

“We’ve got to find ways to get closer to the poor, the neglected, the abused, the excluded, the marginalized, because it’s in proximity to these communities that we hear things that we will not otherwise hear; we will see things that we will not otherwise see. There is power when we get proximate and only then can we have mercy and compassion.” - Bryan Stevenson

This quote has been very meaningful to me as I have considered how we, as a church, can fulfill the mission of Christ in our world today. For too long, we have primarily considered that church was a building where we worshipped and invited others to join us. There is a scriptural basis for this as we read about Jesus going to the synagogue to teach and preach. However, much of his ministry was in the community as he ate with sinners, interacted with lepers, fed the hungry, healed the sick, and brought good news to those that were marginalized by the society of that day.

Look around your congregation on Sunday morning. How diverse are the people gathered there? Are the addicted, homeless, immigrant, or other often marginalized populations of our day represented there? If we follow Jesus’ example, we will attend church to learn and worship but much of our ministry will be out in our communities, listening to and learning from those whose lives are much different from ours.

Too often we have written checks to charities or made donations of items and that is fine, but I have challenged the pastors to find ways for our congregations to be out in face-to-face settings with those who are struggling in our communities. This may open up doors for us to get to know our brothers and sisters by doing some deep listening, hearing their concerns, and learning about the needs around us. These opportunities may come in new or ongoing congregational ministries but may also occur as we volunteer with other organizations or churches that already have outreach ministries. Let’s answer the call to fulfill the mission of Christ in our time and place.

--Mary Jo

Open your hearts and feel the yearnings of your brothers and sisters who are lonely, despised, fearful, neglected, unloved. Reach out in understanding, clasp their hands, and invite all to share in the blessings of community created in the name of the One who suffered on behalf of all. b. Do not be fearful of one another. Respect each life journey, even in its brokenness and uncertainty, for each person has walked alone at times. Be ready to listen and slow to criticize, lest judgments be unrighteous and unredemptive. Doctrine and Covenants 161:3a-b

Announcements

You are invited to participate in an exciting adventure as the Central Missouri and Midlands Mission Centers come together for a joint **Family Camp** from June 13-17, 2024. This will provide expanded fellowship opportunities as we share together in worship, recreation, and other camp activities. Make plans now to attend camp and see old friends, make new friends, and experience the ministry of Bishop Carla Long. With a larger camp this year, we encourage you to register now [Camps - Central Missouri USA Mission Center \(cmmccommunity.org\)](http://cmmccommunity.org)

The Central Mission Field will hold online **Priesthood Gatherings** at 7 p.m. on ZOOM. (See the MC website for the registration link). Save the dates:

- March 25 – Welcome Like Jesus
- April 22 – Sacramental Living

2024 Youth Camps:

- **Children's Camp** – Completed grades K-2 June 22-23 at Odessa (\$20**))
- **Junior Camp** – Completed grades 3-5 June 24-28 at Lake Doniphan (\$160*)
- **High School Camp** – Completed grades 9-12 June 29-July 4 at Lake Doniphan (\$175*)
- **Middle School Camp** – Completed grades 6-8 July 8-13 at Lake Doniphan (\$175*)
- **Spectacular** – Completed grades 9-12 July 13-20 at Graceland University (\$475) Wheeler delegation with South Central States Mission Center.

The cost shown is not the full cost of camp; the remainder of the fees will be paid from the Mission Center Camping Endowment Expendable Fund. Details and forms at [Camps - Central Missouri USA Mission Center \(cmmccommunity.org\)](https://camps-centralmissouri.usa.missioncenter.org)

*Combined camps with Central Mission. Price will increase \$50 after May 31st.

**Children's Camp price will increase \$10 after May 31st.

Youth Spring Carnival & Family Movie – Saturday, April 6 at the church in Clinton (108 S. Pawnee).
Carnival at 5 pm; movie at 7 pm

A new date will be selected for the **Women's Retreat**; check the mission center website for updates. [MC News - Central Missouri USA Mission Center \(cmmccommunity.org\)](https://mcnews-centralmissouri.usa.missioncenter.org)

Find updated information on mission center news, World Church news, our congregations, worship services, camps, our beliefs, and links to many helpful resources at our mission center **website** at [MC News - Central Missouri USA Mission Center \(cmmccommunity.org\)](https://mcnews-centralmissouri.usa.missioncenter.org)

The Link will celebrate important Milestones in our members' lives. Let us know if someone in your congregation has a 90th, 95th or 100th birthday or a 50th, 60th, 70th, and 75th wedding anniversary. Ordinations and deaths that are reported will also be shared with the mission center family.

Happy 95th Birthday! Barbara Hutchinson on March 9

Our sympathy to the families of:

David Atkins – Odessa

Nancy Bell - Camdenton

Lola Dawson - Kingsville

Russell Love – Butler

Elizabeth Rosanbalm – Pleasant Hill

Garnett Sahlberg – Pleasant Hill

Martha Thutchley – Pleasant Hill

Jimmy Skaggs – Butler

Are we moving toward Jesus, the Peaceful One?

Preaching Schedule

Congregations and speakers need to be in communication before scheduled speaking times in case of changes or special circumstances.

