



The Beacon

Centenary United Methodist Church—Bonne Terre, Missouri



THE PASTORS PEN — JULY

JULY EDITION

Title: What is God's Purpose for My Life at This Time?

Hello Church Family,

Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ is the greatest adventure we will ever choose. Through our faith, Jesus will lead us to understand ourselves more deeply and honestly than we ever thought possible. He will lead us out in service of others to places and peoples we would never have chosen or imagined. Saying, "Yes" to Jesus is to say, "Yes" to life. Choosing to live for Jesus is to choose to live life on purpose. It is the decision to not simply drift, repeating the hurts and sin of the past. Saying, "Yes" to Jesus, is the decision to embrace the one special life that God has instore for us and to live it to its fullest.

I encourage you this summer to wrestle with the question, **"What is God's purpose for my life at this time?"**

Sometimes were fear embracing the purpose we hear God inviting us to step into. We fear the hurts of the past will return. We also can stay focused on past success and don't open ourselves to imagine new goals and purposes God has instore for us.

As you discern God's purpose for your life, consider how the apostle Paul writes to the church in Philippi about how God guided him to let go of his sinful past as a persecutor of the church and his accomplishments as a follower of the law of Moses when he writes.

"If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ." Philippians 3:4-8

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Paul embraced faith in Christ as his future. He embraced faith in Christ as the greatest thing he could devote himself to. He discerned that God was calling him to invite new people to share in Jesus's grace through founding new churches. This purpose was very different than where Paul had previously discerned God was calling him to invest his life. We owe Paul a debt of gratitude for his witness. We give thanks that he opened himself to hearing God's purpose for his life.

I would to invite you to join us on Sundays during our learning time at 10 am in June and July in our Cornerstone Building to discuss the scriptures in small groups and discern together, **"What is God's purpose for your life at this time?"** You will find supportive people that can help you to discern God's purpose.

Pastor Peter

God continues to send more people to our congregation who are seeking to grow in their faith in Jesus.

We have had 9 people join the church in 2025. Welcome our newest members at Centenary United Methodist Church, Bonne Terre. Jim Burris, Sandy Cross, Tabby Cross, and Darlene Hollowell.



Local Mission Day!

On June 29th, ten members of our youth group and several church members volunteered at Helping Hands Thrift Store in Bonne Terre for a local mission day. We spent time sorting clothes and preparing bags for customers. All proceeds from Helping Hands Thrift Store go to help local residents with things like utility assistance. What a great ministry God is doing!





Bible In A Year Reading Plan

July

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
<input type="checkbox"/> 01	2 Kings 18:13-19:37	Acts 21:1-17	Psalms 149:1-9	Proverbs 18:8
<input type="checkbox"/> 02	2 Kings 20:1-22:2	Acts 21:18-36	Psalms 150:1-6	Proverbs 18:9-10
<input type="checkbox"/> 03	2 Kings 22:3-23:30	Acts 21:37-22:16	Psalms 1:1-6	Proverbs 18:11-12
<input type="checkbox"/> 04	2 Kings 23:31-25:30	Acts 22:17-23:10	Psalms 2:1-12	Proverbs 18:13
<input type="checkbox"/> 05	1 Chronicles 1:1-2:17	Acts 23:11-35	Psalms 3:1-8	Proverbs 18:14-15
<input type="checkbox"/> 06	1 Chronicles 2:18-4:4	Acts 24:1-27	Psalms 4:1-8	Proverbs 18:16-18
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<input type="checkbox"/> 12	1 Chronicles 12:19-14:17	Romans 1:1-17	Psalms 9:13-20	Proverbs 19:4-5
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<input type="checkbox"/> 29	2 Chronicles 24:1-25:28	Romans 12:1-21	Psalms 22:19-31	Proverbs 20:8-10
<input type="checkbox"/> 30	2 Chronicles 26:1-28:27	Romans 13:1-14	Psalms 23:1-6	Proverbs 20:11
<input type="checkbox"/> 31	2 Chronicles 29:1-36	Romans 14:1-23	Psalms 24:1-10	Proverbs 20:12

