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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.*

## Sustain our Legacy, Strengthen our Foundation

### Please Complete Your Pledge Card

One hundred percent of the Country Club Christian Church congregational board has done it. So has 100% of the Campaign Steering Committee. What about you? Have you turned in your Commitment Card?

and starting in July will be contacting members whose Commitment Cards we have not yet received.



SUSTAIN OUR LEGACY  
STRENGTHEN  
OUR FOUNDATION

As of today, commitments to the Sustain our Legacy; Strengthen our Foundation joint campaign are:

In the coming months watch for updates on when the capital work will begin.

**Capital Appeal** – 253 pledges, in the amount of \$1,711,118.61

Thank you for your generous support of Country Club Christian Church.

**Annual Appeal** – 284 pledges, in the amount of 939,121

We are now moving into the follow-up phase of the campaign. A calling team has been organized

## Celebration Dinner and Auction Glows

More than 200 people attended the the 2nd Annual Celebration Dinner and Auction on Sat., June 18 at the National World War I Museum at the Liberty Memorial. The festive evening included food from Pierpont's restaurant, a trip to the top of the Liberty Memorial Tower for a panoramic view of the Kansas City skyline, and silent and live auctions.



More than \$40,000 was raised to support our programs and ministries and strengthen our operating budget.

Enjoying the dinner were Lynn Cockle, Bonnie Blythe Dee, Doug Dee and John Cockle. See more photos on page 4.



## Visitor Information Seminar on July 16

You're invited to the Visitor Information Seminar on Sat., July 16 from 8:45-11:30 a.m. Learn more about our history as a denomination and a church and discover the multitude of ways you can be strengthened on your faith journey. Our ministers will be on hand to talk about the church's ministries and how you can get involved. Ask questions, enjoy breakfast and meet the church's lay leaders. Then, if you're ready to join the church, the next **New Member Sunday is Aug. 14**. For more information or to reserve your spot at the seminar, please contact Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth, at 816-333-4917 or [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).

## Ice Cream Social Festivities



Fellowship and food was enjoyed on the front lawn on Sun., June 12 at the annual Ice Cream Social. Top right, Matthew Herrington enjoys a balloon creation. Bottom right, Sam Berry and Taylor Corn sampled the food.



## Vacation Bible School *PandaMania* Is Coming!

July 25-29, 9:00 a.m.-noon

Plans are being made for a week of faith-filled fun! The theme of VBS this year is *PandaMania – Where God is Wild about You!!* VBS is for children 4 years old through 5th grade. Registration forms, with full details, are on the church website at [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org) or in the Children's Wing.



### Youth Volunteers for VBS

We need youth (who have completed 6th grade and up) to help with Vacation Bible School, July 25-29 from 9:00 a.m.-noon.. Whether you can help for a day or the week, we can use your talents and time. Complete a youth volunteer form and submit it to Catherine Stark-Corn or Karla Herrington.

### Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed

Women Build, a group formed by women at Country Club Christian Church, will be working on a home for Habitat for Humanity on Sat., July 2, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Any women who would like to help are welcome. Please RSVP to Suzy Spencer by June 25 at [insurance66208@yahoo.com](mailto:insurance66208@yahoo.com).

Another team is scheduled to work on Habitat houses on July 23, July 30 and Sept. 24. If you are able to help in July and would like to be a part of building a better Kansas City, you are encouraged to contact Rod Schlatter at 913-338-0957 or [rschlatter@bartlett-grain.com](mailto:rschlatter@bartlett-grain.com).

## Infant Dedication



James Michael Dickson was dedicated in worship on Sun., June 19. Pictured with his parents, Justyn and Sarah Dickson.



## This Is Scary!

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



*"This is scary: You can tame a tiger, but you can't tame a tongue—it's never been done... With our tongues we bless God; with the same tongues we curse the very men and women he made in his image." James 3: 7-10 ("The Message")*

James' word from 2000 years ago rings true today. Our words matter. What we say can build up or tear down. Olympic athlete Duncan McDonald was quoted saying that his hobby was "Taking apart my Volkswagen." The reporter asked him what his ambition was. "Putting it back together."

