



The Beacon

Centenary United Methodist Church—Bonne Terre, Missouri

THE PASTORS PEN — AUGUST

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The Power of Invitation – Message Series August 17-31, 2025

Hello Church Family,

"Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full." Luke 14:23

It has been awesome to see members of our church sharing their faith in Jesus with neighbors, friends, co-workers, family, and inviting them to come and be a part of our healthy and positive congregation. We have had 9 new people make the decision to join our church as members in 2025 and there are many more who have found faith, or re-discovered their faith, in this past season. In several of the Bible studies I am a part of we have discussed our shared desire to share our faith in Jesus with the people we care about. We believe that more people can come to know Jesus and experience his grace in our community.

Wouldn't it be amazing if each of us spent time with just one or two people in the next year talking about Jesus and praying to accept his forgiveness and grace in the way that we read Paul spent time with Silas and Timothy in the book of Acts?

What holds us back from sharing our faith with others?

What are some of the challenges that we face in sharing our faith, and how can we overcome them?

Maybe we have never shared our faith in Jesus with someone else?

We ask ourselves, "Where do I start?"

What should I say about Jesus?

What are some effective ways we can invite new people to start developing relationships with our other friends in the church?

How do I overcome my doubts about myself? Am I a good enough person to share Jesus with others?

How do I deal with rejection when some of the people I know aren't interested in getting to know Jesus in this season?

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Let's get together in August to name these common challenges in sharing our faith in Jesus with others and look to the scriptures for guidance to grow and overcome them.

On each Sunday during this series we will hear a testimony from one of the new members of our church about how the people of our congregation respectfully invited them to faith and to become a part of our church family.

Imagine what would happen if we were brave and spent extra time with one or two people in the next year sharing with them how much we love Jesus?

Pastor Peter

82 percent
of people are likely to attend church
if invited
by a friend or relative.





