

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Rossville United Methodist Church is to love the Lord and our neighbors, teach one another to obey the commands of God, and proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior to all.

Scriptural Foundations: Matthew 28: 8 - 20; Mark 12: 9 - 31; Luke 4: 8 - 19

The Echo

church newsletter of the

Rossville United Methodist Church

June 2015

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Church,

Do you have an unshakeable conviction-not just a belief-that God wants YOUR church to grow? I believe God has a healthy future for Rossville United Methodist Church. I want to share with you what I see God desiring to do in the life of Rossville United Methodist Church. To have a strong future we must become a victorious church with a come back story. I believe it is God's will that we become a Come Back Church. If we are going to have a story and mission in the future it will be because we have a come back story to tell. There are at least three reasons why the church must never stop growing.

1. *Because God Loves People.* "The Lord is patient, and does not want anyone to perish, but wants everyone to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)
2. *Because God commands us to reach out.* "Go out into the country and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My house will be full." (Luke 14:23)
3. *Because Growth is God's will.* "Under Christ's control, the whole Body is nourished and grows as God wants it to grow." (Col. 2:19) Also, Jesus said, "I will build my church." (Matt. 16:18).

In their book, "Come Back Churches" Ed Stetzer and Mike Dodson make some observations from their three year research of come back congregations. From responses of each church, they identify multiple actions that existed in each congregation. These churches became intentional in their evangelistic efforts and they prepared for outreach with prayer and training. They did not just go do evangelism without preparation. These churches did not have a "y'all come" philosophy. They developed a "Here we go!" (go and tell) approach.

Also, the research clearly indicated that comeback churches utilized different strategies and approaches that were appropriate to their setting. The most common factors were intentionality and

moving outward. When the leadership of these C.B. churches were asked why it took their church getting to a near-closing experiencing to change, they responded with, "Well, the main reason was we did not want to grow."

In Stetzer and Dodson's research they found that most people who regularly attend smaller churches have concerns about the "church getting too big." They heard comments similar to "if the church grows, my family and I will get lost in the numbers, and we won't have as much say in the future direction of the church."

Making a decision to be a come back church begins with the leadership. The leaders were then involved with outreach efforts. Prayer is mentioned frequently as part of an effective strategy in the evangelistic efforts. Please hear this, "Prayer is not all we can do when it comes to evangelism, but prayer is the best thing we can do! It is like launching long-range missiles into enemy territory."

Everyone in the church should be involved in three ways.

We should be Pray-ers. "First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone..." (1 Tim. 2:1-4)

We should be Bring-ers. "The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah.' " (John 1:40-42)

We should be Tell-ers. "But, you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship and do the work of an evangelist." (2 Tim. 4:5).

Pray-ers, bring-ers, and tell-ers should include all of us. When we fulfill our roles, true transformation occurs. Let's do our part and become a "Come Back" church!

Be Blessed,

Pastor Brian

Join us for our Sunday Services

Quest for Christ / Sunday School
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

Check out our new website!
www.rossinumc.com

JUNE MEETING DATES

- Trustee Team - June 1 - 6:00 p.m.
- Worship Team - June 1 - 7:00 p.m.
- L.R.E. Visitation Team - June 3 & 17 - 6:30 p.m.
- Administrative Council - June 8 - 7:00 p.m.
- Finance Team - June 9 - 7:00 p.m.
- Prayer Meeting - June 10 & 24 - 7:00 p.m.
- Staff-Parish Team - June 15 - 7:00 p.m.
- Children's Education Team - June 29 - 7:00 p.m.

RUMC Office Hours

- Mondays 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays - closed
- Thursdays - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Fridays - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please note that I am sometimes out of the office during published hours due to medical appointments. If you plan to make a special trip to see me, please consider calling ahead to ensure that I am here. Thank you all for your patience and support!
~Renita

2015 Rossville Community VBS

June 14 - 18
6:00 - 8:20 p.m.
at Rossville Bible Fellowship
Ages: Pre-K to 5th Grade

Register online at:
<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/rossvillevbs>

For more information call: 765-379-2309



Kings Island®

Rossville United Methodist Church

Kings Island Trip

Tuesday, July 7th,

Leave Church Parking Lot at 7:00 a.m.

