



# 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.*

## Save the date for Grace at Work on October 5

Join us on Sat., Oct. 5, for this fun-filled half-day volunteer opportunity. Your hands can put grace to work by dusting a pew, serving a bowl of soup, planting a flower, hammering a nail! Sign up to serve in the way that fits you best by stopping in the parlor, filling out a form in worship or going to the church website.



Gather at the church from 8:00-8:30 a.m. for a complimentary hot breakfast and then depart with your work crew to serve at one of the agencies in our community. Examples include:

Harvesters Community Food Network, Habitat for Humanity, Newhouse Shelter, Indian Mound Neighbor-



hood Community Garden, Prison Ministry, Shepherd's Center, Hartman Elementary School, and some work teams will stay at the church to do landscaping and interior sprucing up. Some projects are designed specifically for families so bring the kids

along too. Childcare available for the youngest children. Sign up in the Parlor on Sept. 15, 22 and 29.



### Sermon Series Continues: Finding Jesus in Church

The Millennial Generation, young adults in their early 30s and younger, have some pretty strong opinions on what they're looking for in a church. Baby Boomers, Generation Xers, and everyone else could learn a thing or two by listening to these bright young voices.

**Sept. 15** – Culture Wars, *Acts 10: 34-43*

**Sept. 22** – Science and Faith, *Genesis 1: 26-27; Philippians 2: 5-11*

**Sept. 29** – Stand for Something, *James 2: 14-17 (The Message)*



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# Sign Up for 2014 Christian Community Camp

Sign up beginning Sun., Oct. 6, for a glorious week at the YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park, CO. The 2014 camp will be Aug. 2-9. For many years, families and individuals from our congregation have gathered for a week of hiking, horseback riding, fishing, crafting, relaxing and fun at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. The group of 60-90 folks from ages 1 to 91 stays in a newly remodeled lodge with lovely mountain views and enjoys the home cooked meals provided by volunteer chefs from our church. If you don't like to camp but you love the mountains, this is the place for you. A registration form and a \$250 non-refundable deposit will hold your place. Cost is \$1,550 for a private room (\$1,450 if paid in full by Dec. 1); \$350 for a bunk room (\$300 if paid in full by Dec. 1). Food and activity fee of \$80 per person. For more information, stop by the Last Supper Sculpture Room on Sun., Oct. 6, to pick up a brochure or ask questions. Or contact Rev. Carla Aday at [carlaa@cccckc.org](mailto:carlaa@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.



## Bible Studies and Faith Formation Groups

Opportunities for both ongoing and short-term studies are available. This year a fall, winter and spring session of short-term offerings will augment the traditional ongoing studies. Childcare will be available for all classes with advance reservation. Pick up a copy of the Bible Studies and Faith Formation Groups brochure for detailed information on each class. To register or for information about a specific class, call 816-333-4917.

### Ongoing Bible Study

For persons interested in a long-term Bible study, the following options will continue through the year.

**Faithbook** – Women ages 25-66 explore the scriptures and share in friendship and the spirit does the rest. Led by Rev. Carla Aday. The group meets Tuesday evening OR Wednesday morning. Pick the time frame that fits for your schedule. Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 10. Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Disciple Bible Study I Option 1** – Learn about the Bible and grow in your journey as a Disciple. Participants commit to weekly attendance and homework. Materials cost \$35. Led by Rev. Carla Aday and Lesley Holt. Thursdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Sept. 5-May 29.

**Option 2** – This class meets every other week for two years to cover the entire Bible. Led by Randy Irey and Greg Lear. Every other Monday, Oct. 7-May 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

### Short-term Faith Tracks

Persons who would like different faith studies throughout the year can choose from among the following short-term offerings, selecting different ones in fall, winter and spring. Fall Term: Sept. 8-Oct. 18.

**Faith Academy** – Designed for those who seek to stretch the mind and expand the heart to explore new paths of faithful living, Faith Academy involves reading an academic text and discussing it in class. Fall session led by Dr. Glen Miles. Book is *Saved from Sacrifice: A Theology of the Cross* by Mark Heim, available in The Well. Mon., Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Reel Faith** – Watch a movie and discuss images of faith that are captured by the film. Meet at the Sulgrave Regency Condominiums in the movie theater. Films to be announced. Limit: 14 people. Led Phil and Patty Love. Sun., Sept. 15, 6:00 p.m.

**Couple Communication** – Couple Communication is an award-winning educational program that teaches you and your partner practical communication skills. Couples who were married at the church may take the course for free. Materials cost is \$37. Saturdays, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5.

**Soul Mates** – If you are recently engaged or recently married, we invite you to participate in Soul Mates. Each class will focus on cultivating your relationship and discussing topics that are relevant to you. Sundays, Oct. 27-Nov. 24.



