



BONKHOUSE GAZETTE

November 2021 issue

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Service Times

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

Calendar of Events November 2021

Every Sunday night:.....**BAND of BROTHERS**
 Doug Evans, 417-429-5563 6 p.m. at Event Center

Every Monday night:.....**CIRCLE of SISTERS**
 Bonita Hines, 817-228-6654 6 p.m. at Event Center

Monday & Friday....**Line Dancing Class**.....Event Center
 1:30 p.m. Beginners 2:30 p.m. Advanced
 Alice Detherage: H: 417-742-3883 C: 417-861-3908
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Every Friday night.....**Game Night**.....Event Center
 5:30-8:00 p.m. Mildred Mincher, 417-327-5509
 *Game night is for ages 13 and over

SRCC Quilters.....Every 3rd Friday evening @ 5 p.m.
 & every Saturday morning @ 9 a.m.....Event Center
 Nadine Mahan @ 620-875-3598

Every Sunday night....**Make the SWITCH**.....Event Center
 6 p.m. 7th through 12th grade Details page 6

Sundays in Nov..**Children's Church**....see details, page 5

Oct 31.....**SWITCH Movie Night**.....Event Center

Nov 1..**Deadline for Thanksgiving Baskets Applications**
 See pages 9 & 10

Nov 7.....**Pot Luck**, 12 noon, SRCC, upstairs
 Everyone bring a dish to share

Nov 11.....Veterans Day

Nov 20.....**Deadline for Gazette** articles

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 1.....**Deadline for Christmas Baskets Applications**
 See pages 9 and 10

Dec 10....**Ladies Christmas Gala**.....6 p.m. Event Center
 See page 3 for details

Dec 19.....**Christmas Play**.....6 p.m.....Event Center

Adult Sunday School Bible Class

10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Event Center. If you have any questions please contact David and Cindy Hancock 417-773-2482.

New Time for Second Service

10 a.m.

Quote of the Month

"The Council has thought meet to appoint and set apart the 29th day of this instant June, as a day of Solemn Thanksgiving and praise to God for such his Goodness and Favour, many Particulars of which mercy might be Instanced.....and that the Lord may behold us as a People offering Praise and thereby glorifying Him; the Council doth commend it to the Respective Ministers, Elders and people of this Jurisdiction; Solemnly and seriously to keep the same Beseeking that being persuaded by the mercies of God we may all, even this whole people offer up our bodies and souls as a living and acceptable Service unto God by Jesus Christ."

Excerpted from the First Thanksgiving Proclamation, 1676

Inspiration

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalms 100:4 NIV

Bible Trivia

What did Judah, Benjamin, Manasseh, Ephraim, Zebulun, Asher, and Naphtali fail to do?

Cowboy Humor

"I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I often get to the end and think, "Well, **that's** never going to happen!"

Anonymous

Children's Church

Ages 2 through 6th grade

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

Contact Dusty and Charlene Dowell

email sacriveryouth@gmail.com

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

Statement from the Board

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

SRCC Board of Directors

Bible Trivia Answer:

Drive out the inhabitants of their land.

Judges 1: 16-36

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

STORMS OF LIFE

Most of the time life is going along just fine. Suddenly without warning, storms of life happen.

Mark 4:35-5:1 tells us about a terrible storm. The disciples were with Jesus on a boat crossing the Sea of Galilee. As Jesus slept, a furious storm came up and the disciples were afraid for their lives. Did God not care? Weren't they handpicked by Jesus and closest to him? Weren't they obeying Jesus who told them to go to the other side? Why then were they going through such a turbulent time?

The disciples initially feared the storm but the storm brought them closer to Jesus. The disciples said, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Not a one of us is exempt from the storms of life. A lot of us have been through some storms lately. Some are still going through them.

We may not understand why God allows storms of life to happen to us. Just know that we, like the disciples, can come to be closer to God through them.

