

FIRST THOUGHTS

Wow! It is February 2017! That means in just a couple of weeks Jon Reed will be coming to Rayville to preach. February 19-22 has been set a part for you and me to gather as a church body to be refreshed, encouraged and challenged as we continue to seek the Lord. The special services also afford you and me a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and acquaintances who do not have the wonderful support of a church family or who have not experienced the awesome grace and mercy of God through Jesus Christ. I have encouraged you to write down five families or individuals who need the Lord and/or a church family and commit to pray for them. God answers prayers! Don't give up!

Sunday Night will be men's night. We will serve steaks to men in the gym around five o'clock. Invite your friends, neighbors, loved one's anyone to come and enjoy the meal and then fellowship around the Word with Jon Reed.

Wednesday Night will be Family night. We will have a "Touch a Truck" night for children. We have scheduled several big vehicles to be in our parking lot for children to get a close look at. There will be a monster truck, helicopter, tractors and other farm vehicles and maybe a few other surprises. Your family and your neighbors will have a ball! Then we will all go to the sanctuary and God will move among us and in us as His Word is preached.

There will be other special nights we will inform you of as we get closer. Commit to being present in every service for God's glory! Set aside the cares of the world for God's purpose and watch what God will do!

I can't finish writing without praising God for the magnificent answer to prayer for Mr. Wayne McManus! I thank God and give Him all glory for Mr. Wayne's report of no cancer! May He be praised and honored for all good things.

Dr. EW

IGNITE NEWS

CentriKid, UPWARD Basketball, and Basic Training!!!!

Its time to register for CentriKid!!! Our 3rd - 6th graders will be attending CentriKid July 31 - August 4th this year. We will be going to Timber Creek Camp in Pulaski Mississippi again this year. Last year was my first year to attend a CentriKid camp and I was very impressed with how the camp leaders incorporated the biblical lesson for the day into every activity for the children. The children had multiple bible studies throughout the day to reinforce the theme for that day. They also had games and activities that went along with the theme. The large group worship times were very high quality and inspiring. **I truly believe, a week at CentriKid is one of the best weeks your 3rd - 6th grader will have this summer!** A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is due by February 8th. the total cost will be \$315 per child. Email me or call the church office to get your children signed up! We also have a need for a few scholarships. Please let me know if you feel led to help out in this way.

UPWARD Basketball is underway! We have 123 players, 28 coaches, and around 370-400 parents/siblings/family members on campus each Saturday to watch kids play basketball. Thats around 550 individuals that we have the opportunity to share Jesus with every week for the next 7-8 weeks! There are 7 games each week where a half time devotion is given to everyone in attendance. Want to be a part of this great opportunity? Call the church office to volunteer to give a 5 minute devotion during one of the half time breaks.

Basic Training will be March 3rd, 4th, and 5th for 2nd Grade - 6th Grade students. This will be an exciting weekend filled with games, obstacle courses, scavenger hunts, weenie roast, Smore making, worship, and Bible study. We will be staying at the Richland Baptist Encampment Friday and Saturday nights before attending our 8:30 service Sunday morning as a group. There are only a few spots left open. The cost will be \$35 per child and includes a t-shirt. You can call the church office or me directly if you want to sign up your children.

In Christ,
Tim

NEWS



ATT: 3rd - 6th graders

March 3-5 we will be going to the Richland Baptist Encampment for a weekend of bible study, worship, and fun. **Cost for this event will be \$35 per child.**

Limited space available so sign up today!!

July 31st - Aug. 4th CENTRIKID CAMP

Timber Creek
(3rd - 6th grade)
Pulaski, MS
Cost \$315

\$100 Deposit due Feb. 8th
Deposit is Non-refundable

July 5th - 9th CENTRIFUGECAMP

Union University
Jackson, TN
Cost \$300

\$100 Deposit due now
Deposit is Non-refundable

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Cassie	Townsend	13 Pam	Biggs
2 Mica	Holubec	13 Raymond	Gill
3 Sandra	Adams	14 Maddy	Blackwell
3 Brenda	McManus	14 Rylee	Gibson
3 Sandra	Pettit	14 Sonya	Neyland
3 Richard	Letlow	14 Tracy	Morris
4 Melanie	Gable	15 Cindy	Senn
6 Kyle	Stracener	16 Eddie	Wren
7 Harold	Gallman	17 Garrett	Brakefield
7 Sandra	Johnston	18 Avery	Blackwell
7 Lois	Smith	18 Katelyn	Branch
8 Kolby	Meyers	18 Keith	Collins
8 Cole	Garrett	18 A. O.	Doughty, Jr.
8 Randy	Walters, Jr.	18 Marylin	Lyles
8 Chriee	Williams	20 Grayson	Brakefield
8 Bonnie	Rockett	21 Jess	Horne
9 Jan	Reeves	22 Stacey	Pettit
9 Jonathan	Brakefield	23 Mandi	Gibson
9 Dan	Lane	23 Rikki	Jones
9 May	Belcher	23 John	Cooper
9 Gabby	Gill	25 Alyssa	Cowart
10 Andy	Eldridge	27 Laverna	Parrish
11 Jase	Barton	27 Tabitha	Carlisle
12 Shannon	Clark	28 Doyle	Clark

