

THE
GATEPOST

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Office Closed for Labor Day

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Life Lessons Bible study starts 9:30 AM
Disciple 1 starts 6:30 PM

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Charity Sewing 1:30 PM
Adult Bible Studies start 6:30 PM

September 5

Leadership Development Meeting 6:30 PM

September 7

Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM

September 8

Least of These Sunday
Joyful Noise Singers 2:30 PM
Youth Pool Party 4:00 PM
Disciple 3 starts 6:00 PM

September 9

Women of the Word study starts 9:30 AM
Women of Hope study starts 6:00 PM

September 10

Property Oversight Meeting 6:30 PM

September 15

3rd Grade Bible Sunday
Church Board Meeting 12:30 PM
5th and 6th Grade Go Karts 2:00 PM
High School Small Group starts 6:00 PM

September 16

Spirit Sisters Bible study starts 6:30 PM

September 17

Finance Meeting 6:30 PM

September 22

Youth Battle Bows Night 6:00 PM

September 23 and 24

Apple Pie Making Days 8:00 AM

September 25

See You at the Pole

September 26

Nixa vs Ozark Blood Drive 10:30 AM

September 30

Apple Pie Making 8:00 AM
Aldersgate Book Club 5:30 PM

Weekly Calendar

Mondays

Stronger - Men's Group 5:30 AM
Women of the Word 9:30 AM
Women of Hope (2nd and 4th) 6:00 PM
Spirit Sisters (1st and 3rd) 6:30 PM
Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM

Tuesdays

Life Lessons Study 9:30 AM
Aldersgate Time of Prayer 6:30 PM
Disciple 1 6:30 PM

Wednesdays

Youth Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM
Dinner 5:30 PM
Ark Wed. 6:30 PM
5 & 6 Grade Wed. 6:30 PM
7 & 8 Grade Wed. 6:30 PM
High School Wed. 6:30 PM
Choir Practice 6:30 PM
Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 PM
Young Adult Study 6:30 PM
Grace Bible Study 6:30 PM
Families Matter Bible Study 6:30 PM

Thursdays

Knitwits 10:00 AM
Stephe Ministry Training 6:00 PM
Stephen Ministry Meeting (2nd & 4th) 6:30 PM

Saturdays

Cardio Strength/Dance Exercise Class 9:30 AM

Sundays

Young Adult Lunch 12:15 PM
Disciple 3 6:00 PM
High School Small Group 6:00 PM

Sunday School Classes

Sundays

Crossroads Sunday School 8:15 AM
Club Aldersgate 9:45 AM
Seekers Sunday School 9:45 AM
Youth/Children Sunday School 9:45 AM

Sundays at Aldersgate

Services

Traditional Service 8:15 AM
Contemporary Service 9:45 AM
Family Service 11:11 AM

THE FALL CALL!

Greetings Aldersgate,

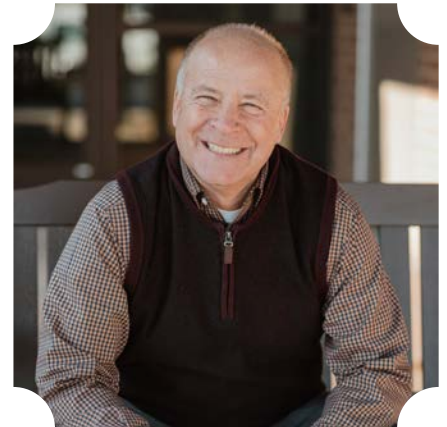
What a blessing August has been, as we shared in an Aldersgate Church River Baptism. It was an amazing experience and we were blessed by Lee and Mary Cunningham's hospitality and hard work to their land, along with the support from their kids, and their families. What a great turnout from our church family to support the 22 decisions to be Baptized and Affirm their Baptisms, ranging in age from 2 to 77 years. They are listed below. There are more ready to be baptized in the future. It is so exciting to see these public professions of faith.

