



Blaine Visitor

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | BLAINE CHRISTIAN CHURCH | AUGUST 2021

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rocky Railway

August 9 - 12 • 6:00 - 8:10 pm

Children 3 years - 6th grade (completed)

This is a wonderful outreach for our church, our children and our community. Invite your family, friends, grandchildren, and children you know!

MISSION OFFERING TO:

**Benzie Area
Christian Neighbors**

Children are asked to bring a can/box or two of food each evening to help our neighbors in need.

The congregation is asked to participate on August 15th to bring donations as well.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

August 15, 2021

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 am

The children will help lead worship through the music and lessons learned during the week. Fellowship will follow the service with VBS snacks.

Thank You VBS Volunteers: It takes many volunteers for Vacation Bible School to be successful! Thank you to those who have already volunteered for this ministry and who have provided supplies. Speak with Jenny Caylen or Carolyn Waterson if you would like volunteer for an evening or the entire week.

Church Events

**Sundays - Worship Services at
8:30 & 10:00 am**

**Mondays - Lois Ministries, 1:30 pm
Men's Bible Study, 6:30 pm**

- Aug 1 & 15 - BACN Sundays
- Aug 5 - Elders, 6:30 pm
- Aug 7 - Potluck Picnic, 6 pm in Arcadia
- Aug 9 - VBS Begins
- Aug 10 - Men's Prayer & Breakfast, 8:30 am
- Aug 15 - One Worship Service at 10 am
- Aug 18 - Christian Ed, 7 pm
- Aug 20 - Congregation Fellowship, 10 am
- Aug 22 - Choir begins
- Aug 24 - Newsletter Deadline
- Aug 26 - Nature Walk, 6 pm
- Aug 27 - Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing, Noon

Pastor's Pen

From Where I Sit August 2021

Have you ever thought about your “attitude”, or your “response” when something unexpected happens? We sometimes do quite well, right? But then there are times, aren't there, when we simply don't! Have you ever wondered why that is? Well, someone shared the following with me recently, which seemed sort of profound!

Suppose you are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you, or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere! Why, would you say you spilled the coffee? “Because someone bumped into me,” right? But that's the wrong answer! You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out!

When life comes along and shakes you, which it will, whatever is inside of you is what will come out. Oh, you can fake it. Many of us do. Or at least we often try. Right up to the point where you get rattled! But then, well, you see where I'm going!

“What's in my cup?” That's the question that we need ask ourselves constantly. When life gets tough, what spills over? Is it Joy, and Gratefulness, Peace, and Humility? Or is it Anger, and Bitterness, Harsh Words, and Harsher Reactions? Life provides the “cup”, to-be-sure! But “you” get to choose how to fill it! And remember, “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” So, “since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22-23, 25)! Start today, filling your cup with the Lord!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Bob

Serving This Month

8:30 Service

Worship Leader: Sue Spalding

Greeter: *volunteer needed*

Usher: *volunteer needed*

Welcome Center: Cathy Bodell

10:00 Service

Elders: Deb Kessler, Steve VanDePerre

Worship Reader: Sonja Reitan

Diaconate Servers: Patrick Kenny, Bob Bell
Greg & Kim Borgeson

Diaconate Preparer: Rick Zych

Greeter: Max Kessler

Usher: Nina Margetson

Welcome Center: Cathy Bodell

Sign up sheets are posted in fellowship hall.

Financial Update

2021 General Fund Budget: \$218,724.00

Monthly Essential: 18,227.00

	Received	+/- Monthly
January	18,548.00	+ 321.00
February	22,158.00	+ 3,931.00
March	26,153.00	+ 7,926.00
April	19,659.50	+ 1,432.50
May	23,224.00	+ 4,997.00
June	25,465.00	+ 7,238.00
<u>July</u>	<u>14,360.10</u>	<u>- 3,866.90</u>

Total \$ 149,567.60 \$ 29,712.40

Family Picture Board

Our church maintains a "Church Family Picture Board" to help all of us connect names and faces. It is on the wall in the office hallway, just through the double doors past the Church Library.

Each Sunday in August, we encourage those who haven't yet had their picture taken to find Cathy Bodell in fellowship hall after each worship service and let her take your picture. She will be waiting near the cry room and promises it will be quick and painless!

If you have an older picture of your family on the board, your children have grown or you have had a baby since then, please consider letting her take an updated picture.

Coffee Fellowship

We can enjoy coffee hours inside or outdoors. Coffee and drink will be served as well as treats from volunteer hosts. If you would like to host a coffee hour, please sign up on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Contact Nina Margetson at 248-396-1647 if you have questions.

Lois Ministries Mondays, 1:30 pm

We pray for our church, pastor, our children, our grandchildren and great grandchildren. We will pray at 1:30 pm on August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. You are welcomed to join us any Monday at 1:30 in the small sanctuary. Call Bonnie Putney at 231.499.6788 if you have questions.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-2.

ANNUAL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC in the PARK

August 7th, 6:00 pm

Finch Park Pavilion in Arcadia
Turn west on Lake Street off of M-22.



