

Newsletter

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Kirksville First Assembly of God

From Bobbie's Desk...

Where Do I Go From Here?

God does some funny things. You can be on a path that you know in your heart He put you on, then abruptly changes it. Two years ago I was doing what I thought was my dream job. I was going back to school to get my Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and life was great. I was spiritually trying to get back on track after drifting in and out of churches since 2018. I was clinging to Jeremiah 29:11 as if my life depended on it.

December came that year and two weeks before Christmas I was suddenly without a job. God, what is your plan now? For the next year I mourned that job. I mourned what I thought God had destined for me in this season of my life. December of 2022 I wasn't able to complete my Bachelor's degree. I was like, ok, God, what now? Where do I go from here?

When I was approached for the position of secretary/bookkeeper for our church, I never imagined what God had in mind. I swore to myself I'd never work in another church again. I had to pray very hard and seek Godly counsel because I never saw myself being in the position I ran from in 2018. Even though I thoroughly enjoy what I'm doing and consider it a ministry, I have struggled and prayed for what God is doing in my life these days. I saw something on Facebook that shook me hard: "I had to take you from where you thought you needed to be, to a place you didn't want to see, so that you'd grow into the person I called and created you to be." - God.

I don't know where you're at right now. I don't know if you're at the place you're supposed to be or if, like me, you're struggling to find your place. But, cling tight to Isaiah 26:3 - "You will keep in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." Trust that no matter what place you're in right now that God has this and you. Have peace knowing that when the time is right, God will reveal what you need to know.

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Ministry Updates

She Believes Ladies Ministry

This year's rummage sale for the High Hope Christmas Party was a huge success! Praise the Lord, we raised \$1955.00!

Currently a few of the ladies are meeting every other Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. for Bible Study. They are doing the study, "Uninvited," by Lysa Terkurst.

Small Group Ministry

Starting in September, Pastor Shawn is introducing the church to the Bible Engagement Project Curriculum. All small groups, including Sunday School will be teaching/learning from this curriculum. If you are not in a small group, but are interested, contact the office.

KidMin Ministry

The Back-2-School Bash was a huge success. Angela reported we had around 40 kids! God is so good! Since school has started for the 2023-2024 year, a few ladies stepped up to volunteer each week to give Angela a break in Kid's Church throughout the month of August. Thanks, ladies! And, thanks to Angela for all she does!

Photos from the Back-2-School Bash:



Pastor's Thoughts

After Jesus's death, burial and resurrection he returned to the disciples to teach them based on his new position as the inaugurated king of the cosmos. In Matthew 28:19 Jesus instructs the disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..." There is an obvious missionary element in the word "Go". But I want to focus on what they were to go and do. Jesus challenged the disciples to make disciples. This is the purpose of the church.

-Pastor Shawn



Dates to Remember

Monday September 1, 2023: Labor Day. Office will be closed.



Wednesday, September 6, 2023: Bible Engagement Project launch.

Birthdays

- **Logan Fullerton** 9/2
- **Bob Overstreet** 9/6
- **Chuck Ragland** 9/8
- **Toby Nigh** 9/17
- **Bobbie Robie** 9/18
- **Shawn Meintz** 9/21
- **Eldon Tracy** 9/22
- **Donald Ellis** 9/29

Anniversaries

- **Jason & Joyce Dennis** 9/8
- **Howard & Jayne Sherman** 9/10

Bible Engagement Project

Pastor Shawn has been announcing that on Wednesday, September 6th we will launch the Bible Engagement Project. What is the Bible Engagement Project? The Bible Engagement Project (BEP) is a discipleship-based church wide curriculum. BEP comes with resources for the whole family.

Who's going to be a part of the Bible Engagement Project (BEP)? We all are - the Wednesday night small group with leader Jenifer Robbins, and Sunday morning small groups for all ages.

The Bible Engagement Project (BEP) comes with an app you can download to your phone with daily devotionals, family devotionals and an entire library to learn from.

If you are interested in being a part of this discipleship-based church wide curriculum, join us Wednesday, September 6th and Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. If you'd like to participate, but don't have access to a computer or am unable to download the app, contact the office and we'll make sure you'll be a part and not miss a thing. 😊

September 2023

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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							Logan Fullerton	
	9:30 a.m. 3 Connection Groups 10:40 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Connection Groups	Labor Day 4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5	6:30 p.m. 6 Family Night Bob Overstreet	7	Chuck Ragland Jason and Joyce Dennis	8	9
Howard & Jayne Sherman →	9:30 a.m. 10 Connection Groups 10:40 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m. 11 Overcoming Setbacks 7:00 p.m. College/Career	12	5:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	13	14	15	16
	Toby Nigh 17 9:30 a.m. Connection Groups 10:40 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Connection Groups	6:30 p.m. 18 Overcoming Setbacks 7:00 p.m. College/Career	19	20	6:30 p.m. Family Night Shawn Meintz	21	22	23
	9:30 a.m. 24 Connection Groups 10:40 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal	6:30 p.m. 25 Overcoming Setbacks 7:00 p.m. College/Career	26	5:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	27	28	29	30