

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FINGER FOOD FELLOWSHIP**—Everyone is invited downstairs for a time of fellowship after the Lord's Supper on Sunday, July 2. Please bring finger foods, light snacks, etc.

**MISSIONS GROUPS**—will meet for Bible study on Wednesday, July 5, at 7:00 p.m. Come join us!

**CHANGE OF DATE**—Because of church camp, the July business meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m.

**VBS FAMILY NIGHT**—will be Friday, July 28, at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude with an old-fashioned ice cream fellowship. Please contact Ladonna Hix if you can provide a freezer of homemade ice cream.

**5TH SUNDAY SINGING**—New Hope Baptist Church will host the singing on Sunday, July 30, at 6:00 p.m. Plan now to attend!

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—meets on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. in the St. Clair Burger King Conference Room. All men are welcome!

**PRAYER FOR REVIVAL**—Everyone is invited to a special time of prayer for revival and spiritual awakening on Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the Joyful Ladies classroom.

**AGAPE HOUSE**—Please continue to bring canned food and empty egg cartons.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**—During July please bring school supplies (blue and black pens, pencils, pink erasers, crayons, markers, glue sticks, wide-ruled notebook paper). Also, watch for sales on clothing, toys, and socks. Our goal is 50 boxes for the packing party in October.

## Worship SCHEDULE

### Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:40 a.m. Morning Worship & Children's Church
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

### Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

### Thursday

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer for Revival



**July 23-28, 2017**  
**6:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Ages 4 - 6th Grade are welcome!**

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to participate in various service projects during the week.

Join us for a week at the "beach" as we learn Bible stories, sing songs, make crafts, and have lots and lots of fun!

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## From Your Pastor's Heart

**PRAYER THAT CHANGES THINGS**—Have you ever been disappointed in the lack of results from your praying? God's Word tells us that we are to come boldly before His throne so that we may find *"mercy and grace to help in time of need"* (Heb. 4:16). Do we pray like this or do we simply come before Him with only a list of our needs?

As many of you know, St. Clair Southern has recently started an additional prayer time specifically for the sake of seeking God in revival and spiritual awakening. I would certainly invite every one who can to join us as we talk to God. To encourage more of us to pray, here are a few reminders:

- **COMMUNICATING WITH GOD** - When children are small, they often ask their parents for things. While some of their requests are granted outright, what good parents really want to do is communicate with their child so that they can understand each other better.

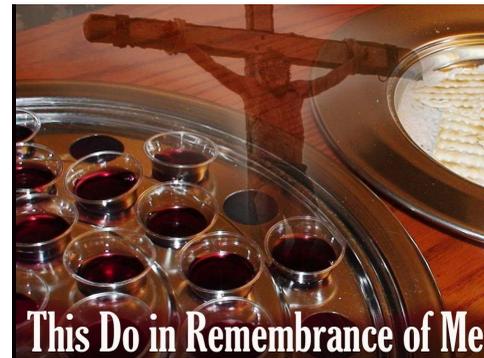
Do you communicate with God like this? Do you talk to Him throughout the day about your sorrows, disappointments and frustrations? Do you talk to Him like you would confide in a close personal friend from whom you have no secrets?

- **CRYING OUT TO GOD** - Are your prayers ever tearful? One of the sweetest sounds I've heard in our revival prayer meetings is the sound of heartfelt cries to God for Him to come to our church in true revival. Does this make any difference? I believe it does, for what parent wouldn't immediately attend to the needs and hurts of a weeping child? Listen to these precious words from God when King Hezekiah cried to Him when he was deeply distressed: *"I have heard your prayers, I have seen your tears"* (Isaiah 38:5). The combination found favor in heaven. And though He was sinless and perfect, even Jesus Himself offered up *"prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears. . . and was heard"* (Heb. 5:7).

- **COUNTING ON GOD** - If you pray and do not expect an answer, you are not likely to get one. We must actively, expectantly and persistently count on God to do all He has promised: to meet all our needs (Phil. 4:19), to give us wisdom (James 1:5), to never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5) and so much more. When situations seem impossible, we are often tempted to doubt the Lord. But we must remember that God never lies to us, and we must learn to depend on Him to be true to His Word.

If we pray according to His will, He will both hear and answer (I John 5:14-15). When you're not sure of His will, ask yourself if your prayer agrees with Scripture and if what you're praying for will bring glory to God. Now you might get the idea that praying this way might take a while—it could. Or that it might be emotional and intense—absolutely. Or maybe even bold and aggressive—exactly. Prayer really does change things, and the greatest changes you'll see will be in yourself. Are you willing to really pray like never before? If you are, then pray and watch what happens!

*Bro. Bill*



**Lord's Supper**

**July 2**

**6:00 p.m.**

**A benevolence offering will be received.**



## Spring Bluff Camp Dates

Boys' Camp	July 10-14
Girls' Camp	July 17-21
Youth Camp	July 23-26
Day Camp	July 31-August 3

Please pray for all the campers, counselors, and the many volunteers who help at each of the camps. Pray that God will speak to the hearts of the boys and girls who attend.

## VBS MISSIONS PROJECT

**Start saving your coins, boys and girls!**

First Baptist Church in Van Buren, Missouri, was completely destroyed in the April 29 flood. **They lost everything** and insurance did not cover their loss. Each night our boys and girls will compete with each other to see who can bring the most money. Adults are welcome to join in the fun, too. All the money collected will be used to help a sister church as they rebuild and replace what was lost in the flood.