# Hungry for More

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



What are you hungry for in this one life we have to live? Is there something out there that you are desperately yearning for, longing for, desiring?

Do you remember the days after 9/11? The malls were empty. Churches were packed.

A 16-year-old kid in the youth group at the church I was serving, on the Sunday after 9/11, said, with a hint of anger in his voice, “Glen, we’ve been told since birth that it is all about getting: Getting an education, getting a job, getting a spouse, getting a house, getting, getting,

getting. Tell me that God has something more in mind for us than a house full of stuff?”

It was pretty clear to me then that pizza and volleyball weren’t going to be enough for our youth program. He was hungry for something more.

He is not alone. In fact, his story is as old as history. In the Gospel of John there is a story about Jesus feeding thousands of people. They loved him for that. Their stomachs were filled and they were ready to make him king. He looked out at the crowd and said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry.” He was not talking about physical hunger, but something more, something worthwhile, something worth living for in this life.

Jesus knew then and we know now, deep down, that there has got to be more to life than simply gathering and collecting more and more stuff. There’s got to be something worth living for in this one life we live.

Later in that same Gospel, Jesus says, “A new command I give you, love one another.” It really wasn’t a new command but there was something new about the way Jesus said it or, more than that, the way he lived it. His life, his teaching, even his death and resurrection, were all done in the light of that love.

Jesus knew then and we know now, deep down, that what we really want, what we are hungry for more than anything else, is the desire to love and be loved.

It’s as simple and as profound as that.

Grace and peace to you,

## Upcoming Visitor Events

We invite all guests and friends of the congregation to attend an upcoming social and informational gathering to learn more about the church, meet the ministers and ask questions about the denomination and congregation. Sun., Sept. 15 12:15-1:45 p.m. or Sun., Nov. 3 9:00-10:30 a.m. For more information or to RSVP for one of the events, please contact Lauren Weinhold at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).

## Worship with us!

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

**September Sermon Series  
Finding Jesus in Church**

**Sept. 15**

Part 2: Culture Wars  
*Acts 10: 34-43*

**Sept. 22**

Part 3: Science and Faith  
*Genesis 1: 26-27;*  
*Philippians 2: 5-11*

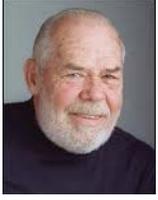
**Sept. 29**

Part 4: Stand for Something  
*James 2: 14-17 (The Message)*

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## The Lunch Bunch Begins September 17



Columnist and writer Charles Gusewelle will be the guest speaker on Tues., Sept. 17, at the first meeting of the new Lunch Bunch, a group for senior adults interested in spirituality, current events and fellowship. Cost: \$8.50 per person (\$5 without lunch). Purchase your tickets in the Parlor on Sun., Sept. 8 and 15, or at the door, or contact Mary Margaret House at [marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917. Gather at 11:30 a.m. for lunch catered by Hy-Vee – marinated chicken breast with garden salad, green beans, rolls and cookies. Charles will speak from noon-12:45 p.m., followed by questions. His books will be available for purchase. Please bring your friends for this fellowship opportunity. The luncheons will continue on the third Tuesday of each month.

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## Espresso Service Continues into Fall

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

This Sunday Dave, the coffee guy, will be back in the Parlor so stick around after worship and join Glen and the other clergy in the Parlor for a cup of coffee and fellowship. Watch for Dave, his cart and his fancy coffee supplies again on Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. He also be making one other special holiday appearance.



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## Christian Women's Fellowship Kick-off

Christian Women's Fellowship begins another year on Tues., Sept. 24, at noon in the Youth Center (Rm. 205). Circles 17 and 3 and friends continue to meet monthly, featuring interesting programs and promoting education about local women's issues. The leader this year is Dottie Lambert. Bring a sandwich. Salad and dessert is provided. Newcomers are welcome. Call Mary Margaret House at 816-333-4917 to RSVP.

## CAYA Is Changing

CAYA (Come As You Are), a class for young adults ages 23-33, has a new format. The class will meet on Sunday mornings the first and third Sunday of the month, participate in a service project during the second week, and hold a social event the fourth week:

**1st Sunday of the month:** We will have a Caya Coffee in Room 207 from 9:55-10:55 a.m. Light breakfast snack, catch up, and discuss details for service project.

**2nd Week:** Service project, TBA. On Wed., Sept. 18 meet at 6:00 p.m. at church to paint a Sunday School classroom.

**3rd Sunday:** Guest speaker, 9:55-10:55 a.m. On Sun., Sept. 22, Chris Howard will speak about "Trials, Tribulations and the Power of Music," sharing his passion for music. Rm. 207.

