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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
AUGUST 2023**

Every Monday night.....**CIRCLE of SISTERS**
 Bonita Hines, 817-228-6654 6 p.m. at Event Center

Third Sunday of each month.....**BAND of BROTHERS**
 Randy Runion... 816-536-9728.....4-5 p.m. at Event Center
 Dinner to follow

Every Friday night.....**Game Night**.....Event Center
 5:30-8:00 p.m. Mildred Mincher, 417-327-5509
 *Game night is for ages 13 and over

SRCC Quilters.....Every 3rd Friday evening @ 5 p.m.
 & every 3rd Saturday morning @ 9 a.m.....Event Center
 Nadine Mahan @ 620-875-3598

Every Sunday night.....SRCC Youth
On a MISSION to Serve Others.....Event Center
New time 5-7 p.m. 7th through 12th grade
 Dinner, Games, and a Message
 Michael Blaine @ 417-350-5706
 Follow SRCC Youth @SRCCTeens on Facebook

Aug 6.....**Pot Luck**, 11:30, SRCC, upstairs
 Aug 6.....**Back to School Party**, 1-4 p.m.
 See details, page 3

Aug 19.....**The Ark Mission**, 2 p.m.
 Event Center, see details page 5

Aug 20.....**Deadline for Gazette** articles
 Aug 27.....**Shay's Fight Benefit**, 2 p.m
 See details, page 6

Aug 31.....**5th Thursday Singing**

LOOKING AHEAD

Sep 10..... **Annual Baptism Event at Turk's Farm**

BIBLE TRIVIA
 According to the book of Romans, who is the father of many nations?

COWBOY HUMOR
 Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Services:.....8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at SRCC
11:30 at SRCC Event Center
Thursday Services:.....6:00 p.m. Event Center

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS

10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Event Center. If you have any questions please contact David and Cindy Hancock 417-773-2482.

NEW POLICY

Instead of a General Fund and a Building fund, all contributions will now be deposited in the General Fund.
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SRCC PRAYER LINE

and

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, call or text the
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417.839.6508 or e-mail srccspringfield@icloud.com
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

Liberty cannot be preserved without general knowledge among the people.”

Founding father, John Adams

“It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.”

George Washington

INSPIRATION

“When the [uncompromisingly] righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked man rules, the people groan and sigh.”

Proverbs 29:2 AMP

“...Thus says the Lord of hosts: Return to Me... and I will return to you.”

Zechariah 1:3 AMP

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Ages 2 through 6th grade

8:30 and 10:00 at the Livestock Marketing Center
11:30 at the new Student Center at the EC
Contact Tami Greene, 417-861-8922
email sacriveryouth@gmail.com

COWBOY HUMOR ANSWER

Because he knew there was something fishy.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

BY LARRY WHITELEY

NIGHT LIGHTS

A hot August day is ending. The bright orange sun slowly begins sinking to the earth. It has been a long, hectic day. I step outside to wind down. I love watching God's sunsets that He created for us to enjoy.

An owl calls from the nearby tree as if testing the silence and is answered by another of his kind. Tall, fluffy clouds gather on the horizon. The bottom layer lights up in shades of pink and orange, like a painter mixing colors on his palette. I like to imagine God smiling at His beautiful work.

Frogs begin their nighttime chorus. Bats dive for insects in the fading night sky. As the darkness slowly settles in, I see it. A tiny, twinkling orb. First one and then another. Suddenly the summer night is bombarded by tiny twinkling lights.

I gaze at the slowly pulsating lights. My mind travels back to when I was a child at Grandma and Grandpa's farm. As the adults sat on the front porch talking about the weather and sipping tea, we kids ran around capturing these jewel green sparks that pierced the dark and put them in Mason jars with holes punched in the lids. It was a magical time racing about filling your jar. Our eyes twinkled as much as the stars. Laughter pierced the silent night. How many of you remember those stirring pleasures of childhood?

The neighbor's dog barks. It interrupts my good thoughts of summer nights and twinkling lights. Kids today need fireflies and their age-old mysterious performance more than they need television and computers. So do adults.

