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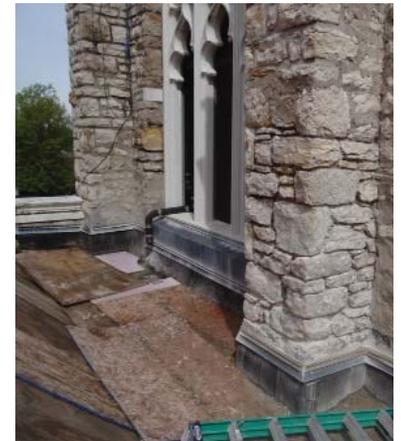
*We joyfully
welcome
and nurture
all people
by providing
a vibrant
Christ-centered
community
of faith,
dedicated to
spiritual growth
through
worship, study
and service.*

Building Renovation Progresses

Work is progressing nicely on the renovation project on the main building. The pace of work has increased now that the rain has subsided. Repairs have been made to the bell tower and brickwork around the building. Cranes will be here in June to assist with next phase of the project. The hoisting and placement of the new/repared statues will be toward the end of the project. The project is expected to be completed late this fall. All of us at Country Club Christian Church appreciate the generous support that makes this vital project possible.



Workers from C & M Construction pour concrete as part of the repair on the bell tower.



This picture shows an area where workers are repairing and tuck-pointing the wall with new mortar.

Sermon Series: Living the God Life

This series, "Living the God Life," is based on Paul's letter to the church in Galatia and is inspired by John Ortberg's book of the same title. Paul invites them to consider what it means to live with the grace and peace of God at the center of their lives. He reminds them that there is "no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." That's what living the God life looks like.

June 2 Part 1: The Basics
Galatians 1:1-12

June 9 Part 2: God's Family
Galatians 3:23-29

June 16 Part 3: To Boldly Go ...
Galatians 5:1,13-25



2013 Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge card last Sunday for our 2013 Stewardship Campaign. As of today, we have received 278 pledges, totaling \$858,208 and representing an approximate three percent increase per giving unit over last year at this time. We are still collecting your pledge cards, so if you have not yet turned in your card, please drop it in the offering tray on Sunday, bring it to the church office at your convenience or visit www.cccckc.org and click "Give" to make your pledge electronically. Beginning in June, 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.

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 . . .

- **In Worship** – Mike Graves, Professor of Preaching at St. Paul School of Theology, June 2
- **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

Annual Congregational Meetings Are June 2

On Sun., June 2, annual congregational meetings will be held after each worship service to vote on next year's slate of officers, new board members, elders, deacons and trustees. Please be sure to attend worship that day so that you have an opportunity to vote!

Sign Up for 2013 Christian Community Camp

We still have a few openings for Christian Community Camp, a glorious week at the YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park, CO. The 2013 camp will be Aug. 3-10, 2013.



A registration form and a \$250 non-refundable deposit will hold your place. Cost is \$1,500 for a private room; \$250 for the bunk room. Each private room sleeps a maximum of six people. A bunkroom contains all bunks and sleeps six to eight. We have a male bunk room and a female bunk room available. Food and activity fee of \$75 per person. For more information, contact Jane Fletcher at janef@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.



Summer Sermons – Invite a Friend

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



I'm preaching two sermon series this summer that I am really looking forward to delivering. The first one, "Living the God Life," is based on Paul's letter to the church in Galatia and is inspired by John Ortberg's book of the same title.

The Galatians were becoming quite strict in the practice of their Christianity while at the same time forgetting the power of God's grace and its ability to transform our every day lives. Paul opens his letter sweetly, "So I greet you with the great words, grace and peace," but then he gets

right to his point, "I can't believe your fickleness." Wow. Right there in the Bible we get an inside look at an early controversy.

Eventually Paul gets around to inviting them to consider what it means to live with the grace and peace of God at the center of their lives. In the third chapter he reminds them that there is "no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." That's what living the God life looks like.

The second series this summer will reflect on the question "Would Jesus be a Christian?" That query is raised by theologian Brian McLaren. It sounds kind of controversial but at its heart this series will seek to look carefully at the teachings of Jesus as seen in the gospel stories.