As we begin this fall with new learning and serving opportunities, I hope we will all be committed to growing in every area of our personal discipleship, being who we are in Christ, and committing to serve where God calls us, to be Christ in the world! I highly recommend that those seeking to understand the Bible better join Pastor Sarah in the Disciple I class on Tuesday nights! There are so many study opportunities, but it may also be time for you to commit to a Life Group to make stronger connections with other followers of Christ. Remember to answer the call this fall!

September will be great with our Bible Sunday on September 15. I'm challenging everyone to bring their Bibles to church on the same day we give our 3rd graders their Bibles. (However, you are welcome to bring your Bible every Sunday!)

See You Sunday in Worship (here or where you are!)

Love In Christ,
Pastor Dennis



15 Affirmation Baptisms

Melissa Adams

Urban Arnold

Debbie Cochran

Nick Evans

Caleb Miller

Emma Napolitano

Joey Napolitano

Bishop Payne

Aaryanna Pepper

Bridget Smith

Maverick Smith

MacKenzie Jane Stewart

Gina Jiminez-Wepfer

Dixie Wagner

Sharon Wilson

RIVER BAPTISMS

7 Baptisms

Elliott Adams

Lauren Cunningham

Maylee Cunningham

Mason Oliver

Alicia Marie Ross

Mayvin Smith

Reven Smith



Pastors

Dennis Miller - Lead Pastor

Sarah Fotopulos - Executive Pastor

Staff

Brenda Clark - Business Administrator

Casey Freeland - Communications Director

Christian Barnard - Contemporary Worship Director

Ellie Bakken - Children's Director

Jeff Huber - Traditional Worship Director

Jared Middleton - Worship Technical Lead

Jennifer Kelley - Church Secretary

Rob Howard - Youth Director

Shannon Dodson - Early Childhood Director

A.R.K. and Aldersgate Youth

This Month's Bible Verse

Meet Jet, our Bible Buddy for September! The joyful news that Jesus loves us fills us with joy, and Jet will be helping us focus on JOY this month! Kids on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights will be able to memorize this Bible verse to get their picture taken for our star wall and get a reward. Join us Sundays at 9:45 or Wednesdays at 6:30 to feel the joy of the Lord with ARK!

"Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again-rejoice!" Philippians 4:4



Volunteers
needed

SCAN ME!

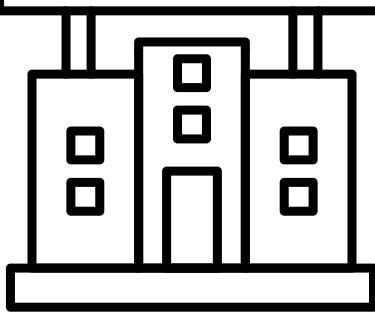


The ARK wing is experiencing growing pains! We have had many new kids attending our Preschool-6th grade classes for Sunday school and we need more volunteers!

Each class must have 2 leaders, and we currently don't have enough help signed up to make that happen this fall. Many kids come back for more learning and fun in our Wednesday night classes and we also have a teacher shortage in those rooms.

Please prayerfully consider giving some of your time and talents to help the children of Aldersgate grow as young disciples of Jesus. Lessons are planned for you; all you need to come with is a smile and a loving heart!

PRE SCHOOL



Aldersgate Righteous Kids Preschool is back!! Our program has grown so much that we have three packed classrooms Monday-Thursday and have even added Fridays to our schedule. We have 44 kids aged 2-5 filling our hallways this year, and we pray that each of them leaves with the love of God in their hearts and a love of school in their minds. This is a great ministry for Aldersgate to open our building to many families in our community and welcome them here.

There is an option in online giving for "ARK Preschool Scholarship" so if you feel led to donate to families that need tuition help, please choose that option when you give. We don't ever want finances to keep children from sharing the good news we share at ARK Preschool!

