

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Services:.....8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at SRCC
10:00 a.m. and 11:30 at SRCC Event Center
Thursday Services:.....6:00 p.m. Event Center

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS

8:45-9:45 a.m. at the Event Center. If you have any questions please contact David and Cindy Hancock 417-773-2482.

NEW POLICY

Instead of a General Fund and a Building fund, all contributions will now be deposited in the General Fund.

SRCC Board of Directors

SRCC PRAYER LINE

and

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, call or text the

SRCC Prayer line

417.839.6508 or e-mail srccspringfield@icloud.com

If you would like to be part of the SRCC Prayer Chain, call or text 417-839-6508

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."

George Washington, Farewell Address

INSPIRATION

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9: 6

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Ages 2 through 6th grade

8:30 and 10:00 at the Livestock Marketing Center

11:30 at the new Student Center at the EC

Contact Tami Greene, 417-861-8922

email sacriveryouth@gmail.com

BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWER

Luke 2

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

BY LARRY WHITELEY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

It is sad that in today's world, so many people take the emphasis off of Jesus during Christmas. It is His *birthday, for goodness' sake!* But that is nothing new to Him. He is shoved in the corner multiple times a day, every day. Why should His birthday be any different?

Oh, but it should be different! So many people these days leave Christ out of Christmas, and sadly, it is not just non-Christians that do this. Some Christians also do too.

Without His birth, death on the cross, and resurrection from the grave, there is no hope.

Make a point to say Merry Christmas when someone tells you Happy Holidays. It also makes me sad and mad when I see an X at the beginning of the word Christmas written on something instead of Christ. Taking Christ out of Christmas is accepted these days.

Please do not leave Christ out of Christmas! As Christians, this should be our battle cry. We should start in our homes. Why do we condemn the world when we get so busy that we sometimes do not honor the true meaning of Christmas?

But as I said, Christ is not just ignored on His birthday. It happens every day all over the world. They reject the gift of salvation He offers to them over and over. How sad He must feel when that happens.

Let us make a special effort to witness to those around us this Christmas season. Tell those you know and do not know! Do not be shy about telling others. Be bold! Put up a nativity scene in your front yard as a witness to others. On Christmas day, read the story in Luke 2 out loud to whoever will listen. Gather family and friends around the Christmas tree and sing

Happy Birthday, Jesus.

I'm so glad it's Christmas.

All the tinsel and lights and the presents are nice, but the real gift is You.

Happy Birthday, Jesus.

I'm so glad it's Christmas.

All the carols and bells make the holidays swell, and it's all about YOU!

Happy Birthday, Jesus.

Jesus! I Love You!

Jesus! I love You!

STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD

Sac River Cowboy Church has never gone into debt and always plans to be debt free.

SRCC Board of Directors

POLICY RE: DOGS

All dogs must be on a leash and owner must hold leash while dog is in the church facilities. No dogs are allowed near food, kitchens, or food lines.

SRCC Board of Directors

CARD MINISTRY

If you know someone who needs a card, contact one of the three women with the card ministry. (see page 1). Addresses are helpful. OR send a card yourself.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT THE EVENT CENTER

The time for adult Sunday School at the Event Center has changed to 8:45 to 9:45. If you have questions, contact David and Cindy Hancock 417-773-2482.

DO YOU NEED A WALKER OR CANE

Contact Herschel Jordan @ 417-882-2286 or Kate Miller @ 417-227-8233.

LADIES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GALA

Friday, December 1
6 p.m. Event Center

Dinner

Special Entertainment from a great Branson entertainer
Singing
Celebrating Jesus

Coordinated by Rose Eskridge

Rose needs to know if you would like to Hostess a table. This would include decorating & providing an inexpensive hostess gift for each of your guests.
Rose can provide real dishes or paper goods.

Feel free to invite your friends

Sign up sheets will be available at all services.

Call, text, or e-mail Rose at:
417-860-4663

roseeskridge@aol.com

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will begin at 5:55 at the Event Center.

WREATH CLASS

Wreath class, December 2nd, 2 p.m., at the Stables (behind the Event Center) at EE & 101. There will be ready-made kits, your choice of style: Candy cane, cross, and circle wreaths. Kits will start at \$35, and go up depending on size and materials. If you are interested in attending the class, call Shannon Arvidson @ 417-827-6159

FROM THE

SRCC CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

SRCC Christmas Float: If your child or teen would like to ride in the Willard Christmas parade, Dec. 2nd, with us, please pick up a permission slip & waiver at the Sunday School check in. Line up begins at Willard First Baptist on Jackson Street at 3 p.m. (please be there by 2:45) and the parade will begin at 4 p.m. The route is from the First Baptist Church to Willard Jr. High School.

Children's Christmas Party: We will have a Christmas party for the kids along with some games and crafts. Date to be determined later, but tentatively looking at December 17th. If you would like to help, please contact Tami.

Children's Christmas Program: The SRCC Children's classes will perform a short skit and some songs for the church on Thursday, December 21 at 6 p.m. There will be a dress rehearsal the Sunday before. If your child attends Children's Church, I will have more details for you at the check-in desk.

For now there will be no changes to the Children's church times. We will continue to offer the 8:30 and 10:00 o'clock children's church at the Stockyards, and at 11:30 at the Event Center.

Unless we can get more volunteers for our children's church we will only be able to offer one 10:00 service. If you have any interest in leading a children's service at either location for the 10:00 o'clock time, please let me know. And for my current teachers, please let me know if you and your family plan on changing time or service location so I can make sure I have the coverage that I need.