The more I study Jesus the more amazed I am at the way he calls us to a pure and holy encounter with God. Religion at its best helps us surrender to the Spirit. Religion at its worst (and, yes Christianity must guard against this too) forces us into guilt and sorrow.

Your summer will no doubt be filled with time away and opportunities to relax but if you're in town on Sunday I hope you'll be in church too! And remember, you are the best church growth experts I know. When you invite a friend to join you on Sunday you will be doing a lot to spread our message of God's amazing love.

See you on Sunday!

Visitor Information Luncheon

All visitors and friends of the church are invited to a special luncheon on Sun., June 2. You will get to visit with the ministers, ask questions and learn more about the church. We hope you will join us on Sun., June 2, from 12:15-1:45 p.m. For more information or to reserve your spot at the luncheon, please contact Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth, at 816-333-4917 or laurenw@cccckc.org.

Worship with us!

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

Sunday, May 26
Memorial Day Weekend
Hope Remembers
Isaiah 55:10-13

Living the God Life
Sunday, June 2
Part 1: The Basics
Galatians 1:1-12

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Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

2013 General Assembly – Teach Us to Pray

The theme of the 2013 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) “Lord Teach Us to Pray” calls us to pray deeply for God’s direction, strength, courage, and initiative in mission. It offers the opportunity for praying communities of Disciples to connect with each other as the family of God.



The theme is based on Luke 11:

1-4. In the gospel of Luke, the original disciples cry out, “Lord, teach us to pray.” They’ve already been busy preaching and prophesying and healing in Jesus’ name. Their desire for prayer this far into their ministry reminds us that our motivation for action comes from our vital relationship with the living Christ. Our energy for mission comes from the Spirit of God. We are fueled for our mission by a life of communicating with God through prayer.

The General Assembly will be July 13-17 in Orlando, FL. Information and registration materials are available at www.disciples.org/ga.

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

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 for more information.



Virginia Reed Food Drive on June 16

On Sun., June 16, 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.”

The Well Book Corner

Do you need books for your children or grandchildren? Do you need a Bible to use in your Bible study? Would you like to read a book mentioned in a sermon or a minister’s column in *The Christian*? Then visit The Well, our book and gift store on the ground floor of the church.



The Well also features gifts for everyone, including wonderful Fair Trade items from around the world. Shoppers will find jewelry, scarves, CDs and handmade items. The proceeds go to Week of Compassion, which provides emergency disaster relief to peoples around the world.

You can also shop at home through Amazon to benefit Week of Compassion. If you use the Amazon search function on  The Well’s web page, a percentage of the purchase price is directed to Week of Compassion. Go to www.cccckc.org and click The Well in the top right-hand corner, then follow the instructions.

The Well 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.



You're Invited

by Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth



I recently read a blog by Rob Moss entitled, "We Will No Longer Be a Welcoming Church." I'll admit, the title alone had my attention. It's a fascinating piece about the common misconception among churches that being a "welcoming" church is all we need to do to grow. Moss makes the case that instead of being "welcoming" (a passive activity that involves waiting for folks to show up and then being really nice to them when they do), churches that are truly living God's call are those that focus on being an "inviting" church. In short, rather than trying to get the world to church, being invitational in our approach involves getting God's church to the world.

I'm guilty of spending a lot of time talking and thinking about how to create a welcoming environment here...greeters, homemade cookies, water jugs on the front lawn, flowers at luncheons, etc. While none of those things are bad at all (and I'll still spend time ensuring we have them), what would it look like if we focused on being more inviting? What would it look and feel like to invite someone to join you on this journey, not because we're hoping for a packed house or because you want to win a parking space, but because there's something really wonderful happening here that you want to share with the world? Being an inviting congregation means that we know who we are and what we need and we are then willing to go out in to the community to connect with people around that. It's about relationships, not numbers. It's about meeting the world where it's at, not expecting the world to come to us.

Although the two concepts are not mutually exclusive, how can we as a church make the (seemingly huge) paradigm shift from being welcoming and hospitable to more inviting and engaging? I'd dare to offer one suggestion that I intend to do personally: The next time someone (a bride, a visitor, a person at the grocery store) asks about our cranes in the front yard, I'm going to talk about the real building (of a better world) that's happening when we send groups to Joplin, Nicaragua or St. Louis. It's not much, but it's a start. I invite you to join me.

