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*I sought the  
LORD*

*And he answered me,  
and delivered  
me from all  
my fears.*

*Psalms 34:4*



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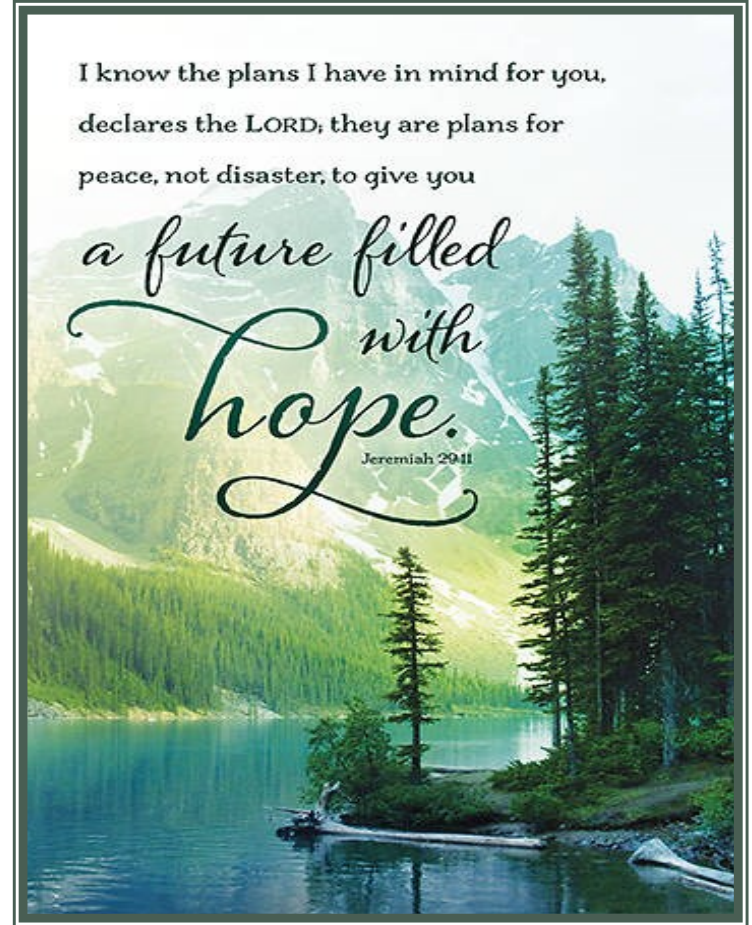
# Salt Creek Savorings

## July, 2022

I know the plans I have in mind for you,  
declares the LORD; they are plans for  
peace, not disaster, to give you

*a future filled  
with  
hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11



# Pastor's Page

July 2022



## Summer Adventures

Growing up summer was the season for adventures.

It was the time for family vacations, sleep away camp, and playing outside with friends. Looking back summers seem idyllic and I share fond memories of summer adventures with my kids.

Yet, when I honestly reflect on those times they were not perfect. There were also sun burns, bug bites, rainy days as well as the heat and humidity of a Georgia summer.

Remembering these realities does not make the fun memories any less fun, but they also help to put today into a better perspective. There were ups and downs in the idyllic past just as there are now. Today there are opportunities for fun and for learning from mistakes just like in the past.

Over the past couple of months, we have focused as a congregation in small groups and church-wide events on our history as well as those things we do without even realizing. This has been an opportunity to explore who we are as a community of faith and to begin listening for where God is calling us into the future.

There have been fond memories shared of events from years ago and neighbors who are no longer with us. And there has also been remembering that even in our idyllic memories of church in the past there were stumbles and mistakes for us to grow from.

Just as we learned to use sunscreen and to appreciate the shade on a hot summer afternoon, remembering and learning from the past provides a solid foundation for exploring the world around us and planning for the summer adventures to come.

So let us listen for where God's calm still voice is calling us and let us faithfully serve the Lord on summer adventures and in every season of our lives.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Bill

# Make Waves VBS



What an incredible time we had at Vacation Bible School this summer! During the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>, we all got to "Make Waves," and learn about how the things we do today can change the world around us! Like the way a pebble makes a ripple, then a wave, when you drop it in the water, we can affect the lives of those around us by the things we say and do.