Congregation	<i>April 7</i> Easter People Witness	<i>April 14</i> Easter People Believe	<i>April 21</i> Easter People Act	<i>April 28</i> Easter People Love
Butler	Tisha Foster	J Schieszer	Roy Weldon	Holly Rabourn
Camdenton	Jerry Middleton	Larry Nutt	Gene Wilson	DVD
Clinton	Kathy Loyd	Sean Hutchinson	Kate Frazier	Katie Ritter
Coal Hill	Local	Mary Jo Sartin	Sharon Briscoe	Local
Harrisonville	Testimonies	Carol Nicholls	Chad Reynolds	Mark Frank
Holden	Becky Carlile	Janet West	Brandon Hancock	Mary Jo Sartin
Kingsville	Sharon Briscoe	Jody Cox	Tracy Dyer	Beth Love
Marshall	Joel Cox	Shirley Case	Becky Carlile	Anita Norman
Oak Grove	Kate Frazier	Mark Frank	Donn Quick	Bob Barrett
Odessa	Robin Dyer	Britney Meyer	Andy Kroesen	Elizabeth Snyder
Pleasant Hill	Mark Frank	Rick Tucker	Kathy Loyd	Belva Rogers
Sedalia	Rhonda Applegate	Mary Thompson	Holly Rabourn	S. Applegate
Warrensburg	Mary Kidd	Kay Reser	Scott Norwood	Jody Cox
Warsaw	Dorothy Salsman	Sharon Slater	Marilyn Grechus	Classes

Congregation	<i>May 5</i> Easter People Have Faith	<i>May 12</i> Easter People Bless	<i>May 19</i> The Spirit Intercedes	<i>May 26</i> Led by the Spirit
Butler	Mary Love	Mary Jo Sartin	Becky Carlile	Ronda Thomas
Camdenton	Larry Nutt	Jerry Middleton	Donn Quick	Marsha Middleton
Clinton	Mandy Grimes	Sharon Briscoe	Beth Love	Casey Cope
Coal Hill		Local	Anita Norman	Warren Stowell
Harrisonville	Andrea Reynolds	Debbie Sims	Alice Nicholls	Mary Jo Sartin
Holden	Beth Love	Kay Reser	Mark Frank	John Kendrick
Kingsville	Kate Frazier	Clint Reine	Brandon Hancock	Video
Marshall	Shirley/Park	Jim Case	Scott Norwood	Larry Green
Oak Grove	Celeste Barrett	Joel Cox	Kathy Loyd	Ken Walker
Odessa	Vanessa Dutel	Caleb Meyer	Tracy Dyer	Donn Quick
Pleasant Hill	Jerry Barker	Steve LaRue	Joel Cox	Caleb Rogers
Sedalia	Communion	Youth	Clint Reine	Marilyn Grechus
Warrensburg	Vern Godfrey	Anita Norman	David Tickemyer	Judy Edmunds
Warsaw	Anita Norman	Classes	R Applegate	Classes

Morning Services begin at:

10 a.m. - Butler

10:30 a.m. - Marshall, Oak Grove, Odessa, Pleasant Hill, Sedalia, Warrensburg

10:45 a.m. - Clinton, Harrisonville, Holden, Kingsville

11 a.m. - Camdenton, Coal Hill, Warsaw

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	<i>June 2</i>	<i>June 9</i>	<i>June 16</i>	<i>June 23</i>	<i>June 30</i>
Congregation	Treasure in Clay Jars	Children's Day Renew the Inner Life	Father's Day The Kin-dom of God is Like.....	Calm the Waves	Balance Abundance & Need
Butler	Joel Cox	Alice Nicholls	Twyla Jones	Carol Nicholls	Leadership
Camdenton	Gene Wilson	Scott Norwood	Larry Nutt	Marsha Middleton	Jerry Middleton
Clinton	Clara Merrill	David Tickemyer	Family Camp	Becky Carlile	5 th Sunday
Coal Hill	Becky Carlile	Mark Frank	Local	Local	Local
Harrisonville	Carol Nicholls	Chad Reynolds	Local	Andrea Reynolds	Local
Holden	Marsha Stowell	Sharon Briscoe	Family Camp	Karin Sartwell	Kathy Loyd
Kingsville	Leona Hobbs	David Honeycutt	Family Camp	Steve LaRue	Alice Nicholls
Marshall	Kathy Loyd	Shirley Case	Park/Picnic	Susie Case	Outreach
Oak Grove	Bob Barrett	Kate Frazier	Testimonies	Mary Jo Sartin	5 th Sunday
Odessa	Lucas Watson	Bob Barrett	Larry Green	Sharon Dyer	Special
Pleasant Hill	Dorothy Salsman	Belva Rogers	Dawn Amador	Dorothy Salsman	5 th Sunday
Sedalia	Mary Jo Sartin	M Humphrey	Judi Reine	Lindal Grechus	5 th Sunday
Warrensburg	Allison Norwood	Janice Nelson	Miles Nelson	Kelsey Dooley	Donn Quick
Warsaw	David Honeycutt	Classes	TBD	Sue Stevens	Classes

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