



THE FIRST EDITION – BLANDINSVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025



CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – Legacy Theater – Carthage --- The Wizard of OZ – 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – GROUNDHOG DAY

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 (9am-5pm) & 9 (10am-4pm) –53rd Farm Expo – Western Hall – Macomb

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – SUPER BOWL – 6:30 P.M. – in NEW ORLEANS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – CARDEN CIRCUS – Burlington Riverfront Entertainment – 6:30-10:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 – LINCOLN’S BIRTHDAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – VALENTINE’S DAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – Pool Tournament – 1:00 p.m. – Twin Oaks -- Blandinsville

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – Legacy Theater – Carthage – Comedy Sportz – 2:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – PRESIDENTS’ DAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 – Legacy Theater – Carthage – Tubman Road to Freedom – 1:00 p.m. Free Admission – Reservations Required

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – Rockstar Bingo – 7:00-10:00 p.m. – Twin Oaks -- Blandinsville

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – AREA FELLOWSHIP AT BLANDINSVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH –6:30 P.M. – Meal of soup, salads, and cobblers. Men, women, and children are welcome to attend. Special message after meal by Greg Welsh.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – Legacy Theater – Carthage – Pam Tillis – 7:00 p.m.

CHANGES IN BLANDINSVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AFTER-SCHOOL /YOUTH GROUP PROGRAMS: The After-School Program (Kindergarten-High School) , starting on Wednesday, February 5, will meet on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. instead of on Thursdays. The youth group (5th grade-high school) will meet on Sundays from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUTH PASTOR LAURA WILHITE: It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. I am excited for all of the things that we have planned for 2025 for the youth and the whole congregation. The Youth Group now meets every Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This gives students that are in sports and other after-school activities the chance to join us. I need volunteers from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 23, for the Youth Group’s outing to Fun City in Burlington, Iowa. Please let me know if you would like to join the fun that day! The Youth Group has had a lot of fun with competitions this month. We had the Amazing Race one week. The Amazing Race is a show on television where contestants are given clues that take them around the world. The kids had a lot of fun, and I was impressed by how quickly they figured out where the clues were hidden around the church. This past week the children played Mr. Beast Games which is another show the kids love. Various items were used for competitions such as blocks, cups, and ping pong balls. The volunteers seemed to enjoy these games as well.

If you are interested in helping, feel free to show up at 2:30 p.m. on a Sunday. Once the children have less energy, we have a lesson and worship in the sanctuary. This month we have been learning about how we can show God's love at school and at home. The After-School Program has been learning about God's amazing creatures. They learned about the land of milk and honey and how God gives good things to his children. The following week the lesson was over asking God for help so we will not make the same mistakes over and over. The verse for that week was Proverbs 26:11 which compares dogs returning to their vomit to people making the same mistakes again and again. After the lesson the children dissected owl pellets. This past week they learned about the woman that asked Jesus to heal her son that was demon possessed. She tells Jesus that even dogs eat from their masters' tables. Jesus then heals her son. The main takeaway from the story is that we can always ask God for help. Before the lesson we played a dog themed game. There were little candy bars hidden around one room. The children had to crawl around the room to find one treat. Once they found one, they had to bark twice then an adult told them that they could have their treat. On Thursdays the older kids have life-skills with the Thrapps. Right now they are mainly working on social skills because it is so cold outside. Once the weather is warmer, we would love to have people come to the church to teach skills whether that is baking, crocheting, painting, changing oil, etc. If you would like to teach a skill at the After-School Program, please let me know. The After-School Program will be on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. starting February 5.



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!!

TAKEN FROM THE AUGUST 1953 FARMERS' PICNIC SOUVENIR BOOK – “Star-Gazette—August 21, 1913 – The annual picnic of the Christian churches in this section was held in Bedford grove at the Old Bedford church Thursday. An annual occurrence for many years, it has grown to one of the largest gatherings in this part of the country. Old Bedford was built in 1854 and still has the same building and original pews. The top has been blown off the church twice, two parsonages have been burned, the third now stands on the same foundation. Two barns have also been burned and replaced, but still Old Bedford flourishes.”

