

SUMMER OF SALVATION

A SEASON OF HARVEST AND HOPE



Whew! It has been a whirlwind of a summer for our church. At the same time, it has been one of the most fruitful we have ever had.

All the events kicked off the first week of June with church camp at Bogg Springs. We took a group of 25 campers and had 6 professions of faith! In total, there were 29 professions of faith at this week of camp.

The very next week, we packed up and went to Sikeston, MO for IMPACT. This week was the best IMPACT we have ever had the pleasure of participating in. In Sikeston, we had the privilege of working with Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and pastor John Tarter. Through various outreach ministries, there were over 300 cars washed, almost 10,000 houses received gospel tracts, 200 people prayed with and, best of all, 22 souls saved! This includes two young people from our church who professed Christ. Two young ladies from our church got to lead someone to the Lord for the very first time.

The blessings continued into July. On July 3, we were blessed to be able to participate in the fireworks show in Vian. Many of our members helped hand out bottled water, popcorn, bracelets, popsicles and VBS invites. The next week was our annual Vacation Bible School. The theme was Operation Omni, a space theme, with over one hundred in attendance. Elementary age students had classes and learned about God's omniscience, omnipresence and omnipotence while the teens helped in leading groups, running games and overseeing all the younger kids.

The last week of July was Teen Camp at Cedar Hills. We brought 36 campers to this week of camp, bringing the total campers for the week to over 230. From our group, 6 students accepted Christ as their Savior! This brought our total salvations for the summer (so far) to 15 (we had one teen boy saved on a Wednesday night at church)! Praise the Lord! One interesting tidbit with these students: at the end of last year a family with 5 kids started

Upcoming Events

-Youth Revival
Zion MBC
August 8-9

-Teacher Appreciation
Fellowship Dinner
August 31st

-Special Offering
Bridge the Gap
September 7th

-Association Celebration
Speaker: Isaac Slape
September 16th

-Fall Revival
Speaker: Matt Raines
October 12th-15th

-Weekend Mission Trip
Clovis, New Mexico
October 16-19

-Trunk or Treat
Date TBD
6:00pm - 7:30pm

attending our church. This summer, at the various events, all 5 of the students made professions of faith.

In addition to the number of students saved, one of the greatest blessings this summer has been watching our students grow in their faith and become leaders at the events we were a part of. Former and current youth group members have helped lead worship at all the events, led cell groups at teen camp, led

ministries at IMPACT, ran audio and visuals at all the events and were sponsors for the students.

Developing spiritual leaders is one of the most important aspects of church, and we have a great group of young adults who are equipped and willing to lead in whatever capacity is needed.

This summer has been busy indeed, but the Lord has blessed these efforts tremendously! In 2 Corinthians 3:6, Paul tells the

church at Corinth, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." This has been a summer of planting and watering, and God has given the increase. But it is not over yet! Several students have expressed a desire to be baptized, and we expect to do this very soon. Also, there are a couple of events left this summer and we are fully anticipating God to continue giving the increase!

Bridging the Summer Gap: A Special Offering

As we reflect on a summer filled with God's blessings and ministry fruit, we must also pause to consider the financial need of this season.

Summertime traditionally brings a dip in regular giving, while ministry expenses often rise. This year, that trend was even more pronounced.

To help meet this need, we are launching a special "Bridging the Gap" offering to be collected on

Sunday, September 7. This one-time offering is our opportunity as a church family to come together in generosity and faithfulness to fill the gap and finish the year strong.

Please, begin praying now about

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what the Lord would have you give—above your regular tithe—to help us meet this need.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver"
2 Corinthians 9:7

Let us respond with thanksgiving for all God has done and will continue to do through our church.
www.vianlandmark.org/give



Mike Rogers was born and raised near Seattle, Washington and moved to Olympia at age 17. Saved at just 11 years old and baptized in 1986, Mike married his wife on January 21, 1989. God called him to preach in 1996 and placed a burden on his heart for Eastern Europe just two years later.

Meet the Missionary: Mike Rogers

Missionary to Romania & Moldova

In 1999, Mike and his family moved to Romania, planting churches and ministering among both rural and urban communities. In 2008, the Lord opened doors into Moldova, where the ministry expanded even further. By 2016, Mike returned to Brasov, Romania, where he continues the Gospel work today.

"How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"
Romans 10:14-15.

Over the years, Mike has:

- planted multiple churches in Romania and Moldova,
- founded a church camp and a Bible institute,
- hosted English camps, VBS programs, and short-term mission teams, led medical mission outreaches to reach the underserved,

Pray for Mike and Julie as they labor where we cannot. You can follow their ministry work at www.rogersmissions.world