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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

Sunday School Bible Class--Note New Time

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

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**Clean up every Saturday at the Church Camp site,
 9 a.m. Call Doug Evans @ 417-429-5563 for details.**

Calendar of Events May-June 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 evening Community Line Dancing Class
 Beverly Killingsworth, 880-8903 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
 May 30 5th Thursday Night at the Event Center, see page 3
 Jun 1 Church-wide Garage Sale, Details page 2
 Jun 2 Potluck after 2nd service, 11:30, upstairs
 Jun 8 Pickin' in the Park, Details, page 6
 Jun 9 Special Service at the Event Center, see page 3
 Jun 10-14 Vacation Bible School, 6-8 p.m. Event Center
 Jun 20 Deadline for Gazette articles
 Jun 29 Fund Raiser for Dynamic Strides, see page 7

 Looking ahead:
 Jul 14 Informational meeting for Church Camp,
 see Trailblazer Tribune for details
 Jul 22-26 Church Camp

Cowboy Riddle

What do cowboys put on their salads?

Bible Trivia from Mark

What did Jesus say you could do if you had faith?

Cowboy Wisdom

The first rule of filling up a canteen: always go upstream from the herd.

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 I can give you credit.

Quote of the Month

A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet, one of the most valuable assets in our society.

Billy Graham

Inspiration

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

Ephesians 6:1-3 NKJV

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.

Cowboy Riddle Answer:

Ranch Dressing.

Bible Trivia Answer:

Move mountains.

Mark 11: 22-23 NKJV

SRCC on the Web:

SacRiverCowboyChurch.com
and on Facebook: Sac River Cowboy Church

WANTED:

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

Special Needs at Dynamic Strides Therapy

Do you have a **good horse** that could use a **good home** to do **good work**?

Dynamic Strides Therapy is in need of horses in order to provide their waiting list of disabled children with life-changing hippotherapy. A new hippotherapist has been hired to help meet the increasing demand for these therapies, but many of the current horses are aging and need to be replaced with younger horses. Ponies welcome as well! Horses/ponies must be 14 hands or less, preferably geldings, that are **gentle**, relatively sound, and flat gaited (unable to use fox trotters or Tennessee walkers). **Your donated horse will be appreciated and very well cared for.** If you have a horse/pony that could be a true blessing to Dynamic Strides Therapy and the children it serves, please call Jackie Gilkey (417-844-7011), Barbara Joyce, Equine Professional (417-849-8825), or Marge Cheesman, Director (417-300-3192).

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.

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

YOU HAVE A GOOD, GOOD FATHER

Most of you have a good father to celebrate with this Father's Day. Others of you will remember your father and the great man he was on this day. Then there are those of you who didn't have what a father should be. I am one of those.

I have no memories of playing catch or shooting baskets. I have no memories of fishing trips or vacations. I have no memories of sitting on his lap or of him ever telling me he loved me. He never went to church with us and never opened a bible.

His father was like that too and that's how he grew up so he didn't know how to be a father. When I became a father I promised myself I would not be like my dad but I still messed up at times. I did things I am not proud of. It took me a while to get rid of my father in me.

Even with my mistakes, thanks to their Godly mother, our boys have grown into Godly men that I am very proud of. They have mostly good memories and they know that I love them. Their children have no doubts that their father loves them. They work hard at being good fathers. I thank God for that.

Fathering a child is not difficult. But *being* a father is! The first and most important decision of fathers is to make a conscientious choice to be a father.

Not only must dads decide to be involved with their kids, available and interested in what interests them, but dads must decide what kind of role models they'll be. What an incredible privilege that is to have the task of molding and shaping little children. Kids not only are able to see much and hear more, they replay the behavior they see in their parents.

A father is there for his children no matter what. Isn't that what God has done for us? When we were lost, he found us. When he found us, he lowered himself to our level. He brushed away our tears. He picked us up and he is leading us home. You are a child of God and you have a good father...a good, good father.

5th THURSDAY NIGHT at the EC

Pot Luck at 6 - Music at 7

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.



Special Music at the Event Center

Sunday, June 9, 11:30 a.m.

The Brethren Quartet will provide special music for the 3rd Service. Members of the group include John Ashcroft, former Attorney General; Ken McClure, Mayor of Springfield; Dwight Colbaugh, retired EU campus pastor; Phil Wieneke, businessman; and Valore Wieneke, pianist.