And it was a fantastic week! Sixteen kids showed up for VBS over the course of the week, learning about how we were created with a purpose, how we've been invited to follow Jesus, how we can trust Jesus with our lives, how we can love others the way Jesus loves us, and how we can change the world around us! We learned about our mission partner for VBS, Soles4Souls, and how they give away new and gently worn shoes to those in need in the United States and around the world. We even collected 28 pairs of shoes to send away to help change the lives of others!

A great big THANK YOU to Pastor Bill, Barb, Vonette, Sarah, and everyone who helped make VBS AMAZING!





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|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 7/01 Rick Kline     | 7/15 Jed Graves    | 7/29 Cyndee Sinnott   |
| 7/04 Kaitlyn Builta | 7/19 John Busey    | 7/31 Svitlana McBride |
| 7/12 Tate Sigler    | 6/19 Greg Toohill  | 7/31 Carl Neubauer    |
| 7/13 Suzy Orzolek   | 7/24 Teresa Miller | 7/31 Jacob Tucker     |
| 7/13 Arya Hill      |                    | 7/31 Jamie Tucker     |



7/09 Beverly & Jack Burcham  
 7/14 Bonnie & Steve Crumbaugh  
 7/28 Suzy & Joseph Orzolek



Dear Church Family~  
 The outpouring of support over my recent broken ankle mishap--prayers, delicious food, and words of cheer--all have lifted my spirits beyond measure. Elliott is also very grateful for the generous support!

Marty Dean

Cookouts have been planned following worship on July 10, 17, and 24th following worship. Location information available soon.

ACDC will provide meat and drinks; participants can bring a dish to share. There will be yard games and possibly some type of service project.



The Little White Church on the Hill



The Praise team will be visiting Texas Christian Church in Clinton on July 24 at 6 PM. is invited to come. Rev. Bob Marsh's brother Scott is the Pastor there.

(8301 Texas Church Rd., Clinton)

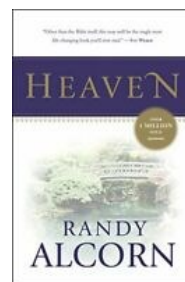
## July Library Corner

By Marty Dean



### Heaven by Dr. Randy Alcorn

From works of fiction to near death personal accounts, the market has been flooded with notions of the world beyond. Though inspirational, many such works lack solid ties to scripture. With that, Dr. Randy Alcorn took on a deep dive into what the Bible says about heaven.

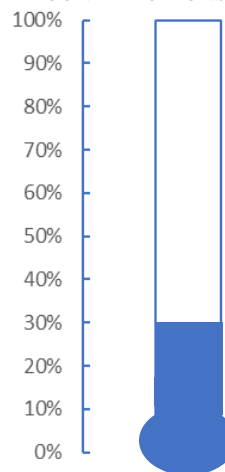


In *Heaven*, the author correlates scripture to a range of subjects:  
*... in my Father's house there are many rooms.*  
 John 14:2; *Today you will be with me in Paradise.*  
 Luke 23:43; *Behold, I am making all things new.*  
 Revelation 21:5.

These excerpts and more conversely address:  
 Where will we dwell? Is Heaven a real place?  
 What about animals? The tip of the iceberg to a fascinating book.

### BUILDING RENOVATION PROGRESS UPDATES:

#### BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTIONS



We have received **\$ 91,408** since our renovation project was approved. Our thanks to all who are helping to achieve our goal!

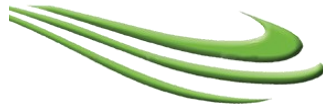
Several things have been accomplished recently to set the stage for more obvious progress.

Masonry work both inside and out, cutting out the areas for the windows on the east wall of the office area. This week the window framing was installed. The window glass itself has been ordered and will be in place as soon as it arrives. This paves the way for more of the finish work (painting/trim/carpeting)

Some of you may have noticed the excavation that has taken place-- removing both the basement entries (kitchen and furnace room area). The rest of the excavation for the elevator shaft should be completed with the next week or so, weather permitting.