For some the storms have ended, for some the storms are still to come, for others the storms continue and the boat's still rocking. The storms of life prove the strength of our anchor. Through the storms of life, the **Son** still shines!

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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Ladies Christmas Gala

Friday evening , December 10 @ 6 pm
at the Event Center.

All Ladies are Invited!

We will have entertainment, dinner, & best of all...
visiting with each other.

Mingle and Hors D' Oeuvres starting at 6 pm.

Please sign up or call or text Rose Eskridge
@ 417-860-4663 to let us know how many to cook for (
we want to have plenty).

Please invite your friends, family, or anyone you would
like to share this evening of fun with you.

If you would like to host a table, contact Rose.

God's Renew Crew

A non-profit organization located at the old school in
Halltown, MO.

All men and women are volunteers.

MISSION: To receive cars or pickups that are donated.
Repair the vehicle, make it safe for the road. Make it road-
worthy and provide free transportation to those in need.
The lead mechanic will go through the vehicle and
determine its condition. If it cannot be repaired, the
vehicle goes to the scrap yard and monies received will be
used to buy parts for other cars or pickups that can be
repaired.

CASH DONATIONS and TOOLS are always appreciated.
In you have a vehicle to donate—running or not—or just
needs to be hauled to the junk yard, please contact **Doug
Evans at 417-429-5563.**

If you would like to volunteer your time to work on
vehicles, call Doug. EVERYTHING WE DDO IS FOR
THE GLORY OF GOD

Salute to Our Veterans

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

Words cannot express the gratitude we have for those who have served our country. Their service came with many sacrifices.

In addition to a verbal “thank you,” here are some ways that we can show appreciation to our veterans.

- Fly the U.S. Flag
- Write a personal thank you note
- Visit veterans in a State Veterans Home or VA Hospital
- Donate to a veteran's charity
- Hire a veteran
- Invite a veteran for dinner
- Donate to a veteran's organization in their name
- Ask them to share their stories
- Don't confuse Veterans Day with Memorial Day
- Send a care package to a soldier currently serving
- Greet a veteran when they arrive home
- Greet veterans when they return from an Honor Flight at the airport



With gratitude for your service to America on Veterans Day and always. Those who live in freedom will always be grateful to those who helped preserve it.

Livestock Panels for Sale

SRCC will be accepting “Sealed bids” for the following listed items as “the unit” and currently arranged as a roping arena.

LOCATION: 6448 W. State Highway EE, Springfield, MO. 65802

(South of the main parking lot at the Event Center, behind the new pavilion building)

MATERIALS:

1. Appx. 92 pcs. 6 ft. by 8 ft. inter-locking livestock panels (about half of these panels are welded on one end to a 2” OD pipe post)
2. Appx. 22 pcs. 5 ft. by 8 ft. inter-locking livestock panels (none are welded to a pipe post)
3. 4 pcs 5 ft by 10 ft gates
4. 2 pcs 5 ft by 11 ½ ft. framed gates with overhead supports.
5. 4 pcs 5 ft by 5 ft framed alley way gates with overhead supports.
6. 1 pc 4 ft walk thru framed gate.
7. 1 pc 5 ft by 8 ft framed gate with overhead supports.
8. Few unlisted panels. ALL measurements and counts are approximate.
9. Pipe posts that the panels are welded to are a part of “the unit”

You may preview these materials at the above location.

Bidding deadline **Must be received by Nov. 9, 2021.**

Sealed bids will be opened on **Nov.16, 2021** at **5:30 P M** place **New Building at 6448 W. State Highway EE, Springfield, MO.**

You may pick up a bidding form in the Church office at the Stockyards or at the Event Center.

Mail to:

Larry and Ollie Long
11204 N. State Highway Z
Willard, MO 65781

Children's Church

We are excited to announce that Children's Church is busy, busy, busy! Dusty and Charlene Dowell have stepped back into the children's program to fill the position of Leaders since Melissa Jett has stepped down.

