

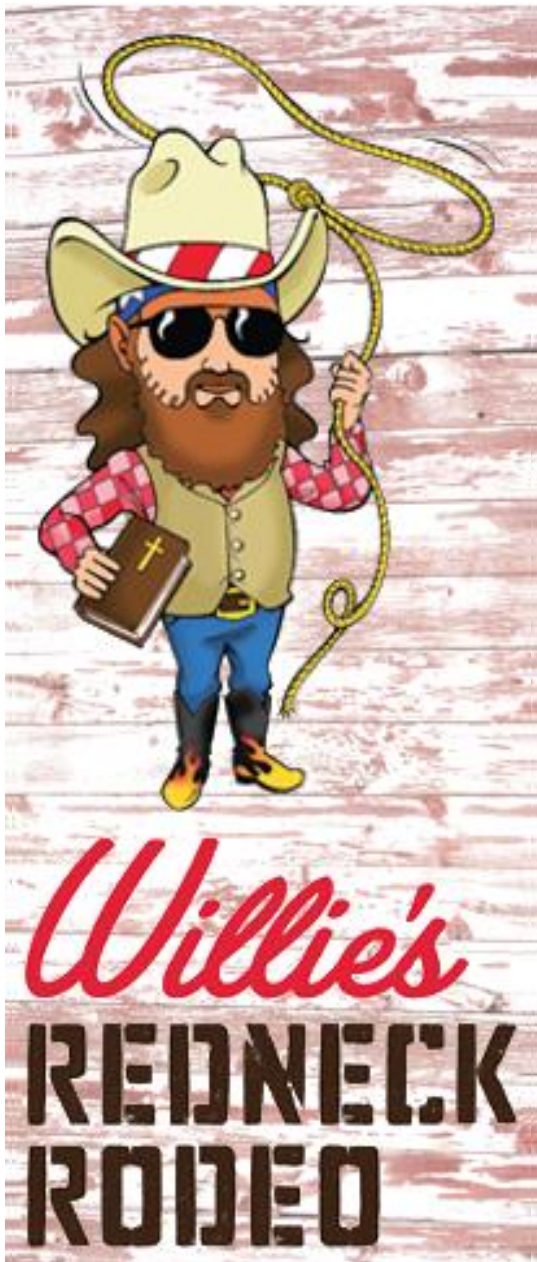


Gather, Grow, Serve

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**July
2016**

Sunday School: 9:00 am—Worship 10:00 am



Vacation Bible School

**It all starts Wednesday, July 6th from
6 PM to 8 PM**

Hope to see all you Buckaroos !

Ya'll come out to learn about:

Redonkulous Faith

Radical Forgiveness

Ravenous Prayer

Real Obedience

Rowdy Kindness

VBS runs for 5 weeks through
August 3rd. Supper is provided.



Bret's Daily Grind

If you were lost at sea, what would you need to survive? I don't know about you, but my thoughts first turn to fresh water and food. While those would be necessary to survive, how long would they last? Ultimate survival means finding your way to the safety of home.

On April 17, 1942, the merchant marine ship SS Alcoa Guide was making its way through the Atlantic, 300 miles off the coast of North Carolina. Suddenly a German submarine surfaced and opened fire on the unarmed ship. The damage capsized the ship leaving thirty-one survivors on lifeboats trying to make their way home.

In a situation like that the smallest things suddenly become important. Three hundred miles out to sea is too far out to see land. Which direction are you going to row your life boats? Which direction will take you to shelter, safety and ultimately home.

I think this is the question the Church has been trying to answer in society. The tides and currents are pulling us in a lot of different directions. How does the church remain on course? How do we know we're going the right direction?



The lifeboats on the Alcoa Guide were each equipped with a small compass. Actually, they were pretty cheap compasses, but, being compasses, they constantly pointed the right direction and the boats were able to continue on course. Two days later the survivors were picked up by the USS Broome and landed in Morehead City, North Carolina. They were saved because they trusted their compasses.

In **Psalm 119:105** we're told, ***"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*** The word of God is compared with a light to illuminate a dark and dangerous path there, but we might equally see it as a compass to point us in the right direction. As we follow the word of God—like a compass or a lamp—we can trust it to guide us to our destination—it will see us home.

Through the months of July and August at Kansas Christian Church we're going to be looking at the Book of Revelation and the seven churches John originally revealed his visions to. While Revelation might excite us—or confuse us—the first thing it did was fill those seven churches with hope, encouragement, warnings and directions. We can learn a lot from what John taught them.

And we can see the direction God's word calls us to follow. In a world of chaos and change the word of God remains constant—pointing us in direction to home.

All we have to do is keep rowing.

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CHURCH LIFE

Building Loan Information

Amount Borrowed: \$150,000

Paid to Date: \$92,000

Amount Owed: \$58,000

The next Food Pantry will be
July 23rd at the Kansas United
Methodist Church

June Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>
5	108
12	118
19	116
26	93



Open Heart Quartet

Sunday, August 14th at 2 PM

Join us for some wonderful

Southern Gospel Music

July items for Operation Christmas Child

Silverware, cups and air
mattresses

