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BAPTIST CHURCH



Shane, Tammy, Molly,
Emma, Riah & Elijah



Family
Day



Ladies Banquet



Church Van



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Dear Pastor & Church Family,

August 5, 2025

I trust and pray that things are well with you, your family, and church family. It is such a blessing knowing that so many are praying for our church plant as well as helping us financially. I keep this in front of the folks that attend on a regular basis. It's also a blessing when we have someone pass through our area that stop in for services. As with all, we have had a busy summer. We have had some good things take place in the last couple months. The first thing I would like to report on is our Family Day back on June 22nd. Our attendance wasn't what we had hoped, but it was worth every dollar invested and every drop of sweat (heat index was over a 100 that day). It was a blessing watching our folks set up and serve throughout the day. There are 2 families that have been visiting that were a big help, they continue to visit regularly. The service went well and we had 8 first time visitors. One of those visitors in particular was an answer to prayer. A mother and her daughter began attending back in March and the husband/dad came to our Family day. (John) He has continued to come and they are asking questions. Please pray for this family as God seeks to clear out all the 'religious' influence they have had with the Truth of His Word! Another thing we have done since our last update is move our evening service to the afternoon. We now have lunch every week at the church (challenging for my wife without a kitchen). At first I was a bit apprehensive, but it has actually turned out well. We tried it for the month of June and have decided to continue. We have several that drive over 30 minutes to church and this has been a blessing for them. Likely, the greatest blessing has been two-fold, first we have 3 families that are now staying for the afternoon service that weren't coming back for the evening service; and it has allowed more time for fellowship. There is a closeness developing in our church that wasn't really there before. The month of July also brought our annual ladies banquet. My wife does such a great job. She does the majority of the work herself and sees this as an opportunity to treat the ladies of our church to a special day. The theme was, "O taste and see the Lord is Good". This year there were 17 present for the banquet. The great thing about the attendance is it was ladies and girls that are a part of our church plant. Lastly, we were blessed about 2 weeks ago with a church van. There was a church in the area that wasn't using it and the Lord laid us on their heart. It is a 2006 Ford E350 with just over 80,000 miles on it. We are not at a point that we can go out and began to bring several kids in due to lack of space and workers, but it is a blessing to be able to offer a ride to church now when needed. Please pray that the Lord would give us the wisdom to use this amazing gift from Him for His glory! I am also excited for the rolling advertisement it will be as we drive it around town.

As I close I would like to ask you to pray for our next 'big day' that we are planning for the month of November. I know that's a ways out, but it will be upon us before we know it. We are planning a Veteran's Sunday on November 9th. This coincides with Veteran's Day on the 11th of November. We are going to do some advertising (Facebook & printed) in preparation for it. We are seeking to invite and honor those that have served that we might serve them. I don't have all the details but am very excited to do this. If you have ever done anything like this before and have any advice please reach out to me. Thank you again for your investment in the church plant in Poplar Bluff, MO and our family. Your prayers and financial support allow us to be here doing what God has called us to do. May the Lord bless you as you labor in your field as well as in ours.

The Mallards

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