



Week of: September 12th

Weekly Communique

Words of Encouragement From Pastor Gina

Scripture: **Psalm 147:4, 8, 16-18** - *He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes. He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can withstand his icy blast? He sends his word and melts them he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.*

Around this time of year, I find myself humming the lyrics to a familiar James Taylor song, "Winter, spring, summer or fall. All you have to do is call. And I'll be there. You've got a friend." Winter, spring, summer, and fall are God's seasons. Out of all the seasons, I'm the biggest fan of fall or autumn. I love the cool, crisp days of autumn and there is just something about those leaves of red, orange, yellow, and burgundy that fall from the trees. Autumn is such a wonderful time to see how God has given us beauty to enjoy. We can't help but sit back and take in God's glorious creation.

God is the best artist in the world, for only God can create such different themes as the seasons bring. We see many artists that try to capture the seasons on their canvases by painting what they see around them, and they do a wonderful job. However, neither picture nor paint could ever replace the real thing splashed across the sky and spilled over the earth like God's display of finest artwork. God's creativity is unmatched, for every day is different, just like every fallen leaf is different in the fall.

May this coming change in the season bring you a new appreciation for God's creation, including you. You are beautifully created, The Artist's masterpiece!

Praying for and with you,
Pastor Gina



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

September 12: 9:30 AM In-Person with Live Streaming Fall Kick-Off for Sunday School. Teachers and Students will receive blessings; Acolytes will be dedicated. Students will begin in Worship in the Sanctuary and be dismissed after the Children's Message. Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall after Worship.

Sermon Title: *The Heart of a Servant*
Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9



September 19: 9:30 AM In-Person with Live Streaming. Sunday School Students will begin in Worship in the Sanctuary and be dismissed after the Children's Message.

See Page 2 for Weekly Happenings. Visit the Website for more in depth information. www.blairumc.org

Weekly Communique may be found on the counter in the narthex near the sanctuary, the back of the sanctuary and the Information Station near the Church Office and at the Information Station.

The Upper Room is located in the narthex near the sanctuary.

Weekly Communique ~

Children, Youth, Information, Connections

Children's Ministry Communique

Sunday School Schedule

Sunday School begins this Sunday, September 12th at our 9:30 service! Children will start church with their families every Sunday. Pastor Gina will give a short Children's Message and then all Sunday School children will dismiss into their Sunday School room with their teacher. PreK-1st grade upstairs with Miss Amy. 2nd-5th grade will be downstairs with Miss Ashley.

CELEBRATION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST- NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Blair First United Methodist Church is a community of people growing together in God's grace and love. We are happy you have joined us on our spiritual journey of grace. It does not matter where you are on your spiritual journey. If you are a longtime follower of Christ, new to faith, or still figuring things out--you are welcome here! We would also like to offer an opportunity to join Blair 1st UMC if you so desire. New Member Sunday is a time we celebrate and welcome New Members during worship and will be doing so on September 26th during the 9:30AM service. If you are interested in becoming a member of Blair 1st UMC, you may join in one of the following ways:

- If you have never been baptized, you will prepare for baptism.
- If you were baptized as an infant or young child and have not made a profession of faith and been confirmed, then you will prepare to reaffirm your baptism when you take the membership vows.
- If you are a member of another part of the church (such as Baptist, Presbyterian or Lutheran), then you can transfer your membership from that church to a local United Methodist Church.
- If you are a member of another Christian church that does not transfer membership, you can make a profession of faith and be received as a member.

Please contact Pastor Gina if you wish to join the church. If you are unable to join on Sunday, September 26th, please let us know and we will choose another Sunday that works for you.

Forgiveness Bible Study:

First session will be moved to Tuesday, September 28th @ 7:00 PM; following sessions on Mondays, last session meeting on Monday, November 1st.

Weekly Happenings

(Please submit any entries to the office by Wednesday, 3:00 PM.)

Monday, September 13: 6:30 PM - SPRC Meeting

Tuesday, September 14: 6:30 PM - Youth Ministry Council;
7:15 PM Children's Ministry.

Wednesday, September 15: 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, September 16: -7:00 PM -TOPS (Fellowship Hall).

Friday, September 17 - Office Closed;

Ways to Serve ...



Church Has Left the Building:
September 12th, 1:00 PM

Blessings and Praise to the volunteers and those who receive assistance this Sunday!



Chancel Choir Practice now meeting: Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM. All are welcome to join. Please use East Doors.

Save The Date:
Camp Fontanelle BBQ: September 19.

Next All Church Recycling Center Date:
November 13, 8am-Noon.

JOB OPENING:

Blair First United Methodist Church seeks an energetic individual with a passion for faith formation to lead our middle and high school youth programs. Position is part-time (12 to 15 hrs per week) and includes flexible scheduling, with Sunday morning required. Program enjoys strong congregational and parental support. Successful candidate will have experience leading/teaching youth, an evident faith, strong organizational and communication skills, ability to recruit and manage volunteers. Paid position is open now. Inquiries and resumes should be sent to Rev Gina Gile at ggile@greatplainsumc.org or by calling 620-794-1345.