also offer Precepts on Sunday nights at 5:00 p.m.

Small groups and Transformation groups are ongoing and new ones are forming. Please sign up on the Connect Board outside the choir room. A new study started March 10 and will last 4 more weeks. This is a video driven study by Francis Chan entitled *Greater Than*. This class will be followed by a 12-week study of James by Francis Chan. This group meets in room 213.

Dominican Republic Water Project

I know it’s been a while since we’ve talked about the Dominican Water Project but things have been happening. First off, thank you church for your support! So far we have raised more than \$16,000 to go towards the project. That is awesome! The high end estimates for this project have come in at \$28,000 but that depends on what equipment is needed. We have sent off our first small payment to get the initial hole dug and then have the water sent off for testing. This test will reveal what specific filtration equipment they need to make the water drinkable. After we get the results back we should be able to have a final cost and a timeframe moving forward for this project. Pastor Andres and his church are overjoyed at being able to have clean water for the village and the huge ministry this will be. Please continue to pray for this project and we’ll keep updating you as we know more.

Backpack Ministry

Thank you for showing your love to area children through your generous donations of food to the backpack ministry. Our shelves were getting a little bare but once again you have come through. Thank You!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Friendship Choir

Many thanks to the Friendship choir who sang on March 2 at Life Care Center of Bridgeton. The residents and staff were so appreciative of a program that brought memories, encouragement and joy.

You can help us by suggesting places we might sing to share God’s love. You might even want to join us or perhaps you have a friend or neighbor who might like to share in this ministry. We would warmly welcome those who might not be members of our church - to come along side us. We meet for a a short rehearsal on Monday evenings at 5:45 in the choir room.

Please pray for us as our ministry continues.

KidZone

We will get to hear a song from our **KidZone** kids on March 31. They will be participating in both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship. These kids will be singing a song called *Who He Says I Am*. They will sing along with a wide style of music videos which include the themes of God’s love for us, praising, serving, salvation and Bible verses.

Eva Mackoul is their leader and every Sunday they pray for kind words and kind hands at school for the following week. How blessed we are to have a leader like Eva that cares about the music and more importantly the Christian teachings that come from the songs.

Sacrifice of Praise

Why is praising God a sacrifice? The word “sacrifice” comes from a Greek verb (thus) meaning “to kill or slaughter” for a purpose. Praise often requires that we “kill” our pride, fear or anything that threatens to interfere with our worship of the Lord.

Praise is fluent when we keep our eyes on Him - the author and finisher of our salvation.

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. Hebrews 13:15

Food pantry Request

Next time you go grocery shopping, please think about picking up the following items for the Fee Fee Food pantry. We serve families every month that depend on our help for them to eat. Many of the families we serve are living in hotels and do not have places to cook meals. So heat-n-eat foods are needed as much as family meals. Please see the list below and select a few items when you go to the store from your family groceries. Any food pantry requests can be placed in the container in the breezeway next to the Cornerstone Café.

Can Openers	Pasta Sauce
Canned Beef Stew	Pasta (spaghetti, elbow, etc.)
Tuna Helper	Canned Fruits
Canned Tuna/Chicken	Canned Chili
Shells n’ Cheese (just add water)	Peanut Butter
Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti	Bar Soap
Canned Soups	Deodorant (Men’s and Women’s)
Cereal	Tooth Paste
Granola Bars	Pop Tarts

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Preschool worship care. Thanks to those who signed up to help! You are such a giving and serving church and I thank you for serving our families! There are always places to serve in children’s ministry. See me if God is nudging you to help out!

Loaves and Fishes, March 19 will be children ministry’s turn to serve supper. Sign up on the posted list if you can participate and provide food.

RA Congress is April 19-20 at the state fairgrounds in Sedalia for 1st -6th graders and adult sponsors. This is a great opportunity for a father/son event. Cost is only \$12 registration, plus housing and meals. I will send out information to all families soon. Then families can plan to carpool.

Family Game Night, May 17. Watch for more info!

VBS/Basketball camp, June 24-28. VBS is 9:00 a.m.-12 noon; Basketball camp is 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Before and after care will be available and lunch in between the two events if you are registered for both. Put it on your calendar and invite friends! More information is on the church website; registration forms will be available soon. Volunteers are still needed: See me if you are interested in serving!

FMSC: We will have three church-wide opportunities this summer and fall to serve at Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack event: July 13, September 21 and October 20. We took a great group last year. Look for sign-up sheets in June for the first one.

I'm A Christian Now class will begin March 24 during Bible study hour. This class is a 4-week class for kids who are believers and waiting baptism. See me if you believe your child has made a profession of faith and would like to be baptized. Baptism will be scheduled after the child finishes the class.

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Interim Youth Director

DNOW Thank You!!

Church, thank you so much for all you have provided for DNOW weekend! Whether you helped as a host home, provided food, donated money, sponsored a student for the weekend, or prayed for our students and leaders...THANK YOU! This event could not be held without you, your help, and prayers. Because of you, our students had the opportunity to experience the gospel, serve on mission, and enjoy fellowship with one another. Now, I ask that you continue to pray for our students as they enter back into their daily lives. Pray that they will remain firm in their faith and will not be shaken by the temptations of the world.

Bandanas Fundraiser

It’s time to loosen your belt loops and fill up your stomachs once again! On Tuesday, March 26, come eat dinner at Bandanas BBQ in Maryland Heights to support our youth going on our summer mission trip to Houston. A portion of your bill will come back to us to help pay for your students trip this summer!

Upcoming Events

March 16 – International Food Pantry

March 26 – Bandanas Fundraiser