



THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter
15th Avenue Christian Church

A Message from Pastor Mike—

We will be starting a new Bible Study series during the month of October. Judie will continue to lead our weekly discussions, as we move from the Gospel of Luke to that author's sequel, known as the *Acts of the Apostles*. Once again, our workbook is written by the author Tara-Leigh Cobble. The title of Cobble's study book is *Acts: The Spirit and the Bride - A 10 Week Bible Study on God and His Church*. Those ten weekly studies usually cover three chapters of Acts, but a couple of sessions focus on just two chapters. We may not cover that much ground each week, it will depend on how much discussion is generated within each weekly study.

Back in the first century, they didn't have book-binding yet. Luke's writings were basically one long story, but it was divided into two portions, his gospel and Acts. Experts think the practical length of a scroll was about 35 feet. It was easier to handle, unroll, and re-roll a scroll of that size. Luke's "part 2" describes the spread of the church, way out beyond Jerusalem.

After the resurrection, but before Jesus' ascension into heaven, Luke says in his Gospel that Jesus appeared to the disciples and taught them throughout a 40-day period. Ten days after the Ascension, the Holy Spirit fell on the disciples (and many others) on the Day of Pentecost. The apostles were filled with wisdom and power on that day, and from there the church spread out really fast. All told, the Book of Acts covers about 30 years of activity. John said, in his gospel, that Jesus needed to *physically* leave the scene so that the Holy Spirit could come and empower the church for its mission. That mission was kick-started and super-charged over that first 30-year period!

Acts is often described as a book of history, but it is much more than that. Acts, as you might expect, is full of *action*! In those 28 chapters, we learn about Paul's life and work, about the birth and function of the church, and about the beliefs and activities of Jesus' closest followers. In those pages, we find many speeches. We find a strong defense of the Word of God and of the Christian faith. We find Peter and Paul championing the spread of the good news to Gentiles in many nations and among many people groups. We find practical ways to live out our faith in our everyday lives. The New Testament gives us great guidance on how to be the church together. Everyone is welcome to attend the weekly Bible Study on Thursdays, at 10AM. May God's word abide in you every day, and may God bless you as we move into October and into the beauty of the Fall season.

54th ANNUAL CROP-WALK 2025!!!

Don't forget CROP-WALK is this Sunday, October 5th. Please contact Marty if you'd like to walk. In 2024 15th Ave Christian Church had 7 walkers and donations were over \$700! Donations will be accepted until October 5th. Your donations will help fight hunger here at home and across the globe. Please contact Marty Larson for more information.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2025
CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME**Broadway Outreach Center**

Our give-away on September 27th was a huge success! We were able to provide a shopping experience for 125 people, served approximately 60 meals and now the racks are bare! With the change in the weather, we are now seeing a greater need for donations of fall/winter clothing, especially for children and plus sized men and women, blankets and sheets. Hygiene products have been going fast and items for our food pantry are running low. Please spread the word to family and friends so we can keep helping the underserved in our community, donations can be dropped off at the church Monday-Friday 9am-12pm. Call Cali for more information 309-644-1176. Thank you for supporting our mission.

**REMINDER!!**

We are still collecting hygiene products for the Rock Island schools. If you have any questions please contact Rose Deibert at 309-269-6699. Thanks!

**Coming Soon to Your Mailbox!**

The 2026 Giving/Pledge letter will be sent out in October. Please start praying on ways, (monetary, time, actions, prayers) to support our church.

BRUNCH-OUT!!

On Sunday, September 28th, we had 16 people enjoy an excellent Brunch Buffet at ETA Table and Tap in Moline. As the beautiful colors of Fall surround us, we will travel to Davenport, Iowa for our next Brunch-Out. On Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 11:00am (when they open), we will meet at Famous Dave's located at 1110 East Kimberly Road. We hope you will plan to join us there for good food and fun fellowship. We will NOT plan a Brunch-Out in November. Instead, we can all enjoy our annual Thanksgiving Pot-Luck at church.

Sally Bartosh

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

This year we will observe All Saints Day on November 2nd. This is the time when we recognize all those who were called to God this year. If you wish your loved one to be recognized on All Saints Sunday, please submit the name of your loved one using any one of the following methods:

- Contact the office by phone at (309)786-6925 (leave a message if calling before 9am or after 12pm)
- Email secretary@15thavechristianchurch.org
- Mail to 15th Ave Christian Church, 3600 15th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

Please let us know no later than **October 27th** so your loved one will be honored during the All Saints Day Service.

Jackie Flemming , Worship Chair



Anniversaries	
11	Jeff & Kathi BARNES
Birthdays	
3	Melissa POPP
4	Jackie FLEMMING
5	Kathi BARNES
5	Sally BARTOSH
12	Marty LARSON



OCTOBER IS
PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH

Music Notes Sheila Doak, Music Director

Special Music starts off in October with Steve Swanson on saxophone! Followed by our second Sunday guest, Susan Runyon, then Gary Troyer, and we'll end the month with Lillian Dawn. I'm looking forward to worshipping with you throughout the month!

Yours in Christ,
Sheila Doak



September Attendance

September 7	32
September 14	27
September 21	33
September 28	34

Profit & Loss Report

Income	\$4253.00
Expenses	\$6900.04
Net Income	(\$2647.04)



Elders Prayer Update Bell Edition

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Please keep these family, friends and neighbors in your daily thoughts and prayers. Send a card, call on the phone or make a visit. Let them know they are not forgotten.