As if saying goodnight, the tiny sparks blink off one by one. I look to heaven and thank God for this moment away from the television, computer, smartphone, and all the craziness we live in. Then I go to my garage. I'm looking for an old Mason jar with holes in the lid.

STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD

Sac River Cowboy Church has never gone into debt and always plans to be debt free.

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BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWER

Abraham.

Romans 4:16-18

POLICY RE: DOGS

All dogs must be on a leash and owner must hold leash while dog is in the church facilities. No dogs are allowed near food, kitchens, or food lines.

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CARD MINISTRY

If you know someone who needs a card, contact one of the three women with the card ministry.(see page 1). Addresses are helpful. OR send a card yourself.

SRCC YOUTH NEWS

Back to School Party
Sunday, August 6th
1-4 p.m.

Event Center Youth Building

There will be bounce houses & slides, plus games and prizes! We sure hope you can join us for a bouncing good time.

Parents – you may want to bring your kids a change of clothes, because there will be water involved.

Contact Tami @ 417-861-8922 for more information.

SRCC QUILTERS DEMONSTRATION

SRCC Quilters ladies will be demonstrating the following techniques on the following Saturdays at 10 am. Just watching? No need to bring your machine. Want to practice? Please feel free to bring your machine.

*August 19: Free Motion Stitching

*September 16: Making 3D Textured Fabric

*October 21: Foundation Paper Piecing

Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP is appreciated, but not required by contacting Nadine Mahan at 620-875-3598.

GOD'S RENEW CREW

A non-profit organization located at the old school in Halltown, MO.

All men and women are volunteers.

MISSION: To receive cars or pickups that are donated. Repair the vehicle, make it safe for the road. Make it road-worthy and provide free transportation to those in need. The lead mechanic will go through the vehicle and determine its condition. If it cannot be repaired, the vehicle goes to the scrap yard and monies received will be used to buy parts for other cars or pickups that can be repaired.

CASH DONATIONS and TOOLS are always appreciated. In you have a vehicle to donate—running or not—or just needs to be hauled to the junk yard, please contact **Doug Evans at 417-429-5563.**

If you would like to volunteer your time to work on vehicles, call Doug. EVERYTHING WE DDO IS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

5TH THURSDAY SINGING JUNE 20. 2023



Bob Hammons Band



LETTER FROM NANCY HALL

Dear Sac River Cowboy Church Family,

When you ask most people what they love about Sac River Cowboy Church, they would tell you the simplicity of it—the simple but **so true** Gospel Story, the good old country church songs, the great preaching and music, and the love of the people for the Lord and each other. **And that is so true!!!** But if you have walked a mile or two in my shoes, you would see that not all things are that simple. What used to fit in a small 12 inch box now overflows two VERY large storage boxes of contributions and expenses only each year.

I have been the Treasurer for SRCC for the past 12 years. After much thought and prayer, I have decided to pass the baton of being the Treasurer (keeping the records of contributions and expenses, paying bills/payroll, and many other duties) to someone else. In June, I finally reached my FRA (Full Retirement Age) for drawing Social Security and have decided to start doing so. I have been so blessed by my God, Lord and Savior, to have a wonderful husband, two great kids I am very proud of, eight fantastic grandchildren, and a great home church family (Eudora Baptist). I have decided that I would like to have more time to enjoy the great blessings that God has given me while I can, instead of working so many hours. My plan is to stay through the month of August in order to help train someone else.

In the next few days, some of you should be receiving a mid-year contribution statement. If you have made your gifts by check or by cash and written down your contact information on a contribution envelope, you should be getting one, if not already. If you did not receive yours, please contact me to see if the church has your correct address and phone information. (Special people like Ollie Long, Kelly Falk, Rona Kanyo and Judy Dennis have been such a help in counting and recording contributions. My deepest thanks to them!!!)

I have acquired a new post office box for Sac River Cowboy Church so that the mail can start going there. Please use the following address for mailing purposes in the future. If you would like me to mail you out some address labels with the new post office box, please let me know.