Isn't that true? It is so much easier to tear someone down than it is to help put them back together again. It is easier to tear apart the lives of friends and family than it is to knit them back together. James wants to remind us that a word, a small, simple, but mean-spirited word, can break the heart, can tear the soul.

James is a truth teller, but sometimes the truth is hard to face. There are really two ways to handle the truth. One of them comes from Jack Nicholson in the film, "A Few Good Men." Tom Cruise plays the lawyer who is cross examining Nicholson's character. Cruise shouts at one point: "All I want is the truth." Do you remember what Nicholson said? "YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH!"

John Ortberg pointed out that Jesus had a completely different take on this theme. Jesus said, "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." You have to decide whom to believe: Jesus or Jack Nicholson.

We need truth tellers like James because they help us face the realities of life and human relationships. We also need them because they are anchors that provide a place for us to carefully evaluate who we are and how we work in the world.

Scott Peck wrote *The Road Less Traveled*. His opening words, "Life is difficult," became a source of healing for millions. He knew that facing the truth of who we are was part of the journey on the road less traveled. He said, "A life of total dedication to truth also means a willingness to be personally challenged...but the tendency to avoid challenge is so omnipresent in human beings that it can properly be considered a characteristic of human nature."

Yes, the way named truth is a difficult one to follow but what did Jesus say? "The truth will make you free."

Grace and peace to you, *Glen*

## Mission Team to Joplin

Country Club Christian Church has volunteered to send a mission team to help with the recovery and rebuilding efforts in Joplin after the May 22 tornado. If you are interested in participating, please contact Betsy Wilson at betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com or call the church office. We are working in partnership with Disciples Home Mission Office and Week of Compassion. They are currently assessing the situation and will let us know when our help is needed. The trip could be weeks from now or even months.

## Worship with us!

**Services at 9:00, 10:00  
and 11:00 a.m.**

**June 26**  
True Freedom  
*Romans 6: 12-23*

**July 3**  
Rev. Carla Aday preaching  
Pursuit of Happiness  
*John 15: 1-11*

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Soulmates

Soul Mates is a six-week class designed for engaged and newlywed couples. The class focuses on topics and issues related to developing and maintaining a meaningful relationship. Class participants are encouraged to read *It Takes Two: The Joy of Intimate Relationship* by Andrew and Judith Lester. You may purchase the book on amazon.com by visiting the church's website and clicking on the tab for our bookstore, The Well. Class begins July 17 and runs through Aug. 21 and meets during the Sunday School hour in the Bride's Room (Rm. 116). For more information or to sign up, please contact Lauren Weinhold at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).

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## 2011 New Orleans Mission Trip

For the seventh time, Country Club Christian Church will send a mission team to New Orleans to help with the reconstruction following Hurricane Katrina. The trip will be Sun., Oct. 30 through Sat., Nov. 5. We will once again work in partnership with the United Church of Christ to obtain our work projects. Betsy Wilson will be the trip leader. Contact Betsy at [betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com](mailto:betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com) for more information.

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## Celebration Dinner and Auction

Co-chairs for the event Andrea Bough, left, and Lesley Holt, right



Below, Lori Bennett and Steve Bough listened to the bidding during the auction.



## Community Camp Kansas City Concludes on June 29

Your last chance to participate in Community Camp Kansas City will be Wed., June 29. A petting zoo will be the featured entertainment. Join in the fun and fellowship on the east lawn beginning with dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by special activities. All ages are invited. Suggested donation is \$3 for kids and \$4 for adults.

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## Grace at Work on September 24

Please join us Sat., Sept. 24 for our fifth Grace at Work event. Many hands will make for light work and a great impact in our community! A few hours of service can make a difference at a local organization in Kansas City or even complete projects right here at Country Club Christian Church. Grace at Work is a wonderful opportunity to make a short time commitment of service that results in a widespread impact in Kansas City. It offers a unique occasion for rewarding fellowship and service that you will not want to miss. Watch for sign-ups later this summer.