Friends and family of the SRCC

I have always tried to be completely honest with you and admit when I make wrong decisions. Part of my personality leads me to be experimental and entrepreneurial which makes me an early adapter to change. Later, after a change is made, I will, sometimes, have a moment of clarity and realize my error. I want to make a change in our Thursday night schedule. Our new Event Center is amazing and is a huge blessing to our church and community. I can't say enough about the people who gave to provide it and to the people who designed, built and use it. Originally my heart was captured by the idea of bringing the Word of God to people in a market space environment. At the Livestock Marketing Center (LMC) people who would never visit a church, much less regularly attend one, find themselves loving Jesus without all the church baggage. For all the years we have worshipped at the LMC my heart has been blessed and at peace. I feel the Lord's presence and sense his blessing on us every service. I believe the Lord called me to pastor the SRCC primarily at the LMC. I plan to never leave it until the Lord puts me on the shelf or hands me my robe for the heavenly choir.

About three months ago we experimented with moving our Thursday night service to the Event Center (EC). The rationale was to move into more comfortable environs and the EC met that need in spades. The change has accomplished much of what we hoped for and even increased our comfort and attendance. What I did not expect was finding my heart longing for and being led to return to the LMC.

Now - how do we fix this problem? The service at the EC is loved by so many. The EC is temperature controlled, it has amazing sound equipment, the kitchen is so handy and the air has a more pleasant smell etc. It is absolutely great worship space. Here is a solution I have come up with. Allow me to offer two Thursday night services - one at the LMC and one at the EC. We could offer a 6 PM service at the LMC and a 7 PM service at the EC. I will offer my services to be the lead teacher in both services. I expect the 6 PM service at the LMC to be shorter, smaller and focus more on teaching, prayer and fellowship and less on the music worship. This means our wonderful music program will stay the same at the EC.

When do we begin with the new 6 PM service on Thursday?

For many years I have taken a late summer vacation the week or so following our Sac River Creek baptism. I want to lead us to start the 6 PM service at the LMC when I come back to service in mid September. I realize this change both solves and creates problems. Leadership is not a science and our humanity doesn't always find God's direction perfectly. Thank you for your understanding and for loving me enough to trust me with this change.

Scotty

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Important Dates to

Remember

***Sunday, June 2nd:** Summer Splash, swim party at the Willard Swimming pool. 6pm-8pm.
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES AND THEIR GUARDIANS ARE INVITED.

VBS DECORATING AND WORK

DAYS, JUNE 4,5,&7: These are workdays to make sets and decorations for our VBS from 5:30pm-8:30 at the Event Center. Final touches will be done on Sunday, June 9th from 2pm-??
Volunteers are desperately needed!

June 10-14th: VBS! Join us as we travel to Greece with Paul on his exciting adventures. VBS will be held at the SRCC Event Center from 6pm-8pm

June 1st-July 14th: SRCC Camp registration begins

July 14th: Mandatory Parent meeting for camp. Meeting will be held during 1st,2nd and 3rd service. Please plan on attending one if your child is going to camp

July 21: Prayer meeting at the Youth Camp,6:30pm 3821 Lawrence 1250 Ash Grove, Mo.

July 22-26th: SRCC Camp!

Letter from the Directors

Greetings, church family. We Write this letter with a joyous heart as we celebrate all the blessings we see happening in our young people's program!

We continue to grow in all three services. We are seeing our young people make decisions to follow Christ. We've also seen students reach out to other students at their schools to share the Gospel of Christ!

We are looking for more people to join our staff, especially for our summer programs. If you are interested in helping to change the lives of students and love sharing the Gospel, please come by and speak to one of our leaders. We'd love to add you to our team!

Thank you for allowing us to serve your young people,

Dusty & Charlene Dowell

Donations Needed

Silk vines, clay pots, sheets of all sizes (fitted & flat) and pillow cases, old rugs, vases statues. If you want us to just "borrow" your items, please remember to leave us your name and phone number so we can return them.

Meet the Teachers

This months featured teacher is our Kindergarten thru 2nd grade teacher in the first service, Tami Green.

Question: How long have you attended SRCC?

Answer: I have attended here since 2009

What drew you to children's ministry?

Answer: I started in the nursery and then went to second service Sunday school once a month, before coming to this young people's program during 1st service. It's important to me that we start teaching our children early about the love of Jesus



Question: What is your most memorable experience with the kids so far?

