



# CHRISTIAN

Strength for the Journey. Grace for the Soul.

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*We joyfully  
welcome  
and nurture  
all people  
by providing  
a vibrant  
Christ-centered  
community  
of faith,  
dedicated to  
spiritual growth  
through  
worship, study  
and service.*

### New Sermon Series Begins in July

## Overwhelmed: Finding God in the Midst of Life's Storms

Disease, divorce, downsizing, death. Life is filled with difficult storms. When the doctor says, "cancer" or the boss says, "you've been let go," it's easy to feel overwhelmed, to feel like you are absolutely out of control and on your own with nowhere else to go.

The writers of the book of Psalms know this feeling too. Sometimes their emotions were raw and cut to the bone. One wrote, "I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me." He is overwhelmed by insults and taunts. His life is a mess. In the end though he turns to God. He finds that even in the storm, in the mire and the mud, God is there.

In this series we'll look at some of life's most difficult storms and listen carefully for the comforting voice of God in the midst of it all.

**July 21**  
Discouraged  
Psalm 61

**July 28**  
Lost  
Psalm 69

**August 4**  
Abandoned  
Psalm 42

**August 11**  
Waiting  
Psalm 131

### Ice Cream Social Kicks Off Celebration of Service Week

**Sun., July 7, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

This year the church will observe "Celebration of Service Week" from July 7-13. During this week, we will thank the servants and leaders of the church's various council or ministry areas. The celebration will launch on Sun., July 7, as we honor the church members' service to God and neighbor during the annual Ice Cream Social from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Featuring complimentary hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, Foos' custard and toppings, and the ever-popular balloon artist.

As we celebrate together the great ministry that we share, we will pause to honor our outgoing chairpersons of the Elders and Congregational Board and welcome our incoming Chair of the Congregational Board and Chair of Elders.



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# 2012-2013 Congregational Board Report

As the 2012-2013 church year concludes on June 30, here is a recap of the work the Congregational Board undertook in the last 12 months.

- The Board held its first retreat in many years, setting the tone and direction for the coming year.
- A new Strategic Plan for the church was introduced. During the 2012-2013 year, the church councils have been using the plan as a guidepost for moving forward as a single body.
- A special meeting of the board was held in mid-August, 2012, to review and approve a resolution to move forward with the restoration of the organ. The organ restoration is on schedule for late fall 2013.
- Upon receiving word that the exterior construction costs would be almost doubled, the Board:
  - Held a Town Hall meeting in September, presented by our structural engineer, Tom Rewerts, focused on the explanation of these increased costs.
  - Implemented a plan for phase two of the capital campaign, and through the extraordinary generosity of the congregation, raised an additional \$1.2 million in just over six weeks. Construction is on schedule for completion by late fall.
  - Held a second Town Hall meeting in November focused on the strategy to fund the increase in construction costs.
  - Approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to secure a line of credit from Metcalf Bank. These funds have been untouched to date.
- The Board finalized the new financial structure and reporting system to identify and understand more clearly revenue and distribution of funds. All church audits are now up to date.
- Endowment Trustees finalized two years of review and an improved organization and reporting of trusts, income and expenditures.

- The Board heard an in-depth report from Lee Brumitt regarding the church's options regarding parking lots. After discussion, the board voted not to pursue usage of the lots owned by the church and Endowment for additional parking.
- Hired new Business Administrator John Clemmer.
- A strategic plan was developed that will move us closer to partnership and integration within the Northeast area of Kansas City.

The following projects are underway and ongoing.

- Study of future of the homes owned by the church and Endowment.
- Formulation of Long Term Financial Plan.
- Study of renaming Country Club Christian Church.
- Governance and Council Reorganization of the church.
- Tweaking of the Strategic Plan.
- Search committee underway for Family and Children's Ministry.

The new church year begins on July 1, 2013. The Congregational Board will be led by chair Jared Rose. Many thanks to Barbara George, outgoing board chair, and all of the individuals who have served this year.

