# TCC JOY NEWS

# **TYRO Christian Church JOY Group Hey JOY Groupers!**

September 2023

**JOY Group** = **Just Older Youth Group** = those who are at least 55 or older. We eat lunch together at the church once a month; each person brings a yummy covered dish. In November, we have the traditional Thanksgiving dinner. We fix shut-in plates, sack candy, and have a gift exchange in December. Soup is served in January, and we have a Cookout in September and May. We also take several trips each year. Come and enjoy the fellowship and fun!

**JOY LUNCH:** After being on vacation for the summer, our monthly lunches will start Wednesday, September 13th, at noon in the North/East Overflow room. Please bring a side dish or dessert. We will have a cookout, so hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a friend.

**BLANKET BLESSINGS:** We will meet on Monday, September 18th, at 9:00 AM in Joyce's area. Please come in the single south door. Many thanks to the ladies who have been participating!! If you would like to join us, or if you could do some sewing at home, please get in touch with Gloria White at 620-515-4281.

Let your words be the genuine picture of your heart. - John Wesley

My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall give understanding.

Psalm 49:3

# BACK TO SCHOOL...10 VERSES TO PRAY OVER YOUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS AS THEY HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL

- 1. Ephesians 4:32 Ask God to help them to be kind.
- 2. Joshua 1:9 Praise God for always being with them.
- 3. Proverbs 10:9 Ask God to help them walk in integrity this year.
- 4. Psalm 56:3 Ask God to help them put their trust in Him.
- 5. Philippians 4:6-7 Ask God to help them not to worry.
- 6. Luke 2:52 Ask God to help them grow this year.
- 7. Proverbs 17:17 Pray for their friends.
- 8. Colossians 3:23 Ask God to help them work hard.
- 9. James 1:5 Ask God to give them wisdom.
- 10. Philippians 4-12 Pray for their contentment in all circumstances.

### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

# 3 Ed Wasson

- 3 Dee Roper
- 10 Jeanne James
- 12 Leitha Olinger
- 14 Peggy James
- 14 Carrie Wheeleer
- 17 Connie Brake
- 17 Carolyn Daily
- 19 Roger Twitchell
- 22 Terry Brake
- 30 Keith Buttel

# **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 1 Mike & Joyce Foster
- 4 Bud & Donna Roper
- 6 John & Susan Smart
- 7 Fred & Jeanett Witwer
- 10 Bill & Norma Hader
- 10 David & Natalina Wilkerson
- 14 Chuck & Rhonda Sanders
- 15 Steve & Leigh Fliearman
- 22 Dean & Barbara Bush

# Rodeo is the only sport that still sings the National Anthem, salutes the American flag, and has a prayer said before every performance at all levels of the sport. Thank God for cowboys and cowgirls!

You can accomplish more in one hour with God than in a lifetime without Him.
-Unknown

With God, all things are possible. Matthew 19:26

#### AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know...time can move quickly and catch you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, married, and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet, in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is ...the winter of my life, and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go, and where did my youth go?

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower, and I see an older person now. Not like the ones I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show, and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

And so...now I enter this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did! But at least I know that the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly!

Life is a gift to you. How you live your life is your gift to those who come after you. Make it a fantastic one.

And remember...Health is real wealth, not pieces of gold and silver.

### Lastly, consider the following:

- \*Today is the oldest you've ever been, yet the youngest you'll ever be, so...Live it well! Enjoy today! Do something fun! Be happy!
- \*Your kids are becoming you...
- \*Going out is good. Coming home is better!
- \*You forget names...But it's okay because other people forgot they even knew you!
- \*The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you do care that you don't care to do them anymore.
- \*You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".
- \*You miss the days when everything worked with an "ON" and "OFF" switch.
- \*You tend to use more 4 letter words: "what?"..."when?"..."what?"...
- \*Now that you can afford more expensive jewelry, it's unsafe to wear it anywhere.
- \*You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless?"
- \*What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- \*Everybody whispers.
- \*You have three sizes of clothes in your closet...2 of which you will never wear.
- \*But Old is good in some things: Old songs, Old movies, and best of all, Old friends!

It's not what you gather, but what you scatter, that tells what kind of life you have lived!