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Vacation Bible School

July 28th - 31st

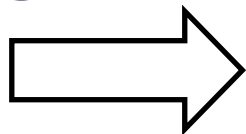
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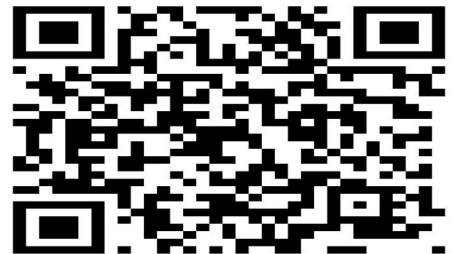
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Volunteers Needed



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VOLUNTEER FOR VBS

Centenary UMC
INVITES YOU



HOLIDAY CRAFTS FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY

DINNER

SINGING OF CHRISTMAS
CAROLS

HELP MAKE THIS ADVENT
SEASON SPECIAL FOR YOUR
FAMILY

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 30
4:00-7:99 PM

Cornerstone Building

questions:
Sue Curfman
314-677-5840

Monthly Church News

- ♦ The church was able to make a \$63,000 principal payment on our 2022 First State Community Bank loan. Our remaining balance is \$11,323.23.
- ♦ Our worship services are averaging 90 in attendance each week. We have experienced a growth of 10% in attendance and 9 new members so far this year.
- ♦ Harmony Gatherings spent a evening at the Escape Room in Festus; 19 people were there enjoy a fun evening of solving the mysteries of 90s and finding Sasquatch.



- ♦ Clean up day was a great success. Saturday morning was spent sprucing up the outside of our campus, deep cleaning the Cornerstone kitchen and Sanctuary nursery area. It looks great!!!!



Happy Birthday

First Name	Last Name	Birthdate
Kati	Hacker	July 01
Connor	Ferguson	July 03
Nicholas	Inman	July 05
Bill	Young	July 07
Rev Jimmy	Sansom	July 09
Lila	Williams	July 10
Aidan	Clay	July 13
Donna	Hickman	July 13
Judy	Gillam	July 15
Elizabeth	Mcalpine	July 15
Wayne	Skaggs	July 15
Brandon	Sowers	July 19
Leslie	Weible	July 20
Linda	Skaggs	July 21
Dwayne	Chandler	July 23
Dave	Wiant	July 24
Rick	Skaggs	July 29



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JULY

Happy Anniversary

Family Name	Anniversary
John & Sandy Cottle	July 11
Rita & Don Drochelman	July 18
Paul & Lila Williams	July 24
Kasey & Stacy Jenkins	July 27
Rodney & Brenda Patt	July-25



CONERS ONE  CAFÉ

July 2 nd	Chicken Parmesan
July 9 th	Sloppy Joes
July 16 th	Old Fashion Goulash
July 23 rd	Must Go-Chicken Bake
July 31 st	Meatloaf

All meals are subject to change as needed.

LITURGISTS: 9:00 am

7/6 - Bob Becker
7/13 - Emma LaBrot
7/20 - Yon Wibskov
7/27 - Chris Ferguson

LITURGISTS: 11:00 am

7/6 - Patti O'Connor
7/13 - Nathan Pack
7/20 - Jeff LaBrot
7/27 - Donna Jean Weber

GREETERS: 9:00 am

7/6 - Sheila Hacker
7/13 - Donna Bouchard
7/20 - Dalana Mauk
7/27 - Sheila Hacker

CHECK SIGNERS WEEK OF

7/6 - Linda Skaggs & Bob Powell
7/13 - Bob Powell & Jill Clemons
7/20 - Jill Clemons & Donna Bouchard
7/27 - Donna Bouchard & Jim Sowers

MONEY COUNTERS:
Daine Moore & Tina Schrum

Are you on this list? If so, we look forward to serving with you—and if you cannot, please find a replacement and let the church office know! Thank you!

