



# BONKHOUSE GAZETTE

## April 2019 Issue

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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 Event Center

### Calendar of Events

#### April 2019

Every Sunday evening Youth Group (ages 14-17)  
 Nathan Isakson, 573-578-2518 4:30 p.m. Event Center  
 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  
 Apr 6 Line Dancing, 6 p.m. Event Center  
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 6 a.m. Event Center  
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 Jun 1 Church-wide Garage Sale, Details page 2

### Sunday School Bible Class

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

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### Cowboy Riddle

What eight letter word can have a letter taken away and it still makes a word. Take another letter away and it still makes a word. Continue doing that until you have one letter left. What is the word?

### Bible Trivia from the Book of Mark

What are believers told to "take up" if they are to follow Jesus?

### Cowboy Wisdom

A smile increases your face value.

## Quote of the Month

“The most wasted day of all is that during which we have not laughed.”  
*Nicolas Chamfort*

## Inspiration

A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.

Proverbs 15: 13 *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:

The word is “starting.” Starting, staring, string, sting, sing, sin, in, I.

## Bible Trivia Answer:

Their cross. *Mark 8: 34*

## POTLUCK is Returning on April 7

Potluck Luncheon and Fellowship is returning to SRCC on the first Sunday of each month. Volunteers will be on hand to take your dishes as you arrive in the foyer upstairs. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service, please wait in the foyer just a few moments for the Youth Ministry to clear the area.

## SRCC Marriage Class

April 13 – May 18  
EVERY Saturday Night  
6-8 p.m. at the Event Center  
Any age welcome.  
Childcare available.  
Please sign up or call and let us know you are coming.  
We have lots of fun and fellowship before and after teaching time!!

Call for any questions:  
Kevin Clinton 417-379-5822  
Lisa Clinton 417-379-5821

## \*Church-Wide Garage Sale\*

There will be a church-wide garage sale at the Event Center, June 1. The event will be outside and the church will furnish the tables. Proceeds from the sale are your own. Contact Sue Stoker @ 894-0380 for more information.

## SUNRISE Service and Breakfast

Easter Sunrise Service will begin at 6 a.m. at the Event Center, followed by breakfast at 6:30.

\*The Church will provide:\*

Biscuits and gravy  
Scrambled eggs  
Bacon  
Sausage patties  
Drinks

\*We invite you to bring these suggested items:\*

Breakfast casseroles  
Sweet breads  
Cinnamon rolls  
Fruit

Cheese platter  
Breakfast Ham  
Sausage links

Anything else breakfast related is welcomed.

Please call or text Brenda Green @417-860-4510, if you have questions.

## CLEAN-UP DAY at YOUTH CAMPGROUND

Our Young People will be attending the Fundamental Methodist Camp, 3821 Lawrence 1250, Ash Grove, this summer. To get ready for camping season, there will be a Clean-up Day on April 13, starting at 9 a.m. (or when you are available). Clean-up consists of raking and burning leaves (depending on the weather), cleaning around building exteriors and at the outdoor classrooms, and possibly mowing and trimming, starting at the camp entrance. Volunteers should dress appropriately for outdoor work.

Following clean-up, the staff at the camp will serve burgers & fixin's (donations are appreciated). A Pie Auction follows with Mark Moller serving as auctioneer. Donations of pies and desserts, homemade or purchased, are encouraged and welcome. All the proceeds from the meal and auction go to the Board of Trustees for the utilities, maintenance, and upkeep of the property. So, bring your gloves, rakes, trash bags, appetite, pies/desserts, and \$\$\$, and help clean up and support the Campground.

If weather doesn't cooperate, a new date will be announced.

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The new Church Directory's will be available in the next few weeks. If you would like Fran to send you the photos that were taken for the directory, send her a request by e-mail to frances\_b\_65705@yahoo.com

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you crochet or knit please come and join our Prayer Shawl Ministry. If interested contact Lori Copeland @ 417-838-3452 for the details.

