

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

CONGREGATIONAL NEWSLETTER: Third Quarter 2008

REUNION GROUNDS HIT BY TORNADO

Plans have changed for the camps and reunions at Ozark Reunion and Campgrounds. The camp was hit in May by a tornado that did extensive damage to the grounds and buildings. The Ozark camps and the reunion have been moved to Camp Powderfork in Arkansas.

The camping committee will be asking us all for donations of money and labor to complete the repairs on the Ozark campgrounds. We have been asked to make regular monthly donations to that fund. The insurance will help but certainly did not cover all the damage to our buildings and grounds. They hope to take this disaster as an opportunity to upgrade the grounds.

BILL HENSON HAS FOOT SURGERY

Bill Henson decided to have surgery on both his feet at the same time in April. This put him in a wheel chair for his recuperation. Bob Avery and I have attempted to take his class for this period of

time and Bill has done well despite the obvious problems this surgery created for him and Carol. He was back with us in church on June 15th.

CARLETTA DENNY TAKES MAYO CLINIC TREATMENTS

Carletta has begun taking some experimental treatments for her health problem and is feeling much better at last. She will be going to the Mayo Clinic monthly for as long as these new treatments last. We are all so happy that she is feeling so much better.

PAM GREEN HAS ADDITIONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS

We had a message from Pam Green a couple of weeks ago asking us to put her back on the prayer list. She has developed some additional health problems.. She and Vance were with us for Father's Day and we continue to hold her in our prayers as her doctors monitor her condition..

**SUE ROWDEN HURT IN
FALL AT HOME**

Sue was taking her trash out and slipped and fell, breaking her right wrist and ankle. She was taken to the Parsons hospital where they did surgery on the ankle and inserted screws. She will be incapacitated for six to eight weeks while the breaks heal. Bob and I went to visit on Wednesday after the accident occurred on Monday and later Carletta Denny took them the sacrament on Sacramento Sunday. We will miss them for the next six to eight weeks.

**KARAN NUGENTS SISTER
PASSES AWAY**

Karan Nugent's sister Kathi suddenly became ill in May and within a week, they had lost her. Karan made a quick trip to Missouri to see her and to help with arrangements. We all offer our heartfelt condolences to Karan on her loss.

**BOB AVERY DIAGNOSED
WITH NON HODGKINS
LYMPHOMA**

The next scare was to Bob Avery. He had some routine tests done for his doctor and they turned out to be not so routine after all. It seems they found some cancer cells in his lower intestine. At this point he will need no treatment because after consulting with his oncologists, they have decided it

could clear up by itself. They will watch the condition closely at this point.

**MELISSA CUMMINS HAS
BREAK IN AT HOME**

Someone broke the door in at Melissa Cummins's home while she was away and took her TV. Luckily, nothing else was damaged except the door and they did not ransack the home. So far, there have been no leads in the investigation.

NEW SIGN FINISHED

We finally got our new sign painted this month. What with all the rain and bad weather it looked doubtful for awhile there. But it is finished now and looks beautiful.

BROOKS SELL HOUSE

John and Leslie Brooks sold the house John inherited this past April from his father and are planning to build a new home of their own this summer. Hopefully their contractor will get started in June or July. The new house will be larger but arranged differently so they donated their living room furniture to Leslie's brother, Scott, who has recently moved to Saint Robert near Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri where he is stationed with the US Army.

**ASHLEY MILLER
GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL**

Ashley, Miller, Scott's daughter, who lived with John and Leslie Brooks this year for her senior year, graduated with some awards from Caney Valley High School. The Brooks had a party in honor of the occasion and invited all her friends. Carletta Denny prepared a special breakfast for her and her family at church before she left and many of the congregation gave her congratulatory cards and good wishes for the future. She has gone to live with her mother in Texas now and hopes to attend college there eventually.

**JOHN BROOKS AND BILLIE
JO CAMPBELL RETIRE**

John Brooks and Billie Jo Campbell both retired this year from teaching at Caney Valley High School. We are not sure of Billie Jo's plans at this point but John wants to be a fishing guide.

John has prepared for this change by building an Outpost Store on his property and is prepared to order fishing equipment for those who need or want special equipment not available in the immediate area. Billie Jo has been a special Education teacher and John Brooks has most recently taught junior high science.

**MILLERS HAVE THEIR OWN
CATASTROPHE**

It all started with me backing out of my driveway and into a neighbor's car one afternoon.

In the next day or so, I was climbing a ladder and the ladder fell out from under me and I fell on our air conditioner and punctured my left leg and bruised and cut my right leg. The right leg healed quickly but the left leg got infected and had to be treated with antibiotics.

The same week, we noticed water seeping from under our new laminate dining room flooring. The water filter tubing from the refrigerator had sprung a leak and before we noticed it, it ruined the new floor. The flooring has been replaced at this point.

**STONER CHILDREN
PARTICIPATE IN DANCE
RECITAL**

Bob and I went to a dance recital on June 8th in Independence where both Emma, seven, and Ryan Stoner, four, participated. It was held at the Memorial Hall. Both children are extremely talented. Grandparents, Reg and Joanne Stoner from Independence, Missouri, joined Paul and Karin and Bob and I for church, dinner and afterward the fun event and we all enjoyed seeing the children perform. Emma performed two numbers; one in ballet and the

other in tap. Ryan performed as a cowboy and did a tap number with two other older boys. All the costumes were beautiful and both children had their numbers down to perfection.

BOB AVERY DIAGNOSED WITH NON-HODGKINS LYMPHOMA

Following a battery of tests, doctors informed Bob Avery that he had non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in a small area in his lower intestine. They intend to re-test every six months and watch the progress. They are hoping since this is such a small place and they have caught it early, that treatment will be minimal.

FATHER'S DAY PICNIC A SUCCESS

We had some happy surprises for our Father's Day service and picnic. Two new families have moved into our end of the Mission Center and the two families came to church on Father's Day. They all live at Longton so it isn't a close by drive to church but they came anyhow. They transferred in from the Hutchinson congregation.

They are Jim and Mildred Page and their daughter and son-in-law Frank and Julie Englebrecht, with their sons Joey, Justin, Jon, and Jordon. They not only participated in church school discussions but also accompanied us to the Caney

area to Cotton's Pond for our annual Father's Day picnic.

As you see, we have been extremely busy in the congregation.

We look forward to having our Mission Center president, Kathy Clark with us in the next quarter. The schedules are completed now and will be sent to those with e-mail as an attachment and to the others in snail mail along with the newsletter in the next week.

We are all hoping the negative health problems and catastrophes are over and we can settle in for a calmer summer. But life is full of surprises and some of them are not all that pleasant. We are fortunate to have a close loving support group in our congregation.

Join with me in becoming involved in our various communities as we attempt with our efforts to make these communities a better place for all to live and enjoy life. That's the way we will see Zion in our lifetimes....one family at a time, one neighborhood at a time and one community at a time.

I hope and pray that each of you will find your nitch to be a part of this transformation.

Margie Miller
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