Every Sunday @ 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School
Confirmation Class
Young Adult Bible Study
Adult - "The Chosen"

Downstairs in Sanctuary
Cornerstone Youth Room
Cornerstone
Downstairs in Sanctuary

Office Open Monday & Wednesday

573-358-2238



Monday & Wednesday

9:00am - 3:00pm

Centenary Weekly Events

NA Meeting	Every Sunday, 5 pm	Sanctuary
Table Talk	Every Monday, 10 am	Cornerstone
Nursing Home Bible Study	Every Monday, 1:30 pm	Country Meadows
Prayer Shawl	Every Monday, 6 pm	Cornerstone
AA Meeting	Every Monday, 7 pm	Sanctuary
Youth Bible Study	Every Tuesday, 6 pm	Youth Room
Bible Basics	Every Tuesday, 7pm	Sanctuary
Cornerstone Café	Every Wednesday, 5 pm	Cornerstone
Praise Team Rehearsal	Every Thursday, 7 pm	Cornerstone
Disciples Study Online	Every Thursday, 7 pm	Online

July 2025

Church Offices/Office/campus events not public						Jul 2025 (Central Time - Chicago, Sat	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
29	30	1	2	3	4	5	
		Kait Harker's birthday 6pm - Youth Bible Study 7pm - Bible Basics Study	5pm - Cornerstone Cafe	7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
COMMONION Sunday 9am - Contemporary Worship/Online 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service 12pm - PPR Meeting 5pm - NA Meeting	10am - Table Talk 6pm - Prayer Shawl	6pm - Youth Bible Study 7pm - Bible Basics Study	Jen Sanson's birthday 5pm - Cornerstone Cafe	7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
9am - Contemporary Worship/Online 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service 5pm - NA Meeting	10am - Table Talk 6pm - Ad Board/Finance 6pm - Prayer Shawl	6pm - Youth Bible Study 7pm - Bible Basics Study	5pm - Cornerstone Cafe	7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom			
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
9am - Contemporary Worship/Online 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service 1pm - FSCB - Mash Weath Workshop 5pm - NA Meeting	10am - Table Talk 5:30pm - Vacation Bible School 5:30pm - Vacation Bible School 6pm - Prayer Shawl	6pm - Youth Bible Study 7pm - Bible Basics Study	5pm - Cornerstone Cafe	7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom			

PRAYER LIST

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Pray for	Reason	Prayer request from
Jack Gillam	Cancer	Bill & Patti Martin
Weston Reed	Diagnosed w/ Langerhans Cells Histiocytosis	Sarah Clay
Rev. Richard Northcutt & Erin	Latter stages of Alzherimers	Donna Hickman
Jason Wruck	Hospitalized with Leukemia	Julie Inman
Tabby Cross	Healing	Sandy Cross
Nicole Crothers	Healing and guidance	Linda Trevino
Ralph Stamm	Upcoming Surgery on July 8th	Pat Stamm
JOYS		
Bruce Fiala	Kidney Surgery went well	Sharon Fiala
ONGOING		
Bruce Fiala	Cancer	Church Family
Pete Sego	Cancer	Jim & Linda Sowers
Derek Wilfong	Cancer	Donna Jean Weber
Melinda Rothlisberger	Cancer	Jackie Berry
Sarah Lawson	Cancer	Heather Bequette
Tracey Anderson	Brain cancer	JoAnn Kite
Alan Meyer	Cancer	Grace Gillingham
Andy Skiles	Cancer	Sally Skiles
Laura Midgett	Cancer	Patti O'Connor
Patti Branham	Cancer	Donna Bouchard
Doris Tomes	Cancer returned (daughter in law's mother)	Dee Krause
GREIVING		
Gawf Family	Passing of Bob Gawf	Church Family
ASSISTED LIVING/HOMEBOUND		
NURSING HOME/REHAB		
Pray for	Location	Reason
Brenda Laws Bennett	Southbrook Nursing Home	
Loretta Kosar	Cambridge House of Swansea (Swansea IL)	
Sarah Nichols	St. Joe Manor	
Donna Schmidt	Presbyterian Manor	
SERVING IN THE MILITARY		
Riley Schleappe	Marine	Tom & Patti O'Connor - Grandson
Nick Hawkins	Navy	Belinda Straughn - Friend
Jacob Sutton	Air force	Jill Clemons - Grandson
Anthony Verde	Air Force	Dee Krause - nephew
Matthew LaBrot	Army	Jeff and Karen - Son
Andy Vaughan	Air Force	Gillingham - Grandson
Todd Mabery	Navy	Vicki Weible
Rebecca Jones	Virginia-Army instructor	Dean (café diner)
SERVING AS MISSIONARIES		
Pray for	Location	Reason
Rev. Geraldo Nathaniel Matsinhe	Micas Madonele UMC in Mozambique	Our Partner Church
Brian Tucker & Family (cousins)	In Haiti	

