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TRAILBLAZER VBS

AT KIRKSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Forge into the wilderness with us as we blaze a trail to Jesus!

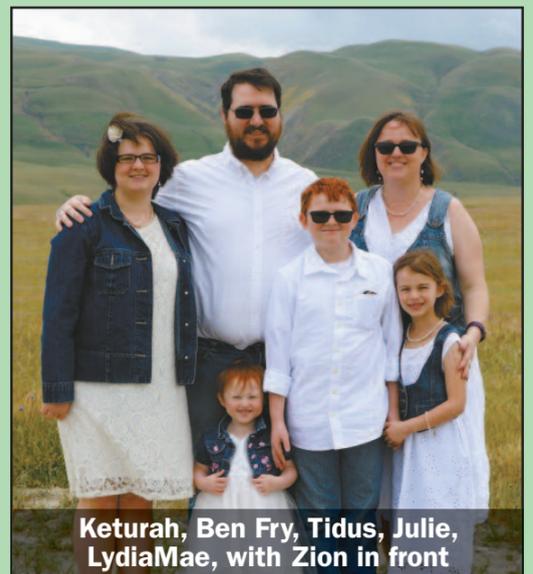
Vacation Bible School takes place at the Kirksville Church of Christ, 110 Pfeiffer Ave. July 17-19 (Mon.-Wed.) from 6-8:15 PM. Mom and Dad can enjoy an outing to the nearby NEMO Fair while the kids (pioneers) enjoy VBS. A meal is served at 6 p.m. followed by a craft or activity. Singing and skits start at 6:45 p.m. with classes beginning at 7:15 p.m. The evening's dessert will be served under the pavilion at the conclusion. Evangelist Benjamin Fry will be directing VBS this year and teaching the teen class. Ben's work is overseen by the Church of Christ in Bakersfield, CA. His primary work has been with churches in California and Arizona for the last several years. Ben also supports his family by teaching Mathematics in a middle school in Bakersfield. Additionally, he works with Project Lead the Way. He will be accompanied by his wife Julie and 4 children: Keturah, Tidus, Lydia Mae, and Zion. Ben will also be the guest speaker on Sun. July 16. At 10 a.m. he will share how Elijah stood up for what he believed on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:20-40). At 11 a.m. he shares how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus (Matthew 3:1-12). At the 6 p.m. Sun. service VBS songs will be learned and practiced, decorating, and other preparations will be undertaken.

Evangelist Wade Stanley will be teaching the adult class. Wade moved to the Unionville area to work among churches of Christ in northern Missouri. He grew up in the Kansas City, MO area. From 2001-2006, Wade served the Lone Jack C-6 Schools as band director. In 2008 Wade became a full-time evangelist overseen by the Smart Road Church of Christ in Greenwood, MO. Wade and wife, Janeane, have three children Rosalyn, Haden, and Arianna.

Our society places a high value on those who pioneer the way into new ventures. Whether it's space exploration, pioneering the way for medical cures, or trailblazing to new, innovative technology, we admire those who set the pace for others to follow. Jesus is pictured in the book of Hebrews as the author or pioneer of our faith. He has blazed the only trail that leads to eternal life, but before Jesus came into the world, many others had been preparing the way. These men and women knew very few details about when and how Jesus might come, but they acted faithfully to do their parts to clear the path for God's son.

In this year's VBS, we present great trailblazers of faith in the context of the western expansion of America. Without trailblazers to scout the best way over mountains and across rivers, many lives would have been lost. A

daily skit around the evening campfire of the Walker family enables us to discuss and draw spiritual lessons. On Mon. we consider Jacob who wrestled with God (Genesis 32:22-31) and learn to "stay focused on God." On Tues. we study about Daniel in the lion's den (Daniel 6:1-24) and learn to "shine for God wherever you are." On Wed. we focus on Nehemiah rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem (Nehemiah 4:1-18) and learn to "work together."



Keturah, Ben Fry, Tidus, Julie, LydiaMae, with Zion in front

Wagon Train staff include: Cathy Poyner and Gail Klemenev (preschool), Julie Fry (primary), Gaylene Green and Alice Fox (intermediate), Ben Fry (teens), Wade Stanley (adults), Corey and Ian Salter (skits), Barry Poyner (decorations and advertising), Donna Crispell, Kathy White, and Teena Hansen (meals), Ron White, Dean Hansen, Al Klemenev (clean-up), Nahisha Munn and Glenda Gonzales (crafts), Jordan Weichert and Noah Wallace (activities).

SAVE THE DATE



Landon Anderson

Wed. Aug. 30
6 PM Fellowship Meal & 7 PM Honduras Missions, Landon Anderson

Landon is a graduate of Truman State and works in agricultural missions.

MILAN OUTREACH



Wade Stanley

Sundays 3:30-4:30 pm
Hotel Stanley Lobby, 2nd & Water Sts. Studying Mark's gospel with Evangelist Wade Stanley

Friday, Sept. 22—7 PM Spirituality and Spaceflight, Truman State University, Michael O'Neal



Michael O'Neal

Many of our nation's astronauts are viewed as men and women of great intellect and courage, but some are also men and women of great faith. This multimedia presentation looks into the role spirituality has played in human space flight. Stories will be shared on how astronauts have spiritually prepared themselves to go into space, how they practiced their faith while in space, and how space has profoundly impacted their spirituality. This

talk features Apollo-era audio, a video of an astronaut joining his church for worship via a live video feed while on the International Space Station, along with breath-taking pictures accompanied by a number of encouraging and moving stories.

Mike O'Neal worked for NASA at the Kennedy Space Center for over 31 years, where He was awarded the Agency's Outstanding Leadership Medal and two Exceptional Service Medals.

That weekend (Sept. 23 & 24) Mike will focus on angels, drawing from his book, *An Angel's View: Encountering God through the Stories of the Heavenly Hosts*.