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Service Times

Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at SRCC
 11:30 at SRCC Event Center
 Thursday Services: 7:00 p.m. at SRCC

Sunday School Bible Class

Sundays: 10:30-11:15 a.m. SRCC Event Center
 Taught by David and Cindy Hancock

MOVIE NIGHT at the Event Center

Saturday, January 12, 6 p.m.
 Free movie and popcorn!
 Movie: *God's Not Dead, Part II*

Calendar of Events January 2019

Every Sunday night: BAND of BROTHERS
 Doug Evans, 417-429-5563 6:00 p.m. Event Center
 Every Monday night: CIRCLE of SISTERS
 Bonita Hines, 817-228-6654 6:00 p.m. Event Center
 Every Tuesday Night Stretch Fitness Class
 Tami Greene, 417-861-8922 5-6 p.m. Event Center
 Every Friday Night Game Night
 5:30-8:00 p.m. Event Center
 *Game night is for ages 13 and over

Jan 5 Teaching Seminar, 9 a.m. Event Center, see page 2
 Jan 8 Financial Peace University, 7-8:30 p.m. Event Center
 Jan 12 Movie Night, 6 p.m. Event Center
 Jan 13 Youth Group (ages 14-17), 5 p.m., Event Center
 Jan 15 FPU, 7-8:30 p.m., Event Center
 Jan 20 Deadline for Gazette articles
 Jan 22 FPU, 7-8:30 p.m., Event Center
 Jan 24 Annual Congregation Meeting w/ Board,
 SRCC, after service
 Jan 25 Jam Session, 5:30-?, Event Center
 Jan 27 Youth Group (ages 14-17), 5 p.m., Event Center
 Jan 29 FPU, 7-8:30 p.m., Event Center
 Jan 31 Thursday Night at the Event Center, see page 8

Cowboy Riddle

Why do scuba divers always fall backward off their boats?

Bible Trivia

Can you name the twelve disciples?

Cowboy Humor

Once you're in heaven, are you stuck for eternity wearing the same clothes you were buried in?

Did you know?

SRCC is on the Web @
SacRiverCowboyChurch.com
 and on Facebook: Sac River Cowboy Church

Quote of the Month

“At the time of the adoption of the constitution and the amendments, the universal sentiment was that Christianity should be encouraged.....In this age there is no substitute for Christianity....That was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants.”

House Judiciary Committee Report, March 27, 1854

Inspiration

If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

II Chronicles 7: 14 NIV

Stretch Fitness Class

Great for all ages to gain flexibility, strength and balance. Donation based class. Every Tuesday from 5 to 6 at the Event Center.

Questions? Call Tami Greene, 417-861-8922.

Cowboy Riddle Answer:

If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat.

Bible Trivia Answer:

Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon, and Jusas Iscariot.

Mark 3: 13-19

Financial Peace University Course Sign-Up

This is a reminder there is still time to sign up for the Financial Peace University course that will begin January 8. You can sign up anytime between now and January 8. Information on the course can be found in the December Bunkhouse Gazette, on the SRCC Facebook page and online at the church's website, SacRiverCowboyChurch.com.

To sign up please contact Fred Rosenberger, course coordinator, via email at fredr@msn.com.

Benefit for Elliana Partin

Elliana Partin, an 8th grader at BMS, was born with a rare heart disease. She will be having surgery to repair or replace a valve at the Mayo Clinic and insurance will not cover her expenses. There will be a chili supper and live auction to assist with expenses on January 19, 5 p.m. at the Event Center. For more information, call Judy Thomas @ 417-425-8052

Church Outreach

If you know someone who needs a card, call or text Virginia Andrews @ 214-293-5945. Or call Sally Ray @ 417-886-9164.

Save the Date: Teaching Seminar, January 5

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the Teaching Seminar at the Event Center, January 5, 2019, at 9 a.m. Here's the schedule:

- 9:00 - Scotty - (Before Adam) The war in heaven
- 10:00 - Break
- 10:15 - Gary (The Garden of Eden) Creation, Temptation and Fall
- 11:15 - Scotty (Genesis 6 and the flood) Fallen Angels and Nephilim
- 12:00 - Light lunch and snacks will be served.
- 1:00 - Annie Jones (Post Flood seed war) From Abraham through David
- 2:00 - Break
- 2:15 - Gary (The Apocalypse) The end of the seed war
- 3:15 - Scotty (Matthew 24 Deception)

SRCC Classified Advertisements

We will be offering limited space each month to SRCC folks who are looking for work, needing work to be done, wanting to sell something, or looking to buy something. You will be limited to 30 words including your contact info, in order to get in as many as we can.