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

The prayer below was handed to me a few weeks ago by a gentleman at the Sunday 11:30 service. I do not know who wrote it but I do know the man who gave it to me and I know his heart. He knew that after reading it I would share it with all of you because we all need to hear it.

A few Sundays later I read it in both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> service and afterward I was overwhelmed by people wanting a copy of the prayer. It is my hope and I am sure the hope of the man who gave it to me that all of you who read it would then share with others and it would spread across this great land. A great land, but a broken land. A land that can still be healed if we all turn our eyes to God.

### A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

**Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask for your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance.**

**We know your word says - "Woe to those who call evil good," but that is exactly what we have done.**

**We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it**

**the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our fore fathers and called it enlightenment.**

**Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.**

**Amen**

Share this prayer with others and also share these words found in 1 Timothy 2:1-6, *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people"*

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## GET IN LINE !!!

Join us for some fun and fellowship in our evening of Line Dancing. For beginners and experienced alike - instructions will be given.

**April 6, 2019**

**Also some Scottish Ceilidh dancing - led by Gary & Bev  
6 pm SRCC Event Center**





## *Financial Peace University Graduates Class of March 2019*

March 12 was graduation day for forty members of the first SRCC Financial Peace University class. The nine-week course focused on the seven Baby Steps which included such items as budgeting and starting an emergency fund, paying off all non-mortgage debt using the Debt Snowball, increasing the emergency fund to cover three to six months of expenses, investing for retirement, saving for a college fund, paying off a home early and building wealth and giving. Also covered was education about taking power over purchases, the role of insurance and the seven basic types that are needed, 401k's, IRA's and mutual fund investing, specific mortgage information and the recognition that when you live and give like no one else, you change yourself, your family tree and your community.

During the FPU course, the March 2019 class:

- paid off \$45,808 in non-mortgage debt
- saved \$52,286
- cut up and closed the accounts on 30 credit cards.
- Fifty-six percent of the class substantially increased giving.

Congratulations to the March 2019 class!

# TRAILBLAZER TRIBUNE

April 2019



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 6<sup>th</sup>:** SDC Young  
Christian's Weekend

**April 13<sup>th</sup>:** The church will have  
a work day at campgrounds with  
pie supper and cookout  
following to raise money for  
camp repairs. Kids are expected  
to come help clean and work.  
This will be a good opportunity  
for parents to come see the  
campgrounds and help clean our  
camp. *(see Gazette for more information)*

**April 20<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Egg Hunt at  
the Event Center 10am to Noon  
with Games and Snacks to  
follow. The Junior High and  
High School classes will be  
helping with hiding eggs and  
games.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** Easter Sunday

**June 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>:** VBS

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>:** Youth Bible  
Camp



Children and Youth participating in 1<sup>st</sup> service Praise and Worship

## A Letter From the Directors

Dear Church Family,

We have just finished our first term in our Youth Program and God has truly blessed us! God is using our curriculum to draw our young people closer to Him. We have young people who are making decisions for Christ and now want to be baptized! Praise God!! Our teachers do an amazing job in delivering the lessons and allow the Holy Spirit to deal with the hearts of the kids. We have had the joy of hearing parents tell us that their children are talking about becoming a Christian. It makes all of our staff's hard work worth it!

We do ask for your prayers for this next term as we share the gospel with the kids and youth in a way that they can relate to. Our prayer is that God will call them closer to Him.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity, for your prayers and for sharing your children with us.

## SRCC Youth Shirts

We are all looking forward to enjoying our Silver Dollar City trip for Young Christian's Weekend. The church has used the money that the children raised to purchase our tickets, the classes and concerts are booked, and transportation is being scheduled. We would like our students to stand out and look unified. So, we ask that each parent (or grandparent) would send a plain white t-shirt with their child to church. Please place your child's name on the shirt's tag. We are planning on tie-dyeing these shirts and placing our logo on each shirt. We look forward to our children wearing these to spread the word of our program at Sac River Cowboy Church, and ultimately spreading the Word of God.

