



**September 2023
Leadership**

Lead Usher
Hope Morris

Audio/Visual

*David McDonald,
Dustin Morris
& Jill Hauswirth*

Offering Counter

*Nicole Morris
& Volunteer Needed*

Kingdom Kids

Volunteer Needed

Transportation

Volunteer Needed



**Please be in prayer
for the following:**

General Prayer Requests

Dale Scott

Cancer Treatment

*Chris Atkinson
Matt Thomas*

Health and Healing

*Nick Tate
Jim Greene
Jean McDonald*

Military

*Staff Sergeant Jim Weter
Nathan Harralson*

*You're
Invited!*

September Events

- Sept 2 Class of 1960 Reunion
- Sept 4 Office Closed for Labor Day
- Sept 10 Leadership Team after Worship
- Sept 30 Emmaus Training

Upcoming Events

- October 13-15 Apple Butter Makin Days
- October 31 Munchkin Maze

Wednesday Activities

Come to the Table at 5:30 pm
Family Kids Club
from 5:30-7:30 pm

**NOW
OPEN**

10:30 - 4:30
Monday - Thursday
Lynn McDonald
Administrative Assistant

A note from

PASTOR DONNIE

Dear Church Family,

Holy Undignified

When I was growing up my mama never used the term “undignified”, but sometimes when I would get caught in some horrible act, like stealing a cookie out of the cookie jar, Mama might say, “Donnie Hudson, you should be ashamed of yourself!” And at the time, I was ashamed, but I am not sure if it was because I was doing something bad, getting caught doing something bad, or disappointing my mama who caught me doing something bad. What I did learn, however, is that shame is a powerful negative manipulating force.

King David’s wife, Michal, daughter of King Saul, tried this tactic on him. When David was having the ark of God brought to Jerusalem he was happier than a barrel of monkeys and his wife thought he was acting like one.

Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal, daughter of Saul, watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart. 2 Samuel 6:14-16.

‘When David returned home to bless his household, Michal, daughter of Saul, came out to meet him and said, “How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!” David said to Michal, “It was before the Lord, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord’s people Israel—I will celebrate before the Lord. I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you spoke of, I will be held in honor.” ’ 2 Samuel 6:20-22

In present day idiom, we might say that David was “acting the fool”.

Michal was surely trying to shame David, but he knew that there was no shame in worshiping God in a way that abandoned all preconceived notions about being dignified. In other words, when it came to worshiping and following God David was not concerned with what other people thought. For God, he would become even more undignified.

It makes me wonder if I could stand to be a little more “undignified” in my worship, witness and discipleship. Maybe you could, also. Right now is a good time for you to care less about what others might think about you and more about what’s the best way to grow the Kingdom. Take a chance and talk to someone about spiritual things, tell them what is happening in our church (Women’s Bible Study, Come To The Table free meal, Family Kids Club, a loving congregation, great preaching, and this is no joke, a great worship band!)

And PRAY!

Without ceasing.

In Christ,

Pastor Donnie

CAPS FOR KIDS

Caps for Kids is a ministry in which we make all cotton surgical caps for kids. They are donated to Mercy Kids in Springfield.

There are jobs for all levels from cutting circles, cut elastic, run the elastic, and sewing the caps.

Caps For Kids will meet on an as needed basis this summer.

Marion Belanger will let you know if Caps will meet.

Women Of The Word!

Women of the Word is starting back September 5th with the study: "Revelation: extravagant hope" by Margaret Feinberg. Let Lynn McDonald in the office know if you want a book. The cost is \$15.99. Stay tuned for more information.

MV MW!

Mustard Seeds

Planting seeds in faith

The Mustard Seeds are doing a study titled: "Jesus Calling: Putting Jesus First" by Sarah Young

"This Jesus Calling Bible study is designed to help individuals and groups meditate on the words of Scripture and hear them not just as words said to people long ago but as words said to us today in the here and now. The goal is to help the heart open up and respond to what the mind reads - to encounter the living God as He speaks through the Scriptures." Sarah Young

The Mustard Seeds can be found after Sunday morning Worship in Room 103. It's a casual, multigenerational small group.
Walk-ins welcome!!

Mt Vernon Methodist Women

TO: ALL LADIES of the CHURCH:

We've survived the hot August and are anxious to enjoy cooler September.
Our next meeting will be September 12th at 11 am at the Red Barn.
Judy will be the Hostess and give the Devotion.

Looking forward to see you all.



Thank you for your generosity with our
“Cash For Backpacks” collections.
Our June “Cash For Backpacks” collection brought in
\$22.00.

Our next Cash for Backpacks collection is
Sunday, September 3rd.

You can also bring your donation anytime to the Church
office.

We will continue the Cash for Backpacks collections on the
first Sunday of every month. We need your help to make
this a successful ministry.

Happy
BIRTHDAY

2 Brent Kitchen
4 Donnie Hudson
8 Jonathan Belanger
20 Tom Tate
29 David McDonald

HAPPY
Anniversary

30 Lance and Lauren McKinzie



Join us for fun
and fellowship,
“Come to the Table”
on Wednesday nights
at 5:30 pm starting
September 13th.

Hey Kids!!!

Come to Family Kids Club

When: Beginning Wednesday, September 13th, 5:30-7:30 pm.

Where: Family of Christ Church, 621 W Sloan St.

How: We will eat dinner at 5:30 pm
Have a fun Bible lesson at 6:00
Play fun games at 6:45
Dismiss at 7:30 pm



Who: Any child 4 years old through 7th grade

What: A joyous time of adult leaders and children learning
about what it is like to follow Jesus

***If your child needs a ride to Family Kids Club or for any
questions call Pastor Donnie Hudson at 870-350-5678

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 1960 Class Reunion
3 Cash for Backpacks	4 Office Closed Happy Labor Day	5 Women of the Word at 6 pm	6 Bible Study at 5 pm	7	8	9
10 Praise Team 8 am Leadership Team after Worship	11	12	13 Sewing Club 9am- 4pm Come To The Table at 5:30 Family Kids Club until 7:30	14	15	16
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