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REMEMBER...

HOPE...

CONNECT

Join us in Remembrance and Hope on Sunday

September 11, 2011, 5:00 pm

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On the tenth anniversary of the September 11th attacks, take time to remember those lost, and join together with others to Connect in a community of faith.

Our Connect worship service is innovative, technological, multi-sensory, experiential, and conversational. The focus of the service is to help us Connect—with God, Others, and Self. This service intentionally strives to touch the mind and heart. It is a service providing a safe place for people of diverse spirituality, beliefs, and backgrounds. Contemporary Christian music, world music, and contemplative background music are used along with candles and thought

provoking visuals to create a setting that enables us to draw closer to God. Dress is casual. Child care provided.

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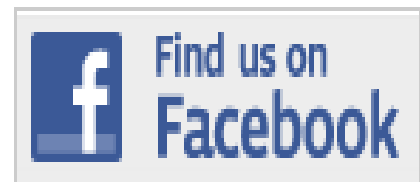


(BY AARON JAMISON, BVCC WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK SITE COORDINATOR)

Check out the blogs and discussions on the Blue Valley Christian Church website and Facebook pages:

Recent BVCC blog articles and post dates include:

- Untitled (8/20/11)
- Go Spread the Word (8/23/11)
- 9/11 Memorial Service (8/26/11)
- Mission Opportunities for 9/11 Day of Service (8/30/11)
- September Mission: My Father's House (9/3/11)
- Untitled (9/3/11)



The recent "Join the Discussion" questions include:

- What does the word Salvation mean to you? (8/21/11)
- Name one place where you have recently offered blessing to another person or to the world. Do you feel there was redemption in that act? (8/28/11)
- Who is Jesus in your life? (9/4/11)

The shortcut URL for the BVCC Facebook site is: <http://www.facebook.com/bluevcc>.

SEPTEMBER MISSION: MY FATHER'S HOUSE

My Father's House is a homeless shelter located in Paola, KS. Special needs collection include diapers for older aged children and financial donations which go toward funding special events and activities of children who are living in the shelter.

Financial gifts should be designated on your check in the memo section as: My Father's House.

September 30 is the deadline for submitting your donations.

ARCHIVED SERMONS AVAILABLE NOW!

(BY AARON JAMISON)

That's right, you heard it here. It's the newest craze that you didn't know you couldn't live without. Did you miss last Sunday because no one told you the time changed? Were you on vacation in Florida visiting Mickey Mouse? Now you'll be able to hear all of your favorite sermons from Blue Valley Christian Church right from the comforts of home. To start, you'll get to hear 10 different sermons from the pastor himself, Rick Butler. You'll also hear from some other greats like Katheryn Graham, Kelly Ingersoll, and even Harold Zimmerman. There's no fumbling with confusing controls or buttons either, the sermons play automatically so there's nothing keeping you from enjoying some spiritual enlightenment.

But wait, there's more! Under the sermon player you will find the sermon scripture courtesy of Biblia.com. This scripture box is like having the whole Bible right there! You can read along with the sermon scripture within its context, jump to other passages, and even change translations without even leaving the page or pausing the sermon.

And as an added bonus we're also throwing in the commenting system! This is the same commenting system used in the Join the Discussion and other blogs. You'll be able to leave Rick a comment telling him how great he is. Or, you can give him your take on the scripture and have a healthy theological discussion with your fellow congregants. What fun!

SO VISIT THE WEBSITE NOW! Our servers are standing by to take your request. Just point your web browser to: <http://sermons.bluevcc.org>

DISCLAIMER: Listening to sermons online does not void you of your commitment to attend the morning service in person. Furthermore, while listening to the sermons in your pajamas is acceptable under federal law, remember, God is watching. If you are not completely satisfied with the sermons provided, well, sorry. No returns will be accepted and no refunds made. God reserves the right to use Blue Valley Christian Church to enrich and transform your life into one of mission and ministry, love and compassion, praying and healing, a life that imitates the Christ.

Okay, that was fun but in all seriousness I really hope people enjoy this and find it useful. I also hope that this is the just the start of what can be a new way to offer mission and ministry. I can easily create CDs from any or all of the sermons that are available online so if there are those who are willing we can take sermon CDs to our home bound members so that they can enjoy Rick's sermons too and feel included in this church family.

This nearly completes the BVCC 2.0 vision outlined a little over a year ago. That was a vision of using technology to transform our church by making new connections through new mediums, extending our welcome and ministry beyond our walls. I hope you'll share the sermons with your friends and join me in the comments!

WOMEN OF FAITH (BY KATHY DOBBELS)

All women of faith are warmly invited to join together for an hour of spiritual traveling and fellowship, starting Tuesday at noon, September 13, at Blue Valley Christian Church in the education wing. At this first Tuesday meeting, we will be introduced to a few books that might be of interest to explore as a group. We will choose and order the book that appeals to this group the most for reading together over a period of several weeks or months.

The formation of WOF (Women of Faith) took place last spring. Much was squeezed into our weekly hour together. We enjoyed meaningful discussions on prayer, followed by Pastor Rick Butler gently guiding us into a more prayerful life. Friendships and fellowship were experienced along the way. Except for a couple of movie afternoons, the original group took a summer hiatus. Previous participants are eager to resume and hope to welcome some new faces into this special time.

Foxwood Springs

30th Annual

FALL FESTIVAL

One mile east of U.S. 71 on Missouri 58 in Raymore

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday

September 16-17

Lunch available: Friday & Saturday 11 to 2
Homes and Apartments Open for Tours

Learn more about Foxwood Springs and the
Fall Festival at <http://foxwoodsprings.org>

All net proceeds benefit The Fellowship of John, a
fund assistance for Foxwood Springs residents who
have outlived their resources.



MR. & MRS. MICHAEL SCHMIDT



Congratulations to Stacey Ahern and Michael Schmidt who were united in marriage on Saturday, September 3, 2011 in Paola, KS.

Stacey is the daughter of Diane and John Ahern and the sister of Chris Ahern.

Following their honeymoon, the Schmidt Family will be residing in Virginia.



Thank You Volunteers

- Larry Graham for repairing the rain barrel in the children's garden, and the doors to the dumpster.
- Karen Slater, Jan Harris, Connie Stokes, and the Jamison Family for providing membership hospitality supplies for the church.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Every Wednesday @ 6:30 AM
Men's Bible Study Group

9/13 Women of Faith, 12:00 PM

9/20 Leadership Circle, 6:30 PM

9/24 MOMS Seminar, 9 AM-3 PM

9/25 to 10/1 Robin Smith out of the office.