

### The church newsletter of Rossville United Methodist Church - Rossville, IN

#### **BOB NOTES...**

The End is here. Well, not technically. The end is near. This is true no matter when or how we look at it. In the realm of history, we are probably closer to the end then we are to the beginning. As we come to the end of my series of newsletter columns on the books of the Bible, we now come to the book of Revelation—which describes the end.



Revelation unfolds the great events bringing history to consummation. The word "revelation" used as the title of the book is from a late Latin word which means "disclosure of that which was previously hidden or unknown." The book was written by the Apostle John while he was in exile on the Island of Patmos, just off the coast of modern Turkey around the year 95. The book was addressed to seven churches which existed in what is now Turkey.

The book of Revelation begins with letters from Christ himself to these churches, letters that include praise, criticism, and comfort. What then follows is a long series of interrelated visions of judgment on the wicked, all in highly symbolic and at times frightening language. The church is depicted under great distress, but it is assured of the final triumph of Jesus as "King of kings and Lord of lords", bringing to an end the rebellion of humanity and ushering in a "new heaven and a new earth where God reigns forever and ever". When people say "I've read to the end of the book and God wins," they are describing this account. Of course God has already won. Revelation describes how it will all play out. The book was also written at a time of great persecution of the Church and while it describes apocalyptic events at the end of days, it is meant to give hope and encouragement to the persecuted church of the first century as a reminder that God is still in control despite their sufferings. Many of the symbolic images in the book are also modes of description about the rulers of the evil Roman Empire under which the churches at the beginning of the book were living under.

So there we have it. All sixty-six books of the Bible were covered over these past thirteen months. I hope these columns have been helpful in increasing our understanding of the Holy Scriptures.

The Bible begins with the words, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1), and end with ten words of encouragement: "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen" (Revelation 22:21)

Tie it together while also remembering the thousands of words between these and it still all makes sense. "God created everything", "therefore may the grace of the Lord Jesus be with everyone."

Let us commit ourselves to never stop learning and applying God's holy word. May we keep learning until our time on this earth has seen its completion.

In the grace of the Lord Jesus,

Pastor Bob Raschka

THE ECHO

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 28:18-20; Mark 12:29-31

## Fellowship at Mary's

Wednesday's Through September 26, 6:30pm

Everyone is Welcome!

(304 E Main St.)

#### Rossville United Methodist Church

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## September Worship Schedule September 2<sup>nd</sup>: ""What Should We Do Then?" Luke 3:10-14

September 9<sup>th</sup>: "Touched, Heard, and Seen" Micah 6:6-8 & Luke 3:10-14

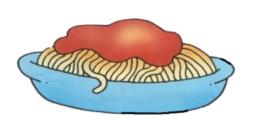
September 16<sup>th</sup>: Guest Speaker Ryan Pritchett

September 23<sup>rd</sup>: "On the Same Page" Mark 9:38-44



# **Comfort Kitchen Outreach Rossville United Methodist Church** 110 W Main St, Rossville Thursday, September 6th 5:30-7:30 pm Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Celery, Carrots,

Dessert, and Drink



Grandma

Approved!

Open to ALL ages

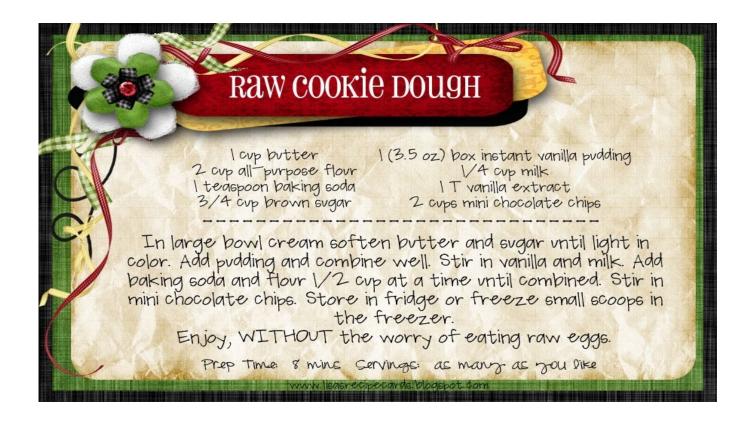


## YOUTH PROGRAM RESUMES SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>

Our youth are joining together with youth from throughout Rossville for the ROCK again this year. The ROCK is Rossville's community youth group and is open to middle school and high school students. This year's theme is "ROCK THE WALK" and centers upon our walk with Christ-specifically faith, hope, and love. The theme verse for the year is 1 Corinthians 13:13.

Tie-Dye t shirts will be available with the theme and verse on them. Among the highlights of the upcoming year include discussion groups separated by age for Middle School and High School, a Jeremy Camp and Matthew West Concert October 14<sup>th</sup> at Purdue University and a trip to Kings Island after the end of the school year on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Bob and Jacque Cooper from our church are part of a team of community members who have been part of the planning for this year.

The Rock Kick-Off is **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 pm** at the Rock building on Ramey St. across from the Brethren Church. Send your kids and grandkids to an awesome experience as they grow in faith.



### Adventure Club resumes Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup> and runs through October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Each week's event begins at 6 pm and includes music, activities, a lesson, and snacks.

Adventure Club this year is open to children in pre-K through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Adventure Club Sunday is October 28<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking forward to a fantastic fall season at Adventure Club! Hope to see lots of children.



Rossville United Methodist Church 110 W. Main St. Rossville, Indiana

TUESDAYS SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> - OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>. 6:00-7:30 pm

PRE-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**MUSIC** 

LESSONS

FUN

GAMES

**SNACKS** 



Rossville United Methodist Church is pleased to welcome Christian singer Savannah Whitaker and her band to our sanctuary for a concert on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm.

**Genuine and down to earth, Savannah's songwriting approach** comes from a deeply rooted faith and honest raw emotion. With a soulful voice that **tugs at one's emotions**, sing-along melodies and **memorable choruses**, it is of no surprise Savannah was the winner of Pulse FM's (South Bend area Christian pop music station) 2016 Rising Star and 2nd Annual McMurray University of Abilene, Texas Singer Songwriter competition as "Abilene's Best Songwriter" of 2013.

**Discover your own story** as you join Savannah in her faith story of **deep and meaningful worship** that comes from celebrating God's faithfulness and love



TITHES AND OFFERINGS										
July 29, 2018	\$805.00		August 12, 2018	\$1,117.00						
August 5, 2018	\$1496.00		August 19, 2018	\$2,780.00						
		Needed Weekly for Budget \$2,272.31								

## September, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am Communion Service @ Milner's 3pm	3 LABOR DAY	4	5 M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm L.R.E. 6:30pm	6 Comfort Kitchen 5:30-7:30	7 Religious Ed 1-3pm	8
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