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## PASTOR PONDERINGS

Happy Summer! As we flip the calendar to June we move into busy season at church. Every summer brings many opportunities to reach people with the Gospel starting with the biggest event – VBS. This year’s VBS will take place June 22-26 from 5:45-8:00pm each night with dinner at 5:15pm and centers on the truth that Jesus is the LIGHT of the World.

In John 8:12 Jesus says, “I am the LIGHT of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the LIGHT of life.” This is such a simple reminder for us living in dark and dying world that Jesus is the one true light that can guide our steps each day.

Speaking of dark worlds, as we approach our nation’s Semiquincentennial (250<sup>th</sup>) birthday, we are reminded now more than ever about the importance of prayer and the need for our nation to experience repentance & revival.

Regardless of your political affiliations, I think we can all agree that what our nation needs more than anything is a return to God. Join me in prayer for that as we celebrate Jesus in a big way this summer and look for opportunities to reflect His LIGHT on our dark world.

In His Service,

*Pastor Ryan*

## YOUTH GROUP SPOTLIGHT

What a great spring it has been! The youth have had many nights of fellowship and discipleship through God’s Word over the past few months, and it has been a blast. As the students move past the focus of school and sports schedules, as well as graduation and finals, it is time to fill that gap with worship and the Word of God.

This summer, we have lots of activities, as every youth group does. It is the busiest time of the year for youth ministries. Wednesday nights will be sporadic, but we will be studying the lives of Bible figures such as Moses and David on the nights that we do have regular Youth Group. On our Sunday Fellowship Nights, we will be studying multiple parables that Jesus spoke.

Through both of these types of lessons, the main goal is to know God’s character and reveal the Gospel in every part of the Bible. Outside of what the youth will be studying this summer, we have many events. One of our more recurring events is the Sunday Fellowship nights. On these nights, the Youth participate in an array of games that help to grow bonds with each other and encourage their spirits.

Alongside the games, lessons, and worship, we will have some kind of food, whether that be pizza or a trip to the Dairy Barn. These nights are some of the best ways to invite friends and get comfortable as a newcomer!

We also have four trips that we are going on this summer. First, on Wednesday, June 3rd, we are going to Ross Cotton Lanes to bowl and have pizza. Second, June 11th-15th is church camp. This year, the Youth is going to Crossings, and we are excited to have fourteen youth going to camp this year. Third, on Wednesday, July 22nd, the Youth are going to a Thrillbillies baseball game at Mtn Dew Park. Lastly, we are taking a trip to Holiday World on Wednesday, August 5th. Be looking for more information on these events and how to sign up in the near future!

Youth Groups can seem to be all fun and no seriousness sometimes. I want to end this with a verse and a reminder. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 10:31, “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God”. It is easy to lose focus in the midst of the things of this world, but we must transfix our gaze to the Cross and remember what our purpose is.

*-- Dathan Case*

# PRAYER LISTS



## Reflections Memory Care

220 Ron Crank Drive  
Harrisburg, IL 62946  
**Margaret Loudy**

## Eldorado Healthcare

1001 Jefferson St  
Eldorado, IL 62930

**Anita Brown**  
**Vicky Frost**  
**Jo Hopkins**  
**Mary Simons**

Jimmy Atkinson, Esther Bornert, Danny Bradley, Anita Brown, Mike Bundren, Tom & Chloe Ann Clore, John Creamer, Matthew Edwards, Jonathon Foster, Lee & El Frieda Gholson, Harley Gidcumb, Kristen Gipson, Diane Goedelman, Karen Griffith, Carol Grisham, Mike Grisham, Cathy Head, Sherry Hirst, Brent Hopkins, Jo Hopkins, Dave Horning, Brandy Hughs, Bill Kaid, Beverly Kunath, Jacquie Langley, Margaret Loudy, Jim Metten, BJ & Rosemary Moore, Gene Morris, Betsy Oldham, Mary Ann Penrod, Don Riley, Jeff Rister, Landa Rister, Becky Seely, Landry Smith, Mary Simons, Marcia Simpson, Riley VanZandt, Jovi Weir, Lanny Willis and George Wilson

## Carrier Mills Nursing Home

P O Box 68 - 6789 US Hwy 45 S  
Carrier Mills, IL 62917

**Don Riley**

## Carmi Manor

615 W Webb Street  
Carmi, IL 62821  
**John Creamer**



## Life Group Summer Break

Life Groups will be taking the summer off but there will still be a few fellowship gatherings throughout the summer. Check with your group for details! **We will restart weekly gatherings in the fall with two new studies!**

