

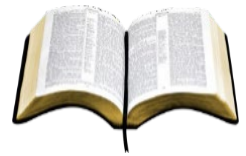
SLOW DOWN!

Although “slow down” can apply to your driving habits, this caution also comes from local, state, and national law enforcement authorities—and from the hundreds of fraud victims who have lost millions of dollars to SCAMS.

Fraudsters often use emotional manipulation and create a sense of urgency to groom potential victims, rarely announcing their presence. On the contrary, they slip into ordinary moments, disguised as hope, grief, or good intentions. When it comes to your personal savings and income, the best and most effective advice is to slow down and evaluate the situation. Don’t act hastily: “Measure twice and cut once.”

Sunset’s Widowhood committee has presented two programs regarding Senior Fraud and SCAMS over the past few months. We will continue to look for additional speakers and tools in an effort to keep you informed on this important topic.

In the meantime, a free online course is/has been developed by the Rolla Church of Christ to help educate the elderly and their families about the different approaches and scams that are often used. The program is entitled Recognizing and Responding to Elder Fraud and was designed by church members familiar with cybersecurity, including more than 16 actual scenarios. The training is available at seekgrowservelove.org/eftraining, and can be viewed on a computer, tablet or smartphone. We encourage our members to take advantage of this helpful tool.



My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 73:26

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please Note: (*) before the date means the event will be at Sunset Church of Christ.

- *May 14th Thursday, starting at 5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a salad bar. Please bring salad bar items or a dessert. Master Gardener, Karen Vorhes, will our guest speaker.
- *Jun 20th Saturday, noon, in the Fellowship Hall we will be serving burgers and hot dogs. Bring your favorite side and/or a dessert and join us.
- Jul 25th Saturday, 11:30 a.m. we will be meeting at Pizza Ranch located at the Battlefield Mall.

WATCH FOR THE SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE FOYER ON THE ROUND TABLE

(or)

Contact David Kail or Evelyn Wilson for more information.

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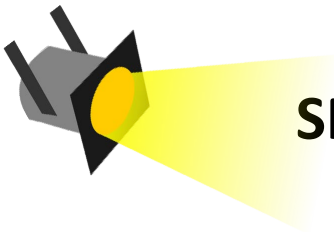


SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Bob Logan	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 John McLain	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1 Patricia Davis	2	3	4	5	6 Beverly Williams
7	8 Everett Mitchell	9	10 Peggy Dunlap	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Wanda Rowe	19 Alex Hartle	20 Louese Turner
21 Harlin Sell	22	23	24	25	26 Eula May Hale Virginia Davis	27
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SPOTLIGHT ON: Shirley Luttrull

Shirley (Pirtle) Luttrull was born in February 1937 and was raised on a farm six miles south of Fordland, Missouri. She and her brother, who was 14 months younger, and her sister, six years younger, learned to work hard on the farm feeding pigs, milking cows, and gathering eggs, along with many other chores. They also walked a mile to a one-room school. Shirley's brother and sister have both passed away.

When Shirley was six years old, her mom and dad stopped going to church. "My dad had been raised a Baptist and my mom was raised in the Church of Christ," she said. "Our neighbor, Mrs. Philpott would pick me up and take me to church." While in high school, Shirley stayed with her grandma Sherrow, who was bedfast most of the time. Grandma Sherrow walked to church with Shirley when she was able. During summer breaks, Shirley stayed with her two cousins in Wichita while their parents worked at Boeing. After graduating from Fordland High School in 1955, Shirley was working at Lee's Market in Fordland when she met Leslie Allen Luttrull. Leslie's sister Betty brought him up to Grandma Sherrow's to meet Shirley. He was in the Army at that time, and when he was discharged, he came to Lee's Market to ask Shirley out. "We didn't have phones yet," she said. They married on June 3, 1956, and Leslie worked at Kraft until he retired. They had two children: Vicki Lynn who was born in December 1957, and Ricki Allen, born in December 1960. Shirley didn't work outside the home until their kids started school, although she sewed for some ladies and worked one day a week at a country store near Logan-Rogersville, taking her kids with her.

Shirley always knew she wanted to be baptized and said, "I wanted to do it for the right reasons, not just because the other girls were. After Vicki was born, I knew it was time. I was going to Fairview Chapel, about a mile from where I was raised. I was baptized June 21, 1959, at the Hawkins Ford in Finley River."

After the children were in school, Shirley worked at Mellers Photo Lab for 15 years. "After 21 years of marriage, Les and I got divorced," she said. Shirley then went to work for Hopper & Hawkins in Dallas, Texas, and two other investigative companies before starting her own business, Internal Theft Control (ITC), where they checked employees for retail businesses such as O'Reilly's, Sutherlands, Brown Derby, Cardin's, and several grocery stores. At one time Shirley had work in 14 different states, including Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas. She sold ITC in July 2005. After that, she worked for Blue Green at Bass Pro for three years, then stocked greeting cards for Price Cutter for about three years before volunteering six years to feed the homeless on Commercial Street. Shirley volunteered about three years at Thrift Haven until COVID hit.

Shirley's daughter Vicki has two boys and a girl; her son Rick also has two boys and a girl. She wrote, "I have six grandkids and eight great grandkids. My kids and grandkids are my life; I love them dearly."

Shirley attends second service at Sunset and says, "I am very comfortable here. Everyone is so friendly and they do a lot of good things for people in the neighborhood, including helping Fair Haven (the children's home in Strafford)." Shirley previously worshiped at East Sunshine when she wasn't on the road. She adds, "I love the people there, too. I've been going here 10-12 years."



Widowhood Functions



In January Shea and Stetson Reed; Physical and an Occupational Therapists, gave us some helpful tips on how to prevent falls and getting up after a fall.



February we heard from FBI Michael Effland who provided some very useful information about fraud and scams. He provided his contact information in case you feel you have been scammed.

IC3.gov

FBI National Complaint Center: 1-800-CALL-FBI
FBI Kansas City: 816-512-8200

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In March, Ronnie Bell, from the Springfield, Greene County Office of Emergency Management, spoke on how to prepare for weather emergency situations.

