



Newsletter

BRIDGE CHURCH

Pastor: Jamie Lee

Greetings from Champaign, Illinois. It is hard to believe that we have been in Champaign for a year now and we are just 3 months away from launch date of September 16. Up to this point we have had 3 preview services that have been attended quite well. Our preview services are the first Sunday of every month.

We use our outreach events to promote the church and connect with people. The middle part of May we had an event in a park. Jimmy John's provided sandwiches and we had two bounce houses. It was awesome seeing people talking to each other and sitting on the grass enjoying their day. It was one of our best outreach events we have had to date. On the last day of school, we provided lunch for faculty and staff at one of the schools here in Champaign.

I am not sure there is a magic number, but currently we have 20 people who are serving on our team. In the past two weeks God has brought 6 people to our team. God has blessed us with diversity and committed people. I have said this so many times that I would not want to do this with anybody else. They are so gifted in so many areas and I am excited to see how God uses them. Not to mention, one of our families brought a baby girl into the world and we have another who will be here in September.

Our next service is July 1. We are also raising money to provide shoes for kids at one of the local schools. A portion of our offerings as a church will go toward this cause. Our people are behind this and our goal is 50 pairs of shoes! We continue to meet people who are far from God. Please continue to pray as we continue to build these relationships. We also want to take this opportunity to thank all of our financial supporters. We would not be able to do this without you. Convention is coming up in July and we can't wait to see you.

PITTSBURG CHURCH

Pastors: Eddie Donelson and Keith McDannel Reporter: Hollie Utley

The heat has arrived! We enjoyed a busy month of June and now are looking ahead for July.

The Men's fellowship breakfast was a huge success! The men of PFWBC hosted a Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, June 16 at Cracker Barrel in Marion. They had a wonderful time enjoying each other's company! We are thankful for all of our Father's and most importantly our Heavenly Father!

We know when it warms up outside, that must mean VBS is quickly approaching! We are getting ready to open the doors for as many as the Father would send our way. It is set for the week of July 16-20, from 6:15-8:30pm. This year's theme is *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*. We are excited to teach the kids that God is here for us, no matter where we go or how we feel! Keeping a child's attention for over 2 hours each night has to include FUN!! A high energy, fast paced week is what we are expecting. Praying for lives to be forever changed that week and the Holy Spirit to flood all in attendance.

Our Youth Group is in the middle of their annual mission trip at this writing. The organization is through Lifeway, called Power Plant (P2). They are in Nashville, Tennessee hosting a VBS for a local church that they have helped the last three years. Such a great opportunity for them to shine the light of Jesus! They are hoping to get to see some familiar faces while they are there and hear how the Father has been working in their lives. Praying for more names to be written into the Lamb's Book of Life.

We are looking forward to August as we host our annual Back 2 School Bash on August 1! We are praying for the lives that will be touched because of the blessing God has bestowed upon us to share with the community. If you know someone in the area who would benefit from attending, send them our way! More information will be on our website very soon, www.pittsburgfwb.org. We pray everyone has a great month of July!4th

"There Ain't Nothin' Gonna Steal Our Joy, in 2018" ...and no one can rob you of that joy. - John 16:22



CELEBRATE FREEDOM – JULY 4th

HARMONY CHURCH

Pastor: Curtis Smith Reporter: Jennifer Cook

Sunshine, warm breezes, rainfall, children's laughter, God has blessed us abundantly! God is all around us. We can see Almighty God, the Creator and Savior! The Heavens truly declare the glory of the Living God!

Sunday, May 6th, Harmony celebrated 186 years! Our Homecoming service had Brother Clint Morgan bringing the Word followed by a meal in the Fellowship Hall. The Chosen Ones provided the music during morning worship and also in the afternoon. Finally, Brother Kevin McNeely of Grange Hall FWBC closed out the service. It was a wonderful day full of praise, worship and fellowship with friends, old and new!

Saturday, May 12th, Harmony held another Bible Journaling Session. It was a wonderful time of diving into God's Word and growing closer to one another in fellowship! Check out the Facebook group page: Illustrating Faith In Harmony (IFH)! This is an open ministry to anyone who would like to learn how to get deeper into the Word of God and grow in your relationship with Christ! Please join us!

Sunday, May 13th, was Mother's Day. Thank you to the ladies for making those special gifts for all the moms! May 27th, Harmony hosted a night of worship at 7 pm. It was a praise-filled service with scripture readings and voices lifted in praise throughout the evening. God's presence was moving throughout the service! Praise the LORD!