Justin's Ordination Is June 2

The congregation is invited to celebrate with Justin Zeigler, Minister to Youth, as he is ordained on Sun., June 2. The service will be at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will last about an hour. Please come celebrate this moment in Justin's life and the life of Country Club Christian Church.



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."

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.

Schlitterbahn Water Park

All youth are invited to Schlitterbahn Water Park on Sun., June 9. Meet in the Youth Center at noon for lunch and then we will head out. Cost is \$25 per person, including lunch at church. RSVP to Justin Zeigler by June 6 at justinz@cccckc.org. The park is at 9400 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS.

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.

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.



Children & Family Ministries Update

Interim Director of Children's Ministries

Lisa McCleish, director of Country Club Christian Church's Preschool and Parents' Day Out, will serve as Interim Director of Children's Ministries effective immediately and continuing through Aug. 31. The Director of Children's Ministries position was previously held by Karla Herrington. Lisa will work 15 hours a week this summer in this role while continuing in her role with the school, which has reduced hours in the summer. Please refer any questions about Children's Ministry to Lisa at lisam@cccckc.org.



Search Committee Formed for Minister to Children, Youth and Families

Stacey Roske will chair the search committee to fill the position of Minister to Children, Youth and Families recently held by Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn. The committee will begin meeting with in June.



What Is Your Call?

by Justin Zeigler, Minister to Youth



A friend invited me into her home the other day so she could practice teaching yoga and I could practice being a yoga student. I didn't understand some of the terms that she was using, but I could understand the joy in her voice. I couldn't do the poses with the grace that she could, but her passion encouraged me to do my best. I left her home sweaty, tired and blessed by being in the presence of someone who is living life to the fullest at that moment. She has been called.

One of my heroes has always been my dad. There is an energy in his quiet ways that makes you want to listen a little more closely. If you listen you will learn about what the corn prices have been for the past 30 years and the importance of rotation of crops. You will experience a man who is confident that he is doing what he was put on this earth to do. I told him once that his love of farming was an inspiration to his agriculturally challenged son. He smiled and said "I love my family and I want to take care of them. I'm just lucky that I love doing it."

My ordination is right around the corner and I'm thinking about the concept of "call" a lot. How does anyone know if they are called to anything? What is the difference between being called to do something and just really, really, really wanting to do it?

I don't want to let the creator of the universe down by doing something with my life that I'm not really supposed to be doing....talk about pressure. Jesus tells us that he came so that we may have life, and have it abundantly. To me that is the clearest direction of call that we have. We are called to find ourselves with the people, the places, the moments that give us the most life. Do what you love, surround yourself with the people that you love, and find a way to do of much of that as possible.

I pray that you find the wisdom to know when you are living your call, the courage to embrace it, and the patience to continually seek.

Children and Families Fountains of Faith Sunday School

The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss

June 2013

The Grinch, Horton, Sneetches and more will 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 in Room 212 from 9:55 – 10:50 am.

Fifth Graders Movin' Up

Our current fifth graders are invited to join in Sunday School with Chi Rho (6th – 8th graders) beginning on Sun., May 26. The summer Sunday School time provides a great transition for our incoming 6th graders to get to know Justin Zeigler and the middle school group. Join all on from 9:55 – 10:55 a.m. in the Chi Rho room (Rm. 202).

Infant Dedications

Next infant dedication date is Father's Day – June 16, 2013.

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.

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Save the Date for the Ice Cream Social

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

The annual Ice Cream Social will be July 7 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Our Church Family

Congratulations

Congratulations to KARMEN EHMAN and WILL MAJORS who were married May 11 in the Sanctuary, Dr. Glen Miles officiating.

Sympathy

MABLE BRASFIELD passed away Apr. 28. She is survived by her loving family. Her services were held May 1 at Mount Moriah.

JACK CROCKER passed away May 5. He is survived by his son, Glenn (Tepring). His service was held May 18 in Wagoner, OK.

HELEN STARRY passed away May 19. She is survived by her niece, Beverly (Jerry) Yantzi. Her service will be May 24 in Combs Chapel.

Memorials

Dorothy Boone

Nancy Ralson

Jane and Steve Panknin

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