Sac River Cowboy Church, PO Box 127, Willard, MO 65781-0127

New contact email: sacrivercowboychurch65802@gmail.com

You can still contact me (Nancy Hall) at my PO Box 130, Willard, MO 65781 or by email, taxstation@att.net, or by cell, 417-844-4569. If I don't recognize your number I may not answer, so please leave me a name, phone number & message. Thanks!!

I am so looking forward to more free time to do those **FUN** things in life---like cleaning the garage, cleaning out closets, shampooing rugs, cleaning out the freezer, etc.—**REAL fun things**. But then again, I may just read a book, have more time for Bible study, and definitely more time for my family. I am still blessed to have my sweet 93 year old mother-in-law with us---so more free time for her.

I have one request for each one of you. Please be sure that you are ready when your time on earth is done (or the Lord returns), and you meet your Maker. Don't put off this most important decision you will ever make. Not one of us has the promise of tomorrow!!! I'm looking forward to some day meeting you all face to face, worshipping our Lord and Savior together for eternity.

Thank you so very much for allowing me to serve as the Treasurer for so many years. It has been exciting to watch the church grow. May God Richly Bless You and Yours as only He can, and May God Richly Bless Sac River Cowboy Church!!

Nancy Hall



Class Examples

- Food Preservation & Prep
- Water Supply
- Basic Mechanics
- Home & Community Preservation
- Power & Energy
- Safety
- First Aid
- Food Access
- Medication Remedies
- Other Ideas

Are you prepared? If you think you are, how do you know if you've thought of everything?

The Ark Mission is a new networking group for people in ALL walks of life.

***Saturday, August 19th meeting : Home Defense and Survival Tools**

Come to learn new skills and help your community prepare for uncertain times.

Contact Information

Austin Hartweg: 417-773-4302
Ashton Hartweg: 417-693-0312
src.arkmission@gmail.com

Location

SRCC Event Center/Stables
6448 W State Hwy EE
Springfield, MO 65802

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

July 23, 2023



Kanyon Lovett

Son of Bob & Angie Lovett
Grandson of John & Judy Melton
Honorary grandparents:
Bob & Roberta Knutson

SHAY'S FIGHT BENEFIT

SUNDAY AUGUST 27

Shay was diagnosed with Acute Leukemia on July 6th. The Fight is REAL! She will be going to KC Children's Mercy every Monday for the next nine months for chemo.

2 p.m. – Performance by The Asher Creek Boys Band

3 p.m. – Dinner (Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, and Shay's favorite, biscuits and gravy
Tea and water will be provided.

4 p.m. – Live Auction and Pie Auction

HELP US HELP SHAY FIGHT LEUKEMIA!

Judy Thomas 417.425.8052

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Annie Springs 417.224.8760

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Laura Honeycutt 417.988.4094

Jennifer Yeager 417.766.6116

Liz Yeager 417.848.9768

(We will pick up Donations if needed)

Monetary donations also accepted – Checks; please make payable to April and Josh Boyd

Venmo: @shaylynnboyd

Location:

SAC RIVER COWBOY CHURCH EVENT CENTER

6448 Hwy EE

SPRINGFIELD, MO

Visit on Facebook: Fighting Shay's Fight

and

Pray for Shaylynn Boyd



SRCC YOUTH MISSION TRIP



On July 9th, the SRCC Youth Group embarked on a six day Mission trip to Sisseton, South Dakota, sponsored by Youth Works, which specializes in organized working mission trips for teens. Tami Greene, Michael Blaine and Connie

Hopkins chaperoned Ally, Aubrey & Gracie Walls, Caiden Vestal, David Stoeker, Olive & Rowen Sawyer, and Noah & Sember Wheeler.



There were five different churches represented, and consisted of a little over 70 people in total. We split into groups and worked on projects such as painting and

staining decks, cleaning, and general yard work for the community. We learned about the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate tribe, which is a branch of the Dakota Sioux. To this day, there still remains racial tension between the Indigenous peoples and the white community. However, we also met



those who are working hard at bridging the gap. Thank you for your prayers for our safe travels and safety while away from our families. Please continue praying for our youth group as we grow in attendance and faith.