June 5th, Harmony held it's monthly SOS and Master's Men meetings at 6pm. This Sunday, June 17th, Harmony Church will host it's annual Church in the Park at West Frankfort City Park beginning at 11 am. It is a wonderful time of outreach and boldly proclaiming God's love and truth to the world! Harmony will not have evening services that day.

On Wednesday, June 20th, at 7pm Whiteash FWBC will join us at Harmony for a special joint service. There will be a worship service and preaching of the word.

Harmony is excited to host VBS from June 25-29th each night from 6:15-8:30. Thank you to those who have poured themselves into making this a special time for the kids. We pray that God will open hearts to receive His precious gift of salvation. Please pray for all the workers who will be helping in any capacity, that those who attend will feel the love of Christ surrounding them!

Please continue to join us in praying for these upcoming events. We pray the fires of revival will spark and ignite within us a boldness to serve and glorify our Lord and Savior!

"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night." -Psalm 92:1-2

BLUE POINT CHURCH



Pastor Ernie Lewis Reporter Suzanne Lewis

We had a wonderful week of VBS with the theme of "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus". On Saturday after the last classes we enjoyed a family picnic with lots of food and inflatables for the kids. A good crowd attended. We held the Commencement Program on Sunday morning.

Brother Ernie directed Junior-Senior Camp. Ruth Marie Simmons worked in the Junior-Senior week as well. Hope Walker is one of the S.A.M. workers this summer and Lauren Grace Conard served as a lifeguard. Chloe Byars and Megan Spitzner served as counselors Junior High week. Several of our youth have attended as campers. Our church sent cookies down for dessert. Connie McGrew and Darlene Smith helped in the kitchen one day.

We extend our sympathy to the family of J.D. Williamson. J.D. passed away after several years of poor heart health. He was much loved, not only in our church, but also in the community of Cisne.

It is time for our Annual Cornhole Tournament. This year it will be double elimination. There are over twenty-five teams signed up and several teams have already been practicing.

	<p>MASTER'S MEN RETREAT</p> <p>CAMP HOPE</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 13 – 15</p> <p>All Men Are Urged To Attend</p>	
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OUR ANNUAL CAMP MEETING held at CAMP HOPE: SEPTEMBER 9 – 12
will feature
EVANGELIST BOBBY JACKSON



Bobby was born in Wilson, North Carolina, Graduated summa cum laude from Welch College, Nashville, Tennessee, Received the M.A. degree from Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, Has held over 2,200 evangelistic campaigns during the past 67 years, Preached in over 17,000 services, Has traveled over a million miles spreading the Gospel, As an author, he has contributed frequently to religious publications, Has published: *Messages that Matter, Awakening in the Wilderness, Beyond the Stars, and Six Steps to Successful Christian Living*, and his most recent publication, *Yesterday*, memoirs of 60 years on the road as an evangelist.

As a soloist, he has released six record albums, *Softly and Tenderly, Then Sings My Soul, Fill My Cup, Lord, My God and I, With Trumpet Sound and Songs from Two Generations.*

Now makes his home with his wife, Jane, in Greenville, North Carolina.

Many of our churches have had him as the evangelist for their revivals.

We will have other information about the Camp Meeting in next month's issue of the Illinois Newsletter.

CONNECT CHURCH

Pastor: Dan Smith Reporter: Shirley Brown

May was a very busy month here with high school and college graduations and Mother's Day celebrations. Our church school graduated 7 high school seniors, and all are planning college educations. The Connect 2 Missions group hosted a Mother/Daughter luncheon on May 12 and Mother's Day was celebrated by the church with "Muffins for Mom" on Sunday morning and several moms receiving small gifts when their names were drawn from a basket.

Is your church experiencing a summer "slow down" with fewer in attendance? We are, but those who are away are missing some great praise and worship time and heart-changing messages.

June will see the beginning of our summer barbecue get-togethers. June, July and August we will meet on the 4th Sunday evening for BBQ potluck. There will be food, games and general fellowship. Of course, we will not forget our fathers, either. On Father's day we will have "Donuts for Dad" at 9:00am., followed by the morning worship time. On June 16th the Connect 2 Missions group will hold the 8th Annual Flea Market to raise funds for missions. July's report will be telling you about our next 90-Day Community Outreach event. It should be a good one. Have a great summer – safe and sound!

