

SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Wildwood Baptist Church

4827 East 20th Street, Joplin, MO 64801

Lead Pastor Lew Poe Youth Pastor Steve Snyder Pastor/Elder Gene Glenn

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS! 1922 - 2022

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Join us as we celebrate and remember "Those Who Have Gone Before Us" and then enjoy a "Good Ol' Southern Cooking Lunch" and fellowship with the Wildwood Family of NOW!

FOR THE RECORD

JULY 2022

Receipts	\$28,958.08
Expense	\$31,846.69 (includes \$5,718.05 paid from Money Market as Matching Funds)
Balance	(\$2,888.68)

JANUARY THRU JULY

Receipts	\$144,554.31
Expense	\$162,343.01 (includes \$5,718.05 paid from Money Market as Matching Funds)
Balance	(\$17,788.70)

Building Fund Activity 8/15/19 - 8/24/22

Beginning Balance	\$314,586.13
GF Contributions	\$148,204.96
BF Offering Contributions	\$183,229.88
MATCHING FUND CHALLENGE	\$7,573.05
Interest Paid	\$31,167.88
Balance	\$6,746.12

Payoff Dates

10/15/2026

9/30/2022

Wildwood Family, we are issuing a MATCHING FUNDS CHALLENGE! We want to pay this building off before our September 25th 100 Year Anniversary celebration, soooo. . . . EVERY dollar donated to the building fund over the next 10 weeks (7/15 to 9/18) will be matched from our Money Market reserves. Please consider donating to this short term challenge with a free will offering! We will be tracking our results with a visual, so join us in the fun, excitement and celebration as we eliminate this debt!! Thank you so much for your incredible faithfulness and steadfastness over the years!

DEACON OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

Daniel Bingham 417-438-2072

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Joseph, Mona, Emily & Alyssa Walker

Robin Nelson

PRAYER REQUESTS TO BE ADDED

Students and Teachers as new School Year begins!

June Stirewalt

Carol Bingham

Elaine Kane

Chris, Shelly Hayes Mother

Donna Radshaw, Doug Murray's sister-in-law

Larry Brown - Mona Walker's father

Skip Felkner - Melissa Cole's father

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### ***Thank you very much***

*To My Wildwood Baptist Church Family,*

*"Thank You" seems like such a small word for all you did for our family. When God called for a church, He sent Wildwood a special one!*

*You honored Barton so beautifully and took care of us, his family. Thank you for letting us use your church like our home, so my family could visit.*

*So many of the nieces and nephews that came said they remembered all the VBS they attended. Was so glad that they remembered, maybe it will encourage them to find a church.*

*Again thank you for all the good food, your love and prayers that you sent up for us.*

***Eva and Family***

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Your Thoughtfulness Is a Reflection of God's Love

Wildwood Baptist Church,

Thank you so very much for the gift of the piano. Your thoughtfulness meant much more than any words can say.

Thank You Very Much

Bethel Baptist Church, Joplin, Missouri

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### ***Remember our Shut-Ins - in prayer, a visit, sending a card or note:***

*Carol Bingham, 3828 College View Dr, Joplin, MO 64801, 417-850-1399, cjbingham@cableone.net*

*Loweta Gallagher, Westgate at Wildwood Ranch, 3130 S John Duffy Dr, Joplin, MO 64804*

*Polly Melton, 2232 Prosperity Ave, Joplin, MO 64801, 417-622-3617, kennypolly@yahoo.com*

*Ruth Millard, Silver Creek Arbor, 3325 Texas, Joplin, MO 64804*

*Sue Simpson, 110 CJ Lane, Joplin, MO 64801, 417-781-1363*

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GriefShare

GriefShare meets at Wildwood on Wednesday night during Bible Study time from 6:00-7:30pm.

GriefShare helps members apply biblical principles to the healing process after the death of a loved one. It utilizes 13 weeks of video along with a workbook. There is a cost of \$15.00 for the workbook.

Please contact Laura Mills 417-291-0918 for more info or to sign up.

The Table...

The late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. posed the following question: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" I think that it is a question that still should be examined by the entire world, but especially those of us who are followers of Jesus Christ. So I ask you, Wildwood, "what are you doing for others?"

Let's examine why we The Church must continue to revisit this question:

First and foremost, because Jesus said so. Ok, so He didn't ask this specific question, but I think that He implied it countless times. Jesus did specifically say, "*A new commandment I give you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another*".

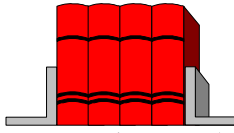
Jesus does command us to love and what better way to demonstrate love to each other than by serving?