### Here's a list of the Current Life Groups

#### **Sunday Nights @ 5:30pm**

Nate & Betsy's House  
Tom & Chloe Ann's House  
Gene & Nancy's House  
Gipson/Beck (@ Church)

#### **Friday Morning @ 9:00am**

Coffee with Jesus (@ Church)

## AMPLIFY (Online Giving) UPDATE

If you are using Amplify for an Online Giving option, we wanted to let you know of a few changes. First, the **convenience fee** for debit/credit card transactions will be added to your donation **starting July 1<sup>st</sup>**. To avoid that fee, you can switch to the ACH option. Second, we will be **removing the PayPal and Venmo options** for security purposes. We appreciate your partnership in making your gift go as far as possible to impact our mission!

## "Prayer - Care - Reach - Teach" A Strategic Plan for Small Group Growth

Sunday School might be one of the oldest programs in our churches, but recent trends have shown a decline in their effectiveness. So, it's time for a plan to inject some life into our small groups. **Launching in September with the new SS year will be a strategic plan to grow our small groups using these four words: "Prayer, Care, Reach, & Teach"** Each class will be **looking at enlisting a teacher/assistant teacher, outreach person, care person, & prayer person to help our groups think more evangelistically.** We will also be looking at the possibility of launching new classes by next Fall! Join us in this vision of having a resurgence in our small groups as we reach people for Jesus!

If you have pictures of church events, send them to Tom Folder.

Tomf58@live.com or 217-502-4889

The TIE can be found on the church website. You can also receive it by email by request.

# MISSION & MINISTRY UPDATES

## Regular Weekly Schedule of Services & Fellowship

### Sunday:

Sunday School	9:00am
Morning Worship Service	10:00am
Mission Friends & Children in Action	5:30pm-7:00pm

### Wednesday:

Men's & Women's Discipleship	7:00pm-8:00pm
Youth & Kids Bible Study	7:00pm-8:00pm



The WMU Ladies met on May 20.

Topics discussed were:

**May 24 – June 28:** Kids on Missions will be collecting water and energy drinks for mission trips in July.

Ladies Event, "Singing in the Rain" along with EFBC donations collected **\$1912.85 for Pure Water Pure Love! Thank you!**

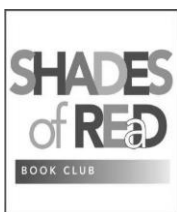
**20 Study Bibles have arrived and will be delivered to Carmi Baptist Children's Home in the coming days.**

**June and July:** WMU is collecting backpack supplies for kids, will have lists available & containers for collections.

**June 3: Bible, Bingo, and BP checks:** Meal Ministry expanding to include Bible devotional with Bingo starting at 10:30. Will be the **first Wednesday of June, July and August 2026.**

**June 15: Showers of Kindness** will be set up by 10:00 – volunteers are needed to help with shower cleaning during set-up time (10 – 11:30), plus laundry of towels afterward.

**Next Meetings** will be Wednesday, June 10 @ 6:00pm in the church library. Day meeting will Thursday, June 11 @ 2pm at Shirley's House.



### WMU Book Club.

We meet the first Monday of the month at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All Ladies are welcome to join us! Next meeting will be June 1st

### Big Creek Summer Mission Trip

We are heading to Big Creek in July! For those going, the balance of **\$225** is due by **June 15<sup>th</sup>**

See Pastor Ryan with any questions about the trip!

**The Children's Mission group will be collecting cases of Bottled Water & Gatorade for this trip from now through the End of June!**

### XYZ Fellowship

All senior adults are invited to join us for the next XYZ Fellowship on **Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>** in the Multi-Purpose Area for Lunch and Fellowship!

This month's theme is Patriotic Party!

See Susan Mills for additional information!