****Please update the Church Office regularly with status****

(Names are on the list for 30 days unless church office is notified)

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2025 Church Committee Members

SPRC

Lay Member to AC	Chuck Hubbard
Lay Leader:	Diane Moore
Committee Chair:	Patti Martin
Class of 2025	Randall Jones, Sue Curfman, Steve Black
Class of 2026	Patti Martin, Chris Ferguson
Class of 2027	Sherry Basler, Jimmy Sansom, Vicki Weible

Board of Trustees

Chair:	Mike Inman
Class of 2025	Dennis McGee, Wade Jones, Mike Inman
Class of 2026	Bill Martin, Austin Wiant, Ken Curfamn
Class of 2027	Bob Becker, Jerry Reed, Paul Butler

Nominations and Leadership Development

Chair:	Peter Norton
Lay Leader:	Diane Moore
Class of 2025	Rita Drochelman, Brenda Patt, Karen LaBrot
Class of 2026	Donna Bouchard, Jackie Berry
Class of 2027	Tina Schrum, Wayne Weber, Sarah Clay

AD Board

Chair:	Nathan Pack
Pastor:	Peter Norton
Lay Leader	Diane Moore
Lay member to AC	Chuck Hubbard
Finance Chair	Angie Black
Treasurer	Judy McGee
Blessing Basket Chair	Pat Stamm
Youth Director	Dustin & Kim Gray

Finance

Chair	Angie Black
Pastor	Peter Norton
Lay member to AC	Chuck Hubbard, Alternate - Loel Hickman
Ad Board Council Chair	Nathan Pack
SPRC Chair	Patti Martin
Trustee Chair	Mike Inman
Lay Leader	Diane Moore
Financial Secretary	JoAnn Kite
Church Treasurer	Judy McGee
Church Business Admin	JoAnn Kite
At Large members	Jim Clay, Jean Weber

Blessing Basket

Chair	Pat Stamm
Members	Jackie Berry, Ralph Stamm, Bruce & Janice Vaughtn

Education

Chair	
Children's Ministries	Shannon Sansom, Karen LaBrot, Patti O'Connor, Jenifer Ferguson, Beth Pack, Chris Jenkins
Youth/Adult Education	Loel Hickman, Nathan Pack, Pastor Peter Norton

Kitchen

Chair	From the committee
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Worship

Worship Leader	Anissa Jones
Pianist	Judy LaBruyere
Choir Director	Linda Sowers
Head Usher	Bob Powell
At Large members	Belinda Straughn

Please help keep us with updated information. If you have a new address, phone number, email address or want to make sure we have birthdate(s) and your anniversary date, please send a email. Or you can update any information of the attendance sheet and place in the offering plate. **Thank you!**

**Office Hours
Monday &
Wednesday
9:00-3:00**

Please remember to pray for our Covenant Church
MICAS MADONELE UMC in MOZAMBIQUE
and their Pastor Rev. Geraldo Nataniel Matsinhe

