



BONKHOUSE GAZETTE

December 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: 6:00 p.m. at SRCC
 7:00 p.m. at the Event Center

Calendar of Events December 2019

Every Sunday night:	BAND of BROTHERS
Doug Evans, 417-429-5563	6:00 p.m. Event Center
Every Monday evening	Community Line Dancing Class
Beverly Killingsworth, 880-1011	4:30 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

Dec 1	Potluck after 2 nd service, 11:30, upstairs
Dec 15	Christmas Program, 7 p.m., Event Center See details on page 4
Dec 19	Annual Business Meeting, Stockyards, see page 2
Dec 20	Deadline for Gazette articles
Dec 24	Candlelight Service, 6 p.m., Event Center

MERRY CHRISTMAS to ALL

Note: All Stretching Classes are cancelled for month of December.

Cowboy Riddle

What do you call a retired cowboy?

Bible Trivia

Why should we wear the full armor of God? And when?

Cowboy Wisdom

Just 'cause trouble comes visiting doesn't mean you have to offer it a place to sit down.

SRCC on the Web:

SacRiverCowboyChurch.com
 and on Facebook: Sac River Cowboy Church

Sunday School Bible Class

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

If you take photos in any of the services, please send them to Fran at frances_b_65705@yahoo.com for possible inclusion in the Gazette. Include your name, so credit can be given.

Quote of the Month

"Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life."
Corrie Ten Boom

Inspiration

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3: 16

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, Sally Ray @ 417-886-9164, or Bonnie Hauxwell @ 417-501-1635.

Cowboy Riddle Answer:

Deranged.

Bible Trivia Answer:

So that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand against the devil's schemes and stand your ground. Since the devil doesn't take a day off, we should never take off our armor.

Ephesians 6: 10-13

WANTED:

*Young man desperately needs dependable vehicle to get to work and home. Anything cheap would be a blessing. Call Kyler @ 417-830-3055

*Old horse collars for craft projects. Please contact Doug Evans at 417-429-5563.

Thank You Notes

***Thank you to everyone for your prayers during my recovery from surgery. I still have many treatments to go and can't be in the dust. I would appreciate your continued prayers.
Charles Turk

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Church Business Meeting will be held following the 6 p.m. service on Thursday, December 19. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The 7 p.m. service at the Event Center will be held as usual.

Contribution Statements

Your Contribution Statements will soon be put in the mail in early January. In order to help Nancy Hall, Treasurer, get it to you as soon as possible, please make sure that she has your correct and complete address. It will also be helpful for her to have your phone number on file in case there is missing information on the check. ;) It does happen ;) Contact information for Nancy is on the first page of the Gazette.

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

THE CHRISTMAS CAMPFIRE

I love sitting around a campfire. My favorite time is when I am alone and there are thousands of twinkling stars above me in a dark night sky. The smell of wood smoke fills the air, flames dance and flicker as sparks shoot upward in hypnotic whirls. My campfire may be in the backyard fire pit, it might be at deer camp, it could be on a river gravel bar or outside the door of my tent while out camping. It really doesn't matter because they are all special and especially my Christmas campfire.

I sit at my Christmas campfire trying to escape the hustle and bustle for just a little while. I look into the flames and thank God for all the gifts he has given me. My wife was a gift from God and so were my sons and their families as well as good friends. Sac River Cowboy Church has been a gift from God.

The Christmas campfire warms my body and my soul. My mind wanders from the gifts he has given me to the gift that was given to us all. I don't know if there was one but I like to imagine a campfire that special night. I see it in my mind's eye lighting the darkness of the stable. Through its glow I see the hard ground and the hay. I see the donkeys, cows and sheep. I can even smell them. Cobwebs cling to the ceiling and a mouse scurries across the dirt floor. Off to one side is a group of shepherds and a few wise men. Nearby is the weary father. Wide awake is Mary. She knows she is holding holiness.

The glow from the fire shines into the face of the baby. The greatest gift of all had come to save us all. Close your eyes and maybe you will see the stable too. Open your eyes and accept the gift of Jesus.

DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE

Copies of the directory are still available in the office. See Ollie Long.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We hope to be a blessing to others by giving to those who are homebound, suffering from an illness, in nursing facility, a loss etc. a shawl.

At this time, the only need we have is ladies to make shawls. We have plenty of yarn and boxes.

If you have someone we could bless with a shawl. We can bring to you for delivery or we can deliver.

To date we have given out 31 shawls!

Thank you to all the ladies making the beautiful shawls!!!

You may bring your shawls or request to any service.

Some ladies do meet at SRCC Event Center at 6:00 on Sunday nights and work on shawls.

Contacts

First Service- Sherry Runion

Second Service- Doris Montee

Third Service- Dianne Ivey

OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX

Great news on the Operation Christmas Shoe Box count. The church along with donations packed a total of **906 boxes**. Not only have we touched 906 children lives with the word of God but those boxes according to Samaritan Purse then touches 10 more lives. That is spreading the word of our Savior to 9000 people. All with the simple gift of a shoebox. We serve an awesome God and have the privilege to worship him in an awesome church. Thank you to all who made this ministry such a success.



Brenda Stewart writing notes for her shoebox.
Photos Courtesy Cindy Hancock

CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry at SRCC is a very important part of our church.

In a congregation the size of SRCC, it is very hard to know who is in the hospital, ill, has lost a loved one, or needs a Thinking-of-You card.

Please keep the Card Ministry successful.

If you know someone who needs a card, please send one yourself or let one of these ladies know:

- Virginia Andrews: 214-293-5945
 - Sally Ray: 417-886-9164
- Bonnie Hauxwell: 417-501-1635

Veteran's Appreciation Event
November 10, 2019



*Photos Courtesy
Charlene Dowell*



Thank you to Dusty, Charlene, Melissa,
the SRCC Young People, and all who participated
in the Veterans lunch and program.
You did an outstanding job celebrating our Veterans!

Upcoming Events for Young People

Dec 1- Dec 15 (Sundays)

- Christmas play practice every Sunday during Children's Church with the Young People on music.
- Christmas play practice from 2pm-4pm at the Event Center for the Young People with speaking parts.

December 15:

- **Dress rehearsal for ALL Children's Church Young People from 2-4 p.m. on December 15.**
- **December 15, 6 p.m. All Young People arrive at Event Center to dress in costume.**
- Christmas Program at the Event Center, 7:00 pm. All congregation is invited to attend as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Brenda Greene and her staff will be serving desserts and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there with special gifts for the kids.

**Assistance is needed in the Young People's Ministry. If you can help, call:
Charlene Dowell @ 417-299-4937**

or

Melissa Jett @ 417-461-451+6

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving was a great success this year!

Numbers were up, but with the Amazing Church Family donations, we were able to feed 1401 adults and children. That included seven schools, a women's shelter, a men's shelter, ARC of the Ozarks dinner, and Thanksgiving dinner for a new program with the Goodwill that helps anyone over 21 receive their high school diploma.

Words cannot describe how truly thankful these families are for the Baskets we put together, which have approximately \$100 in groceries in each box. We provide enough food for several meals by including mac & cheese, beans, and cornbread, in addition to the traditional items for a great Thanksgiving Dinner. This year we packed out 22 pallets of food!

My heart is so full I have to brag on my Team of Angels that show up, never complain, help me solve problems, clean up, and NEVER give up on helping, for three days of building boxes, filling boxes, loading cars, whatever needs to be done. These volunteers simply amaze me and we are so Blessed to have them. We also had the privilege of having 15 students from Marion C. Early Jr. High school join us and they worked very hard. Thank you, Kayla Wilson, for bringing such a great crew.

Regarding Christmas Baskets: I will ask please, if you fill out a form for you or someone else, make sure you have someone picking it up. We DO NOT deliver, nor do we have time to make phone calls. We have several hundred baskets to fill and keep straight. I appreciate your understanding.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.