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## Shopping at The Well

### Also Shop Amazon.com through The Well

Have you visited The Well Books and Gifts store recently? If not, you're missing out on lots of unique gift items and books. Purchases at The Well directly benefit Week of Compassion, which provides emergency disaster relief to individuals around the world. Use The Well's page on the church's website,



[www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org) under the Stay Informed tab, to do your shopping at amazon.com and a percentage of the purchase price is directed to our outreach projects. The Well is on the ground floor of the church and is open on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.





## Belonging

by Rob Gilkerson, Business Administrator



Ever since moving to Michigan in 2005 my wife and I had thought of someday coming back home to the real Midwest. She was raised in Wichita and I in the Kansas City metro area. We met at Baker University and moved all over the metro until I took a work promotion that moved us to Michigan. At the time our son was 20 months old and Carrie was seven months pregnant with our daughter. With 30 days to move, we quickly realized we were moving 800 miles away from everyone and everything we knew.

On our one and only weekend trip to select a new place to live, we realized a church home would be very important in the transition. So, we quickly looked online and found the nearest church that had a decent website and gave it a try before hopping our flight back to Kansas City. In a mere one hour worship, Carrie and I knew that we wanted to be members of this new church. We felt like we belonged that quickly.

It was a wise choice. The church embraced us giving us all the welcome and sense of community we needed. Our young family trusted and relied on it for so much. With only a few weeks before our daughter would be born, we got all the referrals for a doctor, babysitters and even another mother that would run to our house and watch our son while we rushed to a hospital. It was a new home, where we belonged.

As a part of this belonging we also knew we had to contribute. We both found our ways and within a year we both had become part of church leadership. It was this involvement that would help me to finally follow my calling to go into church administration. I left the comfort of my career with the Boy Scouts and started a new ministry in my very church home. It was the next three years of carrying out this ministry that prepared us for the move to Country Club Christian Church.

While my family has always called wherever we are home, it did seem like a homecoming to have family stop by just for a few hours, to sit in Kauffman Stadium or make a quick trip to Wichita. We still needed a place beyond our new address to call home. It was the first Sunday in June when the Gilkerson family found a new church family, a place where we belong. We had a little different welcome then the average family, as I was also joining the staff. We left that Sunday just like we left a church six years ago, with a place we belong.

Rob

## July Collection Connection

### School Supplies for Don Bosco "Project Yes!"

According to the National Retail Federation, the average family spends approximately \$98 on school supplies for every school-aged child. For a family already struggling financially, preparing children for the school year can be a large financial burden. This month we are collecting school supplies for the Don Bosco "Project Yes!" program.

While all school supplies are needed, "Project Yes!" typically runs low on the following items:

- kindergarten writing tablets
- beginner pencils
- facial tissue
- index notecards
- highlighters
- protractors
- binders
- loose-leaf paper
- backpacks
- pencil box

Please place your donations in the tubs in the Parlor. With your help, Don Bosco will ensure that the community's youth are prepared for the upcoming school year.

# Hospice House Volunteers



Several children volunteered Fri., June 17, at the KC Hospice House filling activity bags for children and baking cookies to share. From left to right, back row: Lauren Herrington, Lucy Patterson, Grace Cote, Megan Herrington. Middle row: Rachel D'attoma, Kersti Nix, Reese Nix, Haley Martin. Front: Max Patterson

## 2011 General Assembly: Tell It! Meets July 9-13

The theme of the 2011 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) comes from Moses' cautionary sermon to the Hebrew people before they enter the Promised Land. This land flows with milk and honey, but bounty clouds identity. Pay attention! Do not to trust your memory. Post reminders. Repeat this command so that even unborn generations inherit it. In short: "Tell it!"

The General Assembly will be July 9-13 in Nashville, TN. Representing Country Club Christian Church will be Dr. Glen Miles, Rev. Carla Aday and Rev. Steve Mason.



The Assembly will feature Disciples pastors Holly McKissick and William "Bill" Lee; and popular presenters Brian McLaren and Marian Wright Edelman. Participants will have a wide selection of learning tracks and resource groups, multiple business sessions, a Sunday evening concert featuring Nashville musicians, and an evening of storytelling with Fred Craddock. The assembly will also vote on the General Board of the Christian Church's recommendation that Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins be elected to a second six-year term as General Minister and President.