3rd Grade Bible Sunday

September 15

11:11 AM service

Everyone is invited to bring
their Bible with them, for this
Bible Sunday



5TH AND 6TH GRADE

GO KART & MINI GOLF



\$10

MEET AT 160 GRAND PRIX

SEPT. 15 – 2:00 PM

High School

SMALL GROUP

**SUNDAYS
6:00 PM**

SEPT. 15

MARY CUNNINGHAM'S

SEPT. 29

CHERIE GREGORY'S

YOUTH KICK-OFF POOL PARTY

**SUNDAY,
SEPT. 8**

**7TH-12TH GRADE
YOU'RE INVITED**

**AT ROBIN WILLIAMS
396 MOONSHINE RIDGE TRAIL
CLEVER, MO 65631**

4:00-6:00 PM | FOOD AND DRINKS | VOLLEYBALL

RSVP TODAY!



**7th-12th Grade
Sunday, Sept. 22
6:00-7:30 PM**



STEAK DINNER

Oct. 12

Acts 2:42-47 talks about believers coming together praising God, fellowshiping, and sharing a meal.

The annual Men's Fellowship steak dinner is just that, a time believers will gather and enjoy a meal together praising God for what He has provided and for being always present in each of our daily walk.

The date is October 12 at 5:30 with a concert by the Bluegrass gospel group Lindley Creek to start about 7:15 pm.

The menu is steak or chicken, roll, baked potato, green beans, salad, and dessert.

The men's group will be selling tickets starting Sunday, September 8th in the Commons. The cost is \$25 cash or check. A QR code for credit or debit will be available only at the table for \$26 for each ticket. Proceeds go to youth missions, youth fellowship, and other ministries within the church. A love offering will be taken for Lindley Creek.

Fall GOLF TOURNAMENT

• SUNDAY, OCT. 6, 2024 •



HIDDEN VALLEY GOLF COURSE IN CLEVER, MO
1:30 PM START TIME
\$50 PER PERSON - TEAMS OF 4



Know you should read the Bible, but don't know where to start? Wonder what the Bible means or how it could possibly apply to your life?

Join me, Pastor Sarah, for an exploration of the Bible with the Disciple I Fast Track Bible Study! It was developed for busy people like you to learn about the Bible and develop the habit of reading and understanding the Bible!

We will start with discovering how to apply what you already know about reading to reading Scripture. Then, we will spend 12 weeks together in the fall discovering the main themes, characters, and events in the Old Testament and how to apply biblical lessons to our lives.

In the spring, we will spend another 12 weeks discovering those same things about the New Testament. Class will meet Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM. Cost is \$18/semester for the study manuals. Can't wait to see you there!

Aldersgate Golf Tournament Fall 2024

Please join us for the fall Aldersgate Church Golf Tournament on Sunday, October 6th, with a 1:30 start at Hidden Valley Golf Course. The format will be a 4-person scramble, and teams will be drawn from those who apply. The cost is \$50.00 per person, due when you register, and forms will be available at the church office or online. There are plenty of prizes to be awarded but the primary goal is fellowship.

If you paid for the Spring Tournament that was rained out, your payment will roll over to the Fall Tournament. Checks should be made out to Aldersgate Church. If you have questions, contact Ralph Ernst at 417-425-4225 or Jeff Carter at 417-368-9252. The deadline for registrations is Monday, September 30th.

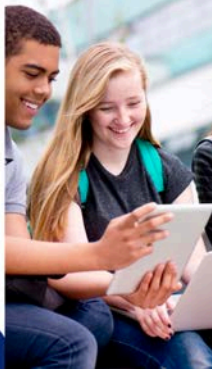
SING IN THE CHOIR!!

Do you like to sing? The Aldersgate Choir is getting ready to start up again! Now is the time to try it out. Choir will start Wednesday Sept. 4 at 6:30 pm in the choir room. Questions, contact Jeff Huber at jhuber@aldersgatechurch.com or (417) 725-4949.

