



BONKHOUSE GAZETTE

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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

SRCC Contribution statements were mailed out on Friday, January 18. If you have not received them by Sunday, January 27, please contact Nancy Hall's office at 417-742-1040 or email her at taxstation@att.net. An address correction may be needed.

Calendar of Events February 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
 Brenda Green, 417-860-4510
 5:30-8:00 p.m. Event Center
 *Game night is for ages 13 and over

Jan 29 Financial Peace University, 7-8:30 p.m. Event Center
 Jan 31 Thursday Night at the Event Center, see page 7
 Feb 5 FPU, 7-8:30 p.m., Event Center
 Feb 10 Youth Group (ages 14-17), 5 p.m., Event Center
 Feb 12 FPU, 7-8:30 p.m., Event Center
 Feb 19 FPU, 7-8:30 p.m., Event Center
 Feb 20 Deadline for Gazette articles
 Feb 24 Youth Group (ages 14-17), 5 p.m., Event Center
 Feb 26 FPU, 7-8:30 p.m., Event Center

Looking ahead:
 March 1 & 2 Convoy of Hope Fundraiser
 See flyer on page

Cowboy Riddle

Who always goes to bed with his shoes on?

Bible Trivia from the Book of Mark

On what day did the disciples pluck ears of corn, much to the anger of the Pharisees?

Cowboy Wisdom

When there's a long row to hoe, remember: God is still in charge of the garden.

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Quote of the Month

“The foolish seek happiness over the horizon. The wise find it under their feet.”
Anonymous

Inspiration

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

11 For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.

Proverbs 9:10-11 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. Call Tami Greene, 417-861-8922.

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.

SRCC on the Web:

SacRiverCowboyChurch.com
and on Facebook: Sac River Cowboy Church

Cowboy Riddle Answer:

A horse!

Bible Trivia Answer:

The Sabbath.

Mark 2:23



Children's Church

Charlene Dowell is the Pre-school teacher for 1st service. She and these kids braved cold, snow, and ice to attend church on January 20.

Photo Courtesy of Heather Baker

Volunteers at SRCC

Willard (Bill) Atkinson



Bill Atkinson
*Photo Courtesy
Don & Betty Wood*

Q: How do you volunteer at SRCC?

A: I do some Maintenance tasks from time to time, currently at the Event Center.

Q: How long have you been attending SRCC?

A: About 10 years.

Q: How did you hear about SRCC?

A: Talking to people trying to figure out where Scotty went when he left Evergreen.

Q: Why did you start attending SRCC?

A: I heard Scotty was teaching at the stockyards and I had been going to Evergreen when he was there.

Q: What is your favorite thing about SRCC?

A: Scotty teaches on subjects most other teachers will not address; I can't get that from most TV teachers. I also love the fellowship we share. It's "Casual", not founded or controlled by traditional views.

Q: Why do you volunteer at SRCC?

A: I enjoy being able to support and help others. I also get to put my past training to use.

Q: Do you do other volunteer work? If so, where?

A: No, but I do work to help my neighbors.

Editor: When you see Bill, thank him for his volunteer work at SRCC.

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

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

It is a fact that nearly 80% of people in churches today decided to follow Jesus before the age of 18 and 50% of them decided to follow Jesus before age 12. It is much rarer and much harder for a person to decide to follow Christ after age 18.

In Luke 18: 15 & 16 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” Jesus was telling us how important it is for children to come to him and we as adults should not be a hindrance to that in any way.

The time in a person’s life when they are most open to learning what it means to trust God is between the ages of 4-14. They are more moldable during that time than they will ever be in their lifetime. It’s when children are forming their understanding of the world, of relationships, of love, of God. It’s a time when children are impressionable.

It is during this time all churches need to focus their efforts on helping children place their trust in Jesus. **We should be thankful and praise God for the leadership and hard work of Gary Killingsworth and all our adult volunteers with SRCC Children’s Church. It has grown to over 130 children being taught about Jesus in a very short period of time.**

Of course anytime something is that successful Satan will not like it and will attack and try to cause problems so we must always be on guard

and in prayer for our children. They are the future of this church!

What we do during this age of 4-14 is the most important thing we will ever do. Unsaved adults and adults who have strayed from the path and needing to re-dedicate their lives will always be among us. Yes, we should and will continually do everything we can to reach them but a person is a child only for a short time. And, in this short time the entire course of their life can be altered.

How many problems when they are adults would be solved if every child that went to church here or anywhere else left knowing they have a Heavenly Father who loves them? What if every child left knowing they can place their trust in Jesus for every area of their lives? What if every child left knowing their place in God’s story? What if every child left our church having made a lifetime commitment to serving Christ? What if everything we did for children focused on winning them to Christ?

