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First Christian Church



First Christian Church is a family of faith where everyone feels welcome and valued. Established in 1878 in West Plains, the church has been part of the downtown community for over 140 years. Located at 422 W. Main St., the building is just a couple of blocks from the square. Beautiful stained glass windows were added in the 1950s and are now illuminated a few hours each evening to allow our community to enjoy their beauty.

Our Church is active in supporting the Samaritan Outreach Center food bank. The first Sunday of each month, congregation members bring nonperishable foods that are disbursed to Samaritan Outreach. The church also assists with other local ministries such as The First Baptist Church Food Bank. We also support the people of our community, helping to meet their needs, through our benevolence program.

We are an active congregation that enjoys fellowship meals as well as other activities such as an October Harvest Festival, attending a Springfield Cardinals game along with yearly traditions of honoring our veterans and graduates.

Larry Dame serves as music director, Karma Garrett is organist and Ina Bates is pianist. Lisa Palmer serves as church secretary and Brenda Wiklund is custodian.

We offer a service each Sunday morning that is tailored especially for children called "Sonshine Kids." Kelli Allen serves as our children's minister and always has an encouraging and informative lesson to share. Vacation Bible School is always an exciting part of our children's ministry and plans are now being made for this summer. A

nursery is also provided for babies and children up to age 4.

The church is led by a board of Elders and a council of team leaders who serve in the various ministries. FCC is pastored by Rick Rutledge and his wife, Becky. They are a blessing as they serve the Lord and His church. Where there is work to be done, they can be counted on. They are a comfort to those who are ill or who have lost a loved one and work to keep the family of faith together in fellowship and praying for one another.

Our worship service is based on the Bible; we have no other creed. It is our desire to win souls for Christ and to acknowledge His grace and love for His church. We desire unity with all Christians and work with them to build God's Kingdom. Our goal is to continue to strive to be the reflection of Jesus in our words and deeds.

Pastor Rick delivers a Bible based message each week. Open communion is offered each Sunday for those who believe that Jesus Christ is our Risen Lord and Savior and want to share in the emblems.

All are invited to worship with us each week as we give thanks and praise unto God. Service begins at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday. You will be greeted by a friendly group of Christians who love the Lord. We also live stream our service on Facebook for those unable to attend.

Bus transportation is available and can be arranged by calling 417-256-2887.

A special invitation is extended to all to join us this Easter Sunday. Special music and a message sharing the good news of our Risen Lord will highlight the service.



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- Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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Union Grove General Baptist Church



Pastor Mike Parrott and the congregation of Union Grove General Baptist Church would like to invite everyone to attend our Easter services. Come for a visit and find a small country church full of sweet spirit. More than a church, we're family.

Sunday school for adults and youth is at 10 a.m., children's church and worship service is at 11 a.m., Sunday evening services at 5 p.m.

The Union Grove Ladies Auxiliary does a fundraiser once a year by selling Terri Lynn products. The proceeds from

the sales are donated to different organizations in the West Plains area.

To reach our church, go 9 miles west on CC Highway, turn left on AD High-

way, and go half a mile. Union Grove Church is located on the right. Come for a visit and become a part of a warm and loving family church.

Union Grove General Baptist Church

Sunday School & Youth Sunday School
Worship Service & Youth Worship Service
Sunday Evening Service

10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

We invite everyone!

Located on AD Hwy., from West Plains, take CC Hwy. approx. 10 miles, turn left on AD Hwy. Travel about a half mile and the church is located on the right.

Victory Free Will Baptist Church

Victory Free Will Baptist Church is located at 14331 Highway 19 Alton, MO 65606.

We are on the radio at 95.1 FM at 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings and on YouTube at VFWB Alton, Mo.

Admit

Romans 3:10: "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one."

Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Believe

Romans 5:8-9: "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath

through Him."

Confess

Romans 10:9-10: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt in line heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth it unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"

Helpful Bible verses: John 3:16, John 3:36, John 14:6, Romans 6:23 and Romans 10:13.

We would love to see you in church! Sunday school classes are available for all children of all ages and adults.

The second Sunday of each month we have a fellowship dinner following our

morning services.

We believe the Bible to be God's Holy Word, written without error.

We believe every word of God is inspired, infallible and 100% true.

We believe we are saved by the grace, mercy and love of God.

We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins on the cross of Calvary.

We believe Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day just as he said he would.

We believe judgment is coming to each of us all one day.

Contact Information:

Email Pastor Seth Huddleston at seth.huddleston@zizzers.org, or call him, 417-255-6954.

The Victory Free Will Baptist Church Welcomes You!

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Worship

11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 p.m.

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Presbyterian Church, Willow Springs

The Willow Springs Presbyterian Church is at the corner of Third and Center Streets in downtown Willow Springs. Sunday worship begins at 9:30 a.m. every week. This congregation has a long history of faithful service to Jesus Christ.

The Willow Springs Presbyterian Church was first organized in 1879

as a Cumberland Presbyterian Church. This congregation shared a building with the Methodist Episcopal Church, located where the current YMCA building stands.

In 1884, the two churches went separate ways, and the Presbyterians moved to their present location. They built a new church building on land donated by Elder

Christopher Harkey. One of the building committee members was David Ferguson, great-grandfather of current church members Barbara Easley and Mary Knott.

Many improvements were made over the years and the fellowship hall was added in 1949.

The original church bell is still rung on Sunday mornings, and the original wooden spire from the steeple is displayed in the sanctuary. This spire pointed heavenward for more than 100 years. Today the cross on the steeple can be seen throughout the town.

Our church is part of the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A., and it is a Protestant denomination with its roots in the Reformed tradition. This faith emphasizes our belief that the Bible is the Word of God and the only rule for faith and practice. Our congregation is governed by its elders, elected by the congregation. Worship is led by the Rev. Diane Cooke, pastor. Our worship and hymns are traditional in style, and we practice open Communion, inviting all baptized Christians to share in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

This friendly church family welcomes you to join us on Sundays.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WILLOW SPRINGS
Sunday

Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.
Good Friday Service: 7:00 p.m.
Traditional Service and Hymns

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His Place House of Worship

Founded in 2006 by Senior Pastors Greg and Angie Worley of West Plains, Missouri, His Place House of Worship is a place where Jesus Christ is held in preeminence; to be honored, adored and worshipped.

The mission of His Place House of Worship is to make and keep Jesus Christ our first love; to love, worship and honor Him with all that we are and do. Likewise, we believe that our next commandment is to love and honor those around us – to be Christ to all people and release His kingdom on Earth. This is our ultimate purpose and calling as His disciples.

The vision of His Place House of Worship is to create a community of authentic believers who embrace all of what it means to be a “New Testament Believer”. Through revelation from and by the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we can come into a relationship that is not bound in religious legalism but rather, enables us to live an abundant and victorious life in Jesus Christ by grace through faith. This freedom in Christ empowers us to grow in sanctification and good works to the glory of God the Father.

His Place holds the same view for our children and students. The same mission and vision extend to them through His Kids classes and His Youth meetings. We believe that the Christian experience is not one that is exclusive for adults. We believe that God can and will use children and students in their youth and that fostering these truths will also build their confidence in their faith, helping to insure their God planned futures as adults.

In addition to our church, His Place House of worship offers opportunities for Christian education at our private school known as His Place Christian Academy. We currently offer classes from preschool through 6th grade and have plans to add middle school and secondary grades in the near future.

His Place also espouses several independent ministries operating under the auspices of the church such as Celebrate Recovery a nationally known and operated ministry as well as other outreach ministries such as His Act which is based around drama and



performing arts, His Way Adult Ministry, WOW women's ministry and Kings and Priest's men's ministry. His Place also has prayer and prophetic ministries that operate under the guidance of the church known as The Furnace on Sunday mornings and Intercessory Prayer Group on Friday afternoons.

His Place holds regular Sunday morning services at 10:30 AM and midweek services on Wednesday

evenings at 6:30 PM. His Kids have classes during Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services and His Youth meets on Wednesday evenings. You can find us online at www.hisplacewp.org and follow us on social media on Facebook and Instagram. We also offer live streaming on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings on YouTube, through our church app and on our website.



HIS PLACE
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1849 Co Rd 6460, West Plains, MO 65775

Senior Pastors
Greg and Angie Worley

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WHO WE ARE

West Plains First is a place where everyone is welcome, people can meet Jesus, and engage in life-giving community. We believe in creating a space where people can have authentic encounters with Christ, discover their gifts, and then use them for God's glory. Located at 202 Walnut Street, we have Gospel-centered ministries for all ages that exist to grow relationships with Christ.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

On Sunday mornings, we have two service times available to attend. Our first service starts at 8:00 am, our second service starts at 10:30 am, and Sunday school is at 9:15 am. We offer Sunday school classes for all ages and walks of life, each geared toward

developing disciples who make disciples.

EASTER SERVICE

This year, we are excited to announce that our Easter Service will be held at the West Plains Civic Center! We will have one service beginning at 10 am on Easter morning where we will celebrate the resurrection of our King. Bring your whole family and join us at the West Plains Civic Center for Easter as we celebrate and worship our King who defeated death!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

On Wednesday nights, we have ministries for all ages taking place throughout our different campuses. Our ECHO Youth ministries, 29:11

Middle School ministries, and Roots Kids ministries begin at 6:00 pm, with meals starting at 5:45 pm. We also have Wonderfully Made (special needs) ministries and other adult ministries taking place throughout the church on Wednesdays. If you need a ride, our bus drivers can pick you up! Call 417-256-3128 for more information about Wednesday nights.