FIRST NOTES 🎵

Will you not revive us again: that Your people may rejoice in You? Psalm 85:6

As you all know our church's revival is near, February 19-22. My prayer is that God would revive the hearts of His people, that we would see a great harvest of souls, and that wayward brothers and sisters in Christ would return to faithful service in His kingdom. But if we want this revival to be successful, it is imperative that we prepare our hearts and fervently seek God's face. More than dynamic speaking and great music, we need God's presence and the power of His Spirit to penetrate hard hearts, starting within us individually. Brothers and sisters, if we truly want to see God move among us, we must be willing to go the extra mile. Throughout the Bible and church history, movements of God occur whenever God's people humbly and boldly seek after Him. In closing, let us join in one accord and seek God's face through fasting and prayer and may we boldly and lovingly invite and bring the lost and wayward individuals back to Him.

Thank You Singers!

Thank You to all the musicians and singers for participating in our 5th Sunday Singin'. Your love for Jesus far out shines your wonderful abilities. What a blessing you are to the Lord and our church!

Choir Invitation!

There's no time like the present to be a part of the choir. If you love to sing and love Jesus, you'll fit right in. We practice on Wednesdays at 6:30pm and lead our church in worship every Sunday morning as well as special musicals. We have lots of fun and a family friendly environment all while praising the name of Jesus in song. Come and see what it's all about. If you have any questions, contact Raymond at the church office. We would love for you to join us!

Raymond

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

8:30am.....Worship Service
 9:45am.....Sunday School
 10:45am.....Worship Service
 6:00pm.....Evening Worship

MONDAY

1:30pm.....Helping Hands Ministry

TUESDAY

8:00am-12Noon.....Care & Share
 9:00am.....Les Feldick Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

9:30am.....“God Speaks”
 4:00pm.....“Through the Bible” Study
 5:00pm.....Supper
 5:20pm.....Praise Team
 5:30pm.....“God Speaks”
 5:30pm.....“What Every Christian Ought to Know”

5:30pm.....Men’s Study
 6:00pm.....IGNITE-Children’s Activities
 6:15pm.....REFUGE-Student Worship
 6:30pm.....Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

6:00am.....Men’s Prayer
 9:30am.....Ladies’ Prayer Group
 5:30pm.....Richland Celebrate Recovery

FRIDAY

8:00am-12Noon.....Care & Share



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 The next issue will be Feb. 27, 2017

DR. WREN’S SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB-SITE

Go to fbcrayville.org and click the Sermons link at the top of the page. Church activities and upcoming events are also posted on the website. Share the web address with someone and invite them to church.

FBC STAFF

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For more information about our church please call or visit our website.

SECOND HELPINGS

Saturday, Feb. 11th
 Family Life Center
8:00am Prep/Cook
9:00am Prep Food Boxes
10:00am Begin Deliveries

DEACONS’ MEETING

Sunday, Feb. 12th, 4:30pm

Online Giving is now available!

Go to www.fbcrayville.org and click on the GIVE button.

MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sunday, Feb. 19th 7:00am
 In the Family Life Center



Monday, Feb. 27th, 6:00PM

In the WMU Building

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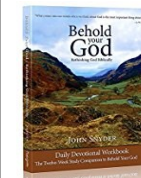
Springtime Jubilee, Branson, MO
 for Mature Adults, April 24th - 27th

Gospel music by Lefevre Quartet, Guy Penrod, Legacy Five, The Inspirations, Collingsworth Family and Allison Spear. Comedy by Dennis Swanberg and preaching by Johnny Hunt and Will Graham. Included the Sight & Sound production of Moses, Dinner Cruise on the Branson Belle and lunch at Marlsgate Plantation. You can sign up in the church office. \$100 Non-Refundable Deposit due Feb. 8th.

Prices: Single \$730, Double \$605, Triple \$560 & Quad. \$540

Save the Date
SEEKER SPRINGS YOUTH RETREAT

Speaker: Jason Curry
 Saturday, April 29th
 \$40 includes T-Shirt



Behold Your God

Rethinking God Biblically

Dr. Wren will begin a new Bible study Wednesday, Feb. 8th, 5:30pm in the Discipleship room. Please call the church office to order a book. The cost of each book is \$15.

The Acts Bible Study

The Acts Bible study, God Speaks, chapters 15-21, will resume Wed., Feb. 1st, 9:30am or 5:30pm. We will look at conflicts & conquests in the early church as they listened to God’s voice & obeyed. *If you are signing up for the first time, call Patricia Thompson, 372-2636 about a book.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- 1st The Acts Bible Study resumes
- 8th Behold Your God Bible Study begins
- 8th Deposit due for CentriKid Camp
- 8th Deposit for Springtime Jubilee due
- 19th - 22nd Evangelist Jon Reed

March

- 3rd - 5th Basic Training for 3rd - 6th grades

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