



# new life *news*

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## **Why One Service?**

**9:00am Worship, 10:30 Sunday School**

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Someone asked me the other day, why are we going to one service? That is a good question and I want to take a moment or two to answer it. The quick answer is that we want to have the whole church together. For over 17 years, we have had two services and here is what I have observed. The people in one service don't know the people in the other service. Or at best we can say they don't see them.

Here is a conversation I have had more than once. Question: "Is person X still a member of this church? I never see them anymore." Answer: "They go to the other service."

After all this time, there is still a desire to be together, and that is the reason for going to one service. The church is called a family, but it is really difficult to care for people we don't know or see! (It is also easier to gossip, and/or assign negative motives to them.) So I encourage us all to take advantage of being together by getting to know those who you don't already know!

There are some other aspects of one service that are attractive, such as fewer volunteers needed and less time volunteers need to be at the building. These are nice because they will free up some of our people to get involved in new ways, but the main motivation is to help connect all the members of our church together. A follow-up question was this one. "What happens when/if we grow and won't all fit in the auditorium?" My answer to this one is Praise the Lord! What a great problem to have! The most likely option is that we will move to the gym for our worship service because it is bigger and will hold more people. It will mean some adjustments but it is worth making them so that we can stay together.

Ultimately, we have decided to value relationships over convenience. The more we are together. . . The more we get to know one another. . . The more we care about one another. . . The more we are being the church God is calling us to be.

*By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35*

# Diamond Willow Mission Trip

The snow is still falling and the temperatures are cold. We are all ready for the winter to end and summer to begin, which brings us to... summer mission trips!!

Has God ever laid something on your heart and you push it aside because of fear? I did! For several years when we had our mission report in October, God would lay it on my heart to go. I made many excuses, can't afford it, my kids are still young and at home, I'm petrified of snakes, yuck! Well in 2017, I heeded the call and took my first mission trip to Diamond Willow in South Dakota. Wow! What an experience. It's hard to put into words the blessing that I received from that trip.

The mission trip is camp for 3rd through 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls from the reservation. We do daily devotions, worship, lessons, recreation, crafts and we help the girls memorize bible verses. It is heartwarming to see the girls absorb the Word and know that seeds are being planted.

The girls are awesome. They are shy at first but once they feel comfortable, they begin to open up and a bond is made. It is such an amazing thing to see that happen.

I encourage all of you to think, pray and listen for God to reveal his plan for you. I guarantee that if He is calling you to go, you will be blessed beyond measure. If you, male or female are interested in joining us this June 21<sup>st</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>, please contact Sherri Benick

P.S. I haven't seen a snake yet! LOL!

Proverbs 22:17  
*"A merry heart does good like medicine"*

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# Upcoming Church Events

- **March 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Daylight Savings Time**
- **March 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sonshine Singers Practice 4:00p**
- **March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Women's Bible Study 7:00p**
- **March 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **Sonshine Singers Practice 4:00p**
- **March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Comfort & Joy Sewing 5:30p**
- **March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sonshine Singers Practice 4:00p**
- **March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Women's Bible Study 7:00p**
- **March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Youth Sunday**
- **March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Sonshine Singers Practice 4:00p**

# March Birthdays

- 1 – Brennan South
- 2 – Bryce Fletcher
- 3 – Ashley Twedt
- 5 – Kyle Thompson, Ava Williams
- 6 – Laurie Fox
- 7 – Marjorie Snelson
- 9 – Obed Snelson
- 10 – Bonnie Fry
- 14 – Deb Cromer
- 15 – Ron Landis
- 16 – Emily Broughton
- 19 – Jonah Beveridge, Marsha Frontz
- 20 – Myles Sharp
- 21 – Abigail Hickerson
- 22 – Betty Lou Woodward
- 25 – Emily Hart
- 26 – Cayden Sharp
- 27 – Michelle Sharp
- 28 – Jessica Dawson
- 29 – Clinton Shaffer
- 30 – Andrew Kistler
- 31 – Luke Roseberry

# Show-Me Christian Youth Home

Serving can be fun. There is something about the combined experience of serving God and serving alongside others that is deeply fulfilling. One of the greatest opportunities for this kind of serving is a mission trip.

For the past five years the youth group has traveled to LaMonte, Missouri for a week of service at Show-Me Christian Youth Home. The past couple years we have invited members from our young adult class to join us. Show-Me depends on work groups to come and do some of the many jobs that are needed to keep a facility like theirs in working shape. Jobs like weed-eating, wood splitting, fence mending, tree-trimming, weeding, painting, sorting out donations and mowing have to be done. The families that stay at the home do a large part of this work. But there is a lot that needs done that they aren't able to get around to. Hiring out these sorts of jobs would be expensive. So, volunteer groups that come and get these things done are a blessing to Show-Me.

There are many reasons why we go to Missouri year after year, but I want to point out just two right now. The first is that we are able to make this trip happen at a low cost. Since Show-Me depends so heavily on groups to get things done they charge nothing for lodging or food for those that stay there. We only need to cover the cost of getting there. This year we will be able to make this trip happen for \$80 a person. Also, the way Show-Me is set up allows us *a lot* of interaction with the youth that live there. We are able to attend chapel with them at their on-campus school. We get to eat with them and play games with them. Some of them come with us to work on the projects we are given. Over the years we have been able to build relationships with the staff and youth of Show-Me. We love them and they love us and get excited when we come.

This trip focuses on youth group members that are entering their freshman year of high school through those who will have just graduated this year. Also, those from our 18-30 year old young adult class are invited to join us in this week of service. The dates for the trip are July 28-August 2. The cost, again, is \$80 a person. If you are interested in attending being a part of this mission trip please let me know as soon as possible. I am looking forward to the opportunity to be a blessing to our brothers and sisters at Show-Me again this year. I hope many of you will join us!

Blessings,  
Kyle