**Meal Ministry Summer Activities**

**Bible Devotional**  
**AND**

**BINGO**

**Open to anyone!**

**June 3- 10:30-11:30**  
in gym

**July 1- 10:30-11:30**  
in gym

**August 5- 10:30-11:30**  
in gym

**Lunch served 11:30-12:15**

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**The flowers are blooming**

We've purchased unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos, and we're giving free access to everyone in our church. [www.RightNowMedia.org](http://www.RightNowMedia.org)

**SBA Men on Mission Presents...**

**A Gospel Celebration**  
**Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm**

**Town & Country Stage (4<sup>th</sup> & Locust)**  
**Downtown Eldorado**

**Food Provided – Bring a Lawn Chair!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS & BIRTHDAYS



**VBS 2026**  
**June 22nd – 26th**  
**5:45pm-8:00pm**  
 (Dinner @ 5:15pm)

**REGISTER HERE**



**“Illumination Station” – VBS 2026**  
 All kids (PreK-6<sup>th</sup> Grade) are invited to join us this summer for VBS! This year’s dates are June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:45-8:00pm with dinner at 5:15pm! **Registration is NOW LIVE on the website or by scanning the QR Code**

## Farmers Market Outreach

We will have a “booth” at the Community Farmer’s Market every other Saturday this summer. See Tom Folder or Pam Harbison if interested!




**SUMMER Youth Events**

**Fellowship Nights**  
 31 May - Church  
 28 June - Tom Folder's  
 18 July - Durham's  
 19 July - Beek's  
 9 August - Oldham's  
 9 August - Church

**YOUTH GROUP**  
 - 20 May  
 - 17 June  
 - 1 July  
 - 8 July  
 - 15 July  
 - 12 August  
 - 19 August

**Wednesday Big Events**  
 27 May - Block Party  
 3 June - Bowling  
 10 June - Camp Fresh Night  
 25 July - Thrillbillies  
 8 August - Holiday World

**Other Events**  
 23 May - Back to Nature  
 20 May - Parent Meeting for Camp  
 11-15 June - Closing Camp  
 21 June - Camp Report  
 28-29 June - VBS  
 26 July - August 1st - Mission Trip

## Youth Summer Events & Fellowship Nights

The Youth Group will be having three Big Midweek Summer Events! **June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Bowling), July 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thrillbillies), & Aug 5<sup>th</sup> (Holiday World)** They will also have 6 Sunday Night Bible Study & Fellowship Nights! **June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, & August 9<sup>th</sup>**

## “Kick off to Summer” Church Cookout

Everyone is invited to join us at Mahoney Park on **Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm** for our church cookout. The church will provide meat and drinks and are asking each family to bring sides & a dessert to share!  
 Join us at the park!




June 3 <sup>th</sup>	David Horning	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Plunkett
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Bergman	June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bret Plunkett
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	William Price	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Regina Welborn
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Hallie Kate Oldham	June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jason Farmer
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lora Metten	June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Wilkerson

# VOLUNTEER ROTATIONS

June 7, 2026	June 14, 2026
<b>DEACONS ON-CALL:</b>	<b>DEACONS ON-CALL:</b>
Tom Clore (841-4010) & Mark Gilley (313-3449)	Tom Clore (841-4010) & Mark Gilley (313-3449)
<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>USHERS:</b>
Roger Bergman & Jerry Vinyard	Harold Mills & BJ Moore
<b>GREETERS:</b>	<b>GREETERS:</b>
Don & Jennifer Durham	BJ & Rosemary Moore
<b>NURSERY:</b>	<b>NURSERY:</b>
Vicky Sullivan & Angie Attebury	Chloe Ann Clore & Jennifer Durham
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH:</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH:</b>
Kristen Gipson & Betty Vaughn	Debbie Wilson & Richard Wilson
<b>SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS:</b>	<b>SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS:</b>
No Classes	
June 3, 2026	June 10, 2026
Christi Beck & Betty Vaughn (Kids) Nate & Betsy Oldham (Youth)	Christi Beck & Lu Horning (Kids) Jonah Durham & Sydney Farmer (Youth)

June 21, 2026	June 28, 2026
<b>DEACONS ON-CALL:</b>	<b>DEACONS ON-CALL:</b>
Nate Oldham (841-0565) & Harold Mills (273-7356)	Nate Oldham (841-0565) & Harold Mills (273-7356)
<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>USHERS:</b>
Don Durham & Jonah Durham	Rocky Grief & Jerry Mitchell
<b>GREETERS:</b>	<b>GREETERS:</b>
Miriam Richardson & Kim Hammond	Dennis & Dolly Smith
<b>NURSERY:</b>	<b>NURSERY:</b>
Mildred Lynn & Betsy Oldham	Jonah Durham & Emily Colorado
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH:</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH:</b>
No Children's Church	Brittany Wix & Cindy Bergman
<b>SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS:</b>	<b>SUNDAY NIGHT KIDS:</b>
Father's Day No Classes	No Classes
June 17, 2026	June 24, 2026
Christi Beck & Makenna Millis (Kids) Don & Jennifer Durham (Youth)	VBS