



THE FIRST EDITION NEWSLETTER-BLANDINSVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 – 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – BLANDINSVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH – SERVICES START AT 9:30 A.M. – Services include a choir, special music by “Just Us” and Kevin Hunt, memorabilia (scrap books, souvenirs, history), communion, and a spiritual message. A catered meal after services at the church of pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, cold slaw or applesauce, baked beans, beverages and dessert of cake and cookies will be served. Come and help us celebrate our anniversary and join us for a meal – all are invited. Bring your family and friends. Our goal is to have at least 175 in attendance on that day. The Blandinsville Mausoleum will be open that day for visitors.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2 – WESLEY VILLAGE ICE CREAM SOCIAL – 6:00-8:00 P.M. -- Macomb

FRIDAY-SUNDAY -- AUGUST 2-4 – WESTERN ILLINOIS THRESHERS – Two miles north of Hamilton.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 – TABLE GROVE FIRE DEPT. SUMMER JAMBOREE – Bands – Late Start -- 6:00 p.m.
Captain Geech – 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 -- PARK N' CRUISE -- 5:00-8:00 P.M. – Chandler Park, Macomb

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 – 2ND ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – 5:00-7:00 P.M. – Macomb Police Department

AUGUST 8-18 – ILLINOIS STATE FAIR –Springfield, IL

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 8-11 – SWEET CORN FESTIVAL – West Point, Iowa

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 – BLOCK PARTY TO WELCOME STUDENTS BACK TO MACOMB – Chandler Park – Free prizes, games, contests, table fair, live music

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 – DIGGERY DINOSAURS PRE-SHOW – 11:30 a.m. – The Legacy Theater, Carthage, IL

BLANDINSVILLE-HIRE LIBRARY – Book review – Only the Beautiful by Susan Meissner – reviewed by Mary Killip. This novel follows the lives of Rosanne and Helen. What happens when you are 17, pregnant, single, seeing colors and have lost your parents? In 1938, Rosanne was sent to the Sonoma State Home for the Infirm. Helen lives in Austria and learns that as Hitler comes into power, he wants to rid the world of the “imperfect” people creating a master race. This means not only eliminating the Jews, but anyone from children with disabilities to adults who have issues or too old.

REMEMBER WHEN – Do you have a past memory you would like to share regarding a blast from the past, such as family traditions/happenings, historical events, church memories, etc. Send items to Mary Killip at P.O. Box 235, Blandinsville, IL 61420. Let's have fun with this!!

History of Blandinsville First Christian Church by Jean Dougherty, Church Historian: In 1885 officers of the church were Elders M. P. Hayden, Wm. Campbell, Preston Huston, James P. Hitch; deacons W. P. Welch, Byers Hensley, George Russell, Frank Fuhr; trustees Howard Campbell, E.G. Griffin, Byers Hensley, George Russell, and James P. Hitch. The following is an excerpt from the April 5, 1930, board meeting. "The regular quarterly meeting of the Church board was held on Sunday afternoon April 6 with nearly every officer present. The meeting was called to order by Bro. Herzog, Chairman. Prayer by Brother Leonard. The financial secretary's report was given by sister Erma Farris. Balance on hand \$68.87 (worth \$1,230 today). Total indebtedness \$421.71" (worth \$7,508 today).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES

Please be in prayer for Laurie Locke, James Humphrey, Parker Bolten, Reagan Pflaster, Maggie Pendergast, Brooklyn Nelson, Jim Wetzell, Emily Blout, Hudson Brand, Duane Chipman, Antonia Aguirre, Mary Evans, Kieran Woods, Jeremiah Byers, Ashley Buchen, Sarah Traser, Parker Bolton, Otto Pinto, Kelvey Hamm, Steve Britton, Rob Myers, Lisa and Stephen Molzhon, Kim Walters, Gisele Hamm, Caylea Shinall (granddaughter of Dennis & Katie Icenogle), Makenzie Hawkins, Jennie Terrell Brush and family, Cindy Soule, Ed and Millie Hunt, Brad Hunt, Kevin Kleinkopf, Jeremy Hamm, Laura Twaddle, Erin Thilyaw, Lori (Baker) Sperry, Jim Olson, Jim Meriwether, Fred Kitch, Linda Metcalf, Kathy and Alan Driskell, Kathleen Barry, Brayden McGinity (831th Engineer Unit) and others who may be deployed in the future. Be in prayer for our nursing home residents and the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones. Remember the health care workers, caretakers, fire fighters, police officers, and our armed forces members and their families. Pray for our community, state, country, and the world. Pray for peace, acceptance of all, and love for one another.

IN MEMORY

LONNIE ALAMAN, 71, of Macomb (formerly of Sciota) passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Lamoine Assisted Living. He is survived by two daughters from his first marriage Christa (Beau) Ingledue of Macomb and Lacey Roderick Sadlier (David) of Stafford, VA; three grandsons Quinn Roderick of Stafford, VA, and Carter and Parker Ingledue of Macomb; one sister Carolyn (David) Bowman of Sciota; and one sister-in-law Sarah (Dennis) Allaman of Monmouth; eight nephews and many great-nephews, great-nieces, and cousins. Lonnie was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Dennis Allaman. Lonnie was born May 14, 1953, in Monmouth to Bruce and Maxine Allaman (James). He attended Northwestern High School and graduated from Quincy Technical School in 1972. He married the late Carol A. Johnson in August 1972, then later Michelle Smilnak. Lonnie farmed in Sciota with his father until 1987. He then worked for Ward Crop Service, Moore Equipment, and Nickson Oil and Tire until he started with McDonough Telephone Cooperative in 1977, until retirement. Lonnie was a volunteer with the Good Hope-Sciota Fire Department holding the position of Assistant Fire Chief for three years. He assisted the Sciota Township running snowplows. He also served on the Sciota Township Board of Trustees. Lonnie enjoyed country living and keeping his yard in top shape. He liked spending time with his dogs Bear and Maggie, planting trees, hunting, and fishing. A celebration of life will be held in Macomb on August 30, 2024. Details will be decided soon.

MADLYN L. HOCKER, 96, of Macomb, passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Memorial Hospital in Springfield. She was born on February 5, 1928, in Hire Township, McDonough County to Leslie and Lois White Kreps. She married Larry Hocker and later divorced. She was preceded in death by her parents Lois and Leslie Kreps; four sisters Evelyn Doney, Edith Pursell, Wilma Kelly and Maxine Dark; and three brothers Robert Kreps, Donald Kreps, and Floyd Kreps. She is survived by a daughter Cheryl (Sam) Wilson-McClerren of Auburn, IL; three grandchildren Jeffery Lung, Leslie (Nicholas) Landry, and Cara (Ryan Dufner) Shingleton; four great-grandsons Caleb Nudo, Joshua Nudo, Matthew Nudo, and Hunter Shingleton; one great-grand-daughter Caitlyn Shingleton; one sister Marilyn Kreps of Macomb; and two brothers Kenneth Kreps of Florida and Howard Kreps of Colchester. Madelyn lived in McDonough County all her life. She worked for A&P Grocery Store for 6 years and then for Kroger Grocery Store for 26 years. She is a member of the Macomb VFW Auxiliary.