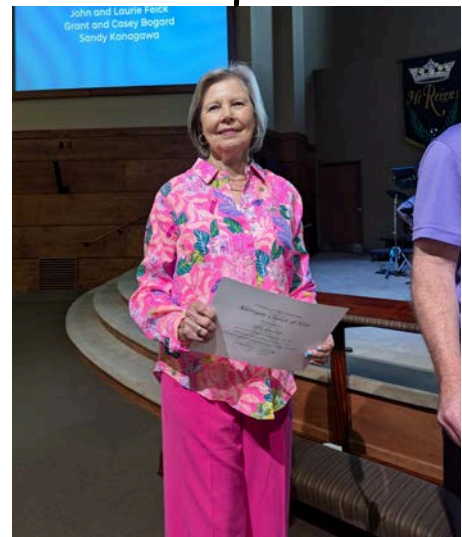


SPONSOR A COLLEGE STUDENT

\$25 will help send mailings
to our Aldersgate college
students!
Give in the app or in person.



New Members



Sandy Kanagawa

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

Pastor's Bible Study will start back on Wednesday, Sept. 4
at 6:30 PM. They will be in Corinthians. Bring your bible
and meet in the sanctuary.



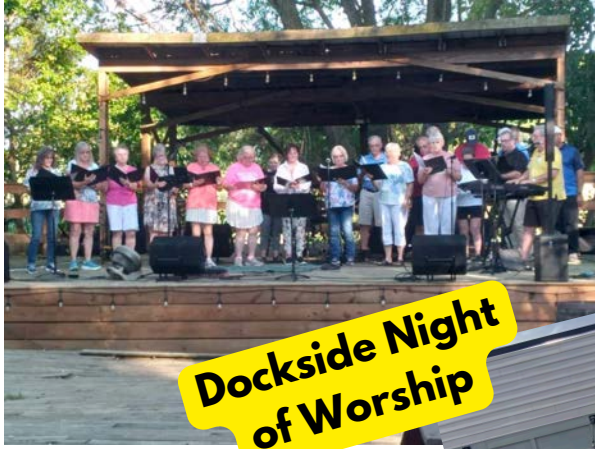
John and Laurie Feick
Grant and Casey Bogard and kids

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SAT. SEPT. 7
7:30 AM
CLC GYM



AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS



7th and 8th
Local Mission



CLASSES- STUDIES

MONDAYS

9:30 AM - Women of the Word Bible Study - starting Sept. 9 - LC 207 studying Parables, led by Pastor Sarah

6:30 PM - Spirit Sisters Study - starting Sept. 16 - WC 110 will begin a study on Trusting God led by Jan Badgett meet 1st and 3rd Mondays

6:00 PM - Women of Hope Bible Study - starting Sept. 9 - Youth Building studying Delight - A Walk Through Psalms 1-30, led by Lorie Miller and Cherie Gregory meet 2nd and 4th Mondays

6:30 PM - Men's Bible Study - LC 207 studying Exodus, led by Marvin Rayburn

TUESDAYS

9:30 AM - Life Lessons Bible Study - starting Sept. 3 studying Life Lessons from Esther, Max Lucado, led by Pat Laing

6:30 PM - Disciple 1 - starting Sept. 3, overview of Old Testament, led by Pastor Sarah

6:30 PM - Aldersgate Prayer Team - meets to pray in the restless room in the sanctuary, led by Carl Presley

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM - Choir - choir room - anyone who loves to sing is invited to join choir, they sing at 8:15 AM service, led by Jeff Huber

6:30 PM - Families Matter Bible Study - LC 207, starting Sept. 4 will study HomeGrown, Cultivating Kids in the Fruit of the Spirit, led by Casey Freeland and Ellie Bakken

6:30 PM - Young Adult Bible Study - LC 204, will begin a new study on Sept. 11, studies are topical, led by Christian Barnard.

6:30 PM - Pastor's Bible Study - starting Sept. 4 - WC, will continue studying 1 Corinthians, bring your bible, led by Pastor Dennis

6:30 PM - Grace Bible Study - LC 206, studying Grace by Max Lucado, led by Robert Muckey

VARIOUS TIMES

Life Groups - they are the heartbeat of the church. We would encourage all church members to join a life group, or start one to build on those relationships inside and outside of the church walls. Let's do LIFE together. Find out more on the church website.