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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.*

## Your Outreach Time and Money Extends Our Impact into the Community and Beyond

During the past fiscal year, thanks to your financial support, our congregation has helped provide funds to feed the hungry, for education, to assist the homeless, and for healthy and sustainable living. In addition, we helped sponsor a missionary in Africa and provided aid to refugees through Global Ministries. We also provided funds to the wider community through the Disciples of Christ Ministries Fund.

Your pledges to the church and gifts to endowments, the Christmas offering and the Easter offering provided the funds for this outreach. The Outreach Grant Funding Team of the Outreach Council vetted those requesting funds to make sure that the funds would be used to provide for real needs.



Joplin Mission Trip

### Metro Mission Helps Locally

The members of Country Club Christian Church have once again done an amazing job of helping those in need locally through the Metro Mission Ministry Team. Recipients of our church's time and talent have included:

- **Micah Ministries.** We purchased, prepared and served hundreds of meals once a month and many members volunteered there many other nights as well. Micah was also helped by Collection Connection on multiple occasions.

- **Collection Connection.** We gathered items for the Nicaragua mission trip, Hartman Elementary School, Give What You Got, the sewing group, Lansing State Prison and other groups.

- **125 pumpkin pies** were donated by members and delivered to Independence Boulevard Christian Church for the Micah annual Thanksgiving dinner.



Pies for Micah

- **600 holiday stockings** were stuffed with helpful hygiene and personal care items put together by our members for Micah's annual Christmas dinner.

- **Nearly 2,000 meals** were purchased, prepared and served at Cross-Lines Community Outreach food kitchen the first Tuesday of each month. It has become known as Taco Tuesday and the clients are most apprecia-

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

Join us this Sunday, June 22, for 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, ice cream and toppings.



## Your Outreach Time and Money

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- tive and pass along their thanks. Several Sunday school classes helped make this possible.
- **Grace at Work** days in October and April were once again well-attended and provided help to several local agencies.
- **The Virginia Reed Food Drive** continues to provide much needed food aid to the food pantries of Cross-Lines, Community Christian Church, Della Lamb Community Services, First Christian Church of Kansas City and Alta Vista Church.
- **“Take The Stage,”** an innovative, high energy, in-school dance program that inspires students to develop the personal discipline, focus and confidence necessary to achieve excellence in academics and beyond was initiated at Hartman Elementary School. The Metro Mission Ministry Team is funding a large portion of the program through endowment funds. This supplements the Country Club Christian Church tutoring program and backsnack program at Hartman.
- Our **prison ministry** continues to provide books and library cataloging help to Lansing State Prison on a regular basis.

## PartNERship

PartNERship is an initiative by our congregation to focus on developing relationships in the Northeast Kansas City community and working collaboratively to make an impact. Currently we are working with six agencies: Della Lamb Community Services,

Newhouse, Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Garfield Elementary School, Sheffield Place and Micah Ministry.

## Mission Teams Reach Beyond the Metro Area

Country Club Christian Church maintains partnerships with individuals and organizations across the country and world, offering diverse mission experiences throughout the year. Currently we partner with groups in Joplin, MO; New Orleans; Nicaragua; Mozambique, and Haiti.

In the past year, mission teams included:

- **Nicaragua** – In February, a team partnered with the poorest of the poor to conduct medical clinics and assist with construction projects in a rural



community. Over 75 patients were seen in the clinic, 400 home health kits were provided to families, the children received fluoride treatment, and the walls of a new community center were completed. This year marked the 10th trip to Nicaragua. Through this church’s generosity, we are very blessed to have established a strong partnership with CEPAD, a relationship that we hope to continue for many years to come.

- **Indianapolis** – Middle school youth traveled to Indianapolis, IN, last July to work on justice projects including working with people who experience poverty and people who are striving to escape violence.
- **Chicago** – High school youth went to Chicago in July 2013 to continue working in the city with local organizations to address issues of homelessness, poverty and racial injustice.
- **Joplin, MO** – Work teams traveled to Joplin in May 2013 to help with the continuing recovery following the 2011 tornado. Projects included work at the site of the high school, repairs at the home of a retired teacher, carpentry and tiling for a young family, and taping, mudding and sanding drywall for a new home owner.



All trips welcome adults of all skill levels, including those with no particular skills because the ultimate aim of each trip focuses on relationships, presence and transformation instead of particular projects. The only skill required is a willingness to serve and flexibility.

If you are interested in participating in a future trip, please contact Carla Aday (carlaa@cccckc.org) or Betsy Wilson (913-220-1059; betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com) or call 816-333-4917.



# Extravagant Love, Intimate Friendship

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Paul ends his letter to the church in Corinth with a blessing: “The amazing grace of Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God and the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.”

The first word on Paul’s list, grace, implies that God loves all people. To make sure we get it he adds a word about God’s extravagant love. Paul is painting with a broad brush here, so it is up to you and me to fill in the details. If grace is true, if God is love, if we are friends of the Holy Spirit, how does that affect our lives? How does this affect what you believe?

I ask these things because our beliefs matter. If we say that grace is at the center of who we are and how we understand God, then that grace will shape the way we live. If we claim to believe that God loves every person, then our lives will reflect that belief. The concept is pretty clear but, as you surely know, the practice of it is rarely easy.

