

WORD FROM THE CREEK

“Back to Church ” by Pastor Kevin Taylor

As we wind down from the flurry of activity that is the Block Party, I am excited about the stack of registration cards that are sitting on my desk. Two hundred kids received backpacks and school supplies while hundreds of other folks received gift bags containing invitations to a variety of ministries and events here at Silver Creek Church. I believe that contained in that stack of registrations are numerous divine appointments! We have already begun to receive stories of such divine appointments that have happened as a result of the Block Party. I am looking forward to the spiritual impact that will occur.

Statistics tell us that church attendance in America has been on the decline (except for a period of time around 9-11) for the past several decades. Statistics for church attendance here in the UP are even worse than most of the rest of the country. One local pastor told me that according to the research that he found only 10% of people in the Upper Peninsula attend church on a regular basis. Marquette County's population is 65,000. That would translate to only 6,500 people in church on any given weekend. The bottom line is this . . . there are a lot of people to reach with the gospel of Jesus Christ here in Marquette County!

Even as I am writing this article the ferns are beginning to yellow. The occasional maple tree has a red leaf or two. The NMU students will return this weekend. Without question Fall is on the way. Summer vacations are over and families prepare to return to the rhythm of the school year. Now is the perfect time to connect with those families!

Here at Silver Creek Church we are planning several different special activities designed to draw the attention of people who may not have a home church. The first is National Back To Church Sunday on Sunday, September 18th. On this Sunday we will have a special day featuring a snack reception and Ministry Fair immediately following the morning service! This will be an opportunity for folks to check out all the ministries and activities here at Silver Creek Church. Each ministry or activity will have a table which will display each particular ministry. People will be invited to get something to eat and peruse the displays which will be located in The Commons here at Silver Creek. The goal of this event is to let everyone know of the variety of ministry opportunities and programs that are available to them. They will be able to sign up for a particular event or activity on the spot or they will be able to take home information concerning a group or ministry they may consider in the future. This will be an exciting day!

I would also like to announce a very special day for the entire family. On Sunday, September 25th we will host “The B.I.G. Show, A Family Extravaganza”. Our own Jason and Linda Hoyle will be working with a team of volunteers to put on a service for the whole family! This will be a great opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbors to visit Silver Creek Church for the first time. This will truly be an event for the whole family. Grandparents to little ones will enjoy this Family Extravaganza! There will be clowns, puppets, balloons, prizes and much, much more.

As I mentioned earlier church attendance is at an all time low in this country. At the same time people want to do more for the children than ever before! I believe that parents will accept an invitation to attend this tremendous family event because their children will have a great time! I hope that you will buy into the wonderful day of ministry and fun that will keep the attention of the entire family.

As we move into Fall let's get Back to Church so that we can become the church that God has designed us to be so we can “Take the Church to the Community.”

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Dates of Interest:

- **Sept. 7th**
Missions Team Meeting
- **Sept. 12th-14th**
Senior Adult Retreat
- **Sept. 13th**
Deacon Meeting
- **Sept. 18th**
Back to Church Sunday
- **Sept. 21st**
Fall Activities Begin
- **Sept. 25th**
The B.I.G. Show-
A Family Extravaganza

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Saturday Night Worship Service 6:00 pm
4 Java Connection 9:30 am Worship Service 10:00 am	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 Call to Prayer 7:00 pm	7 Missions Team Mtg. 5:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm	8 Softball Game 6:00 pm	9	10 Saturday Night Worship Service 6:00 pm
11 Java Connection 9:30 am Worship Service 10:00 am	12 Senior Adult Retreat—Spencer Lake	13 Deacon Mtg. 6:30 pm Call to Prayer 7:00 pm	14 Youth Group 7:00 pm	15	16	17 Saturday Night Worship Service 6:00 pm
18 Java Connection 9:30 am Worship Service 10:00 am Back to Church Sunday	19	20 Call to Prayer 7:00 pm	21 Wednesday Activities Begin Youth Group & Adventure Kids 7:00 pm	22	23	24 Saturday Night Worship Service 6:00 pm
25 Java Connection 9:30 am The B.I.G. Show: A Family Extravaganza 10:00 am	26	27 Light for the Lost Banquet @ Good News 6:30 pm Call to Prayer 7:00 pm	28 Youth Group & Adventure Kids 7:00 pm	29	30	



Children's Ministry

Another summer has come and gone. Fall is in the air and final preparations for school are underway. This is my favorite time of year and I look forward to see what God has in store for the children's ministry.

This fall we are excited to have a full range of classes to offer to the kids. The nursery is now located right next to where the old nursery room is, with the old nursery room serving as our new 2-3 year old classroom. The pre-k is still located across the hall from the nursery and 2-3 year old classroom and the Big Kid's area is at the end of the hall. All classes offer a teaching/educational time along with organized recreational time.

I'm going into this season with the belief that God is going to do some great big things in the children's ministry. I know that if we are receptive and open to God's call that we can accomplish anything and I know that this is the case for the kids of Silver Creek Church. So please join me in praying and believing for great things this year. God bless and GO B.I.G.!!!

God Bless,
Nick Rye
Children's Church Director

THE B.I.G. SHOW

A Family Extravaganza!

sunday, september 25th
10 am @ silver creek church

Energetic
worship your
kids will love
Designed with
the whole
family in
mind

Puppets
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Illusions

The most fun
you'll ever
have in
church!

Highlights

NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY®

Sunday, September 18th

For more information visit
backtochurch.com

Wednesday Night Activities

Our Wednesday Night Activities are Starting back up on **September 21st**, mark your calendars! Mid week activities include Adventure Kids, Royal Rangers, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study. For more information, visit silvercreekchurch.org or call the church office at 249.1715.

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