**4th Week:** Monday night at social at a venue TBA. On Mon., Sept. 30, we will meet at Hoopers.

**5th Week:** No meeting.

**Sun., Sept. 29:** We will meet with the Yawhorse class at noon in their classroom (Rm. 304) for lunch and to hear Glen Miles, who will talk about his current sermon series, *Finding Jesus in Church*, which pertains to young adults and the church.

For more information or to be added to the weekly email list, contact Jane Fletcher at [janef@cccckc.org](mailto:janef@cccckc.org).

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## Virginia Reed Food Drive on September 15

On Sun., Sept. 15, 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."



## Making Time for Music

by Michael Patch, Director of Children's and Youth Music



Music has the ability to touch the singers and the listeners in ways that no other aspect of church can, especially for those young people who are still developing their spirituality. Not only do we want a robust program to offer to our youth and children, we want to help shepherd them to become closer to Christ.

Even though music is during the same hour as Sunday school, it is an optional activity that the children and youth are not required to attend. Because of this, many of our children and youth choose to not participate. Not having consistent participation by many children and youth creates a large gap that prevents everyone from taking full advantage of the spiritual, educational, and social benefits of the program.

Please take a moment and talk to child or your youth about the importance of participating in the music program. And, please communicate with me about your expectations that they participate.

Also, many parents do not know that the music rehearsals on Sunday mornings are only a very short 15 or 20 minutes! Arriving even five minutes late or leaving five minutes early reduces our valuable rehearsal time by 25-30 percent, which is substantial.

Even though choirs are groups of many singers, a single youth missing from a rehearsal or performance greatly impacts what we are able to accomplish and share with the church family.

Due to the transitions in staffing within the children and youth team, we have determined that it would be best to return rehearsal times to their previous schedule. Once our newly appointed Minister of Children, Youth and Families has settled into her position, we will begin the process of creating a schedule that balances everyone's needs.

Sunday rehearsal times are: 9:45-10:15 a.m. for Fellowship Singers and 10:40-11:00 a.m. for Children's Choir. Kindergarten and PreK enjoy music in their classrooms at approximately 10:25 a.m..

Again, I hope that you communicate with your children or youth about the importance of singing at Country Club Christian Church. And please communicate with me about your expectations that they participate.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Michael

## Couple Communication

Couple Communication, an award-winning educational program that teaches you and your partner practical communication skills, will be on Saturdays, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5. Develop confidence to communicate with your partner effectively, creating better resolutions to conflict and increasing satisfaction in your relationship. Couples who were married at the church may take the course for free. RSVP to Lauren Weinhold, [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.

## Follow Us on Facebook

Are you a fan of Country Club Christian Church on Facebook? The church's Facebook page includes photos, information and an option for you to leave messages. You can sign up to be a follower if you have a Facebook account. If you don't have an account, you can create a free one. The church already has more than 500 people following us on Facebook. Join the fun. Just go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).



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# Youth News

## 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. Contact Hayley Holt at [hayleyh@cccckc.org](mailto:hayleyh@cccckc.org) for more information.

### Chi Rho (6th-8th graders)

**Sept. 15 – Discuss.** We will discuss a current topic in the news and its relevance to our life and faith. Dinner with Club Kids at 5:30 p.m. followed by program.

**Sept. 22– Journey.** Rev. Janet Weiblen will share her faith journey and the role prison ministry has played in her view of humanity. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Social Hall. Sept. 29–No Youth Group.

### CYF (9th-12th graders)

**Sept. 15 – Journey.** Rev. Janet Weiblen will share her faith journey and the role prison ministry has played in her view of humanity. Dinner with Club Kids at 5:30 followed by program.

**Sept. 22– Discuss.** We will discuss a current topic in the news and its relevance to our life and faith. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Social Hall

**Sept. 29 –Gather.** CYF only. Come for games, music and fellowship. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Social Hall

## Chi Rho Lock-in

Fri., Sept. 27, 7:15 p.m.

Chi Rho youth will gather for a lock-in on Fri., Sept. 27, beginning at 7:15 p.m. Please eat dinner before and bring any snacks you want to munch on for the evening (we will have popcorn, water, and lemonade here). We will leave for Advanced Laser Tag in Olathe at 7:30 p.m. so please arrive on time. If we are late we will miss our reservation and not be able to play. Wear tennis shoes and dark clothing (any color except white). We will come back to the church after tag and watch movies and play games. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow. In the morning, we will go to Sosa's 39th Street Diner for breakfast and return to the church before 9:00 a.m. Please pickup at 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the 28th. Cost: \$14 for two games of laser tag and breakfast at Sosa's (scholarships are available). Please submit payment and permission slip before Sept. 20. We have to confirm our reservation for laser tag by this date.

