



# BONKHOUSE GAZETTE

## September 2021 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

### 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.

### Calendar of Events September 2021

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

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

Sundays in Sep.....Children's Church, see details, page 2  
 Sep 5.....Pot Luck, 12 noon, SRCC, upstairs  
 Everyone bring a dish to share

Sep 5.....Make the SWITCH, 6 p.m., Event Center  
 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade Details page 5

Sep 12.....Annual Baptism Event at Turk's Farm  
 Details-page 7

Sep 19 CASA volunteer will be on-site at all three services

Sep 20.....Deadline for Gazette articles

Sep 23.....Franklin Graham, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds  
 Details, page 2

### LOOKING AHEAD

Oct 3.....Ordination Service for Jeff Bryant  
 All three services

### Bible Trivia

Complete this verse: The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from \_\_\_\_ direction, but flee from you in \_\_\_\_ . Proverbs 28: 7

### Cowboy Humor

"Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip." *Will Rogers*

## Quote of the Month

“Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the other ones.”

*Winston Churchill*

## Inspiration

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

*Proverbs 29: 25 NIV*

## Bible Trivia Answer:

The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction, but flee from you in seven [directions].

*Deuteronomy 28: 7 NIV*

### Children's Church

**Ages 2 through 6th grade**

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

Contact Melissa Jett or Tami Greene, or  
email [sacriveryouth@gmail.com](mailto:sacriveryouth@gmail.com)

### Statement from the Board

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

*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

### Route 66 Franklin Graham God Loves You Tour

This fall, Franklin Graham will embark on a eight-city evangelistic outreach along “The Main Street of America.” At each stop, Franklin will invite those who don't know Christ to surrender their lives to Him and discover His lasting peace. These free, one-night events include live music and are the perfect opportunity to invite your lost friends and family members to hear the Gospel. Please pray for this event that it will bring revival. The Tour will be in Springfield September 23 at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds and Event Center and begins at 7 p.m.

Learn more at [GodLovesYouTour.com](http://GodLovesYouTour.com)

### For Sale

For Sale. New Horse shoes, several sizes — plain and heel Call Barbara Creed. 831-0464. Cell 417 353-9197

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

### AN IMPORTANT STEP

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 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 saying, “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Sunday, September 12th is our annual “Baptism at the River”. Before being baptized you need to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and that he died on the 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 Jesus burial and resurrection. The entrance into the water during baptism symbolizes Jesus 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 Jesus. Baptism does not “save” you, only your faith in Jesus does that.

Many have added their name to the sign-up sheets at the Livestock Center and our Event Center. This information is needed in order to have baptismal certificates ready for that day. You still have time to add your name to the list. But, if you don't decide to be baptized until that very day or even that very hour, please don't let that stop you from being baptized in the river.

When you are standing on that river bank and step forward into the water, it is an important step in your Christian life. God will be well pleased.

### Help Wanted

Coin operated laundry needs a male 50 years or older for weekend work. Sat.: 3:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and Sun.: 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Call Terry on Sunday's after 12:30 at 841-7544

### Volunteers Needed for Baptism Sunday

Volunteers are needed for serving lunch and cleaning up. Sign up sheets are at SRCC and Event Center OR call or text Rose Eskridge @ 860-4663.

## Thank You

To all our friends at SRCC

It is impossible to find words to express our thankfulness to our SRCC friends over the past month which has brought many changes in our lives. Ups and downs! Painful decisions! Without God as our Strength, we could not have made it. And all of you are an important part of that Strength with all the love and prayers you have been sending up for us. Norman received 120 cards!!! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Until something like this happens, we don't really realize how meaningful those

love and prayers and acts of kindness are needed. Please continue the prayers as we continue our healing process. Thank you, Jeff, for the calls and praying with us. Much appreciated and needed! And special thanks to those we heard from every single day! We love you all! Let me repeat that! WE LOVE YOU ALL! We pray God returns a blessing to each of you who took the time to pray for us! God has provided for us so many ANGELS! THANK YOU ALL!

*Norm and Joyce Elliott*

## Message from Scotty

The Next Chapter

The first chapter of the SRCC was hopeful, beautiful and intimate. A few loving, visionary people met in homes, barns and the musty, dusty old Stockyards in Springfield MO. They dreamed of using cowboy culture to reach an under reached demographic with the Gospel of Jesus. Chapter one was hopeful, beautiful and intimate. It was full of promise.