Bible In A Year Reading Plan

August

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
<input type="checkbox"/> 01	2 Chronicles 30:1-31:21	Romans 15:1-22	Psalms 25:1-15	Proverbs 20:13-15
<input type="checkbox"/> 02	2 Chronicles 32:1-33:13	Romans 15:23-16:9	Psalms 25:16-22	Proverbs 20:16-18
<input type="checkbox"/> 03	2 Chronicles 33:14-34:33	Romans 16:10-27	Psalms 26:1-12	Proverbs 20:19
<input type="checkbox"/> 04	2 Chronicles 35:1-36:23	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	Psalms 27:1-6	Proverbs 20:20-21
<input type="checkbox"/> 05	Ezra 1:1-2:70	1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5	Psalms 27:7-14	Proverbs 20:22-23
<input type="checkbox"/> 06	Ezra 3:1-4:23	1 Corinthians 2:6-3:4	Psalms 28:1-9	Proverbs 20:24-25
<input type="checkbox"/> 07	Ezra 4:24-6:22	1 Corinthians 3:5-23	Psalms 29:1-11	Proverbs 20:26-27
<input type="checkbox"/> 08	Ezra 7:1-8:20	1 Corinthians 4:1-21	Psalms 30:1-12	Proverbs 20:28-30
<input type="checkbox"/> 09	Ezra 8:21-9:15	1 Corinthians 5:1-13	Psalms 31:1-8	Proverbs 21:1-2
<input type="checkbox"/> 10	Ezra 10:1-44	1 Corinthians 6:1-20	Psalms 31:9-18	Proverbs 21:3
<input type="checkbox"/> 11	Nehemiah 1:1-3:14	1 Corinthians 7:1-24	Psalms 31:19-24	Proverbs 21:4
<input type="checkbox"/> 12	Nehemiah 3:15-5:13	1 Corinthians 7:25-40	Psalms 32:1-11	Proverbs 21:5-7
<input type="checkbox"/> 13	Nehemiah 5:14-7:73	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Psalms 33:1-11	Proverbs 21:8-10
<input type="checkbox"/> 14	Nehemiah 7:73-9:21	1 Corinthians 9:1-18	Psalms 33:12-22	Proverbs 21:11-12
<input type="checkbox"/> 15	Nehemiah 9:22-10:39	1 Corinthians 9:19-10:13	Psalms 34:1-10	Proverbs 21:13
<input type="checkbox"/> 16	Nehemiah 11:1-12:26	1 Corinthians 10:14-33	Psalms 34:11-22	Proverbs 21:14-16
<input type="checkbox"/> 17	Nehemiah 12:27-13:31	1 Corinthians 11:1-16	Psalms 35:1-16	Proverbs 21:17-18
<input type="checkbox"/> 18	Esther 1:1-3:15	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	Psalms 35:17-28	Proverbs 21:19-20
<input type="checkbox"/> 19	Esther 4:1-7:10	1 Corinthians 12:1-26	Psalms 36:1-12	Proverbs 21:21-22
<input type="checkbox"/> 20	Esther 8:1-10:3	1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13	Psalms 37:1-11	Proverbs 21:23-24
<input type="checkbox"/> 21	Job 1:1-3:26	1 Corinthians 14:1-17	Psalms 37:12-29	Proverbs 21:25-26
<input type="checkbox"/> 22	Job 4:1-7:21	1 Corinthians 14:18-40	Psalms 37:30-40	Proverbs 21:27
<input type="checkbox"/> 23	Job 8:1-11:20	1 Corinthians 15:1-28	Psalms 38:1-22	Proverbs 21:28-29
<input type="checkbox"/> 24	Job 12:1-15:35	1 Corinthians 15:29-58	Psalms 39:1-13	Proverbs 21:30-31
<input type="checkbox"/> 25	Job 16:1-19:29	1 Corinthians 16:1-24	Psalms 40:1-10	Proverbs 22:1
<input type="checkbox"/> 26	Job 20:1-22:30	2 Corinthians 1:1-11	Psalms 40:11-17	Proverbs 22:2-4
<input type="checkbox"/> 27	Job 23:1-27:23	2 Corinthians 1:12-2:11	Psalms 41:1-13	Proverbs 22:5-6
<input type="checkbox"/> 28	Job 28:1-30:31	2 Corinthians 2:12-17	Psalms 42:1-11	Proverbs 22:7
<input type="checkbox"/> 29	Job 31:1-33:33	2 Corinthians 3:1-18	Psalms 43:1-5	Proverbs 22:8-9
<input type="checkbox"/> 30	Job 34:1-36:33	2 Corinthians 4:1-12	Psalms 44:1-8	Proverbs 22:10-12
<input type="checkbox"/> 31	Job 37:1-39:30	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10	Psalms 44:9-26	Proverbs 22:13

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Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 17th

Both Services 9am & 11am

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

Centenary's Abundance of the Heart

DRIVE-THRU

FOOD GIVE-AWAY

Thursday August 7

3 P M - 5 P M

WHILE SUPPLY LASTS

20 Park Avenue Bonne Terre, MO 63628

Free event



Monthly Church News

- ♦ Vacation Bible week of July 28th - 31st. We had an average of 34 children in attendance and 37 volunteers. Such a wonderful time to share God's love to the community.



- ♦ Blessing of the Backpacks will be Sunday, August 17th. Both services 9:00 am and 11:00 am.
- ♦ Emma LaBrot will be bringing a night of music to Centenary UMC August 10th at 6 pm. Flyer coming soon.
- ♦ Fall small group classes will be forming in the near future. A list of those classes will be available soon.
- ♦ Centenary's Abundance of the Heart Drive-Thru Food Give-Away, will be Thursday, August 7th from 3 - 5.
- ♦ Bonne Terre Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank everyone for support the pie drive. A sincere appreciation for the use the Cornerstone kitchen as well as support in purchasing the pies. The proceeds go to support the Bonne Terre hospital.
- ♦ Next American Cross Blood Drive will be Tuesday, September 2nd from 1:30pm to 5:30 pm

Happy Birthday

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Grant	Eaton	August 02
Lois	Pratte	August 02
Bruce	Vaught	August 05
Brady	Clay	August 06
Dennis	McGee	August 07
Jim	Eschenbrenner	August 12
Kourtney	Kekec	August 13
Patti	Martin	August 17
McKenna	Gray	August 19
JoAnn	Kite	August 25
Terry	Kite	August 27
Dave	Dealy Jr	August 30
Paul	Williams	August 30

August

Happy Anniversary

Name	Anniversary
Chuck & Kathy Hubbard	August 03
Robert & Belinda Powell	August 04
William & Jackie Berry	August 12
Jeff & Karen LaBrot	August 15
Robert & Diane Moore	August 15
William (Bill) & Christy Jenkins	August 17
Belinda & Wes Straughn	August 29



CONERS  ONE CAFÉ

August 6th	Drop Meatball Casserole
August 13 th	Beef Stroganoff
August 20 th	Ravioli Bake
August 27 th	Meatloaf



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All meals are subject to change as needed.