## 2012-2013 Congregational Board

John Cockle	Phil Howes
Carol Crouch	Lance Jesse
Craig Doty	Greg Lear
Gloria Findley-Grogger	Pat Martin
Sandy Finney	Mary McClure
Barbara George	Kathy McDandel
Esther Giffin	Glen Miles
Scott Glasrud	Carol Nichols
Dean Grogger	Deb Plucknett
Jere Hanney	Jared Rose
Stuart Hoffman	Tim Webster
Lesley Holt	



## Summer Reading

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Every year as the days get longer I offer a list of books that I have, or I am hoping to, read. Here's the latest:

*What We Talk About When We Talk About God*, by Rob Bell. I read this powerful little book during a plane flight on my way back to Kansas City from a retreat in Arizona. Bell's easy writing style invites the reader into some deep and serious thinking about God. He is easily the most influential Christian writer in the United States today.

*The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character and Achievement*, by David Brooks. This New York Times columnist is one of my favorite writers. I don't always agree with him but he always makes me think. Many folks in our church have mentioned to me how much they have enjoyed this book. I'm looking forward to reading it soon.

Our outstanding Director of Church Growth, Lauren Weinhold, told me about the book, *Tipping Sacred Cows: Kick the Bad Work Habits that Masquerade as Virtues*, by Jake Breeden. I've only just begun to read it but already I have found it very helpful. Many of his ideas will no doubt apply to our work on the church staff. I'm pretty sure you'll find it helpful in your work too.

My good friend and mentor, Dick Wing, told me about a new book that deals with two of my favorite topics, God and baseball! *Baseball as a Road to God*, by John Sexton, will go with me to the beach. I'm sure it will be a fun read but there may be a sermon idea in there too.

Way back in high school I had to read *Moby Dick*, by Herman Melville. I did not enjoy it. I'm pretty sure I got a lousy grade on the book report. I decided to reread it this summer for fun. Wow. What a great book! I'm only about half way through but I am thoroughly enjoying this brilliant novel.

If you read one of these books let me know what you think. I love hearing from the folks in the pews. If you think there is a book out there that I and others would enjoy let me know that too.

Grace and peace to you,

## 2013 General Assembly – Teach Us to Pray

The 2013 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be July 13-17 in Orlando, FL.



Dr. Glen Miles will preach on Saturday evening, July 13. We will have a watch party that night in the Youth Center (Rm. 205) here beginning at 6:00 p.m. Pizza will be provided.

The theme of the assembly is “Lord Teach Us to Pray,” which calls us to pray deeply for God’s direction, strength, courage, and initiative in mission, is based on Luke 11: 1-4. In the gospel of Luke, the original disciples cry out, “Lord, teach us to pray.”

Information and registration materials are available at [www.disciples.org/ga](http://www.disciples.org/ga).

## Worship with us!

**Service Times: 9:00, 10:00  
and 11:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, June 23**

An Uncomfortable Comfort

*Luke 8:26-39*

Rev. Justin Zeigler preaching

**Sunday, June 30**

Stay

*II Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14*

Rev. Carla Aday preaching

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Summer Espresso Service

9:00-9:45 a.m. Sundays

Grab your coffee and join us for the Summer Espresso Service, continuing through Aug. 11. Have baseball tickets, yard work or a family barbecue on your Sunday schedule this summer? Summer Espresso is our regular 9:00 a.m. worship service, tailored to 45 minutes or less to get you on your way to your busy summer plans. Or, stick around after worship and join Glen and the other clergy in the Parlor for coffee and fellowship. The coffee cart and Dave the coffee guy will be in the Parlor from 8:30-10:30 a.m. serving specialty coffee drinks through June.



Dave the coffee guy has been a popular addition to our Summer Espresso Service.

## Summer Assemblies Present Speakers on Discipleship

Gather for “Assembly” on the first Sunday of each month this summer in the Social Hall from 9:55-10:55 a.m. A speaker will present a 15-20 minute lesson and then the Assembly will divide into smaller groups to discuss the topic that has been presented. Some of the adult Sunday School classes will attend, and the Assembly is open to everyone in the church interested in learning and sharing in the topic. The theme is “Disciples of Christ.”

### Disciples of Christ . . .

- **On a Journey** – Phil Love, Co-chair of Adult Education Council, July 7
- **Making Covenants** – Paul Diehl, Regional Minister of the Greater Kansas City Region, Aug. 4

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## June Collection Connection

### Yarn for Christmas

Our very own Knitting Ladies are already preparing for Christmas gifts! They will be making warm winter scarves for the Cross-Lines Community Outreach Christmas Store. The Christmas Store enables families and individuals the opportunity to shop for gifts. Families receive a clothing outfit, toys, a household item and a meal. Imagine a table piled high with beautiful and colorful winter scarves waiting for the holiday shoppers.

