
THE MESSENGER

CARLOCK BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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Steven Szetela, Pastor

Sunday School - 9 AM

Worship - 10:15 AM

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AUGUST CALENDAR

Sun, Aug 2 - Hospitality 9:45AM;
Morning Worship

Sun, Aug 9 - Morning Worship

Tues, Aug 11 - Spiritual Advisory
Council Meeting 7PM

Thurs, Aug 13 - MW Meets 6:30PM

Sun, Aug 16 - Morning Worship

Sun, Aug 23- Morning Worship

Sun, Aug 30 - Morning Worship



Updates from Your Church Board

The Church Board met on July 1 and celebrated many ways God has been at work through Carlock Bible Fellowship over the past several months. Pastor Steven shared highlights from recent ministry events, including a wonderful Men's Cookout, meaningful community connections during Popcorn in the Park, and an incredible week of Vacation Bible School. This year's VBS welcomed a record 65 children, with many families expressing their appreciation for the program.

As we prepare for the fall, Children's Ministry leaders shared the need for additional Sunday School teachers and are exploring the possibility of starting a Junior High Youth Group. If you feel called to serve, we encourage you to reach out to a board member or Pastor Steven.

Several building improvement projects have recently been completed, including the bell tower repair, east door repair, and installation of new blinds on the south windows. Looking ahead, additional structural repairs—including chimney work, tuckpointing, plaster repair, and bat screens in the bell tower—remain a priority. The board approved using the Building Repair Fund and a portion of Bob Copeland's memorial funds to help cover completed repairs. The congregation will also have opportunities to contribute toward these important building needs.

The next Church Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2.

For August 2026

Hospitality Committee

Melinda Hartter
Karen Otto
Justine Szetela
Annie Schwoerer

Food Pantry Item:

Peanut Butter

Sunday School

Noah's Ark – Lori Amberg
Lion's Den – Kayla Myers
Jr/Sr High – Mike Pyne



"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!"
— Psalm 31:24 (ESV)



A Note from the Pastor

Dear CBFC Family,

I can't help but feel that the summer season is a perfect reminder that time is always moving. It doesn't pause simply because we enjoy a particular season or because we love having the kids home from school. Time continues to move forward, and what we do with it is up to us. If we're honest, we all know there will come a day when the "summer seasons" of life give way to more difficult and colder seasons. That is simply the rhythm of life.

But before those seasons arrive, and as we close out the month of July and welcome August, I'd like to encourage each of us to make this a month of grateful reflection. Let's take time to look back on the joyful memories God has given us this summer and thank Him for His many blessings.

What a wonderful season it has been! We've enjoyed beautiful sunshine and warm weather, celebrated together during the Fourth of July festivities, gathered for the Carlock Park events, shared fellowship at our church hot dog picnic while the Gibson sisters blessed us with their music, and watched the evening sky come alive with fireworks as the faces of our children lit up with wonder and excitement. These are the kinds of moments that remind us of God's goodness and faithfulness. This summer has truly been a joy for our church family, and I sincerely pray it has been just as much of a blessing for each of you.

As we enter the month of August and begin preparing for the busy routines of a new school year, let's be intentional about reflecting on all that God has done in our lives. May we never become a church that overlooks God's daily faithfulness. Instead, may we remember Him often in our prayers and give thanks for His abundant blessings. He has given us safety, health, homes, faithful provision, families, and our church family—but these are only the beginning of the countless blessings He has graciously poured into our lives.

May we cultivate grateful hearts that continually give thanks for all He has done. And as our gratitude grows, may our love and appreciation for Him deepen as we spend more time in His Word, allowing Him to shape our hearts and draw us ever closer to Himself.

Thank you, church, for allowing me the privilege of serving as your pastor. I love each of you dearly, and I thank God often for the blessing of being part of such a wonderful church family.

With all my love and prayers,
Pastor Steven Szetela

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

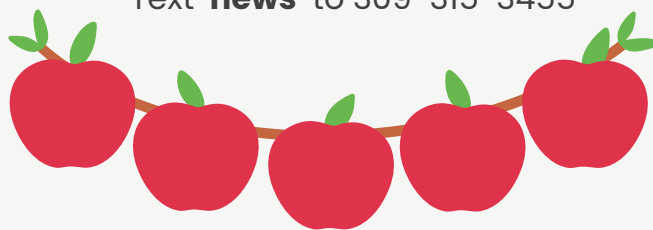
5 Wyatt Waller (2017)
10 Jeremy & Kayla Myers (A)
11 Bob Waller, Sr.
13 Leena Szetela
18 Will Brown
20 Micah Mohr
21 Whitney Pyne
22 Nathan Waller

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