I do believe that God will continue to bless this church if our focus is on our children. If we were really honest with ourselves this should be the top priority in the use of our resources because it would bear the most fruit for the Kingdom of God in the future than anything else we can do.

What would the future look like if not just Sac River Cowboy Church but all churches put more of their focus on its youngest members? Just think about that and also pray about that!

Bible Backgrounds Seminar January 5, 2019

What a great way to start the New Year!





Annie Jones



Pastor Gary



*All photos of Seminar
Courtesy of
Dennis Austin*

Brenda Green and her volunteers served a delicious lunch!



Sac River Cowboy Church

2018 was a banner year for our church as we saw a strengthening of ministries and out-reach programs. One of the things that sticks out in my mind is the beautiful balance we are enjoying in all three worship services. Each band has its' own uniqueness, but all are amazingly powerful in their own way. I have the unique privilege of enjoying all three services and marveling at what God is doing among us. All three of our Sunday services have a healthy attendance. Watching the third service grow has been a real treat for all of us this year.

Welcoming my brother Gary to come along side and take up the day to day ministry load has caused our ministries to not just grow numerically, but has allowed us to mature as a congregation. With his new energy and vision we are reaching age categories we have not had the time or focus to highlight. I believe our biggest excitement in 2019 will be in our children and youth areas. Growth equals change and change equals grief, psychologists tell us. Nothing stays the same - it always changes. We can either follow the Holy Spirit in and through the changes and enjoy what He has for us or miss the open doors. I am thankful you have had the insight and love to walk through some of the changes and see the bigger picture and brighter future with a growing child and youth ministry. Thank you, Gary, for your loving and energetic leadership.

This year your financial gifts to the church have amounted to \$658,818.83 for the General Fund and \$46,702.90 for the Building Fund. A church is not measured by its' finances, but without your gifts, we would not be able to be so generous to community needs and causes.

Our baptismal services were rained out this year, yet we baptized 25 precious people in a down pour of rain and love at the Event Center. Maybe next year the weather will be more cooperative. Despite all the dampness the day dumped on us, nothing dampened our fun and our joy. What a day of celebration it was!!

I want 2019 to see us stronger for the Lord than 2018. I have noted a few areas I want us to give prayer and consideration to which I think will help us toward that goal.

(1) Let us reduce the amount of announcements in our Sunday morning services. As much as we value communication promoting ancillary events and activities it is not our prime directive. **Let's keep the main thing the main thing.** I would like to remind ministry leaders there are many ways of communicating with the church. The Prime Directive for SRCC since our first day has been **Worship and Fellowship.** We love God with all our hearts and love each other sacrificially. The rule of thumb for communicating is presenting information in 5 different ways and at 5 different times. Standing in front of the church and speaking is not the only way to get the job done. The best way to have your event heard is within interest groups. For instance, announcing to the entire body about an event involving only a few of the people wastes time and focus for the many.

(2) The movement of counselors and greeters to their places of service at the end of our worship is vital yet can be distracting. Please pray about and consider ways we can staff our counseling ministry and hospitality goals and disturb the end of the service as little as possible. Please keep in mind it is at this time people are thinking about what God is saying to them and how they will respond.

What will 2019 be like? We can be sure our world will become increasingly polarized and dangerous. Our Bible Backgrounds Seminar revealed where the abnormality we see in our world originates and hints to us of what is coming. Will 2019 see a big event that will make the end of the world as we know it a reality or will we hold our ground? Let us commit to deepening our prayer life and move as close to the Lord as the days wind down to the coming again of Jesus. Use 2019 to lower, if not eliminate, your personal debt and set aside resources to tide your family and friends over a rainy day. Who knows - that proverbial rainy day may be just ahead?

Scotty L. Killingsworth
Preaching Pastor, SRCC

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.



**MARK & GENE'S 13TH ANNUAL BLUEGRASS AND
GOSPEL FUNDRAISER FOR**

CONVOY OF HOPE

FRIDAY MARCH 1ST AND SATURDAY MARCH 2ND 2019

SAC RIVER COWBOY CHURCH EVENT CENTER

Featuring some of the top bluegrass and gospel bands from the region

FRIDAY EVENING SHOW 6:30 PM

**PO' ANNA - LONESOME ROAD - CASEY & THE ATTA BOYS – THE
CREEK ROCKS – THE CHAPMANS**

SATURDAY SHOW 12:30 PM

POSSUM TROT – RED BRIDGE BLUEGRASS

MIDNIGHT FLIGHT – NEW HORIZONS

BOB & ALTA COURTNEY – ROUTE 3

CEDAR HILL – POTTERS WHEEL

BLUEFIELD

**\$10 DONATION PER DAY OR \$15 2 DAY PASS AT THE DOOR, ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
CONVOY OF HOPE**

CONTACT: MARK WITHERS 417-838-3192 OR GENE REASONER 417-827-9925

Dear SRCC,

Three weeks ago I was approached to help out with a Fundraiser for a young lady I had never met but I had been friends with her Great Gma Connie Presley for years! Absolutely I would be glad to! Connie's exact words "Judy tell us what to do as none of us have ever done this before!" "Well okay I will do my best!"