OUR HEART FOR WEST PLAINS

We love the city of West Plains! Because our heart is for the people of this city, we are passionate about serving our community with the goal of seeing positive life change. We have free meals offered twice a week through our For the City ministry, open our Food Pantry every week to those

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The poster features a background image of the West Plains Civic Center building. At the top, the word "HOPE" is written in large, white, block letters with a blue outline. The letter "O" is replaced by a brown, textured Easter egg. Below "HOPE", the words "WEST PLAINS CIVIC CENTER" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the center, the words "EASTER @ THE CENTER" are written in large, blue, block letters. Below this, the date and time "APRIL 17, 2022 10:00 AM" are written in large, blue, block letters. At the bottom, the website "westplainsfirst.org" is written in large, blue, block letters. In the bottom right corner, the number "646295" is printed in a small, black font.

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Trinity Worship Center

Trinity Worship Center at K Highway and the U.S. 63 bypass in West Plains is unique in its diversity of ministries. We are a Pentecostal church providing each family member spiritual and solid direction through the Holy Bible. We are affiliated with the Pentecostal Church of God with our national offices and Messenger College that is fully accredited in Dallas, Texas.

We have the following ministries here at Trinity. Senior Christian Fellowship, Men's and Women's Ministries with Men's and Ladies' Retreats and other activities each year. We have Cornerstone Adult Ministry with monthly activities. We have an active and successful Junior High and Children's Ministry. Our church services are Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30 a.m. On Wednesday nights we begin our services at 7 p.m.

Trinity is where everyone has a place and is welcome. If you are looking for a church home for the entire family, Trinity is the place for you. Come let us worship together.



Trinity Worship Center

K Hwy. & Jan Howard Expressway, West Plains, MO
Office 417-256-7906 / Fax 417-256-7566
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Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Mighty Kids Ministry..... 10:30 AM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Service: Worship & Word

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First Free Will Baptist Church West Plains

First Free Will Baptist Church was organized on Dec. 20, 1956, with 28 charter members. The first services were held on Garfield Avenue in West Plains with plans to build a new church as soon as possible.

Shortly thereafter, the new congregation purchased three lots at the corner of Thornburgh Avenue and Garfield Avenue and soon began construction of their new church.

In the years that have passed, God, has greatly blessed the church with many souls saved, and at least 10 men from the church answered the call to preach.

In 2003, the church began looking for a new location because the church had outgrown the Thornburgh property and in April 2004, five acres of land were purchased at 1814 County Road 6460, one block off Worley Drive in West Plains.

The church planned to pay off the new property before starting construction of the new church building. Again, God greatly blessed the church. The property was paid off, construction of the new building began and the Thornburgh property was sold in August 2014.

The first service was held in the basement of the new church on Sunday morning Oct. 5, 2014. God continues to bless with new families attending the church. We moved into



our new sanctuary upstairs in September 2019.

In August 2018, Ron Blanks retired after 31 years. His son-in-law, Ben Ryan took over as pastor in August 2018. He and his wife, Jennifer moved here from Batesville, Ark. They have three children, Evan, Ella and Eli. Jennifer went to high school in West Plains. Ben is from Illinois.

Dakota Bates is the youth pastor and has been serving in this capacity since October 2019. Dakota leads the youth group during services on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Dakota, along with his wife, Hannah, also teach a teen Sunday school

class on Sunday mornings.

Growing up in the small community of Alton, Missouri, Dakota graduated with his high school diploma from Alton High School in 2010. Shortly after graduating high school, Dakota began taking classes at Missouri State University-West Plains where he earned his Associate of Science in Business degree in 2012. Dakota currently resides in West Plains with his wife, Hannah.

Both Dakota and Hannah have a heart for the youth of our community and look forward to continuing to

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The Congregation At FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH



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Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Children's Church at 11:00 a.m.

Evening Service at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study & Youth Services at 7:00 p.m.



Harbor of Hope Full Gospel Church

Harbor of Hope Church was established in January of 2000. This is a little country church in the middle of town, at the corner of Fifth Street and Utah Avenue in West Plains.

The church welcomes all denomina-

tions and backgrounds to come and worship with us in spirit and in truth. For those who do not have a church home to attend, the congregation of Harbor of Hope extends a special invitation to you to come and worship with us.

Services begin 10 a.m. Sundays with classes for all ages, 11 a.m. worship and evangelistic services thereafter. Services begin 6 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays.



Harbor of Hope Full Gospel Church

Dwight Collins, Pastor

Corner of Utah & 5th, West Plains

274-1743



Sunday School - 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening - 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening - 7:00 PM

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FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST

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serve Christ as a youth pastoral team. For questions about the Youth Group contact Bro. Dakota at 417-293-3996.

The church sponsors several youth programs throughout the year to benefit the youth of the church and community. Some of the programs are vacation Bible school, teen youth and preteen camp. Each Sunday morning and Wednesday night the church sponsors an active youth program with classes for all ages.

The Senior Saints lunch is held at noon the second Thursday of each month for those 55 and older. The First Ladies Group is for ladies of all ages and they meet for various activities throughout the year.

The Easter program this year will begin with a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. and followed by a pancake breakfast sponsored by the youth group. The proceeds from the breakfast will go to the youth fund. Sunday school will start at 10 a.m. followed by Easter worship service at 11 a.m.

If you are looking for a place to worship the Lord and want to be with folks who love the Lord then you are invited to attend any and all of these services. If you need transportation to any service or activity please call the church at 256- 7377 or contact Pastor Ben Ryan at 870- 319-0861. If you do not know the Risen Savior as Lord, then we would love to introduce you to Him.

WEST PLAINS FIRST

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in need, and offer Clothing Share to those in need. We also partner with many local organizations. On June 27-30, we will have our Vacation Bible School where every child in town is welcome to join us. If you want more information on these ministries, call 417-256-3128.

MISSIONS

Our church desires to see the Gospel spread throughout our world, and we go on mission to make sure that happens. We take mission trips to West Plains, Oklahoma, Montana, El Salvador, and many other places so that we can bring the Gospel to those in need. These trips not only serve the areas and places we go to, but help

grow and build our own relationships with Christ as well.

PASTORAL STAFF

Senior Pastor - John King
Worship and Administration Pastor - Steve Francis
Discipleship Pastor - Brandon Harris
Youth Pastor - Austin Riggs
Children's Pastor - Phil Pietroburgo

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about all things happening at West Plains First, download our app (wpfbc), go to our Facebook page (FBC West Plains), or check out our website at westplains-first.org.

Brandsville Church of God

The Brandsville Church of God is seven miles south of Dairy Queen on south U.S. 63 on the left and seven miles north of Koshkonong on U.S. 63 on the right. Our congregation invites you to come and be a part of our worship experience. It is our desire that you feel right at home

and be touched by God and find God's purpose for your life.

Sunday worship begins at 11 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Come and celebrate the Risen Christ. We would love to meet you.

His under shepherds,
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Next Step Seventh Day Adventist Church



The Next Step Seventh Day Adventist Church of West Plains is at 3555 North U.S. 63. This property includes what is locally known as “the old racetrack” helping mark the location of our multipurpose building.

We hope you can join us there every Saturday morning at 9:30 for Bible study and the worship service at 10:50. The best fellowship opportunity follows with a delicious vegetarian fellowship meal. Please plan to stay.

We also offer a Thursday evening Bible study beginning at 6:30.

Everyone is on their own spiritual journey. What we all have in common is the need to move forward. What is your “next step”? Thus the origin of our name. We are all on this journey together and want to help and encourage each other in our next steps whether it be a step to Christ, a step with Christ, or a step for Christ. We will get farther faster doing the journey together.

If you are looking for a place to connect with God and His people, a place where you can grow and serve, we hope you will consider making Next Step Seventh Day Adventist Church a part of your worship experience.

For more information, contact the center at 257-8887, or call Pastor Brett Randall, 573-837-6004. You may check out our website at www.nextstepsda.com.



*Next Step
Seventh Day
Adventist Church*

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

Thurs. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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www.nextstepsda.com



All Saints Episcopal Church

Beginning on Palm Sunday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m. and continuing on Thursday April 14, All Saints Episcopal Church, a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, will participate in the 1900+ year old

traditions of Holy Week. You are encouraged to attend Maundy Thursday – 7:00 p.m., Good Friday 12 noon, Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m., and Saturday's Great Vigil of Easter, which begins at official sunset.

Sunday's Easter service is at 9:30 a.m. Fr. James Harris, opa, will be the celebrant and preacher at each of the Holy Week/Easter services. allsaintswestplains.org



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in Christ's Body
to witness and
proclaim
the Good News
of Jesus Christ"*

All Saints' Episcopal Church

Palm	Sunday, April 10th	Sunset
Maundy	Thursday, April 14th	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	April 15th	12 noon
Stations of the Cross	April 15th	3:00 p.m.
Saturday's Great Vigil of Easter		Sunset
Easter Sunday Service		9:30 am

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Pastor David Ball



It is a Blessing that West Vue can have an incredible Pastor like David Ball on staff to help residents, families and staff with their spiritual needs. He holds Sunday services at the Legacy building and at each of the Green Houses as well as Wednesday night services. He is also at the West Vue Campus from 2 in the afternoon until 4:30 during the week to pray with and uplift anyone that needs spiritual inspiration!