Send your classified to the editor, Fran Black, at frances_b_65705@yahoo.com or text her at 417-631-5898.

- ❖ WANTED: Landscape laborer-Foreman. Must have valid driver's license. Experience – Tree planting (3 years), landscaping maintenance. M&K Waterworks, Springfield, MO 65803 \$12.00-\$14.00 an hour. Inquire by phone, text or e-mail. 417-619-2060, M&Kww@hotmail.com
- ❖ FOR SALE: 1931 GE refrigerator. Includes glass meat tray and one double aluminum ice cube tray. Includes laminated original newspaper ads from 1931. Very nice condition. \$800. Call Kathy West @ 417-540-5395.
- ❖ FOR SALE: Quilts for sale. Sizes baby to queen size, needle turn applique, wall hangings, hand pieced and hand quilted quilts. Heirloom quality. Call or text Betty @ 417-619-8431.
- ❖ FOR SALE: 8ft x 8ft round rug, Oriental, Burgandy and Navy. In very good shape. Came from Midwest Rug. \$200. J.D. & Reta Edwards 417-224-0851.

Volunteers at SRCC

Linda & Kelly Brown

Q: How do you volunteer at SRCC?

A. Linda teaches the 3rd - 5th graders in first service Children's Church.

Q: How long have you been attending SRCC?

A. Since 2015

Q: How did you hear about SRCC?

A. Through friends of ours

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B. Through friends of ours

Q: Why did you start attending SRCC? we were seeking a church that had genuine people and leaders and we found that at Sac River

Q: What is your favorite thing about SRCC? the people and the teaching and the music. basically everything

Q: Why do you volunteer at SRCC? I had been looking for some way to plug in and not be just a pew sitter and when the children's program was being set up I felt the Lord direct me to that ministry.

Q: Do you do other volunteer work? If so, where? Kelly volunteers at the Grand Oak Mission Center.

Editor: When you see Linda and Kelly, thank them for their volunteer work at SRCC.

If you would like to volunteer at SRCC, contact Charles Turk.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....by Larry Whiteley

JUSTIN'S STORY

Justin Atchison, avid hunter, fisherman, sportsman, and coach went home to heaven on opening morning of firearms deer season this past November.

"Atch" started playing sports from the moment he could hold a ball in his hands and began hunting from the moment his dad placed a rifle in his hands. If he wasn't on a ball field he would be out hunting or fishing.

In high school Justin was the star pitcher and quarterback of the football team. He went on to play baseball in college before turning his focus toward coaching the sports he loved. During this past deer season Justin was out doing something else he loved - deer hunting.

He was an assistant coach for his high school's baseball and football team and like a big brother to many of the kids including my grandson Hunter. At only 24, he touched so many young lives and made a difference in the path of life they would take.

Justin and Hunter fished and hunted together as much as they could. He and Hunter were planning on going duck hunting on Thanksgiving break and if the weather was nice enough maybe even going fishing.

Justin loved to be out in God's great outdoors. In his free time, he assisted in teaching Hunter Safety Courses. He liked to share his knowledge and skill to assist rookie hunters of all ages just like he enjoyed helping the kids he coached in sports.

When he didn't come home his dad went looking for him. He was already gone when he found him. As dad held him in his arms in the field he said he felt God was telling him "It's OK, you can let him go. He is with me now."

Justin was a long time member of Crossway Baptist Church in Springfield and accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior in 2009. He wasn't bashful about sharing his faith and love for God.

So many stories have been told of Justin spending his time helping anyone in need, mentoring, and just sharing a cup of coffee. Head football coach Brock Roweton said, "He was loved by a lot of people."

The parking lot was overflowing and the huge church was packed on the day of Justin's funeral. It was estimated there were over 3,000 people there that day and the majority were young people wearing a special t-shirt with the Willard High School "W" and the word "Family" on the front. On the back was Justin's baseball and football numbers along with the words that he shared with so many of the kids he coached "Be the best version of yourself."

Justin touched a lot of lives during his short life. How about you? Are you being the best version of yourself? Are you being the best Christian you can be? Will you make 2019 the year that you start sharing your faith and love for God with others like a young man named Justin?



Danny Slatten presented Scotty with a birthday gift from the church in November.

Photo Courtesy Don and Betty Wood

Thanksgiving/Christmas Basket Report

Another Thanksgiving / Christmas Basket roundup is in the books.

