

# BEARGRASS NEWS



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## **“Body Language”**

### **September Sermon Series**

By Leigh Bond

We will jump from John 6 and start moving through the middle of the Gospel of Mark. All of the passages mention a certain part of the body, so the sermon series will be called “Body Language.” Here are the titles and texts:

September 1-2 *Lip Service*, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 8-9 *Ears to Hear*, Mark 7:31-37

September 15-16 *Mind Your Mind*, Mark 8:27-33

September 22-23 *Pain in the Neck*, Mark 9:38-50

## **Newcomers Classes Scheduled**

By Leigh Bond

The next Newcomers Class is scheduled for Sunday, October 14, 21, and 28, at 10:00 am in room 114. The class offers an informative introduction to the mission and ministries of our church and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). I recommend the class to people who are new to the church or considering Beargrass as their church home. Childcare is available for all sessions. Please let me know if you have any questions. You can register for the class by calling the church office at 896-1161 or by emailing me at leigh@beargrass.org. (Also, if you know a FRAN—friend, relative, associate or neighbor—who is looking for a church home, please pass along an invitation!)

## **The Chalice Group Will Meet September 4**

Discussion will be based on public radio favorite “This I Believe” (<https://thisibelieve.org/about/>). We will discuss favorites from <https://thisibelieve.org/essays/featured/> or from the book “This I Believe” edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman. We will learn how to write our own “This I Believe” essay that reflects our core values and we will share those essays at the October 2 meeting. The Chalice Group is a small group of spiritual learners who discuss issues of faith and more. All are welcome. We meet the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30- 8 pm in the Conference Room. For more information, contact Melissa Draut at (meldraut@bellsouth.net) or 897-3975.

## **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

### **The Book of Acts: From Jerusalem to the World**

By John Hull

The Book of Acts tells the story of the early Christian movement as it grew from a handful of disciples to groups of followers throughout the Mediterranean world. This study will explore highlights in that story. The story begins with the gathering of Disciples at Jesus’ ascension to heaven, moves to the Day of Pentecost, and continues with early growth under Peter and John. We will then explore the next major transition as the movement began to spread from Jerusalem to the rest of the world, and finally the tension between the message spread by James in Jerusalem and the message of Paul in Antioch. Join us for this exciting story on Wednesdays, at 10:30 am in (room 202).

## **Thursday Evening Bible Study**

### **“Understanding Faith and How to Live It”**

Do you face challenges understanding and living your faith in today’s world? What is true faith? Does having faith make sense and is it reasonable? How important is faith? How do you live and grow in your faith? These questions and many others will be explored in the coming fall Bible study: “Understanding Faith and How to Live It.” Dan Spurlock will teach the class and it will begin September 6 and continue every other Thursday through November 29 in Fellowship Hall. A light supper will begin at 6:30 and class will be from 7-8:15. Contact [booksds16@gmail.com](mailto:booksds16@gmail.com) or the church to RSVP or ask any questions about the class.

## **Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study begins September 9**

Would you like to be better-equipped to share your faith in a culture of opposing world views and defend your belief in Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world? Join our study of “Jesus Among Secular Gods.” This six-week study will begin at 5 pm and include daily personal study, discussion, and video teaching sessions. The workbook will be available in the church office for \$13.00. Please call or text Missy Aultman at (502) 417-7046 with any questions. (Please contact church office if childcare needed.)

## Primary Adventures

By Steven Straub

This fall, our outing group for Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders will experience some exciting journeys together! Primary Adventures will take 3 or 4 trips during the school year so that the children of Beargrass can get to know each other better through fun and fellowship outside of the regular worship experience. The group will take adventures to places such as roller skating rinks, movie theaters, and other places.

The first outing for the Primary Adventures will be on Sunday, September 23. We will meet at church in the Activities Building at 12:15 and travel to a local bowling alley for lunch and bowling. The cost per child will be \$15.00. Please make a reservation by calling the church office (896-1161) or emailing me (steven@beargrass.org) by Thursday, September 20 so that the bowling alley will know how many people to expect and I can arrange appropriate transportation.

Parents: We could use some extra chaperones for our outings. If you would be willing to chaperone, please let me know.

### Wednesday Evening Children's Programming Resumes September 5

Programming for children in 1st through 5th grades will be offered through music and Bible study through November 14. Childcare is available on the ARK wing for children kindergarten age and under.

Chalice Hall will be open from 5:30-6:30. Families are welcome to bring their own dinner and enjoy food and fellowship during that time.

5:45-6:15 – Children's Bell Choir (Room 200)

6:30-7:30 – Children's Choir and Bible Study (starts each week in Room 203)

### Children's Sunday September 30

On Sunday, September 30 at the 9 am and 11 am worship services children will be taking an active part in the service by leading worship, including singing, leading prayer, serving communion, and much more.

While the JYF group will provide the primary leadership for the service, all children will be involved in different aspects of worship. The Children's Choir, Children's Handbell Choir, and the Melody Makers will also participate in the service.

Plan to be at church on Sunday, September 30. You don't want to miss this meaningful worship experience!

## Rob's Reflections...

By Rob Shrader

A couple of weeks ago my family was getting ready for the Space for Grace kick-off event and one of my children said, "Daddy, I'm a little bit nervous." I offered an honest reply and said, "Sweetheart, I am too." My comment was met with a surprised look and so we talked about how this is new for me as well. We went on to imagine that some of the youth might also be a little bit nervous to meet me/us. Understanding seemed to dawn and my daughter was comforted by the acknowledgement that we all might be feeling just a bit awkward. Then I said, "But, you know what? I'm also really, really excited and I can't wait to meet these wonderful folks and to see all that God has in store for us at this new church." At this a huge smile broke across her face and my wife said, "Me too!"