West Vue Nursing



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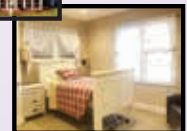
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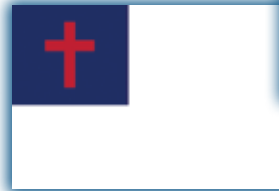
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We take delight in our diversity and are inspired by the wisdom of each other. We welcome all who seek an accepting place to explore beliefs we find meaningful, who want a community of spirit and reason, and a supportive group as we proceed on our personal and group journeys of exploration and discovery.

If this sounds good to you, or you are simply curious, please join us in

the ongoing co-creation of this UU Fellowship. We have been meeting on the first and third Sundays by Zoom, but expect to start meeting in person again very soon. Watch

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For more information, email us at UUFoWP@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 417-256-7499.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of West Plains

Are you looking for something different? Where you are encouraged to explore your heart and mind? Where reason coexists with spirit? Where you will meet people of many beliefs, who respect and accept each other? Come experience a welcoming congregation of open minds and loving hearts!



Our Zoom window opens prior to the Sunday service for an informal gathering. The service begins at 10:30 a.m.

You are welcome to join us. Contact us by phone, Facebook message, or email for details about how to connect.

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Throughout the week, we have several activities for all ages. Some examples include our Women's Ministry, Women's Bible Studies offered in the Spring and Fall. We have Men's Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 6:30 a.m. We have an adult prayer group that meets every Tuesday morning at 6:00 a.m. We have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9:45-10:45 every Sunday morning. For teens, we have NRG YTH on Wednesday evenings and NRG YTH small group Bible Study on Sunday

evenings. This year, we have added a 5th and 6th grade Wednesday evening meeting that starts at 5:30 p.m. We also host a Spring Alpha session here at the church where you can explore and strengthen your faith in a non-judgmental environment. You do not have to be a member of our church to participate

in any of these activities or study groups. It is our desire that you have opportunities to learn about Christ and grown in your faith.

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6:30 p.m. Youth Group

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All of us here at Spring Creek Community Church would like to welcome you to join us for Easter or any of our weekly services. On Sunday we start with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m. and we begin our worship service at 10:30 a.m.

You can expect to experience praise and worship led by talented individuals in the congregation, and a message that will (God willing) deepen your relationship with Jesus and encourage you to live out that relationship in your everyday life. We also provide children's church for those in fifth grade and below as well as a nursery for the preschool

children.

Spring Creek is an independent nondenominational church body. We seek to glorify God in all that we do and honor Him with our lives. We strive to reach out into our community showing the love of Jesus through various ministries and outreach programs, and we are constantly looking for new ways that we can serve our Lord and bring glory to his Holy name.

The church family here at Spring Creek would be honored if you and your family would celebrate Jesus with us. We are located at 3432 State Route K, five miles west of the U.S. 63 bypass in West Plains. We look forward to meeting you.

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An organizational meeting was held April 29, 1953, in order to form a nondenominational church. Tom Crow donated a triangular piece of land approximately two acres that the church building could be built on. Now that a site had been acquired, the greatest need was

financial. Various bake sales and auctions were held to raise funds, and along with church offerings, were used to begin a building fund. A ground-breaking ceremony was held Nov. 21, 1954. Actual construction of the church building began in April 1955. The work being done on the church building was

done on a volunteer labor basis. On March 18, 1956, the first services were held in the new sanctuary.

The church building has had many changes since that time. The church was originally built with a belfry in the steeple, but it did not have a bell in it for some time. A bell was later located and placed in the belfry. Since that time, the ringing of the bell has become a symbol for the call to worship. It reaches the ears of the community to let them know services are being held.

Hilltop Chapel Church is a very missions-minded church, supporting Gideon's International, Hammonds Mill Bible Camp, Compassion International, several missionaries, as well as missionary outreaches, home and overseas.

Services at Hilltop Chapel Church include Sunday School that begins at 10 a.m., followed by Sunday morning worship service beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship service begins at 6 p.m. and Wednesday evening Bible study begins at 7 p.m.

A very special Easter "Sonrise" service will be held Sunday, April 17 at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast. The congregation at Hilltop Chapel Church would like to invite you to worship with us.

Hilltop Chapel Church is located seven miles south of West Plains on Highway 17 south.



Hilltop Chapel Church

Located 7 miles south of West Plains on Hwy. 17 south.



SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP 11 AM
SUNDAY EVENING 6 PM
WEDNESDAY 7 PM

"Come Worship With Us"

Berean Baptist Church

The "Little Country Church in the Valley," Berean Baptist Church, provides a small, friendly, family atmosphere where everyone is valued and loved. Through worshiping the Almighty God according to the truths in Gods Word, Berean strives to show Gods love in a broken world.

Missions of Berean include sharing Christ with people in the Church and local community, as well as throughout the world. Berean supports mission programs of the Missouri Baptist Convention and South Central Baptist Association.

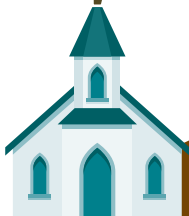
Berean enjoys providing outdoor events including campfires (complete with hot dogs and smores), hayrides, outside creation activities, and playground. Adults enjoy the children and youth activities as well as being involved in their own Sunday School Classes and mission projects. Special



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Berean Baptist Country Church



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purchase coats every fall for children in need, we serve at Samaritan Outreach and take collections to send to Bridges, and pack meals. This year, we also have our "Rocky Railway" Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 17th through the 21st. This year, we are excited to be partnering with The First Christian Church for VBS. Daytime VBS is available for children preschool through 5th grade. Our evening session is also open to special needs adults as well as preschool through 5th grade. We take a team to Jamaica at least once a year, to serve their medical and construction needs when possible. COVID has put us on hold for a couple of years, but as they allow us in, we will resume this mission. We are also reestablishing our Disaster Relief Team this year and will be available to travel to disasters within and outside our state borders. In addition, we have a few other neighborhood missions in the works for

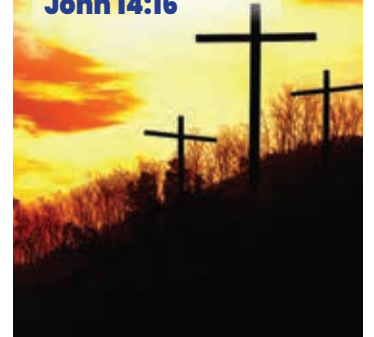
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We will be offering two services this Easter. If you prefer a contemporary style of worship with modern music, come worship with us at 8:30 a.m. If a more traditional worship style of worship with songs from the hymnal is your preference, come join us at 11:00 a.m. During the Sunday School hour from 9:45-10:45, come join us as we host an Easter egg hunt and an Easter lesson geared toward children. Livestream is available for those that cannot come to either service in-person on our Facebook page. Just search "First United Methodist Church-West Plains or on YouTube by searching for "FUMC West Plains." This would be a great opportunity for you and your family to come check us out as we celebrate our Risen Savior.

This list is expanding as needs and opportunities arise, and it is our sincere desire that if you see an area that speaks to your heart that you just simply join us.

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When you come into Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. you encounter our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Word and Holy Sacrament.

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. every week for ages 5 through 15. The Adult Bible Study group also meets at 9:30 a.m. Everyone connects with God's Word and has fun discussing, interacting and learning from God's Word and from each other.

Our congregation is concerned about the spiritual welfare of all people and offers Good News in many ways to the community. The Women of St. Paul meet the second Sunday



after worship.

Some of our events include American flags placed on the lawn on Memorial Day, July 4th and Veterans Day; St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the

Animals in October; Spring and Fall Inside Yard Sales; and the Christmas Craft Show in November. Additionally, we contribute in various ways to the numerous caring agencies in the community.

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men's events include fellowship opportunities complete with hunting/fishing stories and competitions in cooking, firearms, ax throwing, and bow shooting. Special celebrations and services include baptisms, Mother's/Father's Day, Veteran's Day, Fourth of July, Easter Sunrise, Christmas Caroling and special programs.

Darrell Jones, pastor of Berean, states, "God has called me for Pastorship at Berean Baptist Church and I have accepted His calling. Dianna and I are excited to serve the Lord in fulfilling His calling." Darrell and wife, Dianna, have been married 21 years.

Together they have three children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Darrell made a lifetime career of 39 years in law enforcement and retired in 2015 from the West Plains Police Department as Assistant Chief. Dianna owned and operated the Dollar Shop and More for thirteen years, retiring and closing the store in 2016. Darrell was called to preach in 2015 and has preached at the First Baptist Church of Koshkonong and Immanuel Southern Baptist Church in Pomona.