Checking your children in for Children's Church: I know your kids are excited to get to their Sunday school class, but for their safety please do not leave them in the classroom until there are at least two teachers there, and not before 15 minutes before the service begins. We have a short window between services, and I need time to pick up and get ready for the next class. And also picking them up after the service helps me get ready too. I appreciate you entrusting your children to me and our wonderful group of volunteers. I hope they love children's church as much as we do.

Thank you!

Tami Greene @ 417-861-8922

THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone for helping us celebrate our 60th anniversary and birthday. It was so special seeing longtime friends and new ones. Thank you for all the well wishes, cards, and gifts. We want to especially thank Rose and her crew and the GUSS team. We love you all,
P.S. SRCC, you're the best! *Charles and Jean*

THANK YOU

Dear SRCC, Thank you for helping find good homes for the puppies. Life is just full of surprises! God is Good! We are grateful that all the pups found good homes with good people.

Bob and Darlene Baker

THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS BASKETS

First let me say that we have an Amazing Village that comes together to help with the Thanksgiving/Christmas Baskets each year. Volunteers show up at 7:00 am 3 days in a row to get started.

We are very proud of our volunteers and our Church. The Holiday Food Round Up is the longest running ministry we have at Sac River and we are very proud of that. We have provided for 1000s of families over the years.

The first year, we partnered up with The Cowboy Church at the Joplin Regional Stockyards after the Joplin tornado. We helped 65 families. Last year (2022) we helped over 600 families!!! So you can see we have grown tremendously!

Putting these food boxes together takes planning months ahead. We must order hams and potatoes in August (I base my numbers from the previous year) from AWG, which I might add are great people to work with. They deliver to the event center on Monday for groceries and again on Wednesday for hams and potatoes. It is a process to unload the trucks! Special thanks to Whisler Construction for always letting us borrow a fork lift.

Next, we separate the groceries, then build boxes, and fill those boxes with lots of food. Everything from Koolaid to cake mixes to brown beans to mac and cheese. Next we

make sure everyone has an application with ID, (this is why it is very important to get those apps in on time) then the boxes must be loaded into the vehicles !

We help eight schools with the assistance of the counselors with the Care To Learn programs, as well as several other groups from Springfield.

This year was a little different and we only gave out Hams and Potatoes. With the numbers growing in leaps and bounds for food, we thought we would try something different.

We put out an email and asked the schools to reach out to their local churches or their schools for a food drive. It seemed to work out well so far. And we may continue this next year.

In previous years we were giving away food boxes with \$100 worth of food for several meals not just one.

I have been asked by several people why we cut back. It has nothing to do with the new building or church funds.

It was my idea to reach out to the schools. I took it before the board and they took it to a vote. I think it was a good idea for the schools to try to get other Churches involved.

As most of you know, our granddaughter, Shay, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in July so my priority is with my family right now.

I could not accomplish all we do without the Village it takes. Thank you all so very much for your support and prayers!

Merry Christmas!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE.

Judy Thomas @ 417-425-8052



Your generosity means the world to us and we are grateful for your support. thank you so much for your willingness to give. With your donations, we were able to purchase Sandy's van. God Bless You All!

The Mahan Family



Class Examples

- Food Preservation & Prep
- Safety
- Power & Energy
- Water Supply
- First Aid
- Basic Mechanics
- Food Access
- Home & Community Preservation
- Medication Remedies

Are you prepared? If you think you are, how do you know if you've thought of everything?

The Ark Mission is a new networking group for people in ALL walks of life.

Dates scheduled in 2024

January 20

February 17

March 16

April 20

May 18

Come to learn new skills and help your community prepare for uncertain times.

Contact Information

Austin Hartweg: 417-773-4302

Ashton Hartweg: 417-693-0312

srcc.arkmission@gmail.com

Location

SRCC Event Center/Stables

6448 W State Hwy EE

Springfield, MO 65802

**SALUTE TO VETERANS
NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

**Sac River Cowboy Church is about Faith, Family, and Flag.
Special plaques were present to 19 of our SRCC Vietnam Veterans in appreciation of their service.
Korean War veteran Paul Hollingsworth was also presented with a plaque for his service.**

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(530) 635-5994 for an application or any questions.

DAN BILL

PASSION, PURPOSE and MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SAC RIVER COWBOY CHURCH FOOD ROUNDUP

Christmas Baskets

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st

HAM and POTATOES TO BE PICKED UP

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13th

BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 1 P.M AT SRCC ON 6448 EE HWY SPRINGFIELD

RETURN TO JUDY THOMAS or DROP IN BOX AT CHURCH

SCHOOL _____

VERY IMPORTANT

NAME _____

PERSON PICKING UP BASKET _____ **VERY IMPORTANT**

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ **VERY IMPORTANT**

NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____ AGES _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS _____

Please fill out application COMPLETELY

ONE Ham and 10# Potatoes per family per address with ID

DRIVE THRU ONLY -- DO NOT FORGET PICKUP TIME

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, KNOW SOMEONE OR YOU ARE IN NEED OF HELP

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

Please make checks payable to SRCC Food Drive

God Bless You and Happy Thanksgiving

Sac River Cowboy Church

“LET NO CHILD/ADULT GO HUNGRY THIS SEASON”

“Helping those in need one Family at a Time

SRCC BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ATTENTION: CHURCH MEMBERS

If you own a business and would like to place an ad or business card in the directory, send your information to:

frances_b_65705@yahoo.com, (Put SRCC in subject line) call Fran at 417-631-5898 or text her at that number.

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