Currently students have been studying the Life and Adventures of Moses and the Israelites. We have learned that by not trusting and following God's direction, we can find ourselves wandering aimlessly in desolate places. The goal of this lesson is to teach the children that God loved the Israelites. even when they complained and were disobedient children. The Israelite people were people just like us today. God loves us and wants us to be obedient in following his directions for our lives.

We are happy to announce that we hope to begin Children's Church again for Third service on November 7th at 11:30 in our new student building behind the Event Center. Please pray that our furniture for the preschool-1st grade gets here in time to open on the 7th. **If you are interested in joining our fabulous ministry team, please call Dusty Dowell 417-880-1974 or Charlene Dowell 417-299-4937.** Our team members are like family and we have a very fun time sharing the gospel with young people

Upcoming Events for Children's Church:

We will have **"Thankful Sunday" November 21st.** Please send an old Adult size tee-shirt for your child to wear when we paint. We will be doing a special project with paint to take home for their Thanksgiving dinner table. Also, please send a family picture or pictures of your child with something they are Thankful for to be included in this special project.

If you wish for your child to be in this year's Christmas Program, please let Charlene Dowell know by November 28th. The children will be performing a short Christmas poem called "A Christmas Zoo-bu-lation" The Christmas program will be held December 19 at the Event Center at 6pm. Dress rehearsal for children will be December 12 at 2:30 and on December 19th at the same time.

**You know you're in kids ministry when...

- !) You have done at least one craft that you will NEVER do again.
- 2) You have prayed for a child's pet to get well soon.
- 3) You have prayed that God will send another pet when said sick pet dies.
- 4) You have been, not just tired, but VBS tired.
- 5) You love the smell of freshly sprayed Lysol
- 6) You have experienced a child understanding the Gospel for the first time and accepts Jesus as their personal Savior



*Photos Courtesy of
Charlene Dowell*



SWITCH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

There is a new Sunday night program for students ages 12 – 18 years of age. It's called, **SWITCH**. It stands for **S**erving **W**ith **I**ntent **T**o **C**hange **H**earts for **C**hrist. The youth study to learn how to have a deep and meaningful relationship with Christ through serving others the way He did. Students enjoy a family style sit down dinner that they help prepare, then sing praise and worship during music service, do a team challenge and then receive the Word through the Bible. The team challenges are a “hands on” lesson to help bring the Bible study into a clearer picture for their understanding. The challenges also teach students to come together and work as one body to meet the challenge of each task. During the month of October, students did a study entitled “The Haunted Heart”. One of the challenges was a chalk war in which teams faced off to battle to capture the other team’s flag. (See pics below) The lesson for the night was “The Battle for the Heart” in which students learned that there is a supernatural war going on between Satan and Jesus for their heart. It was a powerful message that hit home with many students.

Our students are learning to serve by leading and participating in church functions. Currently they are collecting clothing for the homeless teens/youth in Springfield at Rare Breed. Other community outreach projects for our church thus far have included helping with VBS and hosting the Trunk or Treat event last month and feeding The Band of Brothers dinner during their meal time.

The goal for this program is to teach students to “**Make the SWITCH**” from today’s selfish, self-centered world ideas to serving others through the ministry of Jesus Christ and serving others at SRCC.

Our Sunday evening program begins with dinner at 6 p.m. in the new student building behind the Event Center and it closes at 8 p.m. with alter prayer time. We encourage all youth to join our group and “**Make the SWITCH** for **Christ**.”

For more information on how you or your student can join the SWITCH team, please call Charlene Dowell at 417-299-4937 or Dusty Dowell at 417-880-1974



**SWITCH
Team Challenge**

Photos Courtesy Charlene Dowell



SWITCH
Altar Call
Photo Courtesy of Charlene Dowell

Calendar for Youth Activities

Oct 31...Christmas Play practice.....3-5 p.m. (Teens only)

Oct 31...SWITCH Movie Night

Nov 7, 14, 21, 29....Christmas Play Practice....3-5 p.m.