New beginnings are sometimes scary at first. But, they're also exciting. I always try to help my kids imagine new beginnings as new adventures. I encourage them to try to attack them with confidence and a spirit of joy. I confess to feeling a touch nervous as we begin this new chapter together but I'm also extremely excited. I have every confidence that in spite of any nerves any of us may be feeling, this is going to be a fun journey. I have already been received so warmly by the other ministers, the church staff, the youth, and their parents. Our first two events were a roaring success (thank you, Whittle family for hosting us!!) and I'm blown away by the young people I've met so far (seriously – WOW!).

I am grateful for every gesture of welcome and support so generously given. It's strange; even though we've only just begun, Beargrass Christian Church already feels like home. Thank you for that.

We have a lot to look forward to this year. I hope the youth will make Youth Group and Space for Grace priorities so that we can enjoy time together. I'm also looking for youth volleyball players! We have a spot for you on the youth volleyball team; just let me know if you're interested. I am excited to get to know you. If at any point I can be of service to you or to your family please reach out to me (rob@beargrass.org).

Together, there is much we can do...  
Peace, Rob

## Grievers Sharing Sacred Space to Begin September 5

Grief is a journey that is different for each person forced upon it, yet oftentimes there are similar questions, emotions, concerns and issues that arise for those who are grieving and mourning. To help grievers know they are not alone, this Fall we will continue to offer a time to gather together to share stories, questions, concerns, thoughts and feelings. Those who have participated over the last two years have found the time, space, and connection with others to be meaningful and helpful and so we hope any who are grieving will join us in the journey this fall. While each week there may be a specific theme or focus, the discussion will center on the issues and needs brought forth by those in the group. There is no time table for grief, so if you or someone you know could benefit from Grievers Sharing Sacred Space, please join us/invite them to join us! Dr. Joseph Quaye and Dr. Susan Lowe will facilitate the group. Dr. Quaye is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and has been a member at Beargrass for over 20 years. Please let Susan know of your interest in attending the group or if you have any questions. You can reach her at [susan@beargrass.org](mailto:susan@beargrass.org) or 502-896-1161.

**The group will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in Room 114. Our Fall gathering will begin September 5th and go through October 24th.**



### Donations to Beargrass

By Marikeith Mercke

The Beargrass Christian Church Memorial Fund has received donations in memory of Ann Kaufman.

Stephen and Sarah Waterfill  
Ann Northcutt  
Nancy Maney  
Ann Buckingham

## Volleyball Leagues Begin in September

Beargrass will host the Disciples Volleyball League on Thursday nights beginning on September 20. The league is open to any men or women, high-school age or older. Folks may sign up as a team or as individuals. For more information contact Jim Sams III at 377-8427, or email him at [jimsams@beargrass.org](mailto:jimsams@beargrass.org). We plan to have "competitive" and "recreational" divisions.

## Upcoming Basketball Tournament

Preseason 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament October 27, 2018. Double Elimination \$75 per team. Registration deadline Saturday, October 13. Call or text David Girton at (502) 931-8388.

## Book Clubs Meet on Thursday, September 20

**1:30 pm in the Library.** The book club will discuss "Home to Woefield" by Susan Juby.

**6:30 pm in Youth Room.** The Disciples Women's Book Club will be discussing "We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves" by Karen Joy Fowler.

## 2018 Beargrass Read-a-thon

Beargrass is holding a read-a-thon until September 30. Children and teens are encouraged to participate and show their reading skills in friendly competition with their Beargrass peers. Prizes will be given for every 5 picture books or 1 junior level book read and the child who reads the most books will receive the grand prize. Books should be checked out and returned to the Beargrass Library in order to be counted and earn prizes, including the grand prize.

Do you have upcoming information to share with the Beargrass family?

Email your announcements to [michelle@beargrass.org](mailto:michelle@beargrass.org)

To be considered for inclusion in the October Newsletter email your items by Friday, September 21.

To submit items for the weekly E-News please email by Tuesday.



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### **Men's Group Meets Next Sunday**

We have started our new series, "Sermon Points of Interest," but we will take a break this Sunday because of Labor Day weekend. On September 9 we will get back together to hear about some of the highlights from those who attended the recent men's retreat. Plan to attend—and bring a friend—as we gather in room 201 at 4:30 pm!

### **\*Save the Date\***

**Sunday, September 30, 10 am**  
**All-Church Session in the**  
**Sanctuary**  
**with**  
**Consultant**  
**Dr. John Wimberly**

### **Parents' Day Out 2018-2019**

Classes begin Wednesday, September 5. Classes for toddlers through Pre-K meet Wednesday and Friday.

The Parents Day Out program at Beargrass Christian Church meets on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. We have classes for children from infant through age 4. Enroll your child today. They will enjoy playing and learning with other children.

2018-2019 School Year Fees: Monthly payments are averaged over the 9-months

Beargrass Member Fee per Month: 1 day – \$62.00 per child, 2 days – \$124 per child

Non-member Fee per Month: 1 day – \$65 per child, 2 days \$130 per child

Registration Fees: \$25 per child

The 2018-2019 year will begin Wednesday, September 5 and Friday, September 7.

Thank you for the opportunity to teach and love your children! For more information, contact Kathy Wise, director at (502) 425-2494.