You may become acquainted with Darrell and Berean on facebook where he frequently posts encouraging thoughts from God's Word, encourages church attendance, and always reminds others of God's love. Posts include "You will not find the promises of hope in the things of this world" and "Love suffers long, and is kind; love envies not; love parades not itself, is not puffed up, Does not behave itself rudely, seeks not its own, is not easily provoked, keeps no record of evil; Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (1 Cor. 13:4-7). We often forget and need a reminder from time to time what true love is and

where it comes from. Attend church this Sunday where you can find your Lord, and Savior. Where you can find true love. God loves YOU."

Currently, Berean is open for Sunday morning services at 10:00 am. This year's Easter activities include an outside

Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am, brunch, easter egg coloring and hunt, and inside worship at 11:00 am on Easter Sunday.

Berean Baptist Church is located at 7050 County Road 1570. The Berean Baptist Church Family invites all to join for Sunday School at 10:00 AM and Church Service at 11:00 AM. Berean, a Southern Baptist Church, is located approximately 3 miles on BB Hwy, turn right onto 1360, then left onto 7050—follow the signs.

For more information, contact Darrell/Dianna Jones, Pastor 255-6002 or 255-6003; Orvie/Misty Weisbrod 293-7425 or 293-1527; Stacey/Mindy Smith 372-3206 or 372-7225; or Danny/Alice Smith

257-1552 or 255-5389. Berean's facebook page includes photos, encouragement, past activities, and future plans.

Over the years many people have remembered the "Little Country Church in the Valley" where they first met God. Berean invites all ages for worship, Bible Study, and fellowship. Jesus Christ often told others to follow Him. He is telling you today to follow Him. Start this Sunday by following Jesus to church where you will learn what it means to truly follow Him in all His ways. The Berean Baptist Church Family invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10:00 am and Church Service at 11:00 am as Brother Darrell reminds us, "God loves YOU. Christ died for You."



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Jehovah's Witnesses Returning to In-Person Meetings

After Two Years Virtual, Congregations Will Meet Together Again Beginning April 1

All congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses across the world are being encouraged to begin holding in-person meetings during the week of April 1.

[Local quote from exemplary person or family. Tell how long they have been attending meetings and why getting back to in-person meetings is so important to them. If needed, the second paragraph can be adjusted to segue from the local experience.]

For most of the last two years, buildings for worship have remained closed globally due to the risks associated with meeting in person. Jehovah's Witnesses in the U.S. also suspended their public ministry on March 20, 2020. Since that time, they have carried on their ministry through letters and phone calls while holding twice-weekly meetings in a virtual format. Average attendance at these meetings exceeded 1.5 million each week in the U.S., even though there are fewer than 1.3 million Jehovah's Witnesses in some 13,000 congregations.

"There is a collective shout of joy among Jehovah's Witnesses around the world right now," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. Spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "While we have prospered in many ways as individuals and congregations using technology to bring us together, nothing can adequately replace being together in person. We have longed for this moment for the better part of two years."

The move back to in-person meetings coincides with two global events being held in all 120,000 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses. The first is a special lecture scheduled in most congregations for April 10, 2022, entitled, "Where Can You Find Real Hope?"

Additionally, the annual commemoration of the death of Jesus Christ will be held on April 15, 2022, the very day he sacrificed his life 1,989 years ago. Both of these gatherings will be held in person at local Kingdom Halls with live speakers. No collections are ever taken.

"The timing of resuming in-person meetings could not be better," said

Hendriks. "Bringing everyone back together for these special events will have a powerful effect on the worldwide congregation."

Guidelines for holding "hybrid" meetings have been sent to all congregations in the United States. Over the past six months, many Kingdom Halls have been equipped with the required technology to hold a productive meeting that allows for in-person and remote attendees, all of whom can participate in the discussions. A pilot program was held in October and November in countries around the world to assess how this could be done most effectively. The lessons learned in these pilot meetings have helped form the plan for moving forward with reopening all Kingdom Halls, where the law permits.

"It has been heartwarming to see the peace and unity among Jehovah's Witnesses during this very divisive time," said Hendriks. "We know resuming in-person meetings will bring us

even closer together. We're anxious to see one another again."

[Local quote summarizing the feelings of those returning to the meetings] As of now, Jehovah's Witnesses have no plans to resume their public ministry, though their "alternative" ministry continues. In fact, since the start of the pandemic through November 2021 in the U.S. alone, Jehovah's Witnesses spent more than 400 million hours in virtual Bible studies, writing letters of comfort to their neighbors and making

phone calls. They have released 77 new language translations of the Bible and held two global virtual conventions in more than 500 languages.

"No time was wasted in the past two years," said Hendriks. "Our congregants have been busy and productive helping each other and their neighbors through this most challenging time. That's what love and unity are all about."

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1. Sunday school classes for all ages at 10 a.m. each Sunday. In our classes we study the scriptures and focus on applying its truths to our lives.

2. Worship service at 11 a.m. each Sunday. We sing hymns, pray.

3. Adult Bible Study is at 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

4. Youth on Mission meets each Wednesday at 7 p.m. The class studies scripture, studies about missions, prays for missions and does mission projects.

5. Women's Missionary Union (WMU), which supports missions,

locally and abroad.

6. We also serve the community by offering a Vacation Bible School each summer.

We at New Liberty extend a warm

invitation to those without a church home to come and worship with us. We are handicap-accessible. Directions

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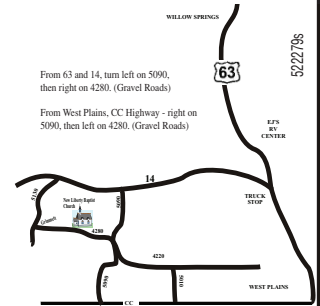
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Faith Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

Faith Chapel Free Will Baptist Church is behind Dairy Queen at the corner of Creamery Road and Crider Street in West Plains.

The Rev. Clark Stephens was the first to pastor Faith Chapel in 1972, when the church was located next to the Howell Valley Cemetery. The property for the current church location was purchased in the fall of 1980 and construction of the current building began on New Year's Day, 1981. Services were initially held in the basement until completion of the upper level. In its 40-year existence at the current location, the church has been blessed with many dedicated pastors, church leaders and families.

In September 2020, the church welcomed Pastor Jason Roberts and his wife, Mary Ann, of West Plains. Jason has formerly served as pastor of the Wolf Creek FWB Church (Mansfield), Pleasant Hill FWB Church (Thayer), Victory FWB Church (Alton) and the United FWB Church (West Plains). Jason is also a member of the United Quartet, which the Faith Chapel Church is proud to have as part of the congregation. His wife, Mary Ann, is a retired teacher, having served 26 years as a kindergarten teacher at Fairview Elementary. They have three children: daughter, Hannah Fox and her husband Lucas; son, Jake Roberts and his wife Charli; and son, Luke. Jason and Mary



Ann have also been blessed with four grandchildren, Allie & Lincoln Fox, and Blakely & Ada Roberts.

Faith Chapel is a Christ-centered church that is committed to standing on the Word of God and being led of the Holy Spirit. Faith Chapel strives to minister to those from every walk of life, as Christ demonstrated and set forth as an example for the church. Our services include singing, preaching from the Word, times of prayer, and

sharing of testimonies. We promote unity within the body of Christ, but reject conformity with the world. We truly want everyone that comes to Faith to feel like they are at "home."

We invite you to "like" our Facebook page at Faith Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

We would love to have you join us for Easter Sunday service at 11 a.m., with an Easter egg hunt for the kids after the service.

Faith Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

1501 Crider Street
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Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m.



Pastor
Jason Roberts



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We know that all things work together for good to them that love God. *Romans 8:28*

New Hope Baptist Church

New Hope Baptist Church in Peace Valley would like to invite you to come and worship with us.

We are a Bible-believing and preaching church that welcomes everyone.

We have a Men's Fellowship Group (Sons of Barnabus), Women's Missions Group (WMU), a Senior Adults Fellowship Group (Trailblazers), and Youth and Children's Groups.

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to the church are CC Highway to CR 5010, to CR 4220, to CR 5090, to CR 4280; from Highway 14, CR 5090 to CR 4280, or CR 5130 to CR 4280.

For more information call Pastor Chester Rebstock at 417-204-2773.

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is Liberty" - 2 Corinthians 3:17

Providence Baptist Church

Providence Baptist Church at 910 St. Louis St., West Plains, will celebrate the risen Savior this Easter Sunday with an early morning service at 7 a.m., Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m.

We invite everyone to come out Easter morning and join us in praise and worship. Easter not only commemorates the resurrection of Jesus, but also reminds believers of the promise of life eternal through Jesus our Savior. "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." Psalms 95:6.

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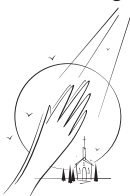
Pastor: Kent Watkins

Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday

Prayer & Bible Study
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Are you searching for a church home where everyone is family? The First Church of God at 1700 Wayhaven Drive in West Plains invites you to worship with us. Our church has been a part of the West Plains community since 1927, and the congregation desires to continue to serve. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. with the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. We have an evening service at 6 p.m. On Wednesday, Ladies Bible Study is at 10 a.m.; Adult Bible Study is at 6:30 p.m. There is also 4twelve Student Ministries Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. We have an active Men's Fellowship and an active Christian Women Connection group which meet regularly.

Here is what you will find at the First Church of God:

- A priority on worship. We enjoy praising God through songs, hymns and testimony. We find encouragement through prayer and insight through preaching.
- A focus on the family. Strong families are a goal of our congregation. Every age, from nursery to senior citizen, is valued.
- A support group of friendly people.