## Upcoming Youth Events

### Summer Mission Trips

Plans are being finalized for Chi Rho and CYF summer mission trips and we need to know if you are coming, or thinking of coming. Please contact Justin Zeigler ASAP at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org) so we can get a count and complete the trip details.

**Chi Rho** will travel to Minneapolis, MN, for work in an urban community, July 10-15. Cost is \$250 (travel via van).

**CYF** will return to Chicago, IL, to continue work with partners there. July 17-23. Cost is \$350 (travel via van).

RSVP no later than June 30 with completed form and full payment for either trip.

### Chi Rho Heads to Schlitterbahn

On Sun., June 26 Chi Rho (6th-8th grade) will visit Schlitterbahn Waterpark in Kansas City, KS. Join us as we experience the King Kaw Rapids River, Mighty Mo and Boogies Bahn. We will meet at church at 3:00 p.m. and return at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$33 per person. The church will provide a snack and bottled water. Please bring money for dinner or other snacks. RSVP to Justin at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).



## Called to Play

by Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn, Minister to Children, Youth and Families



The summer season has officially arrived in our home. School is finally out after making up many snow days from winter. Now the focus shifts from being productive (as is the need during the school year) to a more intense focus on play. My boys requested a summer filled with more free time “not so many learning camps” as they call the summer camps I enroll them in for enrichment and for purposes of keeping them busy while I am at work. I do want them to have a more play-filled summer – with days where the time stretches out before them; with hours to create games and activities that engage their minds and senses; and those unstructured moments when they can just be. And I want that for all of us.

Within the art of play we discover God’s love of life. Those emotions and feelings that stir when we are playing hard and having a great time enliven our spirit. Through giggles of delight and large movements of our bodies we come to know how good life can be. In playing with others – learning to cooperate, share, find happiness in others’ accomplishments – we find the core of God’s desire for mutual relationships. Play allows for risk-taking, messiness and creativity – traits not always valued in our efficient, outcome-based society.

I know there is much we can learn from a child’s desire and willingness to play. As God’s image bearers, we must balance the call to be God’s presence in the world in an active and meaningful way with the call to simply marvel at and love life. It is easy to let play fall from your day-to-day rhythm – to fill in every moment with tasks that bring a sense of purpose and accomplishment when completed. But to what end?

Author Margot Starbuck Hausman encourages:

*Nurture the discipline of play as an expression of trust in our Maker. Be confident that your Sabbath leisure is a delight to the gracious God who loves you. The next time you are splashing in a puddle, running in the rain, or catching fire flies, know that you bring joy to the One whose face shines upon you.*

So find time to play this summer – in whatever form that will take for you – knowing that God meets you on the playground of your life.

*Catherine*

## Children and Families

### Summer Service Opportunity

Sign ups are going on now for summer volunteering, children ages 6 through 5th grade. Fri., July 8, we will be volunteering at Harvesters Community Food Network from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Spots are limited. Please email Karla Herrington (karlah@cccckc.org) if your child can join us.

### Donations/Ongoing Collection Effort

This summer our children will be volunteering at the KC Hospice House. This is an exciting new opportunity, as we are helping start something new at the Hospice House. We will be creating and assembling activity bags for children. Please bring in anything you think would be fun that will fit in a lunch size paper bag. We will create two different age appropriate types of bags and will need items for ages 2-5 and ages 6-10. Some ideas include play dough, bubbles, puzzles, markers, activity books, small toys, chalk, pens, notepads, stickers, balls, and anything else that can supplement an activity bag! Please contact Karla Herrington if you have questions. Leave your donations in Karla’s office (Rm. 101) or look for the donation basket during Sunday school.

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## Our Church Family Sympathy

DR. ROY GARRISON passed away June 19. Roy is survived by his four children, Greg, David, Valerie and Robyn. A memorial service will be June 27 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, Rev. Chuck Murphy officiating.

## Memorials

### Fred Bellemere, Jr.

Fred Bellemere, III

### Harry Hilfinger

Bob & Alyce King

### Mission Trips

### Kay Prather-Rodriguez

Dale & Jonna Hunter

### Music Fund

### Ada Lois Hodkins

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