Ok, so some of you may say that this is not compelling enough evidence. Let me connect a few more dots. The Apostle Peter tells us in the same verse (1 Peter 2:21) that we are called to *do good* and we are called to *follow in the footsteps of Jesus*. Kind of like the old game of "follow the leader". By this reasoning, if Jesus said, "*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve*" (Matthew 20:28) and if we are supposed to do what He does, then in essence, Jesus wants us to ask ourselves, "what are you doing for others" and then to go ahead and "serve".

How about serving others out of gratitude for what Jesus did for us? After all, The Apostle Paul said "*I beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God*" (Ephesians 4:1). What better way to say thank you, than to do what he tells us to do and love His people by serving them? Jesus Himself said "*whatever you do for the least of these, you are doing for me*" (Matthew 25:40). So by serving others, we are serving, loving and saying thank you to Jesus!

So I close, by again asking you Wildwood, "what are you doing for others? " As your pastor, I want you to know that I see you as an incredible group of loving, serving people that daily are the hands and feet of Jesus. The way that you love me and each other is inspiring! I am proud to be your pastor! This month's newsletter is not to condemn anyone, but rather to encourage all of us, including myself to daily ask ourselves the question and use it to never forget to serve!

Peace in Christ, Lew



FROM YOUR EVA LYCAN MEDIA CENTER

Our Media Center (Library) is open for your convenience on Sunday Mornings from 8:45am to 10:15am. Come check us out! Lots of good reading and viewing (DVDs) available!! Or if you would like to come during the week, just give Joanne a call at the church office (623-6466).

From Brenda, Debbie & Joanne

NEW BOOKS

Merciful Secrecy by Ruth Logan Herne. Another in the *Miracles & Mysteries of Mercy Hospital* series. Anne Mabry loves her volunteer work at Mercy Hospital, and she loves the relationships she's been able to form with the staff. So, when she learns that nurse Katie McNamara is unsettled by a strange sequence of events, Anne can't help but wonder if someone is threatening her. When Anne later meets Katie's grandfather, a retired Atlanta detective, and learns that Katie was adopted after her father testified against the mob, Anne and her friends set out to make sure the young woman is not in any true danger. When Anne sees a suspicious man hanging around the hospital, she wonders if he's waiting for Katie, or perhaps her doppelganger, Kitty Sue. Could there be more of a connection between these women than just their physical appearance? Is something sinister afoot at Mercy Hospital? And can Anne and her friends solve the mystery in time for an Easter celebration to remember?

Love Finds You in Miracle, Kentucky A novel from Guideposts by Andrea Boeshaar. Anything can happen when you live in a place called Miracle. Meg Jorgenson wants a fresh start, miles away from the city and a failed relationship. She takes a teaching position in the tiny town of Miracle, Kentucky, and vows to steer clear of smooth-talking men. Before long, Meg is smitten, but it's eight-year old Cammy Bayer who wins her heart. The young girl has spent much of her life in a wheelchair but firmly believes that God will heal her someday. Cammy's widowed father, Vance, has devoted his life to caring for his young daughter, and he is delighted by the attention she receives from her new teacher. But will Meg and Vance see eye-to-eye when it comes to an experimental procedure that might grant Cammy the use of her legs? Will they open their minds to the miracle of healing and their hearts to the miracle of love?

Sunken Hopes by Gabrielle Meyer. Another in the *Miracles & Mysteries of Mercy Hospital*. After endless grant writing, meetings, and red tape, Evelyn Perry has finally begun work on the displays for the new museum in Mercy Hospital's historic Angel wing. Among the artifacts from the hospital's collection are antique medical devices and dozens of pictures, letters, and newspaper articles. Many museums around the area have even agreed to loan items to Mercy. But trouble starts when one of the borrowed items, a twenty-dollar gold piece that saved Lieutenant George E. Dixon's life at the Battle of Shiloh, is stolen! As if Evelyn doesn't have enough to deal with, her troubled niece, Shelby, comes to stay with her for a few weeks. When Shelby becomes the prime suspect in the theft of the irreplaceable coin, will Evelyn and her friends be able to prove her innocence?

Mulberry Hollow A *Riverbend Romance* by Denise Hunter (Book 2). Living life to the fullest always requires sacrifice. Avery Robinson decided to be a physician after helplessly watching her mother lose a battle with a terrible disease. Now at risk of developing the same illness, Avery guards her heart from love. She's driven to protect her loved ones as a workaholic doctor in the tiny mountain town of Riverbend Gap, North Carolina. Contractor Wes Garrett is hiking the Appalachian trail, in memory of the man who died saving his life, when an illness racks his body. After an agonizing fifteen-mile hike to Avery's clinic, he collapses on her doorstep. He recovers to find himself in debt again, this time to a beautiful doctor. When he decides to help her renovate a rundown carriage house, the obstacles to their attraction sprout like weeds - starting with the woman waiting for Wes at the end of the trail. Will he be able to relinquish the debt he owes his best friend? And will Avery find the courage to risk everything

for love. The second book in Denise Hunter's popular *Riverbeen Romance* series explores what it might be like to live fearlessly and free.