Nov 14, 21, 29....SWITCH (7th-12th grade) 6 p.m.

Dec 5, 12....Christmas Play Practice....3-5 p.m.

Dec 5, 12....Live Nativity.....6-8 p.m. hosted by SWITCH. Any family wishing to dress up and be a part of the Live Nativity, please contact Charlene Dowell to schedule your time. We also would like “live” animals for the Nativity, so if you have "friendly" lambs, goats, donkey or calf we could use, please contact Charlene.

Dec 12 & 19: Dress Rehearsal, 2:30 (young children)

Dec 19....Christmas Play....6 p.m.

Dec 31....New Year's Eve Lock In....7 p.m. to 7 a.m. (SWITCH teens group)

ORDINATION SERVICE

for

Jeff Bryant

October 3, 2021



*Photos Courtesy of
Ollie Long
and
Fred Angwin*



Message from Judy Thomas

Hello Everyone,

The year has gone by fast. Seems like the older I get the faster the days go. God has given us strength this past year. Doug and I both survived Covid as well as many others. Keep those prayers coming.

With that being said, it is time for those Thanksgiving applications to be filled out. Christmas applications will be in next newsletter.

We pray for everyone in our church family and pray for all the sickness to pass.

Thanksgiving applications are in this newsletter. Please read the instructions. Look at the **DEADLINES**.

They must be filled out completely. All of the questions are very important. Do not leave blank unless you do not have children in school, otherwise we need to know school and how many children along with ages.

Please remember to pick up or make arrangements for the Baskets on the **date** specified at the **Event Center** in the new building.

Last year was an amazing year feeding those in need. But we need your help keeping the Food Roundup going. You all have come together and helped feed over 3000 adults and children this past year. Delivering and handing out 640 plus Baskets. That is such a Blessing to so many in need.

I wish I had written a journal starting in the beginning, stories that will bring tears to your eyes. Children that couldn't believe they could get chocolate milk, the kids that had never had their own blanket, kids that needed socks and underwear, kids that needed tooth brushes and tooth paste. I remember the 17-year-old boy who asked for pajamas one year. My stories could go on and on but we can't do it without your help. So thank you all so very much who give a check or volunteer to help box up or those of you that pray for our families.

It Takes A Village And We Have The Best...

If you would like to make a donation at any time of the year, please make the check to SRCC and post in memo "Food Drive."

Don't forget our Blanket Drive for Christmas. The Look on their little faces as well as Mom or Dad are so priceless.

The Little things we take for granted some kids only dreamed of. Thank you all for being their Blessing.

GUIDELINES FOR HOLIDAY BASKETS

Fall is here and the Holidays around the corner...

The applications are attached in the newsletter and *several* things have changed this year.

1. Application dates are the *first of each month NOVEMBER and DECEMBER*. With our Food Roundup growing each year we need more time to buy and organize.
2. Also we will have a drive thru. Everyone is to remain in their car and we will get your name and bring boxes to your car. This will save confusion hopefully.
3. ONLY ONE BOX per family per address.
4. Telephone numbers are a Must.
5. Applications must be filled out completely.
6. Person picking up must be on app.
7. PLEASE pickup or arrange for pickup during our pickup hours.
8. Pickup will be in building behind Event Center on EE Hwy.
9. Please turn in your apps to me or the office.

We are growing each year and don't want to miss anyone that is in need. So please help us help you stay organized.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me.

There have been a lot of our Church Family sick including Doug and me.. So we are trying to keep everyone safe and healthy.

We want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Beautiful Merry Christmas...

We are truly Blessed with Great Volunteers .." IT TAKES A VILLAGE " I truly have the BEST Village..

God Bless you all,

Judy Thomas

Sac River Cowboy Church Food Roundup

Christmas Baskets

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY DECEMBER 1st

BASKETS TO BE PICKED UP

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15th

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 Basket per family per address

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

Memo Food Drive

God Bless You and Merry Christmas