



## THE FIRST EDITION – BLANDINSVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

### NOVEMBER 2024



#### CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

##### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 – HALLOWEEN**

Trunk or Treat – Blandinsville Christian Church – 4:00-6:00 p.m. – inside church if it rains.

Trick or Treat – Village of Blandinsville – 5:00-8:00 p.m. – Where porch lights are on.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – Bocephus, Wayne – Twin Oaks Golf and Country Club – 7:00-10:00 p.m.**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – Branson Christmas Comes to the Legacy Theater in Carthage – 2:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 -- Daylight Savings Time Ends – Fall Back!!**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – VOTE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – Altrusa Holiday Bazaar – 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Macomb High School**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – Downtown Burlington Holiday Open House – 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – VETERANS' DAY**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – Winter Farmers' Market – 8:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon – Macomb American Legion**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 -- Rockapella Christmas – Carthage Legacy Theater – 7:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 – Donut Sunday – Laurie and Gary will host.**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – THANKSGIVING DAY – Have a blessed and thankful day.**

**TRUNK OR TREAT** -- The Blandinsville Christian Church will again host the annual Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on Thursday, October 31. There will be treats handed out by ghostly and not so ghostly creatures and food of hot dogs, chips, hot chocolate, coffee, and water for kids and adults. A new feature this year will be the addition of a photo backdrop for trick or treaters to get a fun photo. Come join the fun. Church members as well as community members are encouraged to decorate a trunk and be part of the festivities. In case of rain, activities will be in the church.

**AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS – Laura Wilhite, Youth Pastor** – October for the Wednesday youth group has been a busy month full of fall fun! We started off the month by baking pumpkin seeds. The kids prepared the seeds then learned how to use the oven. We are currently learning about the creation story at youth group. *My goal is to teach* them important parts of the Old Testament that will show them why Jesus had to die for us so we can spend eternity with Him one day. We have been playing a game called Fish Bowl so they will remember important vocabulary from *Genesis*. *Fish Bowl* consists of catch phrases, charades, and one word. The kids love it. We also made leaves out of clay for a craft as a reminder that God formed Adam out of clay.

The Thursday after-school program kids learned how to pray and the importance of prayer during August and September. Now they are learning about animals. Each lesson is either about a Bible story or a specific verse that has to do with animals. Then they play a game that is based off the lesson. A lot of the games are different variations of tag. One week we had an obstacle course that took up most of the church yard and the playground. If they made a mistake, they had to run back to the start and go through the course again. This obstacle course represented our lives. We make a lot of mistakes, but God lets us start over time and time again. We also learn from those mistakes and try to avoid making the same mistakes again.

The Thursday after-school group will not meet on October 31 as we hope to see parents and kids at the Trunk or Treat that night that runs from 4:00-6:00 p.m.



**AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM NEEDS:** Do you have any old T-shirts or shirts you need to get rid of?? The after-school programs need some to use for their painting projects. If you have some you'd like to donate, please bring them to the church and put them in the blessing box room. Thank you!

**NORTH CAROLINA DONATIONS:** I want to thank you all for the wonderful donations you brought in for the North Carolina victims of Hurricane Helene. We ended up with seven large boxes of very nice blankets, coats, clothing, and even some toiletries to send! You guys are awesome! I know these will be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much! Amy Ruebush

**BLANDINSVILLE-HIRE LIBRARY** – Visit the library and READ!! Is there a particular book that you have been wanting to read? Let Terry at the library know. He can order it for you if the library does not have it.

**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 (1849-2024)** submitted by Jean Dougherty, church historian. The year 2024 marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Blandinsville First Christian Church. The following is an excerpt from the board meeting of April 18, 1931. "The quarterly church board meeting, which had been postponed two weeks due to the revival meeting, was held April 18. Bro. Leonard reported officiating at thirteen funerals. The Sunday School report by Secy. Maharrah, showed cash on hand \$62.26. In the report of the financial secretary, Sister Farris, there was a deficit of \$847.65 [worth \$31,147. in 2024]. Following the report, a motion was carried to appoint a committee of three to confer with Bro. Leonard regarding his salary. This committee consisted of Bros. Cox, Knapp and Marion Herzog."