Answer: My favorite memory is our Silver Dollar City Young Christian's Weekend trip. My group of boys thought I was cool because I rode all the rides with them. They didn't realize I'm a rollercoaster fanatic! hahah!

(interview with Tami Green
Continued)

Question: Is there anything you would say to someone wanting to join the young people's ministry?

Answer: What I would say to someone who is thinking about children's ministries is that you get just as much out of it as they do. These kids are a blessing and we do make an impact on their lives.

Tami Greene is one of many of the wonderful staff members SRCC children are blessed to have in their lives. Thank you Tami Greene for your dedicated service!!

SRCC Teaching Young People To Serve

If you ask a typical young person what their FAVORITE activity is, it's highly unlikely that you will hear WORKING mentioned, but the youth at SRCC do enjoy work days. It's a time of fellowship for them and they are learning to help others. Servitude is something we want our young people to not only learn about, but be a part of as well.

April 13th was a work day at the Campgrounds in Ash Grove. Our young people worked hard to rake and burn leaves, remove trash and prepare the campgrounds for the summer programs. Perhaps the biggest excitement came when our young ladies turned over an old wooden box and were greeted by a very unhappy opossum!

I've never seen them move so fast and I'm pretty sure their screams could be heard in the next county! It was a time of fellowship they will never forget.

Our young people have also worked for our Widow Women in our church on our "Work for the Widows" days. The Bible tells us that we are to "take care of the orphans and widows" in James 1:27. Our students are doing a great job of caring for our Widows. So far they have removed yard debris, cleaned out a garage, cleaned out a cellar, pulled weeds, cleaned horse stalls, picked up rocks and most of all showed the love of Christ to our ladies.

Our mission with these kids is a simple one...to not only teach them of the love of Jesus Christ, but to show it through their servitude daily.

Just like Jesus

We have started a new campaign called **JUST LIKE JESUS**. It was started to recognize students who show a Christ like love to new students and each other, but also to recognize students who are making a difference in their schools. While we are proud of all our students, we would like to recognize a student who has been sharing the gospel of Christ with a

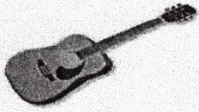
boldness that truly is to be admired. The following was written by one of those students:

Sierra: My name is Sierra. I am 10 years old and in the SRCC Young People's program. I look forward to going to children's church. Every Sunday. I get to learn a new Bible story. I love learning about God and Jesus. My teacher explains things so I can understand. For example, when I didn't understand why God sent the ten plagues, my teacher explained to me why the plagues were necessary.

I look forward to every Sunday because the teachers are so welcoming and inviting. I feel like the information I learn is so good that I just can't help but share it with my school friends and on the school bus. I love to pass on the things I have learned and my friends love it too!

I'm thankful to be a part of the Youth Program!!!





16th Annual Pickin In The Park

Bluegrass Festival

Presented by Walnut Grove Masonic Lodge

Saturday June 8, 2019

11am (last band 8:00pm)

City Park, Walnut Grove Mo.

Rain or Shine

\$20 Per Family \$8 Adults \$4 Kids (17and under)

Wristbands given at gate so you can come and go as you please!

The Finley River Boys

Kentucky31

That Dalton Gang

Flyin Buzzards

Bluegrass Girls And Company

Dreadnought

Bob Hammons and the Good News Boys

Poa Anna

Bruce Blakemore

Potters Wheel

Denny Gold & Bluefield

Red Bridge

Betty Jo and the Bluegrass Experience

Show MC Mark Withers co-host of Believers Bluegrass Radio Show

Gene Skinner host of Great Stuff

Sound by Gary Coy Studio C

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELP AREA CHARITIES AND FAMILIES IN NEED

BRING LAWN CHAIRS

CONCESSIONS ON THE GROUNDS

PLENTY OF SHADE FOR JAM SESSIONS

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Questions? Email osullivanlodge@yahoo.com for more info!

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Benefit Concert

For Dynamic Strides Therapy



*Our therapists are
changing lives.*



Join us in the barn for amazing BBQ, Bluegrass music, and meet our therapy horses!!



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June 29, 2019 6:30-9:00pm

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- On Facebook @ [DSTherapy.org](https://www.facebook.com/DSTherapy.org)
- At the door
- Adults \$20.00 - Kids 12 and under \$8.00