Judy Thomas



*Photos Courtesy
Kim Lisenby*



Students from Marion C. Early Junior High School who came to help pack boxes for Thanksgiving.



SAC RIVER COWBOY CHURCH

Thanksgiving / Christmas Food Roundup

SCHOOL

VERY IMPORTANT

NAME _____

PERSON PICKING UP BASKET _____ **VERY IMPORTANT**

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ **VERY IMPORTANT**

NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____ AGES _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS _____

CIRCLE ONE OR BOTH PLEASE

*** * * * THANKSGIVING * * * ***

APPLICATION DEADLINE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH

PICKUP WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20TH BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 1 P.M.

PICKUP AT SRCC EVENT CENTER EE HWY 1 MILE EAST OF AB

*** * * * CHRISTMAS * * * ***

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH

PICKUP IS WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18TH BETWEEN 9AM - 1 PM

AT SRCC EVENT CENTER EE HWY 1 MILE EAST OF AB HWY

PLEASE RETURN TO JUDY THOMAS 417-425-8052 OR dbarjlivestock@yahoo.com

Thank each and every one of you for your generosity

WE ARE A VERY BLESSED CHURCH FAMILY.....

LET NO CHILD/ADULT GO HUNGRY THIS SEASON.

SRCC Financial Peace University Class

February 4 – March 31, 2020

Tuesday Nights at 6:30 PM

Are you tired of money stress? Then you're ready to join more than five million people whose lives have been changed by **Financial Peace University (FPU)**! This nine-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey, Chris Hogan and Rachel Cruze helps you work a plan to nail a budget, defeat debt, and free yourself from money worries! You'll join a group for discussions and lessons—all rooted in biblical wisdom and common sense.

The cost of the class is \$99. A limited amount of scholarships (up to half the cost) are available if assistance is needed. FPU membership includes your member workbook and a year of Financial Peace Membership, the **Every Dollar Plus app** and other online tools, created to support your journey.

9 Week Lesson Plan Overview

Lesson 1

Super Saving

Dave explains the seven Baby Steps that will guide you throughout *Financial Peace University*.

Lesson 2

Relating with Money

Learn why it's important for spouses to communicate and work together toward success.

Lesson 3

Cash Flow Planning

Learning how to take control of your money starts with a budget.

Lesson 4

Dumping Debt

It's time to debunk some common debt myths! Dave gives you a plan to walk out of debt with confidence.

Lesson 5

Buyer Beware

Dave draws on decades of experience to reveal the power and influence that marketing has on your everyday buying decisions.

Lesson 6

The Role of Insurance

In this lesson, Dave walks you through the world of insurance, carefully explaining what you need—and what you need to avoid.

Lesson 7

Retirement and College Planning

Dave walks you through the maze of retirement options and helps you figure out your best retirement plan. Rachel talks about how to attend college without incurring big student debt.

Lesson 8

Real Estate and Mortgages

Dave draws on more than 20 years of real estate experience to teach you the ins and outs of mortgages and how to win when buying or selling your home.

Lesson 9

The Great Misunderstanding

Learn how generous giving can completely revolutionize your attitude and improve your finances, business and relationships.

Check out these You Tube FPU videos:

<https://youtu.be/QzQsRXyi3aw> It's Time for Financial Peace

<https://youtu.be/97lpNMyGi8I> FPU Highlights

It's Time to Sign Up

For more info, contact Course Coordinator Fred Rosenberger at email fredr@msn.com.



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LEAVE MONEY STRESS BEHIND

You shouldn't have to live paycheck to paycheck.

If your bills are suffocating you, we've got a plan to help. Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts will show you how to beat debt and never worry about money again.

Sign up for this *Financial Peace University* group today!

<i>Group Link:</i> _____	<i>Location:</i> SRCC EVENT CENTER _____
<i>Coordinator:</i> Fred Rosenberger _____	<i>Contact Info:</i> email: fredr@msn.com _____
<i>Day/Time:</i> Tuesdays starting at 6:30 PM _____	<i>Start Date:</i> February 4, 2020 _____