God bless,
Tami, Michael and Connie



Photos Courtesy of Tami Greene

TRIBUTE TO DENNY GOLD

BY MARY GREENE

The first time SRCC met Denny Gold was at Scotty's invitation on a cold winter's night in 2006 in the old Springfield sale barn on Division just off Kansas. Three families, soon joined by a fourth, had been meeting on Thursday nights all through the summer in a horse barn on BB Highway with the intention of starting a



“cowboy church.” We happened to be in the right place, after cold weather came, to meet Scotty Killingsworth who felt a calling to be our pastor. Scotty declared that he knew someone that just must be involved in this start-up, and that was Denny.



heaters so loud we could hardly hear, and did a cowboy poem, the first some of us had ever heard. And we liked it, and we liked him, and that was his first of many niches. A few weeks later we had an organizational meeting at

Scotty's house, and as needs would be raised, Denny would volunteer his wife who was not present. He would say, “My wife can do that,” or “Sandy's really good at that.” We came away amused knowing that he thought highly of his wife's skills but not sure she would be as thrilled to do all this as he was to volunteer her.



We were given a week's notice to vacate the old sale barn that had been sold and was being torn down. So we sent Scotty to ask Tom Kisse for permission to have services in the newer livestock auction building on the interstate. Soon after that, it was time to incorporate as a non-profit, and Denny was listed, and probably still is, as a director, another niche.

Denny began to teach himself to play the violin, and many times “the band” was Denny, the keyboard and a guy who played the bass violin in a rather unique style not appreciated by everyone. At every service, Denny would tell stories about dogs, frogs, bike-riding deer or some such nonsense in his welcoming monologue. And, didn't we all love it when he sang “This Old House” or “Who's That Knocking at my Door” or “It's Me Again, Lord”?





Denny saw a need for a songbook, so he put one together that we still use today. And when others volunteered to join the band, he picked the songs and kept the band informed and working together. Many, many nights he and Sandy had a temperamental group of musicians from diverse genres at their home practicing and enjoying great times of fellowship.



Denny was ordained as a minister, particularly a “circuit-ridin’ preacher,” in September, 2008, in a blessed service surrounded by the entire church. He served as backup for Scotty and the Finley River Cowboy Church when called upon as well as officiating in a ministerial capacity when needed.



And when we could not take any more of the Livestock Market’s time or space and we had to build something of our own, guess who happened to be an engineer and had built several homes/structures? Of course, Denny stepped up, devoting major time and expertise to this massive Event Center project that you see today.



So Scotty was right, he was the perfect addition to our team. I don’t know what we would have done

without him, and I don’t know how we’ll do without him. But I am so glad we had him.



Photos Courtesy of Sandy Gold

DENNY GOLD
GONE HOME JUNE 17, 2023

GUSS CORNER

Your generosity is more powerful than you realize.

Serving God and loving others is our purpose. And it can pay off in more ways than you know. When you support the causes you care about, your giving can make a difference and solve real problems in church and in the community.

But that's not all it can do. It can also have positive impact on *you*. And that goes far beyond the warm glow and happy feelings knowing you honor God with your time, talent and treasure.

In fact, researchers have linked giving to several health benefits — like lower blood pressure and stress levels and higher self-esteem.

They've even found that generosity can help us live longer, more satisfying lives.

So, how can we unlock all that power of our generosity?

One option is to Join the GUSS Ministry Team and make a difference at SRCC and everywhere you go. By giving in impactful ways, you support spiritual growth, character, values and our vision of a better church, community and world.



First Aid training completed by GUSS Team members and Youth Team ministry members to support our church family with medical emergencies.

GUSS MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Aug 27: Shay's Fight Fundraiser at Event Center, 1 p.m.

GUSS Team members needed to assist this great opportunity to make a difference. Contact Dan to sign up to provide our support,

Sep 23: Stage 3 Church Security Team Training. . All team members who have not completed this phase of training should attend.

DAN BILL

PASSION, PURPOSE and MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SRCC BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ATTENTION: CHURCH MEMBERS

If you own a business and would like to place an ad or business card in the directory, send your information to:

frances_b_65705@yahoo.com, (Put SRCC in subject line) call Fran at 417-631-5898 or text her at that number.

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