

MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

After seeking the Lord in prayer and through two wonderful meetings, we have come to some initial conclusions concerning the ministries the Lord has given us, and some ways He would have us capitalize on or expand them. Here, then, is a list of those conclusions. We will look to prioritize and calendar the necessary actions needed to carry them out, at the upcoming church council meeting on August 10.

CHILDREN / YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

1. A classroom has been created and is presently being used for Children's Church during the worship service. We will be able to use that space for a S.S. class as well. We also have a team of four teachers who will alternate teaching our children, but we will eventually need more teachers in order to serve both younger

and older children. We also need at least one teacher for a youth class, and a room for that class.

2. J.O.Y. Groups (=Jesus, Others, You)

We will re-organize these fellowship groups to be smaller; knowing that smaller numbers will facilitate our dining together, and more importantly, will also help with getting to know one another better. It will also assist us with outreach in that the new folks we invite won't likely feel as intimidated to come as they might, were they meeting with a bigger group.

3. PEOPLE GROUPS IN MHC RECEIVING LITTLE OR NO MINISTRY

Immigrants: We will seek to learn more about the needs of immigrants in our community. We will speak with a sister church in our area about their ministry to Hispanic people in hopes of joining hands with them.

LGBTQ+: After much wonderful discussion, we decided an "All Are Welcome" sign would not necessarily accomplish or say what we might hope. Therefore, we will simply continue to receive warmly whoever the Lord sends our way and make it plain by our love that all **truly are** welcome. In both of our Dream Again meetings, there was a strong consensus that this is what the

Lord calls us to do – that is, to love all as He loves, without reservation or judgment.

Homeless: We will strengthen our support of the Grace Network by placing a greater emphasis on GN's work in our services, and by continuing to give them our financial support.

4. MISSIONS

Our Women on Mission group, which spearheaded many of our church mission projects of the past, will begin to reconvene regularly, and at a time when those who work can attend.

5. OUTREACH

Visitation times will be regularly scheduled to visit with those who have worshiped with us for the first time, and to visit with those members whose attendance is infrequent.

We will seek to reach into the community through such events as the Bassett Heritage Festival and Oktoberfest in Martinsville.

We will emphasize inviting the non-churched to our JOY groups.

We will keep up our web page and promote our services and events on FaceBook.

MAKING OUR DREAMS COME TRUE **continued. . .**

6. PROPERTY

We have already begun to explore what it will take, in terms of equipment and costs, to improve our sound system. When ready, we will bring recommendations before the church, and ultimately purchase what we need.

We will also explore the equipment we will need to record and post our services to our web page - with the goal of putting our services on-line as soon as possible.

We will schedule church work days for the purpose of clearing out and making better use our spaces.

7. WORSHIP

We will blend the style of our worship music in every service.

In order to have a different, more casual and intimate feel to our worship, we will hold a service once a month in the fellowship hall. The service will offer coffee and donuts, and sometimes discussion in relation to the sermon.

We will record and post our services to our web page, but after the fact. In this way, we hope those who can worship in person with us **will** do that.

8. FELLOWSHIPS

We will have periodic New Members' Orientation fellowships to introduce new members to our church, our ministries and our affiliation with the CBF.

We will have periodic "Welcome Home" fellowships to recognize our new members.

There were some other preliminary plans, but I'll stop there for now. Please be praying about these plans and our faithfulness to follow the Lord's lead. Remember that our goal isn't to do everything on the list, or even as it has been described. As we go forward, the Lord will continue to sculpt His plans and some of them may be tabled for another time. Some may not even happen. But may we not get discouraged or anxious. He has got us!

These are exciting times! Surprises ahead! I love you!

Susan

WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS

AA MEETINGS

Mondays, August 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the fellowship hall. Come join us! We are studying the gospel of Luke. Invite your friends! There's always room for more!