IS **YOUR**
CONTACT
INFORMATION
CURRENT?



Please update your contact information.

We want to make sure you are receiving all of our information regarding upcoming events, prayer request, etc.

Please use the **QR code** above or fill out the form below to update your contact information. You can drop it in the offering plate or bring it by the office.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Birthday: _____

Anniversary: _____

August

LITURGISTS: 9:00 am

8/3 - Chris Ferguson
8/10 - Megan Reed
8/17 - Sue Curfman
8/24 - Loel Hickman
8/31 - Bob Becker

LITURGISTS: 11:00 am

8/3 - Patty O'Connor
8/10 - Chuck Hubbard
8/17 - Jackie Berry
8/24 - Nathan Pack
8/24 - Jeff LaBrot

GREETERS: 9:00 am

8/3 - Sheila Hacker
8/10 - Donna Bouchard
8/17 - Dalana Mauk
8/24 - Sheila Hacker
8/31 - Donna Bouchard

CHECK SIGNERS WEEK OF

8/3 - Linda Skaggs & Bob Powell
8/10 - Bob Powell & Jill Clemons
8/17 - Jill Clemons & Donna Bouchard
8/24 - Donna Bouchard & Jim Sowers
8/31 - Bob Powell & Linda Skaggs

MONEY COUNTERS: Patti Martin & Lila Williams

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 Adults (The Gap)
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

AUGUST 2025

Church Office							Aug 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
27	28	29	30	31	1	2		
					5pm - Pool Party for VBS			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
COMMUNION Sunday								
8am - Contemporary Worship/Online	10am - Table Talk 6pm - Prayer Shawl	7pm - Bible Basics Study 5pm - Cornerstone Cafe	7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom					
10am - Sunday School								
11am - Worship Service								
12pm - PPR Meeting								
5pm - NA Meeting								
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
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10am - Sunday School								
11am - Worship Service								
5pm - NA Meeting								
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
8am - Backpack Blessing	10am - Table Talk 6pm - Ad Board/Finance 6pm - Prayer Shawl	7pm - Bible Basics Study 5pm - Cornerstone Cafe	7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom					
8am - Contemporary Worship/Online								
10am - Sunday School								
11am - Worship Service								
5pm - NA Meeting								
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
8am - Contemporary Worship/Online	10am - Table Talk 6pm - Prayer Shawl	7pm - Bible Basics Study 5pm - Cornerstone Cafe	7pm - Disciple Bible Study - Zoom					
10am - Sunday School								
11am - Worship Service								
5pm - NA Meeting								
31	1	2	3	4	5	6		
8am - Contemporary Worship/Online								
10am - Sunday School								
11am - Worship Service								
5pm - NA Meeting								

PRAYER LIST

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Pray for	Reason	Prayer request from
SJ Boyer	Dirt bike accident	Julie Inman
Betty LaRussa	Health Issues	Grace Gillingham
Teresa Huff	Waiting results from PET Scan	Julie Inman/Belinda Straughn
Jack Gillam	Cancer	Bill & Patti Martin
Weston Reed	Diagnosed w/ Langerhans Cells Histiocytosis	Sarah Clay
JOYS		
Ralph Stamm	Successful surgery	Pat Stamm
Bruce Fiala	Kidney Surgery went well	Sharon Fiala
ONGOING		
Jason Wruck	Leukemia	Julie Inman
Rev. Richard Northcutt & Erin	Latter stages of Alzheimer's	Donna Hickman
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	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 Tones	Cancer returned (daughter in law's mother)	Dee Krause
GRIEVING		
Rawson Family	Passing of Drevon Rawson	Church Family
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 Schleppe	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 Vaughn

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