Prayers for the family of Bev Ducey (Church family and friends)

Prayers for Dick, for continued recovery from surgery. (Church family)

Mona (Alice and Mable)

Lorraine, cancer diagnosis (Sally and Gene)

Gail, health challenges (Sally and Gene)

Tyler (Jeanne K.)

Alice (Sandy, Mable & family)

Please continue to keep all of the families who have lost loved ones in your prayers.

(15th Avenue Church family)

Prayers for Barb for an upcoming lung biopsy. (Kathy)

Prayers for Jeremy following a cancer diagnosis. (Grindley family)

Prayers for continued recovery from arm surgery. (Jeanie)

Karen, prayers for a possible auto-immune disorder. (Kathy)

A cousin, Stacey, needs prayer following a cancer diagnosis (Jeanie)

Don Young is still in need of our prayers (Sherry & family)

Lili (9 yrs old) leukemia treatments and recovery process (family)

Mike Besette, cancer surgery and recovery upcoming. (Sabrinna, Zac, Nathaniel & family)

Christine had a good progress report as she continues treatment. (friend of Kathy Weston)

Judy Turner, lymphoma treatments (Craig & family)

Alice (Sandy, Mable & family)

Joetta E. tumors (in-operable) Family

Pam DeSmet (family)

Barb (Nancy)

Continued prayers for Johnny, Julianna, and Hector (Jeanie)

Bill being treated for cancer (Candy)

Emma (Jeanie) / Hunter (family)

Julie (cancer)

Brenda O. (family)

Carla / Rosalie / Molly/ Mary/ Nickie (family)

Nancy G., cancer (family)

Pat, cancer (family)

Dawn F. (family)

Jessica Borland (Swanson's)

Vickie (Jesse & Melba)

Melba Andereck (Jesse & family)

Kent Christensen (Kathy & family)

October 2025

15th Avenue
Christian



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 10am Bible Study	3	4
5 8:30 Elder Mtg 9:30am Worship Reconciliation Special Offering CROP Walk	6	7 6pm River-Bend Bronze	8	9 10am Bible Study	10	11
12 9:30am Worship Food Pantry	13	14 6pm River-Bend Bronze	15	16 10am Bible Study	17	18
19 9:30am Worship 10:30am Cabinet Meeting	20	21 6pm River-Bend Bronze	22	23 10am Bible Study	24	25
26 9:30am Worship	27	28 6pm River-Bend Bronze	29	30 10am Bible Study	31 Bell Deadline Halloween	

Serving Elders 5 Helen Popp 12 Mark Carlson 19 Sally Bartosh 26 Diane Block	Visiting Elders Alice Lyons
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Serving Deacons HD Gary Troyer, Karen Hitchcock, Melisa Popp and Ron Standley	Preparing Deacon Lynne Swanson
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Fellowship Time 5 12 19 26

Flowers 5 Dave Glanz 12 Lisa Hatlett 19 Karen Hitchcock 26 Kathy Weston
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**31-Day Scripture
Writing Challenge**

October

God speaks to us through His Word, so take some time each day this month to write down the following Scripture. If you have time, you might want to also write a prayer that the Scripture leads you to pray, or your reflections as you write.

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| ☐ Oct. 1 | Luke 6:35 | ☐ Oct. 17 | Revelation 1:8 |
| ☐ Oct. 2 | 2 John 1:6 | ☐ Oct. 18 | Psalms 42:11 |
| ☐ Oct. 3 | Proverbs 17:17 | ☐ Oct. 19 | 2 Peter 1:16 |
| ☐ Oct. 4 | Judges 5:31 | ☐ Oct. 20 | Psalms 112:1 |
| ☐ Oct. 5 | Zechariah 8:16 | ☐ Oct. 21 | Deuteronomy 28:9 |
| ☐ Oct. 6 | 2 Thess. 1:11-12 | ☐ Oct. 22 | 1 Kings 8:61 |
| ☐ Oct. 7 | Hosea 6:6 | ☐ Oct. 23 | 2 Peter 1:20-21 |
| ☐ Oct. 8 | Romans 14:17-19 | ☐ Oct. 24 | John 17:17 |
| ☐ Oct. 9 | Luke 12:33-34 | ☐ Oct. 25 | Romans 10:8 |
| ☐ Oct. 10 | 1 Peter 4:10 | ☐ Oct. 26 | Judges 6:12 |
| ☐ Oct. 11 | Zechariah 7:9-10 | ☐ Oct. 27 | Isaiah 41:13 |
| ☐ Oct. 12 | Daniel 7:13-14 | ☐ Oct. 28 | Matthew 10:28 |
| ☐ Oct. 13 | Isaiah 47:4 | ☐ Oct. 29 | Romans 8:15 |
| ☐ Oct. 14 | 2 Samuel 22:29 | ☐ Oct. 30 | 1 Peter 3:14 |
| ☐ Oct. 15 | Psalms 8:3-4 | ☐ Oct. 31 | Psalms 23:4 |
| ☐ Oct. 16 | Haggai 2:6-7 | | |

Come back next month for a new Scripture writing challenge!