

September 2016





Sept 4 – Mary Sue Reutebauch

Sept 11 – Richard Voorhees

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Sept 25 – de la CroiX



Oasis Kick-Off Cook-Out Carnival September 14th





de la CroiX



Block Party Entertainment September 24th

Worship September 25th



September 28th

Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield

Sunday School

We will begin adult Sunday
School again in September.
Be watching the bulletin and
listen for announcements. We
are continuing our video-based study using
"Believe." We are exploring how to think, act,
and be like Jesus. Even if you did not
participate in the past, the study can be entered
at any time. Please plan to join us!



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Oasis Planning Continues

Planning meetings for Oasis will be August 31st and September 7th at 7PM. at the church. All are welcome! On August 31st we plan to meet early (6:30) to begin with cleaning out rooms.

Oasis Kick-Off

Our 15th year of Oasis will "kick-off" on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, in the parking lot of the church with our annual outdoor carnival.



Everyone is welcome to come and be part of the excitement! Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Room - please volunteer to help.

Participate in ... Oasis Year 15!



There are so many ways you can be a part of this ministry: Some are weekly, others periodically, and still others completely behind the scenes (like donating and praying!).

Please prayerfully consider how you can be involved. If you've never come to see what your church is doing on Wednesday evenings... come and see! The following for ways you can be a part of this ministry.

*Cooks and Kitchen helpers — this can be weekly or just once in a while. See the sign-up sheet. Talk to Laurie Brower or Donna Sholty if you are unsure of what this entails. If you don't feel up to cooking, there are lots of good frozen, premade entrees to provide a meal.

*Group Helpers – All groups would love to have an assistant. Coming weekly is preferred but not essential. The children thrive on positive role models who love them unconditionally – you can do this!!

*Homework/Activity helpers – We hope to continue providing homework help and other activities before Oasis begins. If you could be available between 5 and 6 p.m. on Wednesday nights before our meal and programming begins, please let us know (see below). No preparation or special training required, just an encouraging spirit.

If you are interested in helping in any way, speak to Barb Mayfield, or send an e-mail to: barb.mayfield@gmail.com.

Help support this ministry:

Oasis is possible because of the generosity of our church members over and above their regular giving. The church budget cannot cover what it costs to run the weekly program and the special events throughout the year, but *you* make them possible. We appreciate everyone who gives so faithfully to this ministry. If you feel led to give a special gift for Oasis, please designate "Oasis" in the memo line of your check.

Block Party and De La CroiX concert

We are excited to be sponsoring a return visit by the Christian music group, de la CroiX, aka the Fontaine family. They will be providing evangelical "entertainment" during a block party hosted in our parking lot



September 24th, they will lead worship on September 25th, and they will provide a concert for Oasis on September 28th.

September Library Corner

by Laraine MacLauchlan

The new season for Oasis is beginning and wait 'til you see the great books and DVD's here! I'm sure everyone will like the selections, including the adults. Teens and juveniles will also approve. See you at the library!



Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet September 20 in the basement dining room at 7:00PM. The Hostess will be Laraine Mac; Year Book of Prayer, Lola S.; Horizons, Sally S; Bible Study, Libby S. All women are invited.

Thrift Shop Schedule for September

Sat. Sept 10	Sally S	Cashier
Sat. Sept 17	Libby S	Tags
Sat. Sept 24	Donna S	Sacker
Thurs. Sept 29	Libby S	Sort & Mark

Worship Committee

by Terry Langston



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Clerk of Session

by Laraine MacLauchlan

Session will meet on September 11th following worship.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Come......For all is now ready......

Luke 14:15-24

Great Banquet Fall Banquets are scheduled:

Logansport:

Men's #54 – September 8-11, 2016 Women's #55 – September 15-18, 2016

Lafayette:

Men's #117 – October 13-16, 2016 Women's #118 – October 20-23, 2016 Women's #119 – October 27-30, 2016

For those of you who have not attended a Great Banquet, it is an amazing 72 hour spiritual retreat beginning on Thursday evening and ending on Sunday evening. During this time, guests live and study together in a worshipful time of singing, prayer, sharing, and discussion. Please consider attending this year!

For those of you who have attended, please consider sponsoring someone to attend. No matter how long it has been since you attended, I'm sure you remember what a wonderful and blessed experience this is!

For registration and/or sponsor forms, please contact me at 765-588-7408 or by e-mail at tammy.moss@thefarmersbank.com. If you have any questions, please contact me or anyone on the CE Committee.

Thank you, Tammy Moss





Additional Thought Do something

God wants our work to be meaningful and satisfying. No matter what we do, it should provide a reason to get up each day and use the talents God has given us. As Benjamin Franklin said, "The man who achieves makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all: doing nothing."