WATERED GARDENS Ministries

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Testimony of the Month / July 2022

Dear Ministry Partner,

Every year, hundreds of committed volunteers fill thousands of volunteer shifts. To us, the word "volunteer" doesn't capture the importance of the role they play at the mission. We know that to make a real impact, the energy and resource we spend must translate to what we read in Isaiah 58:10 - the extension of one's life to another. That's beyond volunteering. In fact, we recently completed a training for all Good Samaritans called just that: Beyond Volunteering. The thought of giving time to help a ministry is noble. But the most effective translation of that time is when it's spent with someone who really needs it. Dave really needed it. After decades of alcoholism, he became hopeless, homeless, and nearly froze to death one night this last winter. He testifies that God told him to come to Watered Gardens. And it was here he met one of those incredible volunteers, Virginia.

"I'm not going my way, the Dave way, anymore. I did that too long and saw where it got me. I'm going His way and Watered Gardens has really helped. My care coordinator, Virginia, has provided so much encouragement. She's assured me that God still has a purpose for my life, that I have worth, and can leave my mistakes behind. We've had some really good talks about the Lord, his Word, his mercy and goodness. She actually gave me the Bible I read every day, and I'm grateful for God bringing her and so many good people into my life as I've turned it over to him."

Virginia went beyond volunteering. She loved and inspired Dave, meeting him where he was and helping him believe that, by God's grace, he didn't have to stay there any longer. Now he's five-months sober, employed, plugged into a church, and reconciled to his daughter. Thank you for your recent support of \$169.20. We'll continue working hard to ensure those vital relationships are established that open doors of hope for people lost in hopelessness.

James Whitford

James Whitford, Co-Founder and Executive Director

Outreach Center & Overnight Shelter	The Worth Shop	Forge Campus	Washington Family Hope Center
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LIFECHOICES

HEALTH NETWORK HELPING PEOPLE MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES FOR LIFE

July 26, 2022

Wildwood Baptist Church

Dear Friends,

Thank you for participating in LifeChoices' Change for Life baby bottle campaign. We are so excited about the enthusiasm this project has generated in the community. **This year we distributed over 4,700 bottles to area churches, businesses, and organizations!**

As of July 26th, your Change for Life 2022 total is **\$544.49!** This will help continue the vital services provided through our two clinics and multiple school programs. **Last year LifeChoices provided more than 10,300 free and confidential services!** Because LifeChoices **does not receive state or federal funding**, it would be impossible to serve this many people without your help. **Thanks again - your gift through Change for Life really changes lives!**

Sincerely,

Jordynn

Thank you so much!



WILDWOOD

UPCOMING FAMILY DINNERS 2022

26
JUN

FAMILY PICNIC

Let's have a good old fashioned family picnic with plenty of food, fun, and fresh air!

31
JUL

BBQ FAVORITES

Fire up your smokers and grills!

28
AUG

BREAKFAST

Oh, that breakfast goodness! Heat up that pancake griddle! YUM!

25
SEPT

GOOD OL' SOUTHERN COOKING

Fried chicken, meatloaf, and mashed potatoes anyone?

30
OCT

SKILLETS & BRATS

What kind of goodness can you cook up in your skillet? Hey! Where's my cast iron?

20
NOV

THANKSGIVING DINNER

We thank you, Lord for our bountiful blessings.

WATCH FOR SIGN UP MESSAGES FOR EACH DINNER!

Don't Miss Them All!

WILDWOOD'S CALENDAR

September 6 - HSN Classes begin 9am

September 25 - Centennial Celebration!

October 12 - Quarterly Business Meeting

October 14 - Women's Event

October 16 - Baptist Men's Day

October 27 - Surviving the Holidays 5:30pm

October 30 - Family Worship - Skillets & Brats Lunch

November 2 - Practice begins for Christmas Program

November 6 - Time Change

November 8 - Election Day

November 11-12 - Youth DiscipleNow

November 20 - Family Thanksgiving Dinner

November 23 - NO Bible Study

November 24 - Thanksgiving Day

December 11 - Christmas Cookie Exchange 6pm

*December 14 - Special Business Meeting
December 18 - Christmas Program 6pm
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service 5pm*

Life of Hope Ministries

Devin Chance

Nancy Hutson

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*Soli Deo Gloria,*

***Jake Evans***

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