Everyone is invited to attend!
Bring your favorite picnic side dish
or dessert and a
lawn game if you wish.

Provided Items:

**Fried Chicken
Drinks
Table Settings**

Questions?

Call Nina Margetson, 248-396-1647.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Monday evenings, 6:30 pm at the church. Men of all ages are invited to attend. The group is finishing the Book of Matthew. Contact Rob Janusch or Bruce Caylen for more information.

- **CHOIR BEGINS**

Rehearsal will begin August 22nd to prepare for the fall season of music in the second worship service. If you enjoy singing and would like to help lead worship through this music ministry, then plan to join the choir this fall. Our first Sunday to sing in worship will be September 12th for our Celebration Sunday at 11:00 am. If you have any questions, talk with Carolyn Waterson.

- **DO YOU KNOW HOW TO KNIT?**

If you do, how about putting your talent to good use for the Prayer Shawl Ministry? We have kits assembled that include simple directions and yarn. Contact Stonna Spalding or Bonnie Putney to pick up a Prayer Shawl kit this month and help us stock up on these comforting shawls.

SPECIAL MUSIC

- During the summer months, our choir takes a break and there is special music in place of the anthem in the 10am service. Thank you to the following folks who shared their gift of music with us in July to glorify God: Kari MacDonald, Carolyn Bell, and Doug Erdman

- **"INVITATIONS TO SURRENDER"**

On Saturday, November 13th we welcome Shannon Popkin for a morning of inspiration on the topic "Invitations to Surrender". Shannon is from Grandville and her bio asks, "Do you want to live like God's Word is true? This is Shannon's passion, and she loves sharing this journey with other women." All women are asked to mark their calendars now and save this date. More information in upcoming newsletter



**ONE
WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday,
August 15, 2021
10:00 am**

SERMON SCHEDULE

Aug 1: 1st Reading: Psalm 51:1-12
2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Title: "Living for Jesus"
Guest Minister: Bob Cornwall

Aug 8: Guest Minister
Brett Spalding

Aug 15: VBS Sunday

Aug 22: 1st Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20
2nd Reading: John 6:56-69
Guest Minister: David Spalding

Aug 29: 1st Reading: James 1:17-27
2nd Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,
21-23
Guest Minister: David Spalding



COME AND CELEBRATE! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
Blaine Christian Church Is ALIVE AND BREATHING!

Celebration Sunday

***It's Powerful and Amazing When We're Together! We Will Celebrate With:
Sunday School For All Ages at 9:45 am, Morning Service at 11 am ,
and a Pig Roast with Fun Activities at 12:30 pm***

(if you have any lawn or camping chairs, please bring them)

Come and enjoy this free event!

**What a perfect time to be together, and what a perfect time to invite
someone who needs encouragement from being with our church family!**

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Women's Fall Bible Study

Coming in September is Priscilla Shirer's study "Elijah: Faith and Fire". This is a 7 week study on the life of Elijah. The intro to the study says: "Old Testament heroes are best known for their most celebrated moments: Moses dividing the Red Sea; David slaying Goliath; Gideon routing an insurmountable army; Joshua marching around the defiant walls of Jericho. And Elijah calling down fire on Mount Carmel. Blinded by the remarkable narratives of our biblical heroes, we can forget they each had a backstory, months and years of development, even difficulty, which fortified their spiritual muscle and prepared them for the tasks that made their lives unforgettable."

Study will begin mid-month with a morning and evening session. Please sign up in the fellowship hall by August 24th so a study book can be ordered for you. Cost will be \$16 for the study book payable at first class. Exact dates coming.

Volunteers Requested

After serving as Member Care coordinator since we started, JoEllen Lathwell has asked to step down. There are printed guidelines for the Care person and helpers. Members who are hospitalized, new births and extended illness are who this committee reaches out to. If you would like to know more about this, please contact Bonnie Putney 231-449-6788 or JoEllen Lathwell 231-882-1398.

Another need we have is for the Prayer Calling Chain. This calling chain is for immediate intervention if the need for prayer comes quickly. Pastor Bob Larimer or Bonnie Putney initiates the prayer chain. There's 10 - 12 callers. We need someone who will take a call and pass it on to 3 people. Please contact Bonnie at bonnieputney@gmail.com if you could help with this part of Blaine's ministry.

September Blaine Visitor Deadline August 24, 2021

Please email or drop off information you would like included to the church office, blainechurch@gmail.com.



