



Message From Pastor Jeff Estes

Hello friends and family of Maple,

On May 12th, the Maple Men hosted a breakfast honoring all women for Mother's Day. The men served fruit salad, breakfast casserole, bacon, cinnamon rolls, and biscuits and gravy. There were fifty people who attended. Natalie Miller and Katie Estes performed special music, and Sandy Estes gave a devotional. This was a great outreach, giving us the opportunity to show our appreciation to women for the many things they do throughout the year. I am looking forward to doing it again next year.

Wired Wednesday has been going well. Each week, we enjoy wonderful fellowship, great meals, outstanding messages from our Laity, and enjoyable moments from our young people. We all need plenty of spiritual food, friends, and enjoyment, and I believe Wired Wednesday offers us this opportunity.

My wife will be organizing several events for the youth throughout the summer. I hope our youth and parents will embrace these events by attending, inviting, and bringing their friends. Remember, Jesus saved us, so we can be disciples who make new disciples. If you are interested in attending, please give our office a call at (573) 335-6890.

We are also giving people the opportunity to adopt a shut-in. We hope people will embrace this program by adopting and visiting often. If you would like a visit, please fill out the sign up sheet on the Welcome Center table in the lobby.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV) says, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." "The Potter and the Clay" series has certainly done all these things the Apostle Paul talked about. The series has been going well due to the help of Sharon Williams, Landon Schnurbusch, Richard Yanis, and all the fine people of Maple Church who have led, participated, and attended the services!

We will continue the series throughout June:

June 3rd is "Drying the Clay." This sermon speaks of those dry times when God does not seem to be present; however, God is very present and has a purpose for our experience.

June 10th Alex Niswonger and I will be at Annual Conference in Springfield, Missouri, and Jesse Dunavan will be giving the message.

June 17th I will continue the series with "Firing the Clay." This sermon deals with times when it seems we are being put through the fiery furnace. The fiery furnace is not a pleasant time, but it has a purpose and its benefits.

June 24th is "Reclaiming the Clay." This is the final sermon of the series and my favorite. It deals with the mistakes and blunders we make along our Christian journey. People often feel they cannot be forgiven or used by God because of these incidents. This sermon shows us that the Potter can make something useful and beautiful even out of our failures.

Sharon Williams will continue to illustrate. Landon Schnurbusch will perform, with Isaiah Dunavan singing "I'm Just an Old Chunk of Clay" one or two Sundays! Richard Yanis is videoing the sermon series, and DVD's will be available for those wanting copies.

We must remember that God is the Potter and we are the clay; therefore, the Potter's transformative work is really happening to us! That should make us excited as we watch the Potter transform chunks of clay into something useful, durable, and beautiful! I hope you all will continue to join us throughout the month of June.

Blessings,

Pastor Jeff Estes

NOW NEWS

It seems like Spring flew by this year in about a **week**. One week the furnace was turned off and the next week the air conditioner was turned on. Starting again with dates. Check out dates you need for your calendar.

ADDITIONAL DATES IN CHURCH LIFE:

FISH FRY—July 27th 2018; September 28th, 2018; November 30th, 2018.

Fifth Sunday Dinners: July 29, 2018, September 30, 2018; December 30, 2018

HOPE SEEDS: 10:30 to 1:30--3rd Tuesday of each month. Upcoming dates: 7/17/18, 8/21/18, 9/18/18, 10/16/18, 11/20/18, 12/18/18

Dave Schaffner— 7/29/18; 9/30/18; 12/30/18. 5th Sunday service at Chateau Girardeau at 2 o'clock
June blessings basket—Money to be used on principle payment for the building fund.

Fathers day is 6/17

VBS—Hero Central-the Sequel—July 20-21.

Youth Sunday Service—July 22.

July is school supply month for Central Middle School/blessings basket.

August next Redhawk Food Pantry collection month/blessings basket.

September blessings basket—Henderson Settlement.

October will be blessings basket for Christmas shoeboxes and collection of items for shoeboxes.

November-blessings basket for Feed My Starving Children.

November 18—Churchwide Thanksgiving meal.

Christmas Parade 11/25

Hanging of the Greens Sunday is 12/2—1ST Sunday in Advent

Christmas is on Tuesday.

NURTURE:

Prayer group is still meeting on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 for an hour. It is an important ministry of the church. We are still using John Wesley as our guide. For the next month **please pray for our nation:**

Heavenly Father, Ruler of nations, I thank You for the countless undeserved blessings that you have showered on our country. Individually and as a nation we have sinned often and grievously, and I pray you mercifully forgive our many sins. Endow the leaders of our country with wisdom from on high. Cause them to rule in Your fear and according to your will, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty and that our nation and its people may prosper both spiritually and temporally. Hold your protecting hand over our nation, over me and mine, and overall Your children. Preserve our priceless religious liberty and keep all believers faithful to You. Bring a great salvation to pass, and turn the hearts of multitudes of unbelievers to accept the peace and comfort that only faith in their Savior Jesus Christ can bring them. Give us faith instead of unbelief, courage instead of fear, love instead of hate, peace instead of quarrels and war, and righteousness instead of sin everywhere and in everything. We have indeed deserved nothing but punishment for our sins, but in Your great mercy be gracious to us, bless us, and hear our prayer for Jesus' sake. Amen

GROUP STUDY: Pastor Jeff will be conducting a 5-week study called THE DUST OF THE RABBI. It will run from 7/26 to 8/23 and more information will follow in next month's newsletter.