You will feel welcomed and accepted from the very beginning. We strive to be loving and sincere in our relationship with God and one another and to be a positive, supportive congregation.

At the First Church of God, you can expect a place where:

- You can meet us at the Cross of Christ, because Jesus is the Subject.
- Salvation makes one a member of the Body of Christ - that's the Church!
- The Body of Christ is one, here and now - that's Unity!
- All members of the Body of Christ are to live a life that follows Jesus' example - that's Holiness!

A local community church with a worldwide mission, we are affiliated with the Church of God movement with national offices in Anderson, Indiana. The Church of God has approximately 2,100 congregations in the U.S.A. and Canada and has missionaries in countries around the world.

We extend a warm welcome for you to join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please call the church office at (417) 256-3079 for more information or check us out at jesusisthesubject.org.



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1700 Wayhaven Drive (Next to the Fairgrounds) West Plains, MO
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Central Calvary Baptist Church is a friendly, caring, family-oriented and missions-minded church. It is our goal to always be a church with a heart for people – not only locally, but all around the world.

To those who do not have a church home, we extend a warm welcome to come and celebrate Easter with us. We are located about 1½ miles west of Highway 63 on CC Highway.

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We appreciate all of those who have been a part of our ministry since 1983. For more information, call us at 417-256-9246, or visit us at www.centralcalvarybaptistchurch.com

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Elk Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church

We would like to take this time to invite anyone without a church home to come worship with us here at Elk Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church, located east of West Plains. Go 9.6 miles to County Road 9830, then turn right on CR 9830 for a half mile. The church will be on the left-hand side of the road.

Worship Service 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Service 6:30

p.m.

There is a Fellowship Supper the

first Wednesday evening of every month; everyone brings plenty of food and very good fellowship.

Elk Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church was organized on June 1, 1891, with the Rev. H.H. Bone, W.H. Cook and Elder N.M. Rippey in charge. Services were held in a log house a half mile south and fourth mile west of the present location. The present building was erected in 1893, with the vestibule added in 1954 and the interior finished at the time. Three Sunday School rooms and a utility room were added in 1956, and a fellowship hall and basement in the late 1970s.

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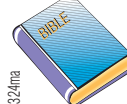
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Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Services - 6:30 p.m.

**Pastor
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Good News Freewill Baptist Church



Our pastor Terry Lunyou and the church welcome all to come and join us in praise, worship and reading God's Holy Word.

Come, our God is a "waymaker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness."

Come, share in the hope we have in Jesus. "For our hearts shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name." (Psalms 33:21)

10 a.m. Sunday mornings, classes for all ages. Youth adventures to teach leadership and morals and courage to be the people God wants us to be. "Hear, for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things." (Proverbs 8:6)

11 a.m. Sundays, praise and worship. "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and songs of praise."

We have children's church for ages 3 to 12. Come children and hear how much God loves you. Class has stories of the Bible and crafts.

6 p.m. Sunday evening, praise and worship. Prayer request. We have a prayer wall, come add your request.

"You have not, because you ask

not." We believe God hears and answers prayers.

To text a prayer request, send to 417-274-4890.

6:30 p.m. Thursday evening Bible study and prayer. Come and ask questions and understand the Bible. Come with prayer request that we can pray for each other.

Phillippians 4:6-"do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God."

Come, you have a choice to accept Christ as your Savior and to have hope to live again in Heaven. You don't have to walk alone.

The altars are always open.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world, through him, might be saved." (John 3:16-17.)

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Sunday School	10:00 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Evening Service	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	6:00 pm
Thursday Bible Study	6:30 pm

Pastor Terry Lunyou

THOU ART
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Whosoever thou art that entereth this church, it is thy Father's house; come in the spirit of reverence, worship in the spirit of humility; and leave it not without a prayer to God for thyself, for those who minister, and for those who worship here.

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Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Mt. Zion Baptist Church on County Road 4870, four miles west of Olden, was organized by a group of men and women in a brush arbor meeting in 1875. There were seven charter members. The church continued to meet in brush arbors and in schoolhouses, some of which were log buildings, for the next 21 years. For 19 years, the church worshipped in the Bridges School.

In 1886, Sarah Perkins donated a tract of land consisting of four acres for the purpose of building a church house and cemetery. The land already contained the grave of her husband, James, who was the first person buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

The population of the area was small and there were few churches, causing people to come from as far as Dripping Springs in wagons for services held for a two-day weekend, usually once a month. Some members walked from three to five miles to attend services.

In 1896, the church finally raised enough money to build its own place of worship. This building served as a meeting place until 1946 when it was destroyed by a tornado.

In August 1920, the church membership was 94. The property was valued at \$500. The pastor's salary was \$63 a year. The total expense for the year



was \$78.85.

In 1948, a new rock church with classrooms in the basement was built to house the congregation.

The 100th anniversary was observed Sunday, May 11, 1975.

In October 2002, the church had 166

members.

Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. with worship services at 11 a.m. Interim Pastor Chris Rutledge welcomes everyone. Following recent renovations, Mt. Zion Baptist is now handicap-accessible.

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Davis Creek Community Church

Davis Creek Community Church is about 9 miles southwest of West Plains at the end of AB Highway.

Our pastor is Rev. Jim Lunyou.

The original building was built as a one room school in 1893 and educated many laughing children in the community. When the schools of Howell County consolidated in 1958, the building was purchased by the community to serve as a community church, which with the blessings of the Lord, continues to give us a welcoming place to worship today.

Sunday school starts at 10 a.m., with Sunday morning worship with Rev. Lunyou beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday evening Bible studies begin at 5 p.m., with studies being led by Rever-

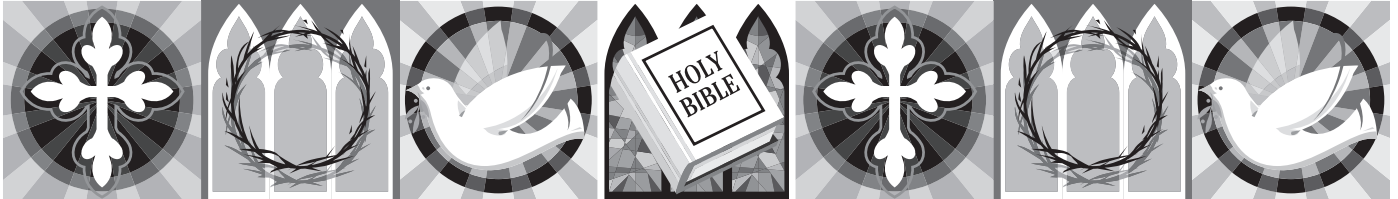


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We can never have too many, so we would enjoy

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Willow Springs No. 2 Free Will Baptist Church



In 1939, the Willow Springs No. 2 Free Will Baptist Church near Vanzant was established, and it is still active today.

The first minister was Clarence Ussery, followed by Zim Sims and Drew Smith.

Pastor Lonnie Johnson has served as the congregation's preacher for over 10 years.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., followed by worship services at 11 a.m.

Midweek services are 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Old-time gospel singing is held on Friday nights when announced. Fellowship dinners are held every first Sunday after services.

The church had a Fall Festival in October 2019 and is planning a Spring Festival on Saturday, April 25. There will be a gospel music, a cookout with hamburgers, hotdogs, pulled pork and all the trimmings plus drinks and desserts. Bounce house, games and

entertainment for the kids.

To reach the church from West Plains, drive north on Highway 14 to Richville (W Highway), turn right and proceed to AH Highway. Turn right on AH and drive about 1.5 miles. The church is on the left, look for the sign.

Our doors are always open to anyone wishing to attend. For more information about the church, call Johnson at 417-256-7880, 417-293-3469, 417-259-4637 or 417-250-0403.

"Egg Drop" Planned at Mercy St. Francis Hospital

Drive-through event runs for second year

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Mo. (March 24, 2022) – There can be a bright side to pandemic-forced event changes, and the Easter celebration at Mercy St. Francis is a great example. Last year's event was such a success, the team didn't want to "drop" it.

"The community knows we usually do an egg hunt on our lawn," said Cindy Beck, administrator of Mercy St. Francis Hospital. "Last year, we opted for a socially distanced 'egg drop' instead, and the kids loved it so much we're going to do it again."

Participating in the egg drop is simple; families can drop by the hospital parking lot in their cars and receive bags of Easter eggs and goodies

for their children. As always, kids are divided into age groups: 1 to 3, 4 to 6, 7 to 9 and 10 to 12. One lucky child in each age group will find a gold coin and win a new bicycle.

"The Mountain View Chamber of Commerce partners with us each year for this Easter event," Beck said. "We heard from a lot of families that the kids had a great time hunting through their bags for goodies and the possibility of rolling away with some new wheels."

The event is set for Tuesday, April 12, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Cars should enter at the Y Highway entrance to the hospital, which is located at 100 W. Highway 60. The event will be held rain or shine.

Willow Springs#2 Free Will Baptist



LONNIE JOHNSON,
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Sunday School	10 a.m.
Worship	11 a.m.
Wednesday	6 p.m.



