



TANNER STREET CHURCH OF GOD

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The Tanner Street Connection

The story is told of Arnold Palmer, the legendary golfer. He once played in a charity event in Saudi Arabia. Following the event, he met the king. As their conversation came to an end the king wanted to give Arnold a gift to express his



appreciation for all he had done on that trip. Arnold resisted saying that he had everything he needed.

The king persisted. Finally after some awkward moments Arnold said, "Just give me a golf club." The meeting ended. The next morning attendants knocked on the door of Mr. Palmer's hotel room. He invited them in and they handed him the deed to a

36 hole country club, hundreds of acres of land, club house and all the amenities. The moral of the story: When in the presence of the king, don't ask for small gifts.

Church, God has so much more in store for His People than we could ever dream. I think sometimes we've asked for small gifts. Let's be bold. Let's ask great things of God, trusting He has more for us than we could ever hope, imagine or dream.

May you know the joy of a life well-lived for God,

Pastor John



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J. O. Y. Women's Ministries

The J.O.Y Ministry is an open fellowship for all women of the church. Our desire is to grow close to each other through Christ's love! We are looking forward to the fall and many upcoming events!

9-10- Ladies' Prayer Retreat

While enjoying ourselves at the Grant's cabin on Kentucky Lake, we will be spending time "In her Shoes", a devotional led by Tricia Croxford and Sharon Neeley, helping us understand our relationships with other women. We will leave at 8 a.m. Friday, the 9th, with a second group leaving after work at 5 p.m.

Please bring your Bible, notepad, pen, bed linens, pillow, toiletries, clothes, and snack food. You will be responsible for your Friday and Saturday supper and lunch on Sunday at Patti's in Grand Rivers, KY. Scholarships are available! For further information on this great trip, contact Joan Grant at 380-3701 or Christy McDowell at 380-4524.

15- JOY at the home of Megan Knight. Christy McDowell and Sandy Todt are co-hostesses.

October 9- JOY is sponsoring our annual Chili Dinner and Silent Auction at noon. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 4-10, and children ages 4 and under eat FREE! Carry out will also be available.

Senior Ministry

Our first meeting back from our summer break is Sept. 13th. We will be meeting in the Stafford Center at 12 noon. We invite all to join us who are 55 and over to bring a dish to share with others. Our theme is "back to school". Everyone is asked to bring back to school items to fill the backpack that is the center decoration for each table. We will then take them to the schools that still need them. Please be generous with filling the backpack on your table. Hoping to see a large turnout as we kick off the season.



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REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRIES

During Refuge over the next several weeks we are going to be going through a series called Gospel Journey. The series gathers together a mix of young strangers from diverse religious backgrounds, then filmed their controversial spiritual conversation while living together in a Maui beach house for a week. Backgrounds included a Buddhist, Muslim, Seventh Day Adventist, a new ager, an evangelical Christian, a Jew, Mormon, and a passionate Jesus follower. As I have prepared for this series I have thought about how many of us treat, or respond to, people of different faith backgrounds. I feel as though many of us are offended by the views of others and refuse to hear anything they say, rather than listening to them and finding an opportunity to lovingly share the good news of Christ's love. 1 Peter 3:15-16 says: "And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ." We have a powerful message to be shared. We should never be offended by the beliefs of others but always be understanding and ready to gently share about our own Christian hope! Who will you encounter this month that might need to hear your Christian hope.



Thanks,
Pastor Nathan



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REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRIES

EVENTS:

4 - STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
TIME - TBA

23 - FRIDAY MOVIE MADNESS 6:30 - 10
COME AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT
OF JUST FUN AND GAMES. PIZZA WILL
BE PROVIDED.

27 - 1ST - COTTON CARNIVAL
PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR
STUDENTS AT THE COTTON CARNIVAL
THIS YEAR AND ENJOY SOME
WONDERFUL 'ELEPHANT EARS' IN THE PROCESS. WE WILL BE AT THE CARNIVAL EVERY
NIGHT, AND ALL DAY SATURDAY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING SOME
TIME TO HELP THE STUDENTS PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR NATHAN.

28 - SEEYOUATTHEPOLE RALLY
EVERY YEAR FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS REFUGE STUDENT MINISTRY HAS COME
TOGETHER WITH OTHER YOUTH GROUPS FROM AROUND TOWN TO ALL WORSHIP
TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE AND CELEBRATE WHAT GOD IS DOING IN OUR COMMUNITY.



VISIT WWW.REFUGESM.ORG FOR ALL STUDENT MINISTRIES INFORMATION!



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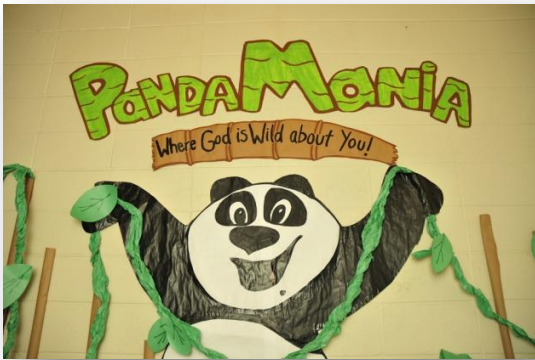
We had a wonderful summer at Tanner Street! Vacation Bible School was in a word:

AWESOME! Lots of pandas invaded our church and we loved every one of them! We learned that God is WILD about all of us. The workers and kids had so much fun while we worshipped and served God. One of my favorite things about VBS is a thing called God Sightings. These are ways we look for God's work all around us. One night of Bible School it had rained and soon after a rainbow appeared. The kids quickly reported their God Sighting to each other! (This plan to look for God works with adults, too!) Thank you,

our church family, for making VBS possible! We had wonderful support and that is what helps us reach out to those in our community for this ministry! We are grateful. Our mission project for the week was the SEMO Food Bank's program, Backpacks for Fridays.

WE are looking forward to what God has in store for us!

Beki Warren





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ “Early Church” begins on September 11 at 8:30. We will host the early worship gathering for six weeks and if attendance is strong we will continue. There will only be one worship gathering on September 25 due to our 70th year celebration.

- ❖ Men’s breakfast 7:30-8:30am Saturday September 17th Come, enjoy a satisfying breakfast and hear the call to live courageously for the Lord. Please let Jay Phenecie know if you plan on attending or sign up on the connection card.

- ❖ Homecoming Sunday September 25. We’ve been celebrating 70 years of ministry throughout the year. However this is a focal point for the year. Dr. Ron Duncan, General Director of the Church of God, will be our guest speaker for the one worship gathering at 10:40. There will be special music that day. Following morning worship, a celebration dinner and program will follow in the Stafford Center.

- ❖ Imagine Capital Campaign: Two and a half years ago we set out on a three year plan to retire our debt and you have been faithful beyond measure. As of August 17 our debt was \$136,478.72. We did add \$103,000 when we purchase Mrs. Tanner’s home. And if you do the simple math, you can see where we are and how far we’ve come in such a short time. Retiring our debt is key in positioning us for future plans. Thanks for your faithfulness! Thanks for your love for the Lord and His church who gathers at Tanner Street. May we all finish strong! Kendall Ayers and Greg Bailey, Follow-through Team.

- ❖ Backpacks for Friday: \$1120.00 was collected from this church to contribute to the Backpack program through the Southeast Food Bank. This program sends food home on the weekends for children selected by Sikeston Elementary Schools. Our gift will supply four students with a filled Backpack for the entire year. Thanks to all who contributed! This is the church being the church!