Giving your all

Christ says, "Give me all. ... No half-measures are any good. ... Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked — the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself: my own will shall become yours." — C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Modern miracles

At the mention of miracles, we often picture the biblical kind: a dead person brought back to life, a small amount of food feeding a crowd, sight restored to a blind man. Yet even today we look for unexpected healings or an earthquake victim found alive after days amid rubble.

But consider someone born with poor eyesight who, thanks to technology, can work as a professional proofreader or create intricate digital paintings. Consider someone with a prosthetic leg who can run and even win races. Consider someone who, thanks to a donated heart, kidney or blood, continues to live. Consider friends in the United States and Europe who can connect in "real time," offering support during a crisis.

Technology — whose source is the human brain created by God — makes possible a new, modern-day type of miracle. When used for good, it can overcome barriers, allowing us to celebrate life and serve one another. Miracles, indeed!

Back-to-school humor

- Summer is over. Time to officially remember what day of the week it is!
- "Labor Day is a glorious holiday because your child will be going back to school the next day. It would have been called Independence Day, but that name was already taken." (Bill Dodds)
- Receiving new textbooks, one student to another: "Psst. How do you turn this thing on?"
- Parent: "What did you learn today?"
 Kindergartner: "Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow."

Prayer warriors

After tragedies, natural disasters and terrorism, people now commonly turn to social media to request prayers. Although it can feel "jarring" to see "so many references to the divine in spaces normally reserved for vacation photos," writes journalist Eleanor Barkhorn, it's a modern-day version of the New Testament's reminders to pray constantly and in all circumstances.

Over the years, churches have encouraged members to pray through letters, phone chains, prayer breakfasts and prayer groups. "With that context in mind," Barkhorn writes, "Facebook shouldn't cheapen prayer any more than the Postal Service or the telephone does."

Russell Moore of the Southern Baptist Convention says, "Asking for prayer via Twitter or Facebook is no different than calling someone and saying, 'We should really pray for this.' ... Social media can be a tremendous force for good in alerting people to things they can be praying about right away."

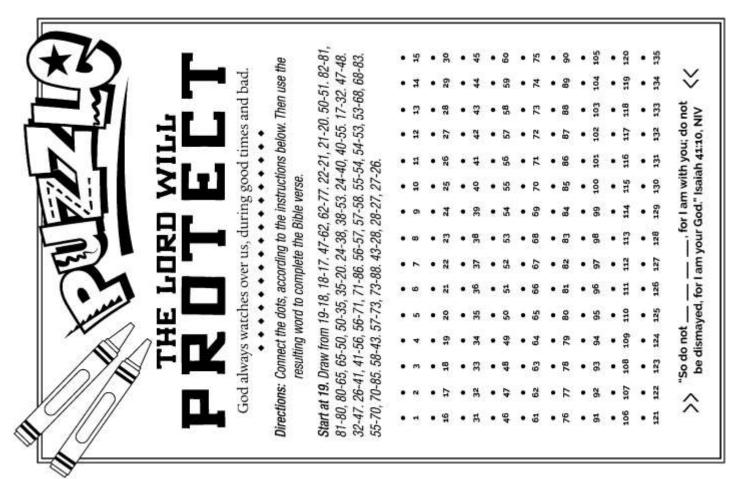


Choir Practice 9:30; Worship 10:15; Sunday School as announced

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Flora Presbyterian Church September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Aug 31 6:30PM Oasis Planning Mtg	1 B=Ron Austin	2	3
4 N=Susan Hollis SR=Barb Mayfield SR=Joe Mayfield U=Bob & Ann Brown	5 LABOR DAY	6	7 7:00PM Oasis Planning Mtg	8 <u>Men's</u> Great Banquet – Logansport Sept 8 – 11th	9	10 Farmer's Market Downtown Flora 9 to 11AM
11Session Meeting N=Susan Hollis SR=Kent King SR=Tammy Moss U=Ron & Angie Austin	12	13	14 Oasis Kick-Off Carnival	15 <u>Women's</u> Great Banquet – Logansport Sept 15 – 18th	16	17
18 N=Susan Hollis SR=Kathy King SR=Sally Schmidt U=Marshall & Patsy McCammack	19 7:00PM Crafters at Cutler Presbyterian	20 7:00PM Mary- Martha Circle	21	22 first Day of Autumn	23	24 Block Party with de la CroiX
24 de la CroiX N=Susan Hollis SR=Joe Moss SR=Martha Clark U=Susan Scholl Maggie Scholl October Pulse	26	27	28 B=Matt Clark de la CroiX Concert	29	30 B=Mark Good B=Marshall McCammack	Oct 1



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