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Sunday Night: 6:00 p.m.
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KINGDOM LIVING

Image Bearers of God

John Piper once wrote “Christian living is supernatural or it is nothing.” I must confess that, I agree wholeheartedly. When I look at the man that Jesus Christ was and read the scriptures in the bible that detail His life, His ministry and all that He has freely given to us as His beloved, who could arrive at any other conclusion?

What does it mean to say that the Christian life is supernatural? Is it only relating to God's existence or His nature? Does it refer only to our spiritual being having no connection to our physical and mental existence or the natural world in which we live?

As Christians, we should dig into the truth of what it means to have the Spirit of God alive in us. Exploring the possibilities of what it is to be called “sons of God”. I want to ponder and experience living a life that espouses not only living in a natural world that we understand through reason, logic, science and our senses, but also exploring what the scriptures demonstrate and speak of that infuses the supernatural into the natural and the spiritual into the physical. As we search the scriptures we will find the truth that God has created us in His image and we simultaneously live a life that is natural and supernatural, temporal and eternal and physical and spiritual. To understand what it means to live a supernatural life, we must start at the beginning. We have to understand what it is in fact that makes us supernatural beings that live a life that is not summed up merely by mental and biological functions. There is a part of us in fact that is eternal and has its origins in the heart of God.

To understand this, we have to go back to the origin as it is recorded in the Bible. The account of Genesis, is where mankind is taken from the supernaturally exclusive position in the heart and mind of God and breathed into a natural, physical existence.

Genesis 1:26-27 - NKJV

26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our

likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over [a] all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Almost every Christian is familiar with the previous scriptures. After all, it is the genesis of mankind we are talking about and for all intents and purposes it is a large part of where our religious doctrines have their foundations. I wonder though, how often Christians think on these scriptures and ask what that implies? The simple fact that we are made in the image of God (in His likeness or fashioned after His personhood) should awake an arousing curiosity in our minds.

This is only the foundations of our existence but even in our limited understanding of the magnitude of God's existence in its most basic sense of understanding should as Christians strike awe into our minds



NATHAN OGDEN
COMMENTATOR

on the realm of possibilities that truth alone offers to us.

Despite this, it amazes me that there are so many people who are opposed to the idea that we are the creative handiwork of an omniscient God.

When you look at just the physical characteristics of our makeup, it is mind boggling to consider the sheer magnitude of

genetics and the intelligent organization and fabrication of our physical being based on these singular things. Our entire body is made up from unique pairings of nucleotide bases. As humans we have 3 billion of these base pairs, which reside in the 23 pairs of chromosomes within the nucleus of all our cells. Each chromosome contains hundreds to thousands of genes, which carry the instructions for making proteins.

The sheer complexity of that construction and the biological programming of each cell to carry out its function in a prescribed manner for a predetermined length of time is something that computer and

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software engineers can only dream would be possible in a sense of real-world technological developments.

Never mind that we haven't even gotten into the realm of the psyche and how the mind works, encoding and translating information from outward stimuli. Our bodies and brains are thousands of times, perhaps millions of times more sophisticated and adapted than any developed artificial systems, yet so many people will not allow

themselves to embrace even the possibility of any intelligent design behind it.

God in His completion is mind, body and spirit. God has a mind, a soul, or a will if you prefer. He is full of emotions and thoughts and is an intelligent existence. Paul explains to us in his writings in 1 Corinthians 2:11 that it is possible to know the mind of God and what and how God thinks if His spirit lives in us:

1 Corinthians 2:11 - NKJV

11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

In addition to having a mind, God is a spirit. Jesus Himself makes this very clear when teaching the Samaritan woman at the well about worshipping God in spirit and in truth:

John 4:23-24 - NKJV

23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Lastly, God is flesh and has a physical body in the form of Jesus Christ:

John 1:14 - NKJV

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begot-

ten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Just as Jesus was united with the Father as one before He became flesh, Eve was created and existed in Adam before God took a rib and fashioned a physical body to house the feminine characteristics of God's nature. I also want to explain that my earlier comment "sons of God" includes both men and women. There is no separation in the relational standing we have with the Father through Jesus Christ based on our natural gender, our nationality, skin color or status.

Genesis 5:2 - NKJV

2 He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created.

Galatians 3:28 - NKJV

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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Evening services at 6:30 p.m. feature plenty of singing and time spent in prayer.

We have a singing every third Sunday night with one other church.

Many members of Dry Creek today are children and grandchildren of those old men and women of God who labored, prayed, lived and sacrificed that we might have this place to worship today.

We invite you to come and take part. If you have any questions or just want more information call 417-372-7683 or 417-252-1005.



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Philippians 4:13



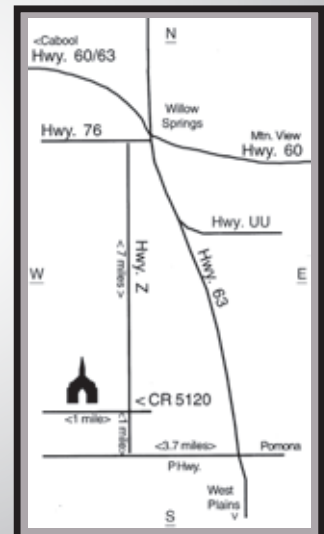
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Victoria Mission Church

In the 1930s a business meeting was held to discuss building and starting a church at what was then known as Cull, Mo.

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Calling all Catholics! Your Father in Heaven wants you to come home, and so do we, your fellow members of Christ's body, the Church. The longing you have in your heart can be fulfilled through Jesus and his Catholic Church. You are not alone. Countless of your own brothers and sisters in Christ have returned home, have come back to Confession and to Mass, and have experienced the joy of a renewed relationship with the God who loves them and accepts them unconditionally. Now, you can too.

If you are not Catholic and would like to become Catholic, please



inquire about our RCIA classes which run concurrently with the school year.

Our annual chicken BBQ will be the weekend of September 10-11, everyone mark your calendar.

Our parish staff, Fr. Maurice Chukwukere, parish administrator, and Ann Hall, administrative assistant,

welcome your inquiries at any time. The Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) are the most important Holy days on the Christian calendar since it is the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind. Come and worship the Savior with us!

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have a preacher who focuses on teaching, preaching, ministry, and evangelism. Our goal is for every member to be involved in the church's work in some way.

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The United Freewill Baptist Church began its ministries on May 2, 1979. Since that time the Lord has blessed them with steady growth and expansion. The church has three ministers on staff. Rev. Dennis McGinley is the senior pastor. He and his wife Sonya have three sons, Garell, Eli, and Parker. Brother Dennis served as youth minister at United

beginning in 1998 and became Senior pastor in November 2010. That is 24 years of ministry at United. In January 2018, the church added Bro. Gale Wooten on staff as director of senior adult ministries. He is supported in this ministry by his wife Linda. His teaching and preaching is powerful and has been so helpful to the church family. To round out the family-based ministry our Worship/Youth Minister is Phil James. He is our newest staff member hired in November 2020. His wife Nicole is from the area and they have three amazing kids, Jovie, Lincoln and Oliver. Phil has been in ministry as a worship pastor for over 20 years and along with his wife leads our student ministry. Together with the amazing United Church Family, these men and their families are very active in the church and the community; teaching, caring and sharing Christ.

The church has Small Groups for all

ages that begin at 9 a.m. and Sunday Morning Worship that starts at 10 a.m. Childcare in a staffed nursery and an extraordinary Childrens Church (KIDS UNITED) is provided. They also have Sunday evening services each week at 5 p.m. Their Wednesday evening services offer a variety of options, classes for men, women, teens, junior high, and elementary students. These classes begin at 6:30 p.m.

The church has many specialized ministries: men's, women's, video/streaming and various youth ministries. They also partner with other community organizations providing food boxes, food bags for school age children, funeral meals, etc.

All are invited to join us April 17th for a special Easter service at 10 a.m. The church will hold an Easter egg hunt for the children immediately following the morning service.

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the church.

Shortly after that meeting, Rev. Jesse Earls became the first pastor of the new church now known as Victoria Mission Church of Cull, Mo.

We are now in our 80th year of service in the community. Our congregation is small, but we have a big heart!

Pastors are Brother John Morrow and his wife, Sister Terry Morrow.

Brother Paul Montgomery is

Assistant Pastor, and he is also superintendent and Sunday school teacher.

Sister Thelma Willard-Montgomery is secretary, treasurer.

The pastors and congregation invite all to come and worship with us.

Sunday school at 10 a.m.

Worship at 11 a.m.

Sunday night at 6 p.m.

Everyone welcome!



Alton Freewill Baptist Church

The Alton Freewill Baptist Church was organized September 16, 1955, following a tent revival, with 43 charter members. Bros. Clifton Wright, Elgin Williams and Jim Harding were selected as deacons; Ernest James, as clerk; and Rev. Clarence A. Dodson as Pastor.

Mr. J. Q. Clary, a local funeral director, allowed the church to worship in his chapel one hour every Sunday morning until their church building was built on land donated by Eliza Bell.