Connie took control of food and I took on the organizing and Live Auction!!

And so the rest just seem to fall into place!

Flyers went out. News spread fast!

Donations started rolling in!

T-Shirts sold like hot cakes!

My phone rang off the hook!

Volunteers came from everywhere!

Not only Sac River Cowboy Church but 3 other Churches jumped in to help!!

Then the day came to put it all together!

We had enough Food for 300-400 people and Homemade Desserts! The huge amount of Items for the Auction!

The awesome music! Then the snow and ice hit! My heart raced I stressed thinking now we need the people to come eat and bid!

I stopped mid afternoon and prayed "God It's in your hands all I ask is for you to bring the people to help this Beautiful Family help their Daughter Elliana fix her heart!!"

Then it happened! The doors opened at 3:30 and it was a constant line of people walking thru the door to eat, to bid, to donate, BUT most of all to help a young lady named Elliana who most had never met! Tears rolled as I looked up and said "Thank you God!! I knew you had this!!"

You could feel God in the room as the line grew for food! The hands flew in the air as one outbid another! It was standing room only! The donations just kept coming and all for a sweet young lady who needed surgery!!

They needed \$139,000 and with God's help and over 500 people attending, we collected over \$36,000 in one evening! I could not imagine so many people, so many items, so much food, so little time to plan, all for Elliana Partin!!

My heart is full and we owe it all to God!!

The Family wants to Thank everyone for their generosity and now we need to Pray for healing!

Elliana will have surgery March 8 at Mayo!

Thank you all so much for being the village Elliana and her Family needed!!

Thank you

Judy Thomas

Editor's note: Donations can still be made by giving to Judy or dropping in box at Church. **Make checks payable to Elliana Partin Benefit.**





*Photos Courtesy
of
Judy Thomas*

TRAILBLAZER TRIBUNE

February 2019



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February 10th – Valentine's
Celebration

February 10th – **LAST DAY**
to register for Youth Christian
Weekend at discounted rate

April 6th – Youth Christian
Weekend at Silver Dollar City

April 20th – Easter Egg Hunt
(Details to come)

April 21st – Easter Sunday

June 10th-14th – Vacation
Bible School (Details to come)

July 22nd-26th – Youth Camp
(Details to come)



WHAT A BLESSED BEGINNING

Our young people's church is off and running! God has blessed this Ministry with tremendous growth and still growing! From October to January, we went from 12 young people to 131! Every week we are adding to those numbers GOD IS GOOD! Thank you for your commitment in bringing your child(ren) and grandchildren each week! We enjoy having them!

Because of our tremendous growth, we are desperately needing more volunteers to step forward. We are praying that God will send us adults who have a love for ministering about Jesus Christ to our young people. We need teachers, substitutes and assistant teachers. There is a strong need for people interested in teaching, assisting and substituting in our Jr High /High school class. God has surprised us with 21 in this class total. We weren't planning on having older youth, but God has brought them to us and we are looking for help to continue meeting the needs of this age group. They are awesome young people, you will love them!

In addition to our needs in the first and second service, Pastor Gary is wanting to start a youth program for 3rd service. We have a wonderful Assistant, Melissa Jett, that will run the program for 3rd service. We will need teachers, assistant teachers and substitute teachers there as well. The curriculum and materials are all ready to begin, we just need people who will step up and serve in this fast growing Ministry!

If you are interested, please call Charlene Dowell (417)299-4937, or Heather Baker (417)655-1946. You can also just stop by the office at any time and we will get your paperwork, free team tee-shirt and a welcome bag with goodies for you. WE NEED YOU and GOD WILL BLESS YOU for your service!!

WHAT'S COMING UP

Dusty & Charlene Dowell, (Directors) will be gone February 17th. Tony & Heather Baker will be available as Assistant Directors and Melissa Jett, (Kindergarten-2nd grade teacher) will be directing children's opening and closing session. If you have questions or concerns, please see one of them. You may also contact Pastor Gary Killingsworth.