NORMA GRACE BANKS RUNNER, 93, of Blandinsville passed away on Monday, June 24, 2024, at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb. She was born on November 24, 1930, to Harley James Banks and Edith Leone Gordon Banks. She was the youngest of their six children. All the children were born on the Banks' family farm in Blandinsville. Her siblings Wendell Franklin Banks, Donald Edward Banks, Susan Georgianna Banks, Richard Gordon Banks, and Marjorie Jane Banks Jones preceded her in death. Norma was a 1948 graduate of Blandinsville High School and attended Gem City Business School in Quincy. She married her high school sweetheart, Jacob Calvin "Jake" Runner, on March 18, 1950. They were married for 54 years at the time of his passing in 2004. Norma enjoyed gardening, sewing, cross-stitch, and many craft projects. She was a pharmacy tech at Stites Pharmacy in Macomb and transferred to McDonough District Hospital Pharmacy. She made rugs on a loom and shared them with family and friends. She was the casserole queen and made lots of applesauce, cookies and apple pies. She is survived by her five children Andrea Leigh Shulthiess (Scott) of Tallahassee, Florida; twins Jan Christopher Runner (Cindy) of Blandinsville and Jay Carlton Runner (Bill Lehman) of Urbana; Ronald Banks Runner (Holly) of Sciota; and Michael Wayne Runner (Lynda) of Oologah, Oklahoma. She is also survived by her nine grandchildren Paula Denise Shulthiess, Steven Thomas Shulthiess, Jonathan Carl Shulthiess, Amanda Lea Runner, Harlie Rene Runner-Perry, Hanna Rose Runner, Halie Rena Runner, Blake Michael Runner, and Bailie Marie Runner; six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

JARED ADAM THRAPP, 45, passed away on Wednesday, 3, 2024, in Branson, Missouri, because of a fatal automobile accident. Jared was born on June 14, 1979, in Macomb. Jared is survived by his wife of 19 years, Heather Ann (Bell) Thrapp; children Gerald Corwin Thrapp III, Elizabeth Ruth Ann Trapp, Noah Adam Thrapp; parents Evan and Benjie Rae Henke and Kris and Gerald Thrapp, Jr.; and siblings John (Tina) Thrapp, Alyssa Joyce "AJ" Thrapp, Eric Henke, Chris (Shannon) Henke. He was preceded in death by his son Riley James Thrapp. Jared shared a passion for cooking learned while growing up in his great-grandmother's kitchen. He pursued a degree in Culinary arts and mid-management marketing. Jared could be found in the kitchen cooking with his wife and children and experimenting with new recipes and perfecting old ones. He also enjoyed hiking, biking, and camping with family and friends. Jared's faith and family meant the world to him. There will be a celebration of life on August 10, 2024, at the College of the Ozarks Keeter Center Royal Oak Forum (1 Opportunity Avenue, Point Lookout, Missouri) from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. There will be an additional Celebration of Life in Blandinsville on August 24, 2024, with visitation at 9:30 a.m., services at 11:00 a.m., and a meal following at the Blandinsville Christian Church.

DAVID HENRY RUEBUSH, III, of Blandinsville, passed away on Monday, July 8, 2024, at Wesley Village in Macomb. He was born on October 24, 1945, in Macomb to David Henry, III and Betty Stewart Ruebush. He married Sue Ellertson on July 24, 1969, in Aurora, IL. She survives. Also surviving are two sons Bob Ruebush of Topeka, Kansas, and John (Jill) Ruebush of Normal, IL; two granddaughters Abby Ruebush and Emma Ruebush both of Normal; two sisters Susan Duda of Chicago and Sarah Ruebush of Kansas City, Kansas, and one niece and one nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents. David lived and farmed in McDonough County Most of his life moving to Blandinsville in 1978. He was a graduate of WIU Lab School I 1963 and the University of Illinois in 1967. He is a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He served as president of the Northwestern School District #175. He was president of Sciota Farmer's Elevator for many years.

