

August Birthdays

BIRTHDAYS

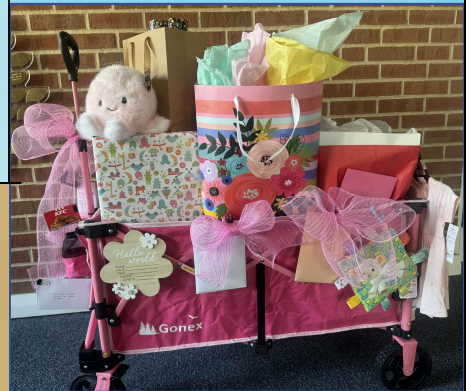
01–Lucy Fletcher
Joey Hoffelmeyer
02–Cindy Brandt
03–Michelle Scarff
Bruce Blalock
05–Sarah Bentley
Lisa Bowlen
06–Gary Bowlen
Jared Jackson
07–Dallas Coslet
Jerry Frerking
Jacob Dennis
08–Jim Crawford
09–Phil LaGore
10–Amy Dowell
Jim Merchant

13–Bryce Payne
Diane Green
14–Brenda Coffman
Wayne Shannon
15– Terry Cobb
16– McKenzie Stalter
17– Azlann Buck
21– Heather Jones
23– Lisa Ballance
Linda Crews
Tom Monnig
24– Shirley Jackson
Justin Schroeder
26– Lee Link
27– Carlie Burton
Becky McRoberts
28– Gary Dowell

28– Darrin Schupp
29– Tyler Pointer
31– Nate Sullivan

Anniversaries

04– Jacob & Brienne Asbury
05– Brennan & Debbie Tucker
11– Doug & Kathy Swinger
13– Steven & Shala Smith
20– Bill & Nancy Jackson
29– Greg & Shirley Schultz
30– Rennie & Lisa Ballance



“Reaching Out”

an update from the Outreach Committee

On June 29, the rescheduled Community Blood Center blood drive coordinated by FCC and St Peter Catholic Church was held at the Knights of Columbus building. (The drive had to be rescheduled from its original date a week before due to supply truck problems en route to Marshall.) Thank you to everyone for rescheduling your donation. Due to the change of date, our blood drive goal was changed from 30 units to 20 units. We collected 37 units! Not only did we surpass our goal, but we improved our results by 28% over last year. One of Christ’s instructions is to heal the sick, so thank you for your participation and support in this mission.

On July 26, a pink wagon full of baby gifts, cards, and gift certificates was delivered to Madison and Jake Dennis at their home. They are expecting twin baby girls in early August, and many FCC members contributed gifts to fill the wagon and to help surprise this young family as they prepare to welcome their precious little ones. Thank you to everyone for your gifts, well wishes, and prayers.

If you would like to contribute money to the Pantry Pastors fund, it will be used to buy groceries to keep our Little Food Pantry stocked. Please note “Panty Pastors” on your gift. Thank you. Of course, you are always welcome to put groceries and your garden produce in the Little Food Pantry at the northwest end of our parking lot. Thank you to the team of Pantry Pastors for dedicating your time to keep the pantry clean and stocked.

The Outreach Committee will be meeting in early September to plan for the next year. If you would like to join this committee in its work to Reach Out to our community, please contact the FCC office at 660-886-3338 or Ginger McGraw at 660-620-2480. We only meet 1-2 times/year and conduct other business via text or email. We would also very much appreciate ideas for ways to help our community.



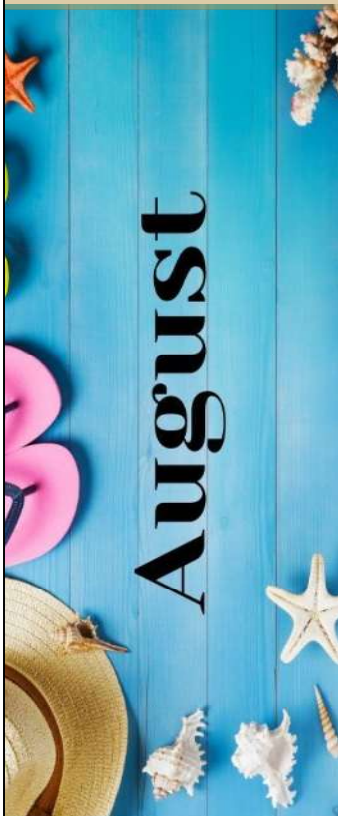
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**Our August
General Board
meeting will be
On the 12th at
6:00 PM.**



A Message from our Pastor...

I am a Christian writing to Christians who belong to a place for Christians to gather, grow, and follow the teachings of Jesus the Christ, the savior of the world.

I have read about and talked to people who have been hurt by those who sit just a few pews away from them. Sometimes the harm comes from beyond the bounds of the Church.

The person who is hurt often becomes one who carries on the hurtful traditions to their own children and their extended family.

The need, desire, or propensities for hurting others often comes to the individual as fear. This fear can be the fear of not being good enough, physical fear of personal injury, or the fear of being displaced in some ways by others.

Joseph F. Girzone in his book Joshua In The Holy Land says "True religion is the living expression of God's wisdom and love, and a truly religious person will reflect that wisdom and love of God to all that he or she touches and will be a powerful source of peace and goodness to everyone. No one need fear a truly religious person, because he carries in his heart the living presence of God and blesses everyone he meets."

This what I expected in church. I was very disappointed. I expected so much more from the church and then discovered that I was harboring anger, evil thoughts and no small

amount of fear. I found those things in myself that I did not like in myself. I have spent the good part of half a century working on myself and also trying to help others in the same trap which I was snared. Ultimately God is able to look beyond what presents now to understand the reasons for our sinful nature. God forgives, saves us and tries always to help us get better.

Let us all try to make our church a place of grace and peace for everyone.

Under God's mercy,
Randal



We are looking for friendly faces to welcome everyone to our 8:30 and 10:30 worship services! If you're willing to share a smile and greet folks as they arrive, please stop by the parlor and sign up today.

**Let's Chat and Chew! Meet us at
Pizza Hut on August 6th at 11:00
AM for good food
and friendly
conversation. All are
welcome, so come
pull up a chair!**

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