

Branson First Church of the Nazarene



PICK AND BOW

Charles David Smart and Michelle Gawith are “Pic and Bow.” Mr. Smart is an accomplished guitar player and Ms. Gawith is an



accomplished violin player. They performed quite a variety of music.

They traveled from the Kansas City area to perform for us at the morning worship service on August 16. About 45 were in attendance and many watched the live stream on the church’s Facebook page.

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Sunday School at 9:30 am
Adult Bible Study Fellowship at 9:30 am
Worship Service at 10:30 am
Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 pm
Thursday Prayer meeting at 6:00 pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12, 2020

Restore - Renew - Refresh



Women’s Ministry Event

Ladies, have you turned in your reservation for “Restore-Renew-Refresh” yet? September 4 is the deadline.

We are very excited to present this event. Alison Johnson, pastor’s wife at Grace Nazarene church in Springfield, will be our featured speaker. Desta Pritchett will provide special music.

The \$10 price is the cost of the box lunch.

This will be a great time of fellowshiping one with another. Hope you will come.



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PAPER PULPIT — HARVEST APPROACHES

“Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest?’ I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest?” (John 4: 35, NIV).

It has been many years since I lived on a farm but in my mind I often find myself remembering my childhood days when my family lived in an old farmhouse and my dad farmed several hundred acres. As September approaches, I think about those days before we owned our first mechanical cotton picker. In those days we “harvested” cotton by hand. I remember pulling those sacks along that were strapped over my shoulder, picking those white fluffy cotton fibers from those prickly hulls of dried up cotton bolls. I especially enjoyed those moments when our sacks were full and we took them to the trailer to be weighed and then emptied. As a kid I enjoyed climbing into the trailer and stomping around in the cotton to pack it down so that the trailer could hold more. This actually took place in September and October. Later in the fall there would be the harvesting of the rice and soybeans. It was a busy time of the year.

In the scripture verse in John 4:35, it must have been earlier in the year. Harvest time was still four months away by human calculations. But Jesus

CIRCLE OF SISTERS

The August meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall at the church with 16 in attendance. Karen Doran fixed a delicious meal of porcupine meatballs, baked chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, broccoli salad and fruit salad. Nancy Plummer brought the dessert...angel food cake with sliced strawberries and Cool Whip or ice cream for toppings.

Those in attendance were Jeane Tomey, Peggy Hembree, Beth Presley, Shirley West, Sabra Hoskins, Donna Hoskins, Delores Bryant, Maxine Prentice, Karen Doran, Nancy Plummer, Carolyn Smolik, Leona Davis, June Lints, Gabby Pingleton, Gloria Cariker and Rogene Clemens.

Rogene brought the devotional lesson about God’s plan for our lives. God doesn’t draw up His plan

pointed out that in the spiritual realm it is always harvest time. And so it is.

In our spiritual realm there are people who are being prepared for harvest. Some are just having the Gospel seeds planted in their hearts. Others are at the point of decision. Paul in I Corinthians 3 mentions the process of planting and harvesting, pointing out that the fruit of harvest is the result of the work of the Holy Spirit. (“God gives the increase.”)

As Christians, we are commissioned to take the Gospel to all the nations. Jesus told his disciples in Acts 1:8 that upon receiving the Holy Spirit into our lives we become His witnesses. We are his witnesses every day. While not everyone is ready to accept our message, someone is. And we have the sacred privilege of sharing in the spiritual harvest. So, open your eyes. There is a soul “ready for the picking” and God wants you to influence that person for Christ!

Blessings!
Pastor Jim



for us last night, neither does he do it on the fly! God’s plan is always in accordance with His purpose and He has a purpose in everything He does.

The business conducted included a recognition of those who helped with Cards for the Troops; remembering Kathy Adkins, our nurse who has COVID patients on her floor and chooses to not attend our meetings; an impending Parking Lot sale.

Next month’s meeting will be September 15. Shirley and Maxine will provide the meal; Peggy Hembree will provide the dessert and Beth Presley will bring the devotional lesson.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- September 1 Rebecca Richards
- September 2 Jody Shelton
- September 8 John Clements
- September 11 Ken Warrick
- September 14 Alexis Hager
- September 16 Rogene Clements
- September 19 Vicki Parsons
- September 21 Karen Doran
- September 21 Saphira Hager
- September 25 Hoskins Anniversary
- September 27 Lynn Miller
- September 30 Ray Hoskins

IS IT A TREASURE?

The Circle of Sisters is announcing the sponsorship of a Parking Lot sale scheduled for Saturday October 10.

This gives you plenty of advance notice so you can begin your “fall cleaning” and gather your “treasures” to participate.

More information will be forthcoming.

COVID HUMOR

The barista at Starbucks was wearing a face mask.

Me: Why are you wearing a surgical mask?

She said: I'm not, it's a coughy filter.

As seen on the CNN... John Travolta was hospitalized for a suspected Coronavirus. But doctors soon realized that it was only a Saturday Night Fever and he will be Staying Alive.

CHURCH EVENT CALENDAR

- September 5 10:30 am Ladies Craft day
- September 7 Labor Day
- September 12 10—2 Women Ministries event
- September 14 7 pm Church Board Meeting
- September 15 11:30 am Circle of Sisters, Fellowship Hall
- September 27 Alabaster Sunday

SHOWING SUPPORT

On Saturday, August 1, eleven ladies participated in making Cards for Troops in the Fellowship Hall. They are Kris Cooper, Maxine Prentice, Shirley West, Jody Shelton, Beth Presley, Sherry Gore, Karen Doran, Ruth Brasfield, Peggy Hembree, Vicki Parsons, and Rogene Clements.

Special recognition goes to Vicki Parsons, Jeane Tomey, Carolyn Smolik, Beth Presley, Peggy Hembree and Rogene Clements for preparing cards to be assembled. The “Good Sport” awards go to Sherry Gore and Ruth Brasfield because they weren’t sure what they were getting into, but wanted to help the cause. Also thanks to Karen Doran for donating card bases and envelopes. And there were a few donations to help defray some of the costs.

We assembled 135 cards that day!!! Our next “assembling party” will be October 3, at 10:30 am. Remember these are not cards to the troops; they are for the troops to send to

their loved ones for Christmas.

Anyone who wants to help is welcome.