# SEPTEMBER TRIP: BRANSON, MO

Monday, September 18th - Wednesday, September 20th, 2023

**COST:** Per person

Single: \$399.00 Double: \$312.00 Triple: \$281.00 Quad: \$266.00

## Branson, Missouri ITINERARY Monday, September 18, 2023 8:00 AM **Leave TCC - East Parking Lot** o 11:30 AM Lunch (on own) @ Lamberts Cafe Arrive and check into / Americann by Wyndham o 5:30 PM Dinner / SS Dockside Café Choice of Bourbon Glazed Salmon, Pulled Pork Dinner, Fish & Chips, Chicken Fried Steak, Fried Shrimp, or Grilled Chicken Salad & dessert. o 8:00 PM Pierce Arrow Country Show / The Pierce Arrow Theater With all-new hits, comedy & fun! Hear a variety of music from popular country, classic rock, gospel favorites & patriotic melodies, all while laughing along to 2017 Comedian of the Year, SML comedian James Sibley.

#### Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Hot breakfast at the hotel

o 10:30 AM **Shopping & lunch / Historic Downtown Branson** 

o 2:00 PM Petersen's Bluegrass / The Little Opry Theatre

The Petersen's present their top-notched bluegrass sound, with twin fiddle tunes,

gospel a cappella, original songs, and yodeling.

o 4:30 PM Shopping / The Grand Village Shoppes

Over 20 unique shops lining cobblestone streets.

o 5:30 PM Dinner / Mel's Hard Luck Diner

Choose from 1/2 lb. Burger, Patty Melt, Hot Dog, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Croissant Sandwich, Spaghetti, Chicken Fingers, Grilled Chicken Salad,

Soup & Salad, or Large Bowl of Soup and Cornbread.

Queen Esther / The Sight and Sound Theatre o 7:30 PM

Queen Ester is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Her ordinary life was changed forever, entering a world of royalty & risk. Esther finds the courage to trust in God's

plan & believe that she was made for such a time as this.

### Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Hot breakfast at the hotel

**Down Home Country Show & Lunch/Grand Country Music Hall** 

Step back in time and listen to some of the classic Down Home Country songs.



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God bless you, and have a great September! Enjoy the Car Show on September 9<sup>th</sup>!! Come and enjoy the fantastic cars!

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM MINISTER

In the third chapter of Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold 90 feet high by 9 feet wide. For the formal dedication of this great golden image, Nebuchadnezzar invited all of the kingdom's officials. What person in his right mind would refuse such an invitation?

A herald moved through the crowd, proclaiming the purpose of the meeting. The king decreed that when a musical signal was given, all people present were to fall down and worship the image. If one refused to bow down and pay homage, they would be cast into a furnace of fire. This may seem drastic, but it was not out of the norm for this king. This king told the wise men that they would be torn limb from limb and their houses would be rubble if they could not tell him what he had dreamed. Earthly tyrants require absolute allegiance and virtual worship from their subjects. Not even God coerces outward acts of submission to heavenly authority.

Most who are present in the crowd that day owe their position, prestige, and wealth to Nebuchadnezzar. They were anxious to do anything to gain favor with the king, no matter how eccentric the command may seem. The instruments sounded, and thousands fell in unison before the image. Three young men, Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego, out of this vast crowd stuck out like a sore thumb. They are the only ones standing in the crowd of bowed people. They refuse to bow and pay homage to the image.

Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego could have rationalized, "The pressure is great; everybody else is doing it. What's the harm?". They did not attempt to rationalize. In fact, they would do something straightforward and counter-cultural; they would stand up for their faith. Many who call themselves Christian would have tried to blend into the crowd. They would bow and reason in their mind, "Everybody is doing it; we really don't worship this image, but we want to stay on his good side," not Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego.

The excuse of the day is "Everybody is doing it." The truth of the matter is that not everybody is doing it. Everybody is not doing drugs, alcohol, or illicit sex; everybody is not smoking, getting a divorce, going to bars, lying, and cheating to get ahead. You may have peer pressure, but not everybody does it. Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego made a decision not to compromise, and they stood by that decision. Social propriety meant nothing to them, peer pressure meant nothing to them, and being God's person meant everything to them. Be like Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego; do not blend into the crowd. Stand up and stand out.