MAPLE KIDS MINISTRY: The Coolest Hammerheads are redecorating their space in their Sunday School room. They will be working on it with Alex's help. They will be painting it for sure. Most of the carpeting has been removed in the Sunday School rooms. They are now much easier to keep clean.

VBS—Dates are July 20 from 6 to 8; July 21 from 9-2. There will not be a lock-in associated with this VBS and will be held at a later date. This VBS will be HERO CENTRAL—THE SEQUEL. There will be sign ups on the welcome table. Please pick up these for your children or grandchildren and their friends. All are welcome. We have a song leader and craft persons but will need someone to be in charge of games, and snacks and meals. We can use helpers to aid those in charge. And again in conjunction with VBS, Sunday the 22nd will be our Youth Sunday Service. Please plan to be in church to help the Maple Kids celebrate with their own worship service.

A trip to Elephant Rock is being planned for sometime in the early fall—probably in October for the Maple Kids and others who just want to come. It will be a car pool type event. If you are interested please let us know.

OUTREACH: We are continuing with the Fish Pantry, Shoeman Ministry, and Shawl ministry. Hope Seeds continues as well. On 5/15/18, 13 of us packed 2220 packs of seeds. We will be packing again in July but will not pack in June. Please be in prayer for Mike Mueller the founder of Hope Seeds as he will be having surgery in June. We should be able to pack in July and August. If you are interested in helping to plan the things that Maple is involved in, please attend the next meeting, 8/6/18, tell Sue Batchelor, or put it on the registration slip on the bulletin. It will get to the right people.

The FISH pantry count is not available at this time. We do have a need for someone to take the Fish pantry collection to the facility next to Ford and Sons on Sprigg every month. The food needs to be delivered from 9-12 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Please contact Sue Batchelor or Pastor Jeff if you are able to take on this once a month task. The Shoeman ministry count for this month was 100 pairs of shoes. Remember to spring clean your closet and donate your shoes to the Shoeman ministry.

The Blessings basket for May will go to Hope Seeds. The amount collected was _____. The Blessings basket for April was designated for SEMO Food Bank to feed veterans. The total collected was \$338.75. The Maple Kids took up a Loud offering on Pentecost Sunday to furnish items for the conference health kits which are razors. \$151.71 was collected (100.71 in change) and 6 cases of razors were ordered and should be here soon. Pastor Jeff and Alex will be delivering those to conference for us. Thank you Maple Church.

WITNESS: Check out the box on the round table which has free cards for you to send. Please pick up what you want and spread some joy.

Remember to call those you do not see in church or drop them a joy-filled card.

In addition, we will have a signup sheet for you to adopt a shut-in. We have about 18. We need 18 couples or friends to pick a shut-in. There will be expectations for you on a sheet next to the sign up sheet. Please sign up; it may take all our families and friends.

We will continue with the Maple Shoppe. Candies and cookies sell pretty good. Think about contributing again in July. We need your help.

Blessings Maple Church and congregation!

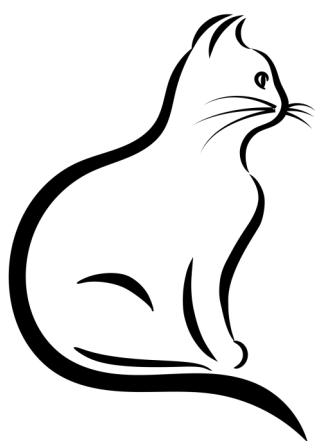
A further editorial remark: We need everyone to participate when an activity is sponsored by the church. We need you to be there to support the mission and ministry of our church and church family. We have folks putting in a lot of energy and effort to organize these events, and when you come and help, you not only make Maple Church look good, but you are uplifting to the organizers as well. We know that no one can make every event, but if everyone could come to at least half of them, it will be an enormous help to the future of our church family. We need you at the Youth events, and we need you at the Fish Frys. Please be in prayer about helping us at as **many** events as you can. Thank you!



MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST

The next Men's Club Meeting will take place on June 9th at 7:30 AM

Homebound



Verna Bingenheimer
Eleanor Brown
Frank &
Jeanne Crites
Atlee Fulbright
Joy Grace
Mildred Miget
Glema Milligan

Andy & Carol Mouser
Mary Pannier
Wilma Seabaugh
Howard Thomas
Adele Townsend
Pat Uptain
Wanda Williamson
Nelda Crader

DIIRECTORY CHANGE

Mark & Susan Ervin

573-382-1829



WIRED WEDNESDAY

Your presence is requested for Dinner and Wired Wednesday Worship! Dinner begins at 6:00 PM. Worship begins at 7:00 PM.