Bro. Dodson, the first pastor, and the congregation worked diligently together. The church grew, the debt was repaid and the church was dedicated to the Lord, September 22, 1957. Pastors to the church include: Bro. Clarence Dodson, Bro. Millard Ehrhardt, Bro. Glen Murray, Bro. Cleo Covington, Bro. Gene McCully, Bro. Grover Pingleton, Bro. Donovan Maxwell, Bro. Darrell Strain, Bro. Joe Garrison, Bro. Garland Barton, Bro. Mike Parrott, Bro. Terry Deckard, Bro. Bill Bales, Bro. James Thompson, and the present pastor is Bro. Charles Trantham.

Those who have served the church as deacons in the past include; Bros. Al Payne, Jim Harding, Doyle Hickenbotham, Elgin Williams, Clifton Wright, Larry Wallace, John Barton, Paris Wheeler, Wallace Strain, Leroy Chronister, Dwight Chronister and Kenneth Stogsdill. Deacons actively involved in the church at this time are Bros. Mike Crawford, Phil Johnson, Chris Trantham and Daniel Weyland. Bros. Barton, Chronister, Wallace, Williams, Wright, Wheeler, Stogsdill and Strain have gone



on to be with the Lord. These men, both present and past, who have given of themselves to serve the Lord and the church are held in high esteem and will be remembered with honor for their service.

The church called Bro. Charles Trantham in Jan. 2002, who has added the ministry of his Sunday sermon broadcast on the internet at www.altonfwb.org/. Children's Church Services also has been a growing attraction with enthusiastic attendance, under the guidance and supervision of Sis. Carolyn Trantham and Sis. Leslie Weyland.

Also Lesle Weyland is the present Church Treasurer and Tresa Johnson serves as the Church Clerk.

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Alton Freewill Baptist Church

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The church is at 205 E. Second St. in Mtn. View, near the downtown area. Sunday school classes for all ages are at 10 a.m. and Sunday worship begins at 11:15 a.m.

Organized in 1894, this congregation has a long history of Christian service in Mtn. View. The property where the current building is located was purchased in 1896. A frame building was begun in 1900 and completed in 1905. It was replaced by the present-day sandstone building which was dedicated on April 27, 1956.

The church family enjoys many mission and fellowship activities as well as Bible Studies, and there is an active PW group (Presbyterian Women). Church members

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Logan Friend is pastor at Stuart Union Community Church of West Plains.

Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend services.

To reach the church from West Plains, travel 7.5 miles out JJ Highway, turn left on County Road 9620 to 8110, then right to the church.

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Oak Grove Baptist Church

On May 3, 1948, Howell County Baptist Association Missionary Gene Lewis and Joe Anderson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Seymour, held a revival meeting at the Oak Grove School. On May 23 of that year, under the direction of Gene Lewis, the Oak Grove Baptist Church was organized.

In June 1948, plans were made for a church building, the site deeded by Brother Sam Collins. The estimated cost was \$1,500. The logs were cut and hauled to the mill, and the church building was completed by the men from the church and community.

The pews, which are still in use today, were furnished by members and friends of the church, the piano from the women, the pulpit stand (still in use) and the piano bench by county Associate Judge Bryan and Joe Anderson.

On May 24, 1953, Oak Grove Baptist Church held its dedication service. Brother Robert Colbert was pastor at the time.

The Oak Grove Baptist Church is on County Road 4820, just past the intersection of Highways P and AP, eight miles from Pomona.



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volunteer their time in our community, provide school supplies to local schools, donate handmade items to Newborns in Need, provide items for nursing home residents, and support FEED, the Agape' House, Ministerial Alliance food pantry, and other local groups

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with people who strive to live by faith for Jesus. Some of the terms or phrases we use may not be familiar to you. But we want you to know that we are only simple people trying to live like Jesus. We struggle in life like we imagine you do. But, we are finding joy, strength and assurance in our walk with Jesus. We would love to share our journey in life with you, pray with you and study the word of God together with you. We do not claim to have all of the answers but we believe that all answers are found in Jesus.

Christianity is relational, therefore we believe in relationships at the Central congregation. We want to grow in our relationship with our Lord, with one another and with our neighbors. We hope you will join us as we share our lives in this



community. Find a Bible class, find a place to serve among us and enjoy developing a relationship with God and with this fellowship of immersed believers. If you seek to build these types of relationships, we believe that you will find joy, true purpose and be fulfilled in your journey as you grow in your devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ.

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The church in Peace Valley was built in 1958 by Rev. Claude Montgomery and the congregation.

The land was donated by the Harry Miller family, the vision being “a place for the community and the surrounding areas to meet and worship God.” Our service times are 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and 10:45 a.m. morning worship on Sunday, plus 6 p.m. Sunday. Every fourth Sunday evening, we have a singing followed by food and fellowship.

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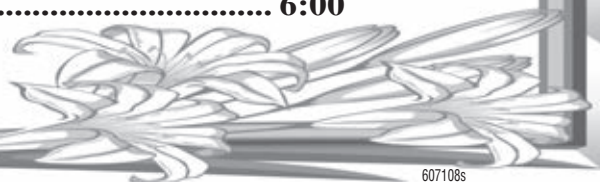
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Sunday Worship 11:00

Sunday Night Services 6:00



Big Springs Missionary Baptist Church

Big Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Douglas County was organized in the Big Springs Schoolhouse on Oct. 2, 1926. There were 23 charter members, all of whom are deceased. The first pastor was Brother J.W. Dowdy.

The first church clerk was Ada Altermatt. The first communion service was held the first Sunday in June 1931.

On Sept. 26, 1936, Ira and Mattie Johnson deeded to the Big Springs Missionary Baptist Church and their successors all of one square acre for use for church purposes.

The church had been remodeled at least two times the last 88 years. The last time it was modernized was with bathroom and water in December 1992. The church burned on March 18, 2014, destroying everything.

The congregation began services in



Twin Bridges Fire Department at the homes of Bro. Stasey Sheppard and Tom White until a new church could be constructed.

Church services in the new building began on Feb. 1, 2015. Finished construction of church and had dedication

services on May 9, 2015.

Bro. Doug Brower is pastor and Vita Bay is church clerk. The next communion service will be the Sunday before Easter. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and church service is at 11 a.m.

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There is work being done in the Mission field and many young people have been baptized and joined the church. Recently two young men have surrendered their life to God's call into the ministry and have a wonderful testimony.

Stained glass windows now adorn the sanctuary. And the property joining on the east of the church has been bought and paid for. Also the church added new wrought iron railing to the front and east entrances of the church. The church has recently replaced the

ceiling; installed new lighting and sound system and painted the walls.

The prayer of this church, as we continue on is that the doors would remain open; where the Lord can be worshipped in spirit and in truth, with an invitation extended to all to come and worship with us. It is our prayer also that many will be brought to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We give God the glory!

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The first pastor was Brother H.A. Higby who helped organize many General Baptist Churches in this area.

In 1989, Calvary General Baptist was blessed with the location it now enjoys one-half-mile north of Richards School on north U.S. 63.

Several additions and improvements to the church building have been made in the intervening years.

Calvary General Baptist is a supporter of home and foreign missions as well as youth camps.

In December 2001, Brother Bill Bales became our pastor. We look forward to more years of service to our community and world.

Pastor Bill Bales and the congregation invite you, your family and your friends to "come and be with us for Jesus, He Is Real."



**"And we know
that in all things
God works for
the good of those
who love him,
who have been
called according
to his purpose."**

Romans 8:28



Calvary General Baptist Church

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FAITH COMMENTARY

God Is at Work

Each Christmas our church has a massive drive to fill shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse to distribute to children around the world. In these shoeboxes we place small toys, school supplies, personal hygiene items and other similar things. My wife, Kelly, recently read about an eight-year-old girl who had never received a gift before getting a Christmas shoebox.

Every year Kelly and I not only give Christmas gifts to our children, we also fill a Christmas shoebox for each of our children. These are



TIM RICHARDS
COMMENTATOR

given to the church's shoebox drive. Samaritan's Purse allows those giving a shoebox to track online where our boxes are eventually delivered. Kelly recently learned this year our shoeboxes went to Haiti, Benin and Ukraine. We were especially excited to hear at least one shoebox was sent to Ukraine.

During Kelly's research on the deliveries, she came across a very moving story.

Shoeboxes sent to a church in Moldova did not arrive in time to be distributed last Christmas. This has worked out surprisingly well

because Ukrainian refugee children are now staying at that church. Had these boxes been delivered "as scheduled" they would likely have been lost in the chaos of war, but now are providing a small bright spot in a displaced child's chaotic life.

I am convinced God had a plan for these boxes to arrive in Moldova when they did. The church's pastor explained that giving these traumatized children a shoebox helps calm stress and anxiety for both them and their parents. Every shoebox communicates someone cared enough to give this child something to smile about.

According to Samaritan's Purse,

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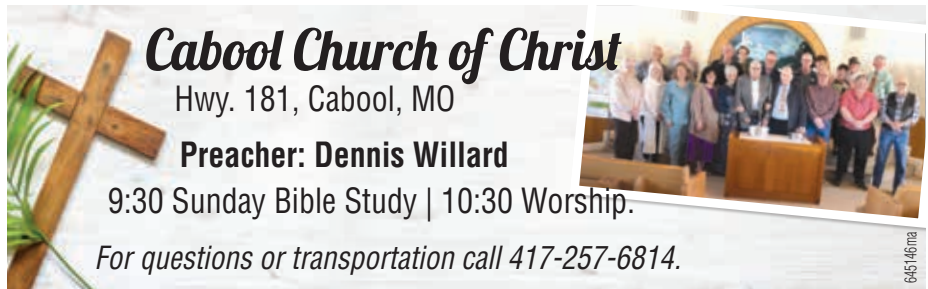
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Cabool church of Christ

The Cabool church of Christ building is located on Hwy 181. Dennis Willard is the preacher and would like you to feel free to visit and worship with a small group that loves God and his people. We trust God, we believe the Bible and we choose to serve. Come and be a part of the worship and fellowship.