ARNOLD VIEW CHURCH

Pastor: Ivan Ryan Reporter: Buddy Parks

Average Sunday School attendance during May was 77. Brother Randy Jones brought the morning and evening worship messages on May 6. The Mother/Daughter Banquet was held on May 8. "Sunflower Faith" was the theme. Missionary Brenda Carney shared a devotion. Phyllis Odum, 71, passed away on May 10. Gene Dwyer, 82, passed away on May 15. Condolences to these families. Each mother received potted flowers on Mother's Day. Arnold View's Homecoming was observed on May 20, celebrating 102 years of ministry in our community. Brother Doug Little sang several of his songs and brought a challenging message. We enjoyed a delicious meal at noon.

VBS was held on June 4-7. "UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Building Your Life on the Solid Rock of Jesus" was the theme. The offerings went toward Construction Projects at Camp Hope. The Jones Fish Fry was held on June 8. Congratulations to Regan Thompson, who recently graduated from Crab Orchard High School.

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;" - Colossians 3:23

*Note to Church Reporters: News items for the August issue of the Newsletter must be submitted by July 15th.
Send all correspondence to David Shores: davids@mvfreewillbaptist.org.*

NEW HOPE CHURCH

Pastor: Craig Smith Reporter: Jackie Capps

We are proud of our 2018 children who moved on to complete their education. Lucille Smith from high school; Logan Fowler and Courtney Owens-eighth grade; Azlyn Kiefer-kindergarten; Colt Richardson and Remington Ellis-preschool; Anna Kemp-Monday School; and Emmy Catron-Tuesday School.

A clean-up day for the church yard and building was recently held. Leaves raked, flowers planted and the church was washed.

On Mother's Day, a large potted plant was given to each lady.

The Victory Boys Quartet sang in the afternoon for our annual Homecoming on June 3rd. The service was enjoyed by all. Some of the ladies from our church attended Michaela Smith's bridal shower held Sat., June 9, in Wayne City.

Let us all do what Colossians 4:2 says, "*Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.*"

HAZEL DELL CHURCH

Pastor: Larry Clyatt Reporter: Diana Kirk

Wishing you all a happy and safe summer!

Thank you to the group from our church who did some cleaning in the Girls' Dorm at Camp Hope. Those helping were Brother Larry and Sister Peggy, Cindy Davey, Karen Harrison and Danny and Diana Kirk.

Our church will be responsible for providing a couple of workers to assist in the summer lunch distribution program at the city park on Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00. This program is to provide free lunches to school age children in our area during their summer break. Anyone wanting to assist with this should contact Brother Larry.

The Peppy Calebs met at the church on Thursday, May 24th for their monthly luncheon. There were 12 in attendance. Sister Mary Lou Galloway provided delicious chicken and dumplings as the main course. Brother Jim LeVault led a discussion about our own high school graduations. We were asked to share any memories we had from "back then". The next luncheon is scheduled for June 28th at 12:00 at Joe's Pizza in Benton.

The Men's Prayer Group met for their monthly breakfast and devotion on Sunday, June 3rd.

Jessalyn Eubanks has returned from her mission's trip to Brazil. We were excited to hear of her work and experiences in serving the Lord on her trip. She gave us a summary of her trip and presented slides to add to her talk. It is a blessing to see how excited she is for the Lord!

Congratulations, best wishes and prayers for all the 2018 graduates. Our graduates include: Walker LeVault, Unity Christian Kindergarten; Mitchell Bulla, Lukas Gunter, Matthew LeVault and Peyton Rock, SV High School; and Emily Bulla, Rend Lake College with Associates in Art and Associates in Science Degrees.

Please continue to pray for our shut-ins: Gerald Hamilton, Frances McNeal, Wilma Cockrum and Helen Galloway.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." - Proverbs 15:1

MOUNT VERNON CHURCH

Pastor: David Shores

Our church is undergoing some changes. After a long process of renovation we have enlarged our kitchen and fellowship hall. The men in our church took out some partitions to allow more room for the ladies working in the kitchen. Contractors came in and changed the plumbing and installed new cabinets, refrigerators, ranges and microwaves. Then, we had new flooring installed in the fellowship hall, kitchen and entrance lobby. Everything looks great.

Another change took place at the end of June as we said goodbye to our Youth Minister. Brother Phillip Kennedy and his family have been with us for eight years and he has been called to serve as Pastor at First Free Will Baptist Church in Benton. He begins his service there on July 1. Our church had a "farewell" dinner for his family on Sunday morning, June 24. We pray that the Lord will bless him as he begins this new ministry.