Chapter two began as the SRCC moved into the beautiful, clean and upscale Springfield Livestock Marketing Center. What was hopeful, intimate and beautifully born suddenly became filled with the very people the founding men and women dreamed it would be. It grew faster than everyone imagined. One service on Sunday morning became filled so a second was added. Next came a third service needed to provide worship space for the burgeoning growth. The target demographic was being reached and hundreds of farmers, cowboys, dairymen, ruralists and cowboys-at-heart were swept into the kingdom of God and were baptized in the Sac River. The founders dream was coming true every week as nearly 1,000 people were worshipping on Sunday before the testing brought on by the pandemic. In chapter one we shared a precious and wonderful birth. Chapter two saw the dream come true. Chapter two saw the church tested and come out stronger.

We are about to turn the page on chapter three. This chapter will be marked by new leadership tasked with the challenge of finding the Lord's leadership through a changing societal and cultural landscape. The secret of our success in chapters one and two was the strong leadership of the Lord. We can expect no repeat unless we find the Lord's leadership in our next phase of the journey. In chapter three, senior leadership will be joined by other voices with strength and youthful vigor. The shared pastoral roles will add greatly to our worship experience. I want to be the first to welcome Jeff Bryant in the harness as we share preaching and leadership. We will ordain and install Jeff into the new position of Associate Pastor on October 3, 2021 in all three morning services. There are many more things in the planning for chapter three that are currently being prayerfully considered. One of them is enhanced communication within the church which is much needed and timely. I am very excited to have expanded free time to work on this and other projects in the days ahead.

As we step into chapter three there will be changes. Change is never easy. In chapter two we reached the target demographic our founders dreamed of reaching. Obviously we did not reach everyone, but we were a loud voice crying out in the rural wilderness as we prepared a way for people to find the Lord. It is time to focus the dream and sharpen it again. What worked in chapters one and two has no guarantee to work in chapter three. Let's be honest - a lot has changed in our world in the last two years. What will our world be like as we walk through the pandemic and other political storms blowing with it? I believe we will find ourselves in a world that has changed dramatically. Pray for the church leadership and for everyone who attends as we re-tool and find the Lord's way.

*Scotty*



# News for our Youth

Summer programs for Children and Youth were a wonderful success for the Lord! We had 12 Teens saved at Youth Camp, 10 were Baptized and we had 2 children saved at VBS! It's so exciting to share the gospel with young people. Now, more than ever, we see that young people are searching for something to believe in that will bring them Hope, Security and a promising Future. They find it all in Jesus Christ. We planted seeds for the Lord this summer and now we want to water them.







Currently there is no Sunday school or Discipleship training/teaching for our young people ages 7th grade and up. We see the need and have decided to start a **Sunday night SWITCH program** for our young people who fall into that age group. SWITCH is a curriculum we use at camp from Life Church. There are several different lessons for today's young people to help them "Make the SWITCH" from worldly thinking to Christ-like thinking. Our first class will be at **6 pm, September 5th at the NEW building behind the Event Center**. The ages will be students going into **7th grade thru 12th grade. Dinner will be served.**

Our prayer is that God will continue to grow our young people so that one day they can step into Leadership roles within Sac River Cowboy Church. They truly are the future of our church. Please invite any student you may know and be in prayer that God's anointing will be each of services.

For more information, please contact Charlene Dowell 417-299-4937.



The Event Center church service wanted to show appreciation to the ladies that every Sunday feed the flock. We can't say thank you enough to their unwavering dedication to our church. Shown in the picture is Reaghan Grisham, Carol Grisham, Nadine Mahan, Rose Eskridge, Mary Ann Whitely, Anne Tunnell, and Judy Dennis. Not pictured is Stacey Hollie.



Our Alice Deatherage was a beautiful blushing bride on May 23<sup>rd</sup> as she wed Gene Christenson at the Event Center. Everyone enjoyed refreshments and visiting with the couple after the ceremony. We want to wish them God's blessings on their union.



# Schedule for Annual Baptism

8:30 and 10:30 services at Livestock Market Center

No 11:30 service at the Event Center

Baptism at the river at 12 noon

Lunch at the Event Center beginning at 12 noon

Church is providing all food.

Music by Goldwing Express 1 p.m.

