



BONKHOUSE GAZETTE

September 2020 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

Calendar of Events September 2020

Every Sunday night: **BAND of BROTHERS**
 Doug Evans, 417-429-5563 6:00 p.m. Event Center

Monday & Friday **Line Dancing Class** Event Center
 3 p.m. Beginners 4 p.m. Advanced
 Alice Detherage: H: 417-742-3883 C: 417-861-3908
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Every Monday night: **CIRCLE of SISTERS**
 Bonita Hines, 817-228-6654 6:00 p.m. Event Center

Sep 3 Pivot Point Series begins, 6 p.m. SRCC
 Sep 5 Safe Worship Service, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. EC
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Sep 13 Annual Baptism Event at Turk's Farm
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Sep 20 Deadline for Gazette articles
 Oct 3 Line Dancing, 6-8 p.m. Event Center
 Oct 4 Children's Church begins, see details below

Children's Church

Children's Church will begin on **October 4 for ages 2 through 2nd grade**. We will be taking extra precautions before the children enter the classroom in order to keep your child safe. You may pick up a Safety Checklist at the front tables.
 We need Teachers, so if you are interested, please contact Tami Greene at 417-861-8922 or Melissa Jett at 417-461-4516.

Bible Trivia

From John: What happens if the hireling sees a wolf coming?

Cowboy Wisdom

If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there with ya.

Sunday School Bible Class

No Sunday School until further notice.

Quote of the Month

You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.

St. Augustine

Inspiration

[Jesus said] Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:29 NIV

Bible Trivia Answer:

He flees because he does not care for the sheep. Contrast that with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who will lay down his life for the sheep.

John 10:12-15

SPECIAL THANKS to the CARD MINISTRY

Thanks to Virginia Andrews, Sally Ray, and Bonnie Hauxwell for sending cards to all in the church for whom we had addresses during the time church services were suspended.

Several cards were returned, so if your address has changed, please let us know.

Thank You

The family of William Michael Smith wishes to thank everyone for the calls, cards, love and concern shown during Mike's illness and death. Mike loved SRCC and the many friends who made him feel welcome. He is free from pain and suffering and finally at peace.

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. We need your help to identify those.

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

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 Dyal

Third Service- Dianne Ivey, 844-9126,
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Prayer Requests

John Mooneyham requested prayer for his wife, Jean, who had surgery and has been hospitalized for almost three months. The Mooneyham's relocated to Florida a few years ago, but watch SRCC services via internet.

The SRCC Board of Directors Announces a New Safe Worship Service

I miss those of you who have opted to stay away from crowds of people because of the COVID-19 pandemic. I completely understand the necessity to deal carefully with health issues or compromised immune systems. I have heard from some that isolation is becoming a growing ache in your heart. I'm told you are really missing being together in worship. Virtual church on the internet is good, but you desire more. What if we could create a new "Safe Worship Service"? I am convinced if we were to offer a worship service where you would feel somewhat confident in avoiding the virus some of you might be blessed in a guarded return to church. Here is what Don Wood planted in my mind just last Saturday. He said in essence, why don't we offer a safe cowboy worship service that excludes the traditional coffee and doughnuts and requires everyone attending to wear a mask? What if this worship experience did not include singing or handshaking? In this safe service, we could socially distance ourselves and lower the potential for infection. I must apologize for not thinking of this already. I am so glad for Don Wood's idea and others like him who have a warm heart for all our church people attending in person or sheltering at home. Because the need for safe contact in a worship and fellowship setting has been marinating for several months I don't think we need to delay launching this new service very long. So if you feel this kind of service will meet your spiritual needs and at the same time provide a somewhat safe environment, join me (Scotty) on Saturday morning September 5 at 8:30 a.m. in the Event Center. Here is the format for the Safe Service - We will gather with face masks required and sit socially distanced from each other. We will have a time of prayer followed by a sermon. After the teaching/preaching time we will close with prayer and exit with as much or little social interaction as you want. Starting something like this is easier than ending it. Are we starting something that has the potential for a long life? Or is this just a patch on a problem that may be only a temporary fix? I don't know. It could be either. I say let us start it and just see what happens. If it meets needs and enough people opt in to give the experience the energy it needs to survive, who knows where it might go in the future?

Scotty

Annual Baptism Event

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for BAPTISM EVENT

If you would like to volunteer to help with serving the meal at the Event Center, contact Rose Eskridge @ 860-4663.

Do YOU want to be BAPTIZED?

If you want to be baptized at the annual Baptism Event, please sign up on the sheets that are available at all services. Or call Ollie Long @ 880-6318.

Annual Baptism Schedule of Events

First Service (8:30 a.m.) and Second Service (10:30 a.m.) will be held as usual.

Third Service (11:30 a.m.) will not be held.

After Second Service, we will meet at the creek on Charles Turk's farm (see map, page 4) for the baptism event.

Lunch will be served at the Event Center about 1:30. Gil Turk & Missouri 65 will provide entertainment.