Please bring your yarn donation (preferably not baby yarn) to the parlor or send a check to the office marked “June Collection Connection.”

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## Virginia Reed Food Drive on July 21

On Sun., July 21, please bring your nonperishable food items for our collection for local food pantries that serve the homeless and hungry. Vans will be in the parking lot to receive your food or it can be placed in the baskets located at the east and north doors. We also purchase food in case lots for the pantries, so cash donations are welcome. Please mark your donation “Food Drive.”



## Through Monet's Eyes

by Lara Schopp, Director of Communications



One of my favorite poems is *Monet Refuses the Operation*, by Lisel Mueller. Written as a fictional note from the famed French impressionist, Claude Monet, to the doctor who wants to restore his vision, the poem describes what happens when one views things from a perspective outside of that which is considered traditional.

*Doctor, you say there are no haloes  
around the streetlights in Paris  
and what I see is an aberration*

*caused by old age, an affliction.*

*I tell you it has taken me all my life  
to arrive at the vision of gas lamps as angels,  
to soften and blur and finally banish  
the edges you regret I don't see,  
to learn that the line I called the horizon  
does not exist and sky and water,  
so long apart, are the same state of being...*

I like this poem because it suggests that Monet's brilliance was the result of something most of us would consider a handicap, poor eyesight. The poem implies that the soft lines and dreamy qualities which characterize Monet's most famous works are not because of his artistic genius or unique talent, but are merely the result of forgotten eyeglasses.

Sometimes I find myself needing to look at things without glasses (or contact lenses, in my case). We get used to doing things a certain way: driving the same route to work, eating the same thing for breakfast, ordering the same dish at our favorite restaurant. As human beings, we tend to think we thrive on routine, the familiar.

But, as the poem suggests, perhaps creativity is born through a change in perspective. If we always do things a certain way, just because that's the way we've always done them, are we closing the door on the water lilies?

It's easy for churches to fall victim to the hazards of familiarity, and that can make it hard for us to see things with new eyes. But the most successful churches today are open to change, have flexibility and mobility, and are willing to take off their proverbial glasses and blur the lines of the traditional.

I challenge us all to consider a new perspective on church. I challenge us to look and listen in a new way... to love and serve and give from a perspective we haven't before considered. Perhaps we should take off our glasses and examine the world, and our church's place in it, with a different, yet more creative, vision.

Lara

## Rose Garden Memorial Bricks Available

Honor your loved ones with an engraved memorial brick in the Rose Garden pathway. In addition to inurnment in the Columbarium or the scattering of ashes in the Rose Garden, engraved memorial bricks are available to past and present members and their immediate families. Price is \$350 each and includes brick, imprinting and placement. Contact Chuck Murphy at 816-333-4917 or [chuckm@cccckc.org](mailto:chuckm@cccckc.org) for more information.



## Vacation Bible School: Galilee by-the-Sea

July 29 – Aug. 2, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Imagine what it was like to live and work in a seaside town along the Sea of Galilee. This VBS immerses learners of all ages in Bible-times culture, helping kids and adults explore what it might have been like to live when Jesus did. Participants will experience new traditions, taste new foods, try new arts and crafts projects and have playful recreation. For ages 4 years old through 5th grade. Cost is \$7 per day, \$60 maximum per family. Pick up a registration form in the children's wing on the second floor.



## Upcoming Youth Events

### Sunday Night Youth Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us on Sunday evenings. Each Sunday of the month focuses on a different path designed to help youth transform lives and relationships through spiritual growth, express God's love in tangible ways, and experience the life changing love of God through fellowship and worship.

**June 23 – Game Night.** Come and play some of Justin's favorite games.

**June 30 – Game Night.**

**July 7 – No Youth Group.** Chi Rho youth on mission trip.

**July 14 – Fun and Games Night.**

**July 21 – No Youth Group.** CYF youth on mission trip.

**July 28 – Family BBQ.** Come to the church for games and food. The whole family is invited as we say "See ya' later" to Justin.