Other changes will include getting folks to assume the responsibilities of leading our children and young people. We ask you to pray for us during this transition period.

Three of our young men: Damian Rose, Michael Rose and Jacob Voss attended Junior/Senior Camp. Michael and Jacob returned to Camp Hope to serve as counselors during Junior High Camp. Our church is to provide food and workers at Camp Hope in July.

The WAC ladies recently provided meals to the Mount Vernon Firefighters at 3 different locations in our town.

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever." - Psalm 136:1

**FREE WILL BAPTIST FAMILY MINISTRY in GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE
SEEKS CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries (FWBFM) is seeking to fill the position of CEO/Executive Director. The CEO/Executive Director is the key management leader of FWBFM. They are responsible for overseeing the administration, programs and strategic plan of the organization. Other key duties include budgeting, fundraising, marketing, and community outreach. The position reports directly to the Board of Directors. General Responsibilities:

- Planning and operation of annual budget
- Develops resources to ensure financial health of FWBFM
- Directs day-to-day operations of the organization
- Oversees all programs, marketing and communication efforts
- Supervise, collaborate with organization staff
- Strategic planning and implementation
- Fundraising and development of other resources to support FWBFM budget and mission
- Works with Board of Directors to ensure that the mission is fulfilled
- Follower of Christ and a person of character
- Member in good standing of a FWB Church
- Bachelor's Degree in an accredited 4-year college or university in a related field
- Transparent and high integrity leadership
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Administrative and management experience
- Experienced in managing a large organizational budget
- Solid, hands-on, budget management skills, including budget preparation, analysis, decision making and reporting
- Effective strategic planning and development experience
- Ability to supervise others and delegate workload responsibilities.
- Proven financial promotions and fundraising experience
- Willingness to travel in and out of state
- Visionary
- Proven track record of leadership

If interested in the position, please send the following to Chris Castle, Secretary of Board of Directors by Tuesday, July 31: resume, personal/professional references, Christian testimony, and personal finance philosophy. Email: revnurse@comcast.net. If you have any questions, you may contact Chris Compton, Vice-Chairman of Board of Directors at 615-347-8816.

**THE 82ND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS WILL MEET IN
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
JULY 22-25, 2018**

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IMPACT LITTLE ROCK - SATURDAY, JULY 21st

OR CURRENT RESIDENT



BEAR POINT CHURCH

Pastor: Larry Cook Reporter: Lana Travelstead-Eubanks

A warm welcome from Bear Point Church. The past month has proved to be a busy one.

On May 20, Rusty and Brenda Carney and family were in worship service and shared about their mission work in Japan. May God bless them and fulfill their many needs to do His work.

The end of May saw many of our youth graduating at various levels of education. The following graduates were recognized and presented with a small Bible. Graduating from Rend Lake College: Chase Ragland, Braelyn Walker, and Makayla Tindall; from High School: Lauren Mygatt, Elizabeth Crawford, Alayna Hicks and Kaden Kiselewski; from Jr. High: Katie Mygatt, Bailee Kirk, Nate Ragland and Rylin Huie; and from Kindergarten: Jaxon Hollis. We congratulate all of our graduates and wish them much continued success in the future. And congratulations and acknowledgement to the parents in their guidance and commitment in raising such fine ladies and gentlemen and to God be the Glory.

In June we also saw several baby dedications. The following parents publicly committed to raising their new ones in the ways of the Lord: Jeff and Megan Melvin dedicating Jameslee, Phillip and Melissa Wilkerson dedicating Avery, and Justin and Beth Mandrell dedicating Louisa. May God bless these families and beautiful babies.

We would also like to congratulate JB and Sara McCann and proud Grandmother, Virginia McCann on the birth of Amelia Faye.

We would like to congratulate David and Linda Zimmerman on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Sister Linda is our church secretary and Brother David is Assistant. Superintendent. We would like to thank them for their many years of faithfulness and service to the Church and our Lord.

Many of the ladies of our Church helped with providing meals for the Sesser Summer Food program, a program which helps feed the youth in the community during the summer months. On June 14th, they also provided cakes, pies, brownies and cookies to Camp Hope and also helped serving the meals on June 21st. We thank all of those who helped and provided food. It is greatly appreciated and enjoyed. And a special thank you to Sister Becky Loucks for organizing these projects.

Please continue to keep our youth in your prayers as they attend Camp Hope this summer and that the Lord will reach many and bless them.