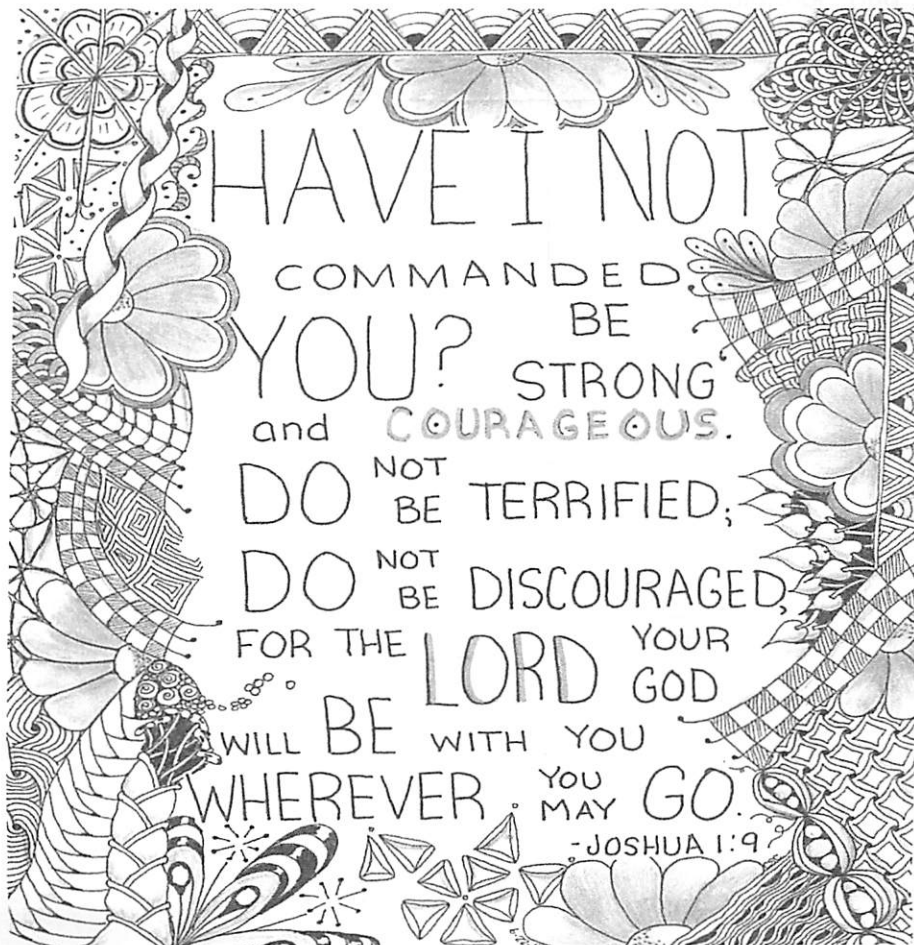
**CHURCH SHEDULE – NOVEMBER 2024**

DATE	ELDERS	SPEAKERS	MUSIC	OVERHEAD
November 3	Randy Killip	Aaron Baker	Jody Little	Dave Hunt
November 10	Monte Mason	Aaron Baker	Anna James	Taylor Thompson
November 17	Greg James	Aaron Baker	Jean Dougherty	Gary Smith
November 24	Gary Smith	Jim Richardson	Jody Little	Glade Mason
DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	NURSERY	DEACONS
November 3	Mary Killip	Sherry M. & Beth G.	Tresa Hunt	
November 10	Monte Mason	Randy & Mary	Roxanne Mason	
November 17	Anna James	Amy & Steve	Jan Thompson	
November 24	Gary Smith	Dave & Tresa	Laurie Smith	

**ELDERS AND BOARD MEETING:** Monday, November 11 – Elders – 6:30 p.m. – Board – 7:00 p.m.

**WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** – Monday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.. Come join the group and help plan church events. **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.



### **PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES**

Please be in prayer for Laurie Locke, James Humphrey, Reagan Pflaster, Maggie Pendergast, Brooklyn Nelson, Jim Wetzel, Emily Blout, Hudson Brand, Duane Chipman, Antonia Aguirre, Mary Evans, Kieran Woods, Jeremiah Byers, Ashley Buchen, Otto Pinto, Kelvey Hamm, 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, Kara Hunt, Kevin Kleinkopf, Jeremy Hamm, Laura Twaddle, Erin Thilyaw, Lori (Baker) Sperry, Jim Olson, Jim Meriwether, Fred Kitch, Linda Metcalf, Kathy, Alan, and Michelle Driskell, Mike Rawleigh, Hudson Thrapp. 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**

PASTOR DONALD RAY RILEY, 89, of Colchester passed away on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at Macomb Post Acute Care. He was born on July 9, 1935, in Peoria to Arthur Charles and Iva Jean Blackhall Riley. He married Nancy Osterman. She preceded him in death. He later married Trudie Knipe. She survives. He is also survived by his children Ben Riley of Colchester, Steve Riley of Hamilton, Amy (Joseph) Quaerna of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, and Donald (Mandy) Riley of Rochester, Minnesota; eleven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son Paul Johnathon Riley; sisters Marion Rayburn, Muriel Zaderaka, Dorothy Fuller, and Francis Bierly; and one brother Arthur Riley. He served as a Methodist minister for many years in Hamilton, Port Byron, Burnside, Blandinsville, and several other small churches before his retirement. He loved gardening, music, and was an avid Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs fan.

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