I cannot thank you enough for volunteering and donating to help our families in need. It is very rewarding and we have fun (that is if the delivery trucks show up on time, but then we have time to swap stories and it is even more memorable) putting them together as well as the fellowship. We provide enough food for at least six meals to help with kiddos thru the Holidays.

Each year we have lots of stories, as well as hugs and tears. Memories are made with families along with tons of Thank You's . Each year we grow and help more of those in need. We have lots of stories, here are a few:

A single Dad with 3 little ones that all they wanted was Food and new Athletic Shoes. You all made that possible...

A 3 year old being raised by Grandma who couldn't wear jeans because of the jeans rubbing his legs with his disabilities so he needed sweat pants, By the way we gave him a tractor too.. You all made that possible...

A family who lost their 5-day-old baby at Thanksgiving and have two little boys to feed. Asked for help with clothes and shoes. You all made that possible...

A single Dad with a 7 year old boy who needed underwear, socks and a watch. You all made that possible...

A single Mom with a 3 year old boy who wanted Paw Patrol, Toy Car and Clothes.. You all made that possible...

A Mom and girls with no Christmas tree, decorations or presents and yes, you all made that possible... Can you imagine Christmas without any Christmas tree decorations or presents? Can you imagine the MAGIC on Christmas morning? If it wasn't for you all and your kindness of GIVING, they might never have experienced Christmas...

I have so many stories but my point is... It's the things we take for granted that other people need to survive, sometimes to get them through hard times. You all made that possible and these families may not have had that if it weren't for you. We are Blessed...

Every year the Volunteers that help out never cease to amaze me. They are hard working and never quit on me. I cannot thank each of you enough. We are all truly Blessed beyond measure.

This year you all Blessed :

Thanksgiving: 253 Families, 1282 Adults and Children

Christmas: 283 Families, 1445 Adults and Children

Each family received a Bible from Sac River Cowboy Church and Manicure Set.

Each child received a stocking filled with toothpaste, toothbrush, chap stick, candy canes, wash cloth, popsicle molds and blankets. The Blanket Drive was a huge success.....Thank you so much.

We also now take donations all year as a request from those on retirement or fixed incomes, just memo at bottom it is Holiday Fund.

Thank you,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.

Judy Thomas
Food Drive Director



Thank you to the Volunteers who filled the Christmas baskets!

Photo Courtesy Don and Betty Wood

A Special Thank You to Our Volunteers Volunteer Appreciation Dinner December 15, 2018

All of us at Sac River Cowboy Church would like to express our thanks and appreciation to each of you that volunteer for a job well done!

Your willingness to use your God given gifts and abilities has made Sac River Cowboy Church what it is and strengthened our ministry to those who need it.

If it were not for volunteers like you, there would not be a Sac River Cowboy Church.

Thank you for allowing God to work through all of you to make a difference in other people's lives.

For your time, effort, hard work and prayers please accept our appreciation.

But even more important, someday you will hear Jesus say these words found in Matthew 25:23- "Well done good and faithful servant".



Above: Judy & Leon Procter enjoyed the special evening.

Right: Veteran Entertainer Bill Atterberry provided a hilariously funny show.

Below: Pepper & Brenda Jackson and Betty Jo Craft enjoyed good food and fellowship.

Photos Courtesy Don and Betty Wood



Children's Church Christmas Program
December 16, 2018





*All Photos Courtesy of
Don and Betty Wood*



Pictured below are the
Children's Church Volunteers.
THANK YOU!



THURSDAY NIGHTS at the EC

Pot Luck at 6 - Music at 7

January 31

HOSEA BILYEU FAMILY

Hosea's family goes back over nine generations in rural Christian county. Hosea & Debbie founded Wells of Joy, a ministry established to 'increase the joy of the servants of the Lord.' This ministry has taken them to Peru, Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, Ecuador, Nicaragua & Africa in addition to their domestic endeavors.



May 30

POTTERS WHEEL

A gospel bluegrass band from Lebanon, MO that likes playin' hard drivin' songs.

Preaching the gospel, one song at a time.



August 29

GOLDWING EXPRESS

Bluegrass, country and gospel band that is originally from Okmulgee, OK. Regular performers in Branson and TX, this year having 700 show dates.

"We love and strive to make folks happy when they come to see Goldwing Express in concert."



October 31

FARNUM FAMILY

Based out of the MO Ozarks, the Farnum Family performs in the Branson area and around the country. A touring family band for many years, they have taken their energetic blend of music, entertainment and homespun family humor all the way from Cody, Wyoming to the TX Rio Grande Valley, as well as through MO and much of the Midwest.