# Convoy of Hope

Our Children and Youth had the opportunity to serve by working the concession stand for the recent Convoy of Hope Benefit. The kids and youth, from all three services, came together and worked to raise enough money for their upcoming trip to Silver Dollar City. Most of all, they had fun while serving the Lord. Each time customers came to the window for a meal or the tables for a drink or dessert, they were greeted with at least one of our youth volunteers with a smiling face.

We are so incredibly proud of each and every individual who participated in this event. Each of these children jumped in wherever they realized there was a need. They each used “Sir” and “Ma’am” while exemplifying Christlike behavior while serving our community.



Photos courtesy of  
Charlene Dowell and Heather Baker  
Top Photo Left: Lillian,  
Makaylee, Ryleigh, Madie, Makayla, Kody,  
Koneer, Jacob, Haley, Jenna, Jared, Chance  
Top Right: Brenda Green  
dancing with Makayla and Hunter  
during a slow moment in the kitchen  
Middle Left: Kitchen volunteers  
Middle Right: Haley, Jacob, Destiny,  
Makayla, Hunter, Kaleb, Koneer, Chance  
Bottom Left: Drink station volunteers  
Bottom Right: Dessert station volunteers

We would like to extend a Thank You to Convoy of Hope for letting us participate in their event!  
We are all very proud to be apart of your benefit.

We would also like to thank Brenda Green and her group of volunteers! The kids could not have done this without each and every one of you! Also, the dance parties in the kitchen made the time pass quickly.

Thank you!!

## Meet the Students

We asked Isabel Baker, age 4, a few questions about Children's church and here are her answers.

### What has been your favorite lesson?

"Adam and Eve is my favorite"

### What's your favorite part about Children's Church?

"To color all kinds of stuff and the picture Mrs. Charlene gives me."



## Parents & Grandparents How you can help

We first want to thank each one of you for bringing your precious children to our program each week. We thank you for your dedication, support, time, prayers and trust. These children have touched the lives of so many volunteers and we pray that God is touching their lives as well.

Each week we open the doors upstairs at the Stockyards and the back rooms at the Event Center and each week we love seeing the smiling faces of the children running into our classrooms and our hearts. The children open in prayer and worship and then split off into their age appropriate classes to be fed spiritually by the Holy Spirit. We have seen him move within our children and we pray that this will continue and grow.

We need your help! We encourage you to remain active in your child's spiritual journey. Ask questions. What did you learn about today? What challenged you? Have you made any friends? What is your favorite part? And most importantly, What was the main point of today's lesson? These questions already may be in your conversations on Sunday, but we implore you to stay active throughout the week and keep Christ at the forefront of your (grand)child's thoughts.

## STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

### Directors

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Heather Baker (417) 655-1946

#### K-2nd Grade:

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

### 2nd SERVICE TEACHERS

#### Preschool:

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Donna Prince (417) 830-1185

#### K-2nd Grade:

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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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> SERVICE TEACHER

Melissa Jett (417) 461-4516  
Ryan Long

## Meet the Teacher – Third Service Children's Teacher Melissa Jett



### **Tell us a little about yourself.**

I have been married since 2007. My husband and I live on the same farm his grandparents owned. We raise a heritage breed of pig called Spots, we show at state and national shows. I enjoy hunting, fishing, photography and being outdoors.

### **How long have you attended SRCC?**

We have attended for at least 9 years.

### **What is your favorite memory while serving SRCC's Children's Church?**

Getting to witness a little one accepting Jesus as their Savior.

### **What drew you to our Children's Church Ministry?**

The current condition of our world, and the need for the gospel to be spread more than ever. If we don't reach the next generation before the world does, then it will die with my generation. Kids are honest, kids are pure, they know and feel things on a different level than adults. If we can reach them before the world has a chance to corrupt their minds with political correctness. I believe then it is our duty as followers of the Lord God almighty to teach them the truths of the Bible.