FEBRUARY IS AMERICA HEART MONTH -- Stroke Warning Signs: Face Drooping, Arm Weakness, Speech Difficulty – call 911 if person shows any of these symptoms even if symptoms go away. **Heart Attack Warning Signs:** Chest Discomfort, Discomfort in Other Areas of Body, Shortness of Breath, Other Signs (breaking in cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness). Blood Pressure – Normal – Systolic (upper number) less than 120 – Diastolic (lower number) less than 80. High Blood Pressure Stage 1 --130-139/80-89. High Blood Pressure Stage 2 – 140 or higher/90 or higher. Hypertensive Crisis (consult doctor immediately) – Higher than 180/higher than 120.

UPDATE ON PRAYER LIST INDIVIDUALS: Laura Syfert Twaddle got a great report from the Mayo Clinic in January. Her bloodwork is good, and the PET scan and MRI are not showing any of the original four tumors! Praise God for her healing. Scott Reamer, Sherry and Jim Meriwether's son-in-law, had to have quadruple by-pass surgery in Madison WI, while he was there helping out his mother.

TRAVEL: Anna James and Brad Hunt traveled with Ed Hunt & Jean Bunch out to Phoenix, AZ for a few days to see Ed & Jean's sister, Bonnie Reamer. Jean's son, Ray Bunch, joined them in AZ.

NEW GRANDPARENTS – Gary and Laurie are new grandparents to Kade Dwight Boock who was born on January 6, 2025, at OSF in Galesburg. He was 9 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21” long. He is the son of Bryan and Jessica who live in Little York, Illinois. His big brothers Kolby and Cooper are excited for this new addition to their family.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES

Please be in prayer for Laurie Locke, James Humphrey, Reagan Pflaster, Maggie Pendergast, Brooklyn Nelson, Jim Wetzell, Emily Blout, Hudson Brand, Duane Chipman, Antonia Aguirre, Mary Evans, Kieran Woods, Jeramiah 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, Donnie Little, 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, Kathy, Alan, and Michelle Driskell, Mike Rawleigh, Hudson Thrapp, Rita Segworth, Michelle Bixler, Scott Raimer. 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 the individuals who have lost homes, family, and friends in the California fires. Pray for our community, state, country, and the world. Pray for peace, acceptance of all, and love for one another.

IN MEMORY

KATHRYN L. HARDING, 76, of Blandinsville, passed away on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at Macomb Post Acute Care. She was born on February 25, 1948, in Lebanon, Kansas, to Justin and Emma Lorena McGuirk Wilton. She married Paul Harding on April 2, 1967. He survives. She is also survived by a daughter Sandy Lynn (Ted) Mapes of Ankeny, Iowa; one grandson Michael Russell Mapes, of Ankeny, Iowa; two sisters Justina (Garry) Schultz of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Cora Linn Foglesong of North Platte, Nebraska; two brothers Mark Wilton of Oregon and Charles (Connie) Wilton of Burlington, Iowa; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister (Zada Wilton), and one brother and one sister in infancy. Kathryn worked at NTN-Bower for 35 plus years, retiring in 2025. She was a member of the Terra Haute Community Church.

CHURCH SCHEDULE – February 2025

DATE	ELDERS	SPEAKERS	MUSIC	OVERHEAD
February 2	Randy Killip	Aaron Baker	Jody Little	Glade Mason
February 9	Monte Mason	Aaron Baker	Anna James	Taylor Thompson
February 16	Greg James	Aaron Baker	Jean Dougherty	Gary Smith
February 23	Taylor Thompson	Jim Richardson	Jody Little	Monte Mason
DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	NURSERY	DEACONS
February 2	Mary Killip	Russell Oliver	Paula Snowden	
February 9	Monte Mason	Perry Hamm	Roxanne Mason	
February 16	Anna James	Ron and Donna	Laurie Smith	
February 23	Taylor Thompson	Pat Hainline	Jan Thompson	

ELDERS AND BOARD MEETING: Monday, February 10 – Elders – 6:30 p.m. – Board – 7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, February 3, 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.