



**THE VINE
STREET**

VISITOR



**Vine Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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**August 2017
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2 Questions:

Question 1: What if, starting today, the only thing you took really seriously was ... the life and teachings of Jesus? What if everything else in your life was subservient to Him? I'm talking everything!

The truth of the Gospels is that when Jesus calls people to follow him ... that is precisely what He is asking them to do. Jesus tells us he wants to be our friend and our teacher, but most importantly, He wants to be our Lord!

Being our Lord means that He rules over and above EVERYTHING else in our life. Being our Lord means that He rules over our household, our budget & finances, our marriage and our relationships, our children and grandchildren, our shopping and consumer choices, our sports and education, our eating and our recreating ...

Well, perhaps you get the idea!

2nd Question: What if, starting September 1st, there was actually a church, somewhere in the plains of the heart of America, scaled to a size exactly suited to love others as He loved us, that became willing to take the life and teachings of Jesus as the ONLY thing that was taken truly seriously.

What would that church look like? What would it sound like? How would it live out its calling to be a church solely devoted to the radical gospel of Jesus? How would it love its neighbors ... the ones across the backyard fence and the others across the boundaries of our comfort zones? What would that church be like if it became the "Body of Christ in the world today?"

Friends, I've been looking my whole life for that church. Haven't you?

Looking forward to joining you on this journey,

Pastor Bob

Mission Outreach News

Get Ready for School!

Community Outreach Event

Kendra Watkins is organizing the "Get Ready for School" event. This is for our community's kids who may need assistance getting ready to go back to school. The Mission Outreach Ministry Team and CWF are assisting Kendra with this worthwhile project. The event will be on Sunday, August 6 from 1:00-3:00 PM in the church basement. We will be giving away 20 prepacked backpacks. These will be packed that day according to grade level. We will also be giving coupons for free haircuts and personal care bags. Please call the church office at 543-2292 to be added to the list and provide your child's name and grade.



Get the Paddles Ready!

The ice cream will be made on Friday, August 25, at 8:00 AM. Please contact Sandy Dolan if you would like to help.

Father & Son Steak Dinner

The Nurture Fellowship Ministry is hosting a Father & Son Steak dinner on Saturday, August 26 at 6:00 PM.

We've Got Mail & News

Dear Church Family,
Thank you very much for your cards, flowers and prayers following my accident, as it means so much to me from my church family.

With love,
Wileva



To My VSCC family,
First, I would like to thank the Nurture Committee for hosting the graduation breakfast. Second, thank you for the graduation card, The Tastee Cup gift card, and the Starbucks gift cards. Those will come in handy on those late night study sessions! Mostly, I would like to thank you for supporting me over the years and being my church family. Thanks again.

Mary Huffman



Dear VSCC,
Thank you for sending me to camp. I had fun.
Sincerely,
Vincent Ray



Dear VSCC,
Thank you for sending me to camp. I made so many new friends. I feel closer to God and can't wait to go again next year! Thank you for all the postcards and letters that I got!
Lauren Ray



Dear VSCC,
Thank you so much for the money that allowed me to go to camp. I had such a great time making memories with some amazing people. I hope that I can continue going throughout high school.
Sincerely,
Madeline Ray

Landscape Committee has been busy!

The Landscape Committee has been busy this spring and summer. Two beautiful memorials have been added. A Japanese maple tree was planted in memory of Chuck Goodman. Chuck was an original member of the Landscape Committee. Also, the family of Lindsey Daugherty used Lindsey's memorial to put a beautiful wooden sign above the entrance door. The Landscape Committee members are Barry Williams, Sue Williams, Shirley Edwards, Mac Condill, Sandy Dolan and Tracy Scott.



L to R: Nathan Goodman, Rita Goodman, Mike Goodman, Karly Goodman and Stacy Goodman



L to R: Becky Guftafson, Janice Daugherty and Vicky Bright

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Harry Bell
Mary Bell
Shelia Crowe
Mary Daugherty
Bill Dean
Hewitt Hafer
Marilu Hafer
Joyce Harpster, Jeannene Yantis' mother
Shirley High
Kara Kuhns and her family
Rose Lundquist
Keith Meadows
Malakai Miller and his family
Ryan Nettles
Alicia Pankey
Philo Schrock
Tracy Scott
Joyce Weatherholt, Sue Well's sister-in-law
Wileva Williams
Jeff Yantis
Service men and women and their families

AUGUST CALENDAR

Every Sunday:

10:00 AM Worship

Wed., August 2, 9:00 AM ~ Pray It Forward

Wed., August 2, 7:00 PM ~ Administration Ministry Meeting

Fri., August 4, 10:30 AM ~ CWF Bingo at the Arthur Home

Sun., August 6, 1:00-3:00 PM ~ Get Ready for School Event

Wed., August 9, 9:00 AM ~ Pray It Forward

Wed., August 9, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting

Sat., August 12, 9:00 AM ~ CWF Breakfast @ Yoder's

Sun., August 13 ~ 9:00 AM Sunday School

Wed., August 16, 9:00 AM ~ Pray It Forward

Wed., August 23, 9:00 AM ~ Pray It Forward

Fri., August 25, 8:00 AM ~ Make Ice Cream

Sat., August 26, 6:00 PM ~ Father & Son Steak Dinner

Tues., August 29, 6:00 PM ~ Arthur Home Service

Wed., August 30, 9:00 AM ~ Pray It Forward

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

1-Ann Singer
Gery Conlin
2-Teri Drum
4-Sue Williams
5-Macy Thomas
Buck & Shana Condill (A)
7-Terry Ferchow
9-Beth Singer
Sharon Buckler
12-Dustin Hodge
Steve Gangloff
Will Jean
Mark & Connie Kroll (A)
14-Kaden Hohlbauch
Wesley & Cathy Yoder (A)
15-Shawn Vanausdoll
Linda Keiss
16-Stephanie Alexander
18-Phyllis Hafer
Zeb & Ashton Crist (A)
20-Wileva Williams
Brody Strong
21-Courtney Gutierrez
Dave Binion
22-Debbie Coller
Becky Harrer
Heather Wienke
23-Margie Maycroft
Darrell Jean
24-Ryder Price
26-Gery & Cherryl Conlin (A)
Kevin & Jill Hohlbauch (A)
27-Jeannene Yantis
29-John & Jo Ellen Watkins (A)
31-David & Aura Hopkins (A)

JULY ATTENDANCE

**July 2 - 51; July 9 - 73;
July 16 - 81; July 23 - 47;
July 30 - 72**

Monthly Target Amount for the Operating Fund:
\$14,806.00

Received through July 31 for the Operating Fund:
\$9,790.68

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Vine Street Christian Church
249 South Vine Street
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Return Service Requested

SERVING IN AUGUST 2017

Elders:	Sandy Dolan Kevin Huffman	Greeters:	6 Sandy Dolan, Shirley Edwards 13 Jerry & Gwen Ray 20 John & Jo Watkins 27 Barry & Sue Williams
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Deacons:	Debbie Howell Jama Ray John Watkins Jo Watkins	Children's Storytellers:	6 Jared Blaudow 13 TBA 20 TBA 27 TBA
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**CWF Monthly
Co-Chairmen:** Ann Huffman
Linda Keiss

**Worship
Leader:** August 6 – Jared Blaudow
TBA August 13, 20, 27



See all the "TBA's" on this list? Help your church by replacing a TBA: by volunteering to serve! Thank you.