### Chi Rho Mission Trip

This summer the 6th-8th graders will go to Indianapolis, IN, July 7-12 to work on justice projects including working with people who experience poverty and people who are striving to escape violence. This is a great opportunity to learn how to serve in a very direct way as well as be in a new city and have some fun! Contact Justin Zeigler, justinz@cccckc.org.

### CYF Mission Trip

CYF will travel to Chicago July 21-27 to continue working in the city with local organizations to address issues of homelessness, poverty and racial injustices. Contact Justin Zeigler, justinz@cccckc.org.

## Infant Dedication



Gideon Michael Lower, with his parents Jess and Kathy Lower and siblings, Carter, Charlotte and Delaney.

## New Members Welcomed on June 16



Jaclyn and Chris Hains  
**New Member Hosts:** Natalie and Daniel Shouse



## Letting Go

by Carla Aday, Senior Associate Minister



He washed his own laundry, packed his own trunk, and then got behind the wheel and headed out for the six-hour drive to summer camp. I stood by, looking both stunned and pleased at his maturity. Now that he is 17 and ready to enter his senior year of high school, my son Connor challenges me to continue growing myself.

As I was pondering this parental tension, I picked up a book by James Howell called *Struck from Behind* ... *Memories of God*. Howell cites this poem by Cecil

Day-Lewis, the Irish poet laureate who is also father of the famous movie actor Daniel Day-Lewis. The poem captured my challenge.

*It is eighteen years ago ... I watched you play  
... then, like a satellite  
Wrenched from its orbit, go drifting away.  
That hesitant figure, eddying away  
Like a winged seed loosened from its parent stem ...  
I have had worse partings, but none that so  
Gnaws at my mind still. Perhaps it is roughly  
Saying what God alone could perfectly show—  
How selfhood begins with a walking away,  
And love proved in the letting go.*

It was the first time that I realized that letting the little boy I once rode bikes with on Saturdays drive himself to camp was more than a parenting experience but also a holy mystery related to God. This process of letting go might apply to many avenues of our lives – mentoring an employee, tutoring a student, helping a friend or family member, serving an organization. Jean Vanier, a Canadian philosopher and founder of a home for developmentally disabled young men, defined love like this:

To love someone is not to do things *for* them, but to reveal to them their beauty and value, to say “You are beautiful. You are important. I trust you. You can trust yourself.” We all know well that we can do things for others and in the process crush them, making them feel that they are incapable of doing things by themselves. To love someone is to reveal to them the light that is shining in them.” (From *Brokenness to Community*).

Peace on the journey.

*Carla*

## Children and Families Fountains of Faith Sunday School

**The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss  
June 2013**

Look for a visit by The Cat in the Hat on June 23. The Grinch, Horton, Sneetches and more provide the focus for our summer June Sundays as we explore how Dr. Seuss’ characters share the grace and love of God with us. Through watching or hearing the stories we will see how these stories connect with our faith. Join us for this combined session each Sunday in Room 212 from 9:55 – 10:50 a.m.

## Tall Oaks Summer Camp

Summer is coming quickly and it is time to explore a day or overnight camp for 2013. The theme for this summer is *All Things New*. From day camps for children completing K- 2nd grades to overnight camps for children completing 2nd-5th grade, attending Tall Oaks Summer Camps is a great addition to summer. Check out the details at the camp website – [www.talloaks.org](http://www.talloaks.org).

## 2013 Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to everyone who turned in a pledge card to our 2013 Stewardship Campaign. We are still collecting your pledge cards, so if you have not yet turned in your card, please drop it in the offering tray today, bring it to the church office at your convenience or visit [www.cccckc.org/give](http://www.cccckc.org/give) to make your pledge electronically. Beginning soon, follow-up calls will be made to households which have not yet turned in pledge cards. Thank you for your generous support of Country Club Christian Church.

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# Our Church Family

## Sympathy

BOB HORN passed away June 3. He is survived by his daughter Kris (Lee) Brumitt. His service was held June 6 in the Combs Chapel.

LOU KURZ passed away June 7. He is survived by his wife Naomi. His service was held on June 11 in the Combs Chapel.

RICHARD CLARK RAY passed away May 31. He is survived by his brother Harvey (Dorothy) Ray. His service was held June 15 in Topeka.

## PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. R. Glen Miles Senior Minister	Dr. Brian Mathias Associate Organist
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