Evangelism, Edification and Benevolence is the main thrust of the Lord's church. The Cabool church assists people in need throughout the world by contributing to the Disaster Relief Fund in Nashville, TN, supported by churches of Christ.

The church worships at 9:30 on Sunday morning for Bible study and 10:30 for worship. If you have any questions or special needs such as transportation, please call 417-257-6814.



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Shilo Baptist Church



Shilo Baptist Church is located in downtown Rover. Driving directions from West Plains are east on U.S. 160 approximately 15 miles. Turn right on M Highway and go about one mile.

Regular services include Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by a worship service at 11 a.m. and Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study begins at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday only, there will be a Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast at 7 a.m., Sunday school at 8 a.m. and worship at 9 a.m.

The Rover community is widely known for its friendly, caring, compassionate people. We feel these traits also characterize our church.

Shilo has been a part of the Rover area since the 1880s. Many changes, of course, have taken place during that time. One that has not changed, however, is Shilo's commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe in the inerrancy of the Bible; we believe that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

Please join us for worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

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getting these fun gifts right now helps create a happier environment and lets refugee families temporarily forget what they are being forced to endure. Once parents and children are safe, in a warm shelter, and have a good meal, this church also shares the story of Jesus' love.

It is remarkable how these boxes arrived late but came at just the right time to help overwhelmed families when they most needed encouragement. The prophet Jeremiah encouraged God's people when he penned these words during a trying time, "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11, NLT)

What looked like bad timing in Moldova is currently being used for good. I do not know what is going badly in your life, but, I am convinced God is always at work around us. None of us ever fully grasps all God is doing during personal, national or international tragedies like those currently happening in Ukraine, but rest assured, God is at work even when you and I cannot see it.

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Sunday School	10 am
Worship Service	11 am
Sunday Evening Service	6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7 pm

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Cornerstone Family Worship



Cornerstone Family Worship is located at 1970 U.S. 63, one mile south of Dairy Queen. Cornerstone is a nondenominational church and strives to minister to all people.

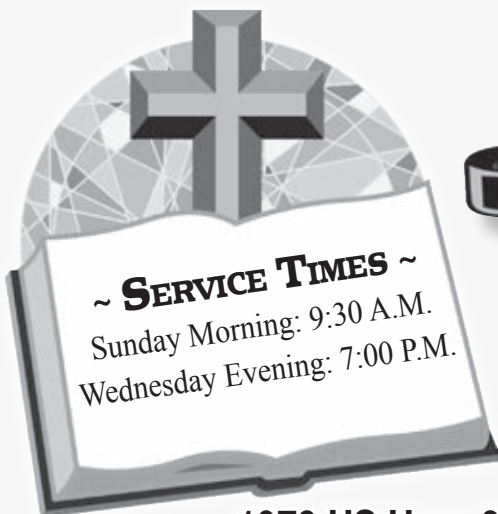
At Cornerstone there are many activities throughout the year to encourage families, friendship, and

fellowship with one another. We offer Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes for our children. We are currently having services Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

We have all been through a trying year, but we can find peace in God's word. John 14:27 tells us: "Peace I leave

with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

If you don't have a home church Pastor Dion and the congregation extend a warm welcome to you and your family to come and worship with us.



**Pastor:
Dion Prewett**



1970 US Hwy. 63, West Plains, MO

First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church invites everyone in the community to add to our Prayer Wall, located in front of the church at 112 Aid Ave, in downtown West Plains. Pens and paper are available; write your prayer anonymously, put it in the wall, and we'll have special dedications periodically symbolizing the prayers rising to God.

Our worship services are open to anyone seeking a closer walk with God. We are affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), connected in mission and ministry with other Presbyterians worldwide.

In 2022, the congregation marks 136 years in West Plains, where our building is the oldest church in continuous use. Recent years have seen both outside and inside renovations: Refurbishment of the stained-glass windows, new landscaping, and repainting of the entire sanctuary. We invite you to visit any Sunday.

Our pastor, Rev. Bob Dahlgren, posts a brief Midweek Message every Wednesday on our Facebook page, sharing scripture and his thoughtful interpretation of it. He has been here for over three years, serving previously as pastor at small-town Presbyterian churches in the Midwest and as chaplain at a treatment center for youth.

A particularly popular program has been the "Wednesday Night Supper Club." All ages and visitors from the community are welcome as we share supper, Bible study, and recreation and fellowship. This occurs once or twice a month during the school year, though we have had to pause during Covid. Call or send us a Facebook message for more about current dates.

Local, regional, and international missions also play a large part in our ministry. Especially at this season, we take part in the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA), which allows us to help meet worldwide needs.



Worship services are held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sundays. A video of the service is posted on YouTube each Sunday afternoon. Sunday School is at 9 a.m. The choir is directed by Kelly Dame, with Becky Quimby at the piano and Terrie

Pearsall playing the 1932 Wicks pipe organ.

Contact the church at 417-256-4247 or firstpreswp@gmail.com or message us on Facebook @First-PresbyterianWP. And visit us in person. You'll find a warm welcome.

First Presbyterian Church

invites you to join us for two special services of the season:

**Maundy Thursday, April 14, at 6 p.m. and
Easter, April 17, at 10 a.m.**

Communion served at both services.



*We invite you to add to our Prayer
Wall in front of the church!*

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Center Grove Baptist Church



Center Grove Baptist Church in Moody is led by Pastor Larry Hopkins, Deacons Ambrose Greenlee, Bob Rodgers, and Jason Cullum. Come join us for services and see what message the Lord has laid upon your heart. 10am Sunday morning classes for all ages. 11am Sunday service. Easter we have sunrise services. 6:30pm Old Testament Bible study. 7pm Wednesday services New Testament Bible study. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matt 18:20). We come together to fellowship in his name, praise him for all he has done and given us, and rejoice in him. Come join us, we are here.. you are loved, you are cared for, you are most precious to him.. The Altar is

always open. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) We post our sermons on Facebook as well as our prayer requests. We have an annual hayride as well as an annual visit. We have several different food pantry ministries that feed roughly 1,200 people a month. Our emergency food pantry is available to those in emergency situations as well. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matt 25:35). We are a Redcross shelter site for emergencies and we continually strive to serve our community as God wants us. Follow us on Facebook @ MoodyCenterGroveBaptist

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the Earth."
Genesis 1:1



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*The old rugged cross
so despised by the
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attraction for me.*

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MOMENT IN THE WORD

Answers from the Word

A friend asked this week, "What is the unforgivable sin?" "And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Matthew 12:32

Many different denominations and theologians have speculated about what constitutes the "unforgivable sin."

Although Jesus said that sin can be forgiven "in this world... and the world to come," yet one sin can never be forgiven. That unpardonable sin is offending the Holy Ghost.

Notice, that Jesus said speaking against the Son of God can be forgiven. However, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is unpardonable.

St. Paul warned people to be careful how they represented the Holy Spirit, "Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?" 1 Corinthians 14:23

By misusing or misrepresenting spiritual gifts, we might accidentally cause unsuspecting people to speak evil of God's Holy Spirit, which is dangerous. So, we must be very careful.

But why must we respect God's Holy Ghost? The answer is because of the job the Holy Spirit came to do when Jesus returned to Heaven.

The Holy Ghost does many things.

He is a teacher and a reminder, "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." John 14:26

The Holy Ghost is a comforter, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter." John 16:7

God's Spirit is a corrector, "And

when He has come, He will convict (correct) the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." John 16:8

But most important of all, the Holy Ghost holds us secure in God's Grace and prevents us from being lost by committing sin after we accept Jesus as our savior, "When you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed in Him, you were also sealed with the promised Holy Spirit." Ephesians 1:13

Since we are "sealed" or locked into God's Grace, St. Paul said we



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COMMENTATOR

should be very careful not to harm the Holy Ghost, "How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace (the Holy Ghost)?" Hebrews 10:29

So, this is the secret of the unforgivable sin. When we first believe in Jesus, we receive the

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A Time to Rejoice

Please join us in celebrating the miracle of Christ's resurrection this Easter season.

Maundy Thursday April 14th Traditional Last Supper Service	6 pm 7 pm
Good Friday Service April 15	7 pm
Easter Sunday April 17 Bible Studies Service	9 am 10 am

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Holy Spirit to keep us saved. However, if we renounce our faith in Jesus, then we injure God's Spirit that holds us secure in Grace. No sin can keep believers out of Heaven, except for one... offending the Holy Ghost by denying Jesus after we first believed.

According to St. Peter, it would be better for a person to never accept Jesus than to later reject Him and offend God's Holy Spirit, "And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before. It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than to know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life." 2 Peter 2:20-21

Offending God's Holy Spirit is the unforgivable sin.

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