Return to Church Parking Lot at 1:00 a.m.

Price: \$50 per person

plus additional money for food and souvenirs

Come with your family, or bring a friend! Children age 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone is welcome!!

Remember to bring swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen for the water park.

Seating is limited, contact the church office today to reserve your seats!

Phone: 765-379-2981 or Email: rossvilleum@gmail.com



June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Trustee Team 6 pm</i> <i>Worship Team 7 pm</i>	2 <i>White House, House Church 7-8:30 pm</i>	3 <i>L.R.E. Team 6:30 pm</i>	4	5	6
7 <i>Praying Together 8:30 a.m.</i> <i>Quest for Christ 9 - 10 a.m.</i> <i>Worship 10:15 am</i> <i>Milner's Worship 3:00 pm</i> <i>Youth Group 5:30 - 7 pm</i>	8 <i>Administrative Council 7:00 pm</i>	9 <i>White House, House Church 7 - 8:30 pm</i> <i>Finance Team 7 pm</i>	10 <i>Prayer Meeting 7 pm</i>	11 <i>Girl Scouts 6 - 8 pm</i>	12	13
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Praying Together

We have several opportunities to come together as the body of Christ and pray for our church & community, and one another. Every Sunday morning we come together at 8:30 to pray for the morning's service. Second and fourth Wednesday evenings, we meet at 7:00; this is a less-structured prayer time. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Anniversaries

Jim & Danielle Gulitz	6/4
Jim & Carol Rhoads	6/4
Glenn & Brandy Marlow	6/5
Jerry & Delaina DeHaven	6/6
Sam & Sue Wilkerson	6/10
Bob & Linda Hinesley	6/20
Phil & Lyn Burkle	6/22
Larry & Margo Oren	6/23
Jeff & Melissa Hubler	6/30

Thanks to all who came out and helped us celebrate Cory's graduation. Thanks also for the cards and well-wishes sent his way, and the breakfast and gift from the church.

Cory Disinger & Family

Birthdays

Carl Seest	6/1
Lori Need	6/4
Bob Hinesley	6/6
Neena Tudor	6/9
Jaden Querry	6/9
Dominique Cassamajor	6/15
Jasmine Minnear	6/19
Conner Remaly	6/19
James Graves	6/21
Caleb Disinger	6/23
Carson Disinger	6/23
Shianne Holmes	6/23
Greg Lowery	6/24
Bob Gangwer	6/26
Mary Gray	6/26
Lauren Bright	6/27
Anthony Newman	6/28

We wanted to thank everyone who came to celebrate Billy's graduation with us! Thanks also to the church for the breakfast at Lion's Den and the gift.

Billy Dotson & Family

A special thank you to all who were able to make it to our graduation open house for Ali! Thanks also for all who have sent cards, and to the church for the graduates' breakfast and the gift. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family!

Ali Burkle & Family

Thank you to everyone who came to share in Connor's graduation celebration! What a blessing to be able to share the occasion with friends and family.

Conner Remaly & Family

Prayer Chain

Prayer requests for the church prayer chain can be submitted to Lori Need. Lori will start the phone tree system as soon as possible after receiving a request.

If you are not currently on the prayer chain call list and would like to be included, simply call or email the church office to let Renita know. Thank you!

Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate Brady's graduation. Thanks also for the breakfast and the gift from the church. What a joy to share this celebration with our church family!

Brady Need & Family

Special thanks to my church family for the breakfast and gift in celebration of my recent graduation. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Mariah Gochenour & Family

from our Graduates

Links of Love News

Thanks to all who donated supplies for our Noodle Making days in May. Thanks to all who helped. 22 dozen eggs were made into noodles! We appreciated the new helpers who came, and hope they will come back the next time!

Jane Roush,
Links of Love

Financial Notes

Needed Weekly to meet 2015 budget:	\$3,235.49
May 3	\$2,548.00
May 10	\$1,283.00
May 17	\$2,393.00
May 24	\$1,473.00

For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord plans for peace not evil and a hope.
Jeremiah 29:11