This worship is laity led. It will be a wonderful time for fellowship and mini midweek worship!!!

WIRED WEDNESDAY

<u>SUNDAY</u>			<u>WIRED WEDNESDAY</u>	
<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>SMALL GROUPS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
5-6	64	32	5-2	29
5-13	85	29	5-9	27
5-20	65	31	5-16	28
5-27	62	28	5-23	16
AVERAGE	69	≈30	AVERAGE	26

June

BIRTHDAYS

June 2 Destiny Matysik
 June 3 Mary Jane Maxwell
 June 5 Ashlyn Holdman
 June 6 Virgil Bunch
 June 6 Kade Campbell
 June 6 Angela Dunavan
 June 11 Marge Main
 June 11 Hailey Yancey
 June 12 John Clifton
 June 12 Karen Marberry
 June 12 Ron Ward
 June 15 Clark Kinhead
 June 22 Justin Albright
 June 24 Patsy Gould
 June 25 Verna Bingenheimer
 June 27 Clint Ticer
 June 29 Ethel Mize
 June 29 Nancy Wright

ANNIVERSARIES

June 2 Jim & Phyllis Garstang
 June 8 Dean & Carolyn Whitesides
 June 9 Adam & Ruby Morton
 June 12 Sam & Mildred Conrad
 June 21 Tim & Barbara Weatherly
 June 24 Quen & Gayla Dace
 June 29 Rev. Jeff & Sandy Estes

USHERS Larry & Harriett George

WORSHIP LEADER Dave Schaffner

COMMUNION Gary & Jan Roth

GREETERS Frances Brotherton & Ann Smith

FISH PANTRY

1 small box oatmeal or ready-to-eat cereal, 1 jar peanut butter, 1 jar jelly or jam, 1 can evaporated milk, 1 can fruit

July

BIRTHDAYS

July 1 Suzanne Batchelor
 July 2 Mike Haas
 July 2 Christopher Morton
 July 4 Doug Norris
 July 6 Paulette Shockley
 July 11 Breanna Williams
 July 12 Bonnie Deal
 July 12 James Dedert
 July 12 Jim Gunnin
 July 15 Danny Conrad
 July 15 Blaine Morton
 July 15 Dale Spell
 July 17 Jane Heuring
 July 17 Gary Roth
 July 18 Jesse Williams, Jr.
 July 21 Jim Main
 July 21 Bob Maxwell
 July 25 Heather Campbell
 July 29 Mildred Miget
 July 29 Rich Summers
 July 31 Karen Grayson
 July 31 Gina Matysik

ANNIVERSARIES

July 10 Brent & Kerrie Middleton
 July 10 John & Judy Reilly
 July 11 Gary & Jan Roth
 July 16 Frank & Judy Criddle
 July 27 Bill & Dee Jenkins
 July 31 Mike & Paula Haas

USHERS Sam Conrad & Ruth Ellen Holdman

WORSHIP LEADER Frank Batchelor

COMMUNION Frank & Sue Batchelor

GREETERS Larry & Harriett George

FISH PANTRY

1 box macaroni & cheese dinner, 1 can peaches (or other fruit), 1 can green beans, 1 box cake mix, 1 can frosting

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Perfect Attendance for May 2018

LOYAL AIDERS: Bob, Juanita, Dave, Barbara, & Ann

BIBLE MONKEYS: Sue B., Isaish, JJ, & Kayden

COOLEST HAMMERHEADS: Alex

REJUVENATION: Ruth Ellen, Ron, Julie, Larry, Harriett, Jesse, & Frank B.

June 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 COMMUNION Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	4	5 Prayer Group-9:30 AM Choir Practice-6:00 PM	6 Wired Wednesday Worship-7:00 PM (NO MEAL)	7	8	9 Men's Club Breakfast 7:30 AM
10 Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	11	12 Prayer Group-9:30 AM Day Circle-2:00 PM Choir Practice-6:00 PM	13 Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	14	15	16
17 FATHER'S DAY Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	18	19 Prayer Group-9:30 AM Choir Practice-6:00 PM	20 Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	21	22	23
24 Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	25	26 Prayer Group-9:30 AM Choir Practice-6:00 PM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	27 Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	28	29	30

July 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 COMMUNION Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	2	3 Prayer Group-9:30 AM Choir Practice-6:00 PM	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY (OFFICE CLOSED) No Wired Wednesday	5	6	7
8 Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	9	10 Prayer Group-9:30 AM Day Circle-2:00 PM Choir Practice-6:00 PM	11 Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	12	13	14 Men's Club Breakfast 7:30 AM
15 Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	17	18 Prayer Group-9:30 AM Hope Seeds-10:30 AM Choir Practice-6:00 PM	19 Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	20	21	22
23 Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	24	25 Prayer Group-9:30 AM Choir Practice-6:00 PM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	26 Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	27	28 Fish Fry 4-7:00 PM	29
30 Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	31					

IN MEMORY OF RICK SMITH AND TOM TAYLOR

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Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM

Wired Wednesday Meal & Worship: 6:00 PM

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