# reflections

*Dana Miller,  
Director of Student Ministries*



During the summer, I feel like I'm constantly chaperoning groups of young men and women all over the place (which I am). The truth is, I've been doing this for well over a decade, starting with volunteering as a chaperone for my oldest son Robert. He and several members of his middle school class qualified for an international contest called Future Problem Solvers International, and state qualifying for the international tournament was always held at a camp site in Western Washington. Each year, Garrison Middle School, the school my sons attended, qualify anywhere between 15-35 gifted students who compete to solve problem scenarios quickly, effectively, and with creativity. I served as a chaperone for these trips for several years.

The first year Robert went, we stopped for lunch in a town outside Seattle. I gave him \$10 with instructions to use the money for lunch at that stop and lunch on the way back two days later. Instead, Robert went to a taco place and spent all \$10 on the largest burrito I have ever seen in my life (seriously, it was the size of a small pillow). He couldn't even eat all of it and took half of it with him for "second dinner" that night. And, of course, when we stopped for lunch on the way back, he had no money to spend on lunch. But even then, Robert was solving problems. He went to his teacher with sad puppy dog eyes, remarking that he had no money for lunch. His teacher, Mrs. Clearman, replied, "Good thing you have your dad with you to get you lunch..." Tempted as I was to let my son starve (a little), I had to be responsible and make sure he was able to get lunch. To this day, Robert still won't tell me if he planned this to get extra food, but I have my suspicions....

We are fortunate to serve a God that is far more generous and gracious to us! James 1:17 reminds us, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." We don't have to hope that our Savior is in a good mood when we come to Him with our prayers and petitions, because we matter to Him. The next verse, 18, says "He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created." Even though I was a bit annoyed at Robert for spending all of his money on one meal, I

was still proud of him for qualifying for this prestigious scholastic tournament.

That God gave us life as a way to display us as a living example of the best of His creation shows how much He loves and values us. So how should we respond? Verses 19 and 22 tell us, "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.... Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." I know these days can get under your skin at times, with inflation, weather, work, and all manner of worries and distractions pulling us away from fellowship with Jesus. But I want to encourage you- you are loved by God, you are valued by Him, and you were set apart to be an example of the best of His creation. Our response should be to point the way to our Savior by our words and our actions.



June 6th - Bolivar Missouri



Our first group of youth participated in a mission camp based out of Southwest Baptist University. The group worked with kids at the YWCA Day Care sharing their faith while helping to provide snacks, activities, and MORE!



## Worship Schedule - July 2022

| 9:00 a.m.<br>Sunday<br>WORSHIP | July 3<br>(Communion)                    | July 10                      | July 17                         | July 24                         | July 31                                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| ACCOMPANISTS                   | Mary Sigler<br>Londa Holoch              | Mary Sigler                  | Mary Sigler                     | Mary Sigler                     | Mary Sigler                              |
| LAY<br>READER                  | Sarah Hill                               | Terri Caldwell               | Amanda Hill                     | Amanda Hill                     | Sarah Hill                               |
| USHER/<br>GREETERS             | Brett Hill;<br>Karen Hill;<br>Josie Hill | <i>Volunteers<br/>Needed</i> | Dennis &<br>Mary Ella Mennenga  | <i>Volunteers<br/>Needed</i>    | Brett Hill;<br>Karen Hill;<br>Josie Hill |
| COMMUNION<br>SERVERS           | Dennis &<br>Mary Ella Mennenga           |                              |                                 |                                 |                                          |
| TECH<br>BOOTH                  | Steve Sinnott;<br>Tate Sigler            | Steve Sinnott;<br>Jordan Cox | Steve Sinnott;<br>Tracey Holoch | Steve Sinnott;<br>Tanner Holoch | Steve Sinnott;<br>Sarah Hill             |

Thank you from LeRoy Elementary School!

Thank you for your generosity and compassion for our youth. The donation of \$300 will be used to purchase school supplies for families in need. Also, it was great meeting Pastor McLean a few weeks ago!