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the choir room. Can't read notes? Afraid you can't carry a tune in a bucket? Mary Helen can help with that! We've got childcare if you need it.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

PICKER'S & FIDDLER'S MUSIC FEST

Saturday, August 9 from 10:00 to noon in the fellowship hall (and every 2nd Saturday of the month). Every gathering of our Pickers and Fiddlers is like being at the Grand Ole' Opry! Featured are the talents of real professionals – so it's 2 hours of wonderful music, all free of charge! Come join us and invite your neighbors. Don't let this great time be the best-kept secret in Bassett! If you play an instrument, bring it along and join in! We'll have plenty of refreshments – also free of charge. Hope to see you!

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

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COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sunday, August 10 after the worship service in the fellowship hall. Lunch:

TBA. We will tie up any loose ends regarding the 85th anniversary plans and begin to calendar the services and events decided upon at our 2nd Dream Again meeting. Bring your personal calendars.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room

DEACONS' MEETING

Tuesday, August 19 at 7 p.m. in the conference room

COMMUNITY MEAL

Thursday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall (and every 3rd Thursday of the month). All are welcome to come and help serve, eat, and visit with our neighbors of Henry County and Bassett. Workers should arrive at 5:15. If you would like to contribute a dessert, contact Lindy Koger at 276-734-2096. *Interested in being one of our cooks? For more information, speak with Donna Anthony or Jean Garvin.*

FEED AMERICA FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, August 26 at the Light Electric Building, 24A Governor Stanley Hwy, 12:30 – 1:30. There is also a worship service beforehand, at 9:00 a.m. and a lunch, free of charge, is offered at 11:30 a.m. at the same place. All are welcome!

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FORMER PBBC MUSIC MINISTER KEN

RICHARDSON on Saturday, August 2 at 11:00 a.m. at Thrasher Memorial UMC in Vinton.

PBBC'S 85TH ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING

Sunday, August 24 in the 11:00 worship, with a meal to follow in the fellowship hall. Former pastor, the Rev. Dr. Jim Hewitt, will be preaching. It will be a wonderful day!

SOME SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 1 is Labor Day. Enjoy! Our church office will be closed.

BASSETT HERITAGE FESTIVAL

This annual event is on Saturday,

September 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00

p.m. in the Bassett Headquarters

parking lot. We will set up our booth between 8:00 - 8:30. There is always a low-cost pancake breakfast for those interested. Workers are needed at our booth to meet and greet the community, create balloon animals, and give out ICEE pops. Everyone should wear their PBBC shirts. If you need one, please speak to Bruce Alderman. (Rain date for the festival: September 13)

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, September 19 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Our PBBC and Little Angels ELC parents are invited to bring their children to our church for 2 1/2 hours of FREE childcare! **The children may also invite one friend each.** We will provide their dinner, crafts, games and a movie. They should bring their pajamas and any other necessities. **Please make a reservation for each child by emailing Donna Anthony at cga2n3@gmail.com, or through the church office at 276-629-5394. Please make them by Wednesday, September 10. Thank you!**

PBBC BLOOD DRIVES

Thursday, July 24, was our last blood drive. We plan to have them every other month because 60 days gives those who give blood regularly a chance to build back up after the last time they gave. That said, our next blood drive will be on **Monday, September 22** from 1 – 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The one after that will be **Monday, November 17**; same time, same station.

This ministry idea was brought to us by Ronnie Koger a year ago and we have been holding the drives regularly ever since. We always need volunteers to register folks and to help with refreshments. Refreshments are provided by the Red Cross, but churches also supply additional drinks and snacks. Male volunteers are needed to register people and provide security. If you would like to serve, please let Ronnie Koger know.

With each blood drive, the Red Cross hopes to get 20 – 25 folks registered in advance, but people are also welcome to register at the door. Please plan to give if you are able!

THE PBBC WEBSITE

Our new website is up and running!!! With a couple articles which still need to be tweaked and other minor edits remaining, we're just about done. We also need to put in announcements, our order of worship for each week, and the

monthly Messenger. Bridget Tickle has recently volunteered to help us out with these things, as much of this is what she does in her job. We also hope that before long we'll be able to post our worship services to the website and offer the means to give offerings through it as well.