CHARLES M. COMBITES, 77, of Blandinsville, passed away on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at McDonough District Hospital in Macomb. He was born on March 10, 1947, in LaHarpe to Joyce Allen and Buelah Kimler Combites. He married Loma Sue Cooper on February 9, 1974, in Colchester. She survives. He is also survived by his children Chane Allen (Dawn) Combites of Terra Haute, Chess R. Combites of Blandinsville, Caleb T. (Sunny) Combites of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Cas (Daniel) Bean of Macomb, Corben W. Combites of Blandinsville, and Carrie I. Combites of Nauvoo; six grandchildren Taylor R. Combites, Grant R. Combites, Jaydyn T. Combites, Perin E.D. Combites, Leo E. Bean, and Lunabella S. Combites; brother Paul K. Combites of Blandinsville; one brother-in-law Richard Baugh of Macomb; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Nola Lee Baugh, and three siblings in infancy. Charles worked construction for Chadco in Bushnell and Lance in Macomb and was a self-

employed contractor with Don Mathis since 1986. Charles graduated from Northwestern High School in 1965. He received his BA from WIU. He did enduro motorcycle racing in his twenties. He made black powder rifles and participated with the 5th Kentucky Muddsills Civil War living history for 25 years. He was a member of the Macomb Church of Christ serving as elder for the last 7 years. A celebration of life will be held from 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2024, at the Macomb Church of Christ.

SHANA LYNN HEAP, 54, of Macomb passed away on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at her home. She was born August 27, 1969, in Jacksonville, Florida, to James and Vicki Petticrew Heap. Shana is survived by her daughter Kaylee Boyd and son D. J. York both of Macomb; the love of her life Shannon Allen of Macomb; her dog Daisy Mae; her mother Vicki (Bob) Lovejoy of Florida; a brother Chad (Bianca) Heap of Florida; an aunt Janis (Jim) Ford of Burlington, IA, and an uncle Lonnie Heap of Monmouth. She was preceded in death by her father James Heap, paternal grandparents James and Imy Heap, and maternal grandparents Don and Vilma Petticrew. Shana lived in Florida for 27 years before returning to Macomb. She worked as an eye technician for 30 years, most recently at Macomb Eye Associates. She enjoyed riding motorcycles, boating, fishing and anything her children wanted to do. She was a Kansas City Chiefs and Chicago Bears fan. She loved to craft with her friend Lisa Allen.

CHURCH SERVICES – August 4, 2024

Elders: Monte Mason—Welcome/Prayer -- Randy Killip – Devotion Greg James – Prayer Alan Driskell – Lead Lord’s Prayer Gary Smith – Closing Prayer and Prayer for Meal
Clavinova -- Jean Dougherty Anna James song leader
Deacons Serve communion & take Offering -- Joe Driskell, Perry Hamm, Glade Mason, Brad Purcell, Alex Ruebush, Steve Ruebush, Jerry Thrapp
Deaconesses -- Tresa, Pat, Roxanne, Janet
Greeters: Randy, Beth, Paula, Pat (Front), Russell (S. Basement Door), Bud and Patsy (Ramp Door)
Speakers: Aaron Baker -- Sermon & Laura Wilhite – Children’s Message
Overhead – Dave Hunt and Taylor Thompson

CHURCH SHEDULE – AUGUST 2024

DATE	ELDERS	SPEAKERS	MUSIC	OVERHEAD
August 4	175 th Celebration	See Above.		
August 11	Randy Killip	Jim Richardson	Anna James	Dave Hunt
August 18	Alan Driskell	Aaron Baker	Jean Dougherty	Glade Mason
August 25	Dave Hunt	Aaron Baker	Jody Little	Taylor Thompson
DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	NURSERY	DEACONS
August 4				
August 11	Mary Killip	Neal & Marilyn	Jan Thompson	
August 18	Pat Hainline	Sherry & Beth	Roxanne Mason	
August 25	Dave Hunt	Perry Hamm	Tresa Hunt	

ELDERS AND BOARD MEETING: Monday, August 12– Elders—6:30p.m. – Church Board Meeting –7:00 p.m..
WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – To be announced.

PLEASE HELP: Let Mary know when you are not available to serve in one of the above areas so she will not schedule you for that date. If you cannot serve, please find a substitute. Thank you.

Please contact Mary Killip at 309-337-8032 or by mail at P.O. Box 235, Blandinsville, IL 61420, if you have newsletter items or know of someone who would like to receive a newsletter.