My Best -- Mrs. Erin Conn



### June ATTENDANCE

| <i>Sunday Dates</i>       | <i>Sunday Attendance</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| June 5                    | 35                       |
| June 12                   | 30                       |
| June 19                   | 43                       |
| June 26                   | 34                       |
| <b>AVERAGE ATTENDANCE</b> | <b>36</b>                |

## CHURCH OFFICERS

### Elders:

Martha Dean  
Tracey Holoch  
Dennis McCormick  
Mary Ella Mennenga  
Anna Rayburn  
Ashley Sigler  
Randy Sigler  
Steve Sinnott  
Dixie Weinheimer

### Committee

Adult Christian Development/Nominating  
Administration/Nominating Committee  
Adult Christian Development  
Adult Christian Development/Worship & Music  
Clerk of Session/Christian Education  
Christian Education  
Administration/Worship & Music  
Worship & Music  
Mission & Outreach

**Session is currently scheduled to next meet on  
Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**

**Minutes will be available, after approval, in the office.**

### Deacons:

Terasha Bossingham  
Beverly Burcham  
Jack Burcham  
Scott Graves  
Amanda Hill  
Sarah Hill  
Londa Holoch  
Vonette Miller  
Barb Monical  
Bobbi Murfin

### Deacon of the Month:

October  
June  
May  
November  
August  
July  
February  
April  
March  
September



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### **OFFICE HOURS**

Church: Monday thru Thursday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
Pastor Bill: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

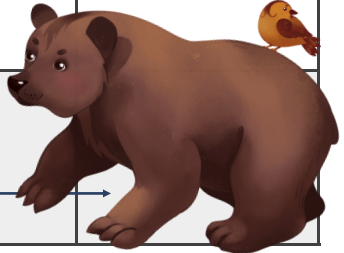
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*Deacon of the  
Month  
Sarah Hill*

*July*

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                        | Monday                                                                                                      | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday                                         | Thursday                                                       | Friday                                            | Saturday                                                                              |
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| <b>26</b><br>9:00 am Worship Service<br>9:15 am K-5th Sunday School Class                                                                                     | <b>27</b><br>9:00 am Monday Morning Bible Study                                                             | <b>28</b><br>6:00 pm ADMINISTRATION          | <b>29</b>                                         | <b>30</b><br>7:00 pm Serenity Circle (AA)                      | <b>1</b><br>Youth to "Iron Coyote" in Bloomington | <b>2</b>                                                                              |
| <b>3</b><br>9:00 am Worship Service<br>9:15 am K-5th Sunday School Class                                                                                      | <b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED<br> | <b>5</b>                                     | <b>6</b><br>6:00 pm WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING       | <b>7</b> (Rita Out of Office)<br>7:00 pm Serenity Circle (AA)  | <b>8</b>                                          | <b>9</b>                                                                              |
| <b>10</b><br>9:00 am Worship Service<br>9:15 am K-5th Sunday School Class<br>10:00 am Church Picnic                                                           | <b>11</b> OFFICE CLOSED<br>Great Escape Camp<br>9:00am Monday Morning Bible Study                           | <b>12</b> OFFICE CLOSED<br>Great Escape Camp | <b>13</b><br>Great Escape Camp<br>6:00 pm SESSION | <b>14</b><br>Great Escape Camp<br>7:00 pm Serenity Circle (AA) | <b>15</b><br>Great Escape Camp                    | <b>16</b><br>Great Escape Camp                                                        |
| <b>17</b><br>9:00 am Worship Service<br>9:15 am K-5th Sunday School Class<br>10:00 am Church Picnic                                                           | <b>18</b><br>9:00 am Monday Morning Bible Study                                                             | <b>19</b>                                    | <b>20</b>                                         | <b>21</b><br>7:00 pm Serenity Circle (AA)                      | <b>22</b>                                         | <b>23</b><br>Senior High Youth to Theme Park                                          |
| <b>24</b><br>9:00 am Worship Service<br>9:15am K-5th Sunday School Class<br>10:00 am Church Picnic<br>6:00 pm Praise Band to Texas Christian Church (Clinton) | <b>25</b><br>9:00 am Monday Morning Bible Study                                                             | <b>26</b><br>6:00 pm ADMINISTRATION MEETING  | <b>27</b>                                         | <b>28</b><br>7:00 pm Serenity Circle (AA)                      | <b>29</b> OFFICE CLOSED                           | <b>30</b>                                                                             |
| <b>31</b><br>9:00 am Worship Service<br>9:15 am K-5th Sunday School Class                                                                                     | <b>1</b><br>9:00 am Monday Morning Bible Study<br>←————— Pastor Bill on Vacation —————→                     | <b>2</b>                                     | <b>3</b>                                          | <b>4</b><br>7:00 pm Serenity Circle (AA)                       | <b>5</b>                                          |  |