Special Fundraiser for Dynamic Strides Therapy

Though Dynamic Strides cannot offer therapy at this time, the horses still have to be fed and cared for.

Fifty fall mums will be available for purchase on a first-come-first-serve basis at the Event Center on Sunday, September 13. Proceeds will benefit the care and feeding of the horses at Dynamic Strides.

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

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

We'll be gathering at a creek instead of a river but Sunday, September 13th will be a very special day and especially for those who have made the commitment to be baptized at our annual "Baptism at the Creek". It is a significant next step in the journey of following Jesus.

Jesus himself was baptized. He was not a sinner, yet he humbled himself in obedience to identify with us and give us an example to follow. Mark 1:9-11 NIV says, "At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Before being baptized you need to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and that he died on that cross for your sins, you need to confess your sins to God and accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Baptism is a public confession of faith in and commitment to Jesus Christ. It is a symbol of Christ's burial and resurrection. The entrance into the water during baptism identifies with Christ's death on the cross, His burial in the tomb and His resurrection from the dead. Baptism is meant to show that you love, trust and have put your hope in Christ. Baptism does not "save" you, only your faith in Christ does that.

Many have already added their name and phone number to the baptism sheets on all our tables at the Livestock Center and the Event Center. This information is needed in order to have baptismal certificates ready for that day. But, if you don't decide to be baptized until that day don't let that stop you. We will be waiting in the water with open arms and God will be smiling down as we gather at the creek.



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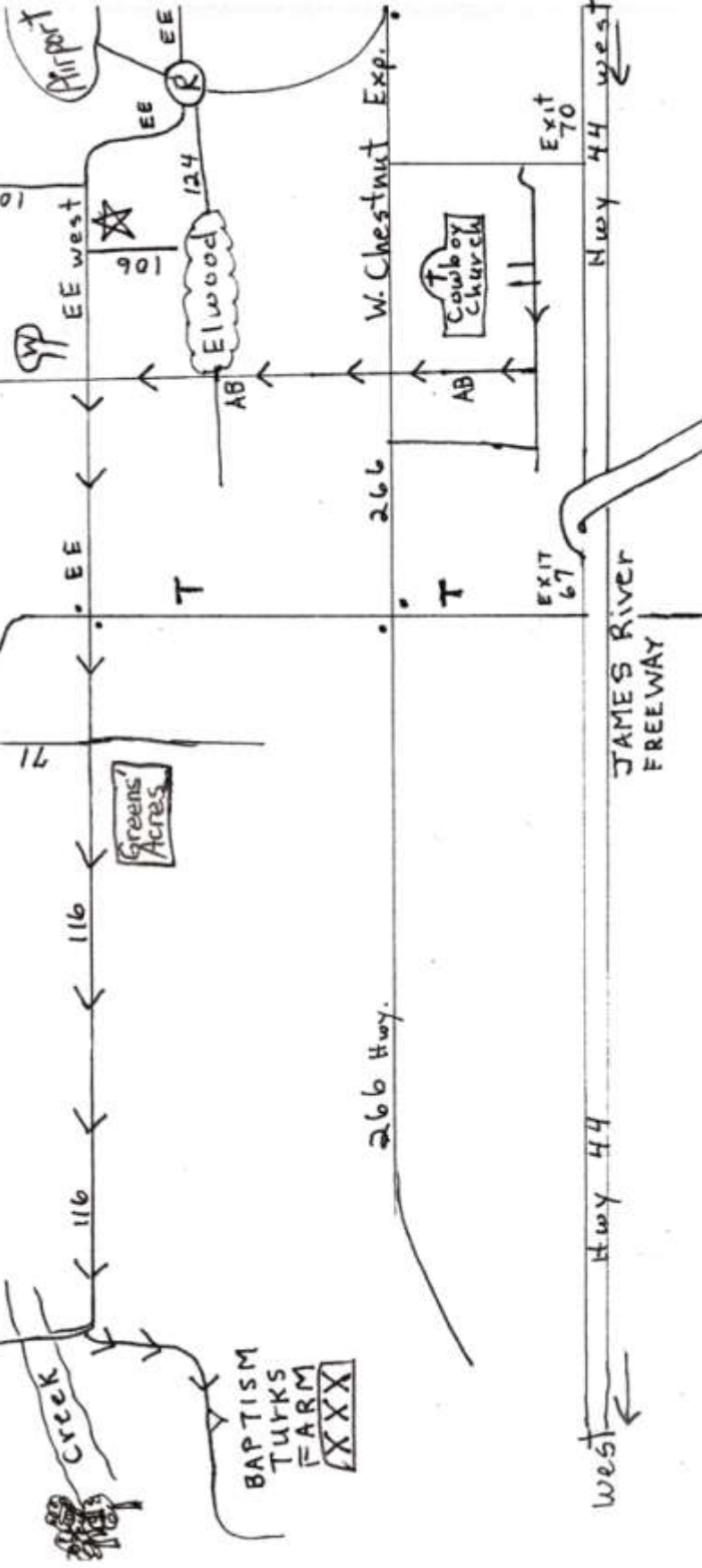
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