STAFF

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Nina Margetson (248) 396-1647

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Missions

Terry VanHeyningen (231) 275-1070

Property

Pete Nugent (231) 383-3702

Worship

Carolyn Bell (231) 970-8396



August

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Phil Verburg
- 2 Bonnie Williams
- 3 Barbara Bauer-Smith
- 4 Dale Detman
- 7 Frank Putney, Brantley Zych
- 9 William Tanner
- 10 Julie Zych, Karl Putney
- 11 Jamie Merrill
- 13 Will Bradford
- 15 Jan Mick, Jonathan Wertheimer
- 16 Max Kessler
- 18 Mary Lee Putney, Linda Nugent
- 19 Steve VanDePerre
- 20 Laurie Puccio
- 22 Richard Shadwick

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Martin & Karen Gehrke
- 6 Howard & Judy Ingelston
- 13 Gary & Carolyn Waterson
- 15 Ray & Rebecca Tanner
- 19 Ed & Jenny Bradford
- 20 Don & Ellice Franklin
Bob & Linda Yeager
- 22 Kenneth & Katherine Waterson
- 23 Matt & Shannon Gillison
- 24 Ron & Dianne Gillison

Please contact the church office if your birthday or anniversary was missed.
(231) 352-9148 or
blainechurch@gmail.com

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

- **MEN'S PRAYER & BREAKFAST**

August 10, 8:30 am

All men are invited the second Tuesday of the month to the Lighthouse Café in Elberta. Pay for your own breakfast and enjoy fellowship and prayer. Contact Skip Noble with any questions.

- **LUNCH WITH FRIENDS**

September 9, Noon

Skip and Mary Lou Noble will host "Lunch with Friends" on the second Thursday of each month. We will meet at noon for a devotional and prayer and then share a potluck lunch. After lunch we do our "LWF" card ministry, sending cards to our church shut in friends as well as those who are ill or need a thinking of you card. September 9 at noon will be the first meeting for the fall.

- **MARSH NATURE PRESERVE WALK**

August 26, 6:00 pm

For August, September, and October (the 4th Thursdays). We will meet at Arcadia's bridge at the beginning of the trail. We will start at 6:00PM. It's a Congregational fellowship walk. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

These ladies would appreciate a card or a phone call:

Carol Rider
7519 Cadillac Hwy
Benzonia, MI 49616
231-882-4029

Angie Russell
Frankfort Sr Care
216 W Cox Rd
Frankfort, MI 49635
231-714-8730

Sharon Trense
4 Vernon Glen Ct
Atlanta, GA 30338
404-547-4633 (Charlie's cell)

Roxy Nye
c/o Pilgrim Manor #34
2500 Leonard St NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505



Benefit Golf Outing Friday, August 27, 2021

4 Person Scramble

Men's, Women's, Co-ed Teams

18 Holes of Golf with Cart

Registration & Lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.

Dinner after Golf

Crystal Lake Golf Club

8493 Fairway Dr. Beulah, MI (231) 882-4061

Registration Forms at benziehabitat.org



Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

BACN is grateful to the John L. Mulvaney foundation for its annual challenge to our community to raise \$50,000 which they will match dollar-for-dollar through August 31st. The Summer Match raises nearly 20% of BACN's operating funds each year. We invite you to support BACN during this time and double the impact!

Soon, BACN will be serving neighbors from a new facility! For more detailed information, visit www.benziebacon.org and click on the photo of the new building.

BACN Sundays

August 1st & 15

Blaine Church will be accepting food and dry good donations the first and third Sundays of each month for BACN. A volunteer will take them to BACN. Please drop off your donations in the gray baskets located in the office hallway. BACN donations of canned food or dry goods (flour, Jiffy mixes, cereal, beans, rice, puddings) are appreciated.

VBS Celebration Sunday is August 15th. The congregation can participate in the VBS Mission Offering to help fill the pantry shelves for our neighbors in need at BACN.

Blaine's Mission Committee has established a new fund/donation account for BACN: "Non-food Essentials" -cleaning supplies; Spic N Span, window cleaner, dish soap, and personal hygiene items- toothpaste, deodorant, lotions. These Non-food Essentials may be put in the gray basket in the hallway.

Women's Retreat

August 20-22, 2021

Registration deadline is August 5th.

We are looking forward to socializing at beautiful Crystal Conference Center in Frankfort, Michigan, under the theme, "I Have Called You by Name." Join with others from the Michigan Region as we unite in fellowship and friendship and learn to develop as Women of Faith. Enjoy bonfires, vespers, spiritual sessions, worship, and free time. Bring a friend or family member! Retreat Facilitators will be Revs. Shirley Martinson and Brenda Etheridge.

Be devoted to good works
and acts of charity

Acts 9:36

Men's Retreat

September 17-19, 2021

Registration deadline is Sept. 2nd.

A weekend retreat for men across the state to be engaged in worship, reflection, and leisure with other men. "**Beyond Brotherhood: Developing Life-Giving Relationships with Men**" is the theme led by our guest facilitator **Alex Ruth**, Associate Director of Men's Ministries for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The weekend retreat will provide time for work projects (optional) at Crystal, bonfires, vespers, spiritual sessions, and worship; plus individual reflection and free time.

August Blaine Visitor

Our Mission

Our purpose at the Blaine Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to live and share the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Together, we seek to learn, teach, hear, minister, support, grow and worship as a community of faith. As Christ's disciples, we accept the call to reach out with God's love to those outside the church. Thus, as part of the Church Universal, we intend to serve both the physical and spiritual needs of our immediate community and the world. To this end we commit ourselves to witness and serve in the fellowship and traditions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Rev. Robert D. Larimer, Pastor

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Praise & Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Traditional/Blended Service



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