

Newsletter

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Kirksville First Assembly of God

From Bobbie's Desk...

New Beginnings

I met Pastor Jeff Arp in the Fall of 2021 at a Thousand Hills Rotary Club Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. I had been asked to speak at their program for my job at Avenues. I had known about Kirksville First Assembly of God for quite some time due to being a church secretary at another church here in Kirksville. At the time, I wasn't going to church anywhere - my family and I couldn't find our bearings after being hurt at the church we had attended for over 10 years.

Knowing that I had been placed in that meeting that day for a reason, I reached out to Pastor Jeff and told him briefly of our situation and asked him what First Assembly was like. He encouraged me to come and check out the church. Finally, in February of 2022, my mom and I came and visited for the first time. We really enjoyed it. We came off and on until May when Lynn did the Mother/Daughter Brunch. I knew God wanted me to help. It was because of that event that my mom and I started coming on a regular basis.

Who knew that a year later Pastor Jeff and Lynn would be gone and God would appoint Pastor Shawn and Angela to fill that position? Who knew that God would place me - a new person - to be the church secretary/bookkeeper? Who knew my mom and I would be involved in this church and love every person in it? God knew. God knew when He opened the door for me to attend that Rotary meeting to meet Pastor Jeff - the door to what God had next for me and my family in life. I'm so thankful to call Kirksville First Assembly my home and everyone here my family. ❤️

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Ministry Updates

She Believes Ladies Ministry

Tiffany Ellis started this ministry in June 2022. She Believes has taken on several roles here at Kirksville First Assembly. Tiffany - along with **Kendra Yaukey, Kelli Nigh, and Bobbie Robie** - has taken the ladies ministry by storm. Here are just some of the things She Believes has been doing:

- High Hope Fundraiser
- High Hope Christmas Party
- Shine Event
- Coffee Stand

Kid's Ministry

Angela Meintz does Kid's Church after worship. **Matthew Ellis** is in charge of Royal Rangers and they meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings with an average of 4 boys. They start the evening playing sports and then do a lesson. Stars and Rainbows (headed up by **Tiffany Ellis** and **Raelynn Kelso**) have an average of 12 to 18 kids each week. Kid's Camp is coming up July 5-8.

Youth Ministry

Youth is headed up by **Pastor Shawn** and **Angela Meintz**. The teens are gearing up for camp on June 19th. The district always puts on a great experience for them with a great mix of fun and spiritual elements. We have really enjoyed the addition of **Logan Fullerton** to the leadership team. She was able to join in and help out with the middle school girls and has been a great addition. We are looking forward to all the fun we will have this summer playing games and studying the Bible together. If you know anyone with kids aged 12-18 please encourage them to come and be a part of the youth group this summer!

Connection Groups

Connection Groups meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and also the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 6 p.m.

Currently **Pastor Shawn** teaches a class on Sunday mornings on how to really study the Bible. Averaging 5 people each week. **Pastor Shawn** and **Angela** also have a group that meets in their home and they've had an average of 11 people attending.

Jason Dennis also teaches a class on Sunday mornings on Dr. Stanley's, "Feeling Secure in a Troubled World." Group discussions are welcomed and encouraged. **Jason and Joyce Dennis** also have a group in their home where Joyce always prepares a meal for an average of 5-10 people. Different Bible topics each week. Group discussions are welcomed and encouraged.

Jenifer Robbins teaches our adult Bible study class on Wednesdays. Her group averages 11 people each week and they are currently doing a study in John with Tony Evans.

***If anyone is interested in anyone of the Connection Groups, let the office know.**

Pastor's Thoughts

I love exploring the Bible! God's Word is an incredible tool that the Holy Spirit gave us so that we will be able to know God more. It is a great source of wisdom for our lives, but it takes real dedication to understand the depths of that wisdom. It is important that the church becomes competent, ethical, and virtuous readers of scripture. We offer several small groups that all focus on the importance of God's Word in our lives.

In my Sunday school class we discuss How to Study the Bible. Believe it or not, there are bad ways to use the Bible. For example, the Bible has been used to justify evils like slavery and violence. It's important for God's people to get involved in group studies about the Bible. Yes, that's right, group studies. Yes, we should be reading and studying on our own. But if that is all we do then we run the risk of spiritual drift apart from Christ's family in the church. Jesus appointed the church, collectively, to be his representatives on earth.

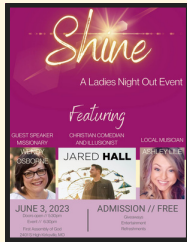
One way we are going to look at doing this is incorporating the Bible Engagement Project into our small groups. Bible Engagement Project exists to see every person, every home, every small group, and every local church transformed by regularly engaging with the Bible. Bible Engagement Project was created in 2017 by The General Council of the Assemblies of God through a network of visionaries—pastors and professionals, ministry leaders and small group volunteers, scriptwriters and videographers—whose goal was to see an increasingly Bible-engaged world. Because we believe a Bible-engaged church starts with a Bible-engaged pastor, we have partnered with Faithlife, makers of Logos Bible Software, to equip pastors with top-notch study resources. We want everyone who is a part of our church to get involved in this project going forward. We will be looking to find ways to make that possible with multiple opportunities to meet and learn God's Word together.



- Pastor Shawn

Pastor Shawn, Angela,
Jackson, Kennedy, & Pierce.
Elected as Pastor on
April 16, 2023.

Dates to Remember



Saturday, June 3, 2023: She Believes Ladies Ministry first annual "Ladies Night Out Event: Shine." Doors open at 5:30 p.m. This event is free.



Sunday, June 4, 2023: Missionary Wendy Osborne will be speaking in our service at 10:40 a.m.



Sunday, June 11, 2023: Missionary Solomon Wang will be speaking in our service at 10:40 a.m.

Birthdays

- Alice Cook 6/2
- Joel Kelso 6/4
- Joyce Robertson 6/14
- Sandy Flynn 6/28
- Bonnie Tuttle 6/3
- Kelli Nigh 6/7
- Brynnley Kelso 6/16

Anniversaries

- Matthew & Tiffany Ellis 6/23

In the News

2023 Graduates

Meagan Stewart became an RN graduate on May 6, 2023. She will be gifted with a new Bible from the church.

Bless Napo (one of our youth students) became a Kirksville High School graduate May 21, 2023. He will also be gifted with a new Bible from the church.



June 2023

Calendar, United States holidays, Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:40 AM Worship 6 PM Family Meal	29 Memorial Day 6:30 PM Overcoming Str 7 PM College/Career	30 Annalyse Ellis Robert Ruble 5:30 PM Uninvited Bible	31 6:30 PM Family Night	Jun 1	2 Alice Cook	3 Bonnie Tuttle 5:30 PM Spine Event
4 Joel Kelso 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:40 AM Worship	5 6:30 PM Overcoming Str 7 PM College/Career	6	7 8 AM Kelli Nigh 6:30 PM Family Night	8	9	10
11 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:40 AM Worship 6 PM Prayer Meeting	12 6:30 PM Overcoming Str 7 PM College/Career	13 5:30 PM Uninvited Bible	14 Joyce Robertson Flag Day 6:30 PM Family Night	15	16 Brynnley Kelso	17
18 Father's Day 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:40 AM Worship	19 Juneteenth 6:30 PM Overcoming Str 7 PM College/Career	20	21 6:30 PM Family Night	22	23 Matthew & Tiffany El	24
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