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Pack your bags and hop on board the Boomerang Express™: It All Comes Back to Jesus

Prepare to trek through the Land Down Under and discover how it all comes back to Jesus when you :

- Follow Him
- Worship Him
- Confess Him
- Serve Him
- and
- Obey Him.

In this one-week adventure you will learn about having a relationship with Jesus through Bible stories, crafts, motivating music, and games.

The adventure begins:

Sunday, June 7 – Thursday, June 11

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Pre-register in Sunday School, TeamKIDs or find us at Gassville in the Park!



OUR RECORDS



	<u>May 3</u>	<u>May 10</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>May 24</u>	<u>May 31</u>
Sunday School:	126	130	130	108	114
9:00 am Worship:	50	74	62	55	47
11:00 am Worship:	153	129	139	118	122
Evening Worship:	45	42	51	36	55
Offering:	\$4,764.40	\$3,683.00	\$3,911.00	\$3,718.70	\$28,541.15



We had a great turn out for our Fishing Tournament and raised \$185 for kids to go to camp! We are planning a fish fry on Sunday, June 14 at 6:00 pm. Come and enjoy a great time of food and fellowship.



WE NEED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR KIDS TO GO TO CAMP. WE TRY TO ONLY CHARGE THE KIDS HALF OF THE COST TO MAKE IT MORE AFFORDABLE FOR PARENTS WITH MORE THAN ONE CHILD TO GO TO CAMP. FULL PRICE FOR SUPER SUMMER IS \$170 FOR SENIOR HIGH, \$150 FOR JUNIOR HIGH AND SILOAM SPRINGS IS \$130.



We need the following donations for VBS!

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| Chow mein Noodles | Cupcake Cups |
| Choc. Almond Bark | Popcorn |
| Trix Cereal | Sugar Sprinkles |
| Ice cream cones | Marshmallows |
| Graham Crackers | Animal Crackers |
| Mini Teddy Grahams | Mini Pretzels |
| M&M candies | Wheat Chex |
| Pretzel Rods (Large) | Potato sticks |
| Mini Doughnuts | Ritz Crackers |
| Instant Vanilla Pudding | Vanilla Wafers |
| Granola Cereal | Soft Tortillas |
| Old Newspapers | Balloons |
| Yarn | Paper Towel Rolls |

We still have openings for our Children's Camp in Siloam Springs July 27 - 31. This is for children that have completed 3rd - 6th grade. Camp forms are available in Sunday School, TeamKIDS and in the church office. Please sign-up by June 14th.



From
the
Pastor's
Heart

"For we are labourers together with God: You are God's husbandry, you are God's building."

1 Corinthians 3:10 (NKJV)

As we approach a busy summer season of ministry there are many opportunities that await us. There is a sense of joy and excitement and a sense of trepidation. Why such varied emotions? Because of the opportunities that God presents us with each summer. These often have the potential to impact and change lives for years to come. That is the joy and excitement part of the ministry equation. There is also the danger if we are not alert and faithful of missing these opportunities. That is the trepidation part of the ministry equation. What makes a difference on which one we will experience? Our response to God and one another is what makes that difference. There are several areas that this will impact.

First is our attendance. Summer is the time of vacations, ball games, family outings and a whole host of happy happenings. These are all great needs and deserved things. There is nothing wrong with them unless they take away from our focus and commitment to God and His Kingdom work. It really does matter if you are here individually and as a family. Please be here with your love shining on your face.

Second is our financial need. They don't decrease during summer months, if anything they increase. This year has been tough economically on our church and community. As a church we have struggled more than ever before in the nine years that I have been your pastor. It is only by your faithfully giving that we are able to continue the ministries of Gassville Baptist Church. With Vacation Bible School, Youth camp, Children's camp and all of our regular ministries the strain can be breathtaking. But to cut these ministries out would be unfaithful to God's call on our church to reach people. So please covenant with me to continue in your faithful giving.

Finally there is involvement. Are you continuing to use your talents and giftedness in this church? Many folks have more than one job and are tired. Many ministries suffer from a lack of workers. Have you stepped up? Are you committed for the long haul in God's Kingdom work here at Gassville Baptist? If so, we will all experience the excitement and joy of God moving in our midst. If not, there will be a sense of lost opportunity.

Thankful to serve with you,

Bro. Gary



A DAY FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

As many of you know my parents recently visited here for a period of time. My father, however was here two weeks prior to my mother's arrival, so we had lots of time to spend together. That time was filled with talking, watching movies, fishing, hanging out and most of all eating! I think my father and I took out enough food for several people every meal. It was a blast to watch the waiters and waitresses freak out when they would bring all this food to the table and within a very short period of time all of the food was gone. It was fun... a good time was had by all!

Now I bring this up not because I want to spend the entire time talking about what we ate, but instead about the time that I got to share with my father which was a day for the history books. That day was two weeks ago on "Biker Sunday". You see I had the joy of once again listening to my father preach and to once again feel great pride that my dad was doing what he loves to do most; and that is share the gospel of Jesus Christ. For ya'll that made it, the message was quite amazing and spirit-filled, his booming voice resounded throughout the entire sanctuary and everyone sat at attention. The truth that bellowed from my father was a truth that he has taught me from day one of my life. That truth is one that is to be shared by all! That morning was amazing in itself, but the true honor of the day was being able to follow my father that Sunday night and bring the message that God had laid on my heart for our body. That message was one that I have great passion about, for ya'll who were there you saw that passion. Ha-ha!

You see not all people in this life have a father like I have. Growing up was hard at times, but for the most part my father has been a guide, encourager, leader and so many other things to me. He has always pushed me to be stronger and to stand taller, to never back down from the truth and to never be afraid to share. You see my earthly father has set an amazing example for what my heavenly father is like. And though I have this great example, so many do not. So many have dads that are anything but an example of what to follow, if anything, they are an example of what not to be.

Why do I bring this up? Because we are approaching a day that is one where we honor those men in our lives that have been fathers to us; those men that have taken the time to stop and encourage, love, mentor, support and teach us. That day is one that is hard for some because their father is not one that they want to honor and remember because of past events. But I say on that day you let the men who are important in your life know how much they mean to you. Most importantly, let your heavenly Father know how amazing He is and how much you appreciate Him. God is the father that we all need and the one who will never hurt nor leave us; He is always there and will always be there. It is time to take just a moment and to thank the men that mean the most to you. So dad since I know you will be reading this, thank you so much for all that you have done for me in my life, you are an inspiration and have set an amazing standard as a father that I could only hope to reach. Thank you again... love you dad.

Bro. Hunter