## Upcoming Youth Events

**Worlds of Fun – Oct. 20.** Our annual outing to Worlds of Fun is scheduled for Sun., Oct. 20. Mark your calendars and get ready for fun!

**Halloween Party – Oct. 27.** We will join Club Kids on Sun., Oct. 27, for a Halloween Party. Costumes are encouraged and parents are invited. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**CYF Retreat** – CYF Retreat is tentatively scheduled for Fri., Nov. 15. Keep checking for more information!

## Spring Break Mission Trip Information Meeting

**Noon, Sun., Sept. 29, Youth Center**

All youth in grades 10-12 for the 2013-2014 school year who are interested in participating in a mission trip to Nicaragua over spring break 2014 are invited and encouraged to attend an informational meeting on Sun., Sept. 29, in the Youth Center. The trip will be Mar. 16-22, 2014.

## Fellowship Singers Rehearsal Time Change

The Fellowship Singers will return to their schedule of rehearsing from 9:45-10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings. All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited and encouraged to participate. Rehearsals are very short so arriving even five minutes late or leaving five minutes early reduces it substantially. Even though music is an optional activity, it provides spiritual, educational and social benefits. Please take a moment to talk to your youth about the importance of participating in the music program. For more information, contact Michael Patch, [michaelp@cccckc.org](mailto:michaelp@cccckc.org).



## Communion Is Congregational Care

by Rev. Chuck Murphy, Minister of Congregational Care



I've had several conversations this week regarding communion. They have helped me to reflect on the what communion means to me and why I believe it is such a powerful part of the care of our church community.

In my first experience at our church, I could partake in communion. There were no rules to exclude my participation. It was an open and welcoming invitation. What I would later learn is that communion is symbolic to our church's open door to all. Week to week, it mattered not. Even though I was in a different place physically, emotionally and spiritually, I was welcomed at the communion table.

Then, it came my turn to serve communion. I would get a "high" each time I started to walk in to serve our congregation. By serving others, I witnessed them sharing with one another. All, like me, were accepted by God for who they were. Later, in serving shut-in communion, there was that similar "high." I was invited into that space, where people even in their physical limitations and emotional pain, were able to experience that similar acceptance, giving them hope and comfort through communion.

I believe the most basic need of our human experience is to receive love and to be able to give love as we are created in the image of God. To be able to receive love means that we're able to accept the grace that we are loved no matter who we are or our circumstances. Then we have the ability to give that same grace to others who struggle with their brokenness. Communion exemplifies this experience. As we come to the table, we can know that we are accepted. We can believe that we are loved no matter our brokenness. And, in turn, we can share that love with others, so that they may know and experience it for themselves.

This past Sunday afternoon, I took communion to three persons. Two were watching their spouses decline: one in the hospital and the other on hospice. The third was not able to come to church due to physical limitations. Each person was in a difficult place, physically, emotionally and spiritually. They were remembered by grace and welcomed me into their broken place. Together, we experienced our basic need – to receive love through acceptance and to give love by sharing it with one another – in communion. As noted by Mother Teresa of Calcutta, "In loving and serving, we prove that we have been created in the likeness of God, for God is Love and when we love we are like God."

Communion is congregational care. It is at the heart of everything we do in our church to care for one another. Let us continue our journey of acceptance and caring for one another.

*Chuck*

## Children and Families

### Children's Choir Rehearsal Time Change

The Children's Choir will return to their schedule of rehearsing from 10:40-11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Even though music is an optional activity, it provides spiritual, educational and social benefits. Please take a moment to talk to your child about the importance of participating in the music program.

### Fountains of Faith

#### Opening Rotation - Aug. 25-Sept. 15

The first rotation of the year for 1st-5th graders will have a focus by grade level to help children gain some basic tools to enhance their growing faithfulness.

1st grade – Worship Basics

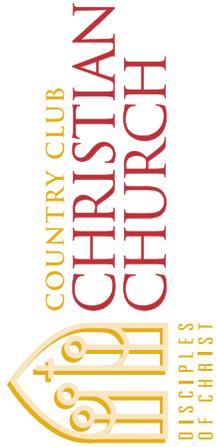
2nd grade – Faith Practices

3rd grade – Know Your Bible

4th grade – The Church Year

5th grade – Into the World

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## Our Church Family Sympathy

MARJORIE CLARK ASKEW passed away on September 5, 2013. She is survived by her daughter Rhonda Askew. Her service was held Sept. 9 in Cassville, MO.

### Memorials

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Cindy & Randy Irely

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Building Fund**

**Ivan Risley**

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