THE GOSPEL PROJECT

Dusty and Charlene spent an ample amount of time and prayer in choosing our current study material. It was then approved by our Pastors and Board of Directors. The final choice was "The Gospel Project" and we are all so excited with the overall reaction of the children.

The Gospel Project provides a chronological, Christ-centered Bible study plan for every age group in our Children's Church: preschoolers through high school. The main goal is to point the children to the good news of the gospel and equip them to live gospel-filled lives individually, in school and community, and on mission.

We have already seen the passion ignite in the children and we can't wait to see how God will continue work in their lives. We ask for your continued prayer over our program, our teachers and our children.

Young Christian's Weekend at Silver Dollar City

April 6th we will be taking the 3rd-12th graders to Silver Dollar City for the Young Christian's Weekend. This is a wonderful event held by SDC, just prior to opening for its regular season. Young people will attend Christian workshops and classes where they will hear from speakers from all over on Walking Their Faith at School, Dealing with Temptation and How to Stay Focused on God in A Chaotic World. We are Excited about the speakers and the kids will be as well.

To offset the cost for each of our young people, we are asking each child to participate in a fundraiser. No door to door sales or anything like that. Please talk to your child about participating to "earn" their ticket. We have negotiated amazing rates with SDC for our youth. Each ticket will be \$40 which includes the classes and a meal.

Parents/guardians are invited to come, but if younger children attend, parent will be responsible for that child's care. Parents/guardians and teachers will supervise a group of students; therefore, if you intend to come, you must complete a background check, or you will not be allowed to attend.

Registrations and permission slips will be sent out soon and must be returned BY February 10th. Any paperwork turned in later may be subject to paying full cost of admission to SDC.

MEET THE TEACHER - PRESCHOOL

Charlene Dowell – Director and 1st Service Preschool Teacher



Tell us a little about yourself. "I love to fish and deer hunt with my husband and best friend, Dusty. I love gardening. I like to can my own food and raise my own chicken, beef and pork. I have taken some classes in herbal home remedies and make my own herbal teas. I love making black walnut iodine and 'Nana's Boo-boo cream'. I like sewing and making dresses for my granddaughter. Out of all my hobbies, my favorite past time is spending time with children!"

How long have you attended SRCC? "Dusty and I have been attending SRCC for about 5 years."

What is your favorite memory while serving SRCC's Children's Church? "My favorite memory about Children's Church so far is watching Isabel imitating being a teacher. She also came up to lead singing with me and mimicked my every move! Only goes to show us, these little ones are watching how we behave!"

What drew you to our Children's Church Ministry? "I've always been involved with Children's Ministry in one way or another. I was led to teach my first Sunday school class when I was 12 years old. I was asked to teach 1st and 2nd graders as a sub one Sunday and after that, I was hooked. God has brought many, many children in and out of my life throughout the years, my hope and prayer is, that I have been a living example of Jesus Christ's love to them all."

DeLana Trantham – 2nd Service Preschool Teacher

Tell us a little about yourself. "I am happily married and a mom to a 2-year-old little boy and a soon to be baby girl in March 2019. I enjoy spending time with family and being outdoors. I am a CT technologist. I love to bow hunt, craft, and explore all of God's beautiful creations."

How long have you attended SRCC? "My husband, Levi, and I have been attending SRCC for about 4 years and enjoy it so much!"

What is your favorite memory while serving SRCC's Children's Church? "My favorite memory of Children's Church so far has been watching all of the kids grow in Christ and seeing the joy He brings in them. Their knowledge of Him and how great He is, is growing each week and it's a beautiful thing."

What drew you to our Children's Church Ministry? "I felt drawn to be a part of the Children's ministry at SRCC because of my little boy. I know how important it is for kids to be involved in the ministry. I knew it wouldn't only help him to grow with Christ, but also me as a parent as well. I enjoy teaching the pre-K age group a lot. It's amazing how much they understand and learn when it's taught in a simple and fun atmosphere."



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Do you need wood stacked, windows cleaned, yardwork done, garden work done, etc? Please contact one of our Directors for the opportunity to hire our students to help you around your house or farm. Any and all proceeds will be split between the hired hands for their admission ticket to SDC's Youth Christian Weekend?

Can't think of anything that the hired hands can help with, but you would still like to help fund a student's trip? Talk to Charlene or Heather about sponsoring a student.

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Tami Greene (417) 861-8922

3rd-5th Grade:

Linda Brown (417) 459-3948

Jr High/High School:

Dusty Dowell (417) 880-1974
Kathy West (417) 540-5395

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Kerrie Jackson (417) 576-3505
Craig Jackson (417) 234-3664

3rd-5th Grade:

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Marsha Anstine (417) 848-8697

Jr High/High School:

Angela Taylor (417) 380-7740