I remember preaching a sermon about this idea a few years ago. I recited St. Francis’ little proverb, “Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.” I quoted Fred Craddock who says that the work of the Christian community is to help one another live graciously. Later that afternoon I fell asleep on the couch watching golf. (Televised golf is a gift sent by God to help preachers nap on Sunday afternoons.) My kids were playing ping pong down in the basement. They got loud. They were having a great time. But I was worn out. And tired. And cranky. I went to the stairs leading down to the basement and yelled at them, “Be QUIET! I have had a long day. I have another event tonight. Be quiet.” I was angry. They got very quiet. Then one of them came upstairs. He said, “Nice sermon today. What was it about? Being kind and gracious?”

Ouch.

This love and grace stuff ain’t easy! The idea that God loves everyone and expects us to treat the world the same way is hard to put into practice. But in the long run it is the only way to live.

Grace and peace to you,

## Sermon Series: Real People, Real Problems, Real Help

In this series, Dr. Glen Miles utilizes the book of Psalms to help us with our everyday problems.

- June 22 – *Shame*, Psalm 31: 1-5, 14-20
- June 29 – *Heartbroken*, Psalm 34: 1-8
- July 13 – *Bitterness*, Psalm 55 (selections)
- July 20 – *Anxiety*, Psalm 77
- July 27 – *Sorrow*, Psalm 119: 25-32.

## Worship with us!

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

**Sermon Series:  
Real People, Real Problems,  
Real Help**

**June 22**

Part 2 – Shame  
*Psalm 31:1-5; 14-20*

**June 29**

Part 3 – Heartbroken  
*Psalm 34: 1-8*

**July 13**

Part 4 – Bitterness  
*Psalm 55 (selections)*

**July 20**

Part 5 – Anxiety  
*Psalm 77*

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## June Collection Connection

In June, we are collecting items for the Della Lamb Community Service's Adult English As Second Language Program. The program gives Della Dollars to students who actively participate in class using whatever English skills they have. At the end of the week, the Della Dollars can be redeemed for items that cannot be purchased with food stamps but that are needed in the home. Items needed include: powder detergent (small size), bar soap (two-bar packs), dish washing liquid, and liquid hand soap. Please place your donations in the bin in the Parlor. Della Lamb is one of the agencies in our PartNERship with the Northeast Kansas City community and focuses on empowering low-income clients to meet the challenges of education, employment and self-sufficiency.

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## Please Return Your Pledge Card

Thank you to everyone who turned in a pledge card to our 2014 Stewardship Campaign. We are still collecting your 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 or visit [www.cccckc.org/give](http://www.cccckc.org/give) to make your pledge electronically. Thank you for your generous support of Country Club Christian Church.



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## Visitors Invited to Luncheon

Are you a visitor interested in learning more about Country Club Christian Church? We invite all guests and friends of the congregation to attend a luncheon on Sun., July 20, to learn more about us, meet our ministers and ask questions about the denomination and church. Lunch will be served in the Solarium (Rm. 309) from 12:15-1:30 p.m. RSVP to Paul Cutelli at [paulc@cccckc.org](mailto:paulc@cccckc.org).

## Visit The Well

The Well, our book and gift store, is on the ground floor of the church. Items from the recent Nicaragua mission trip and devotional books are available. 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](http://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.

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## Green Team Class

Save the date! On Thurs., Oct. 16, the Green Team will present "The Land Institute – Internationally Famous and Locally Obscure" at 6:30 p.m. The Land Institute is working to reverse the antagonism between agriculture and nature. Using nature as the standard, Land Institute scientists are developing perennial mixtures that can produce food in harmony with the wild. Healthy, natural prairie ecosystems provide the information to direct our paths – information we in large part disregarded when we chose the agriculture of annual grains some 10,000 years ago. Free and open to the public. No registration required. Door prizes. For further information call 816-665-4456.





## Renovation Nearing Completion

By John Clemmer, Business Administrator



It was exciting to watch the fourth and final finial go up to the bell tower a couple of weeks ago. A group of the staff watched in amazement as almost 6,000 pounds of cast cement was whisked to the top of the tower and bolted into place in about 15 minutes. Pictures were posted online – perhaps you saw them. If not, next time you are at church take a moment and look up – the sight of the four finials in place on the tower is truly amazing.

The work on the bell tower is the final phase of the construction project. Construction crews are working down the tower and will be finishing in the area around the front door. There is still work to be done on the octagon tower, the finials above the front door, and the area around the front door. In addition the lanterns will be replaced. These sit on each side of the front door.

We now expect that the construction phase of the project will be finished in mid July. This, of course, depends on weather and other factors. It will certainly be great to see the day when the crews roll up the orange construction fence and cart it off. After the building construction is done, plans are in place to replace the sidewalks, repair the irrigation system, and landscape the project area.

Everyone at Country Club Christian Church appreciates the construction crew for all the hard work they have put in on the project. Of course, the generosity of everyone who has contributed to the project in one way or another is a true blessing.

I would also like to personally thank the members of the congregation that donated their time, effort, and resources in renovating the bride and groom rooms in the George Combs Chapel. These areas now look spectacular.

Also, the carpet in the third floor hallway by the elevator was replaced last week. Thanks go out to the folks that helped make that possible.

We have a beautiful building and it is a privilege to be a part of the team making improvements to it. Thanks again for your support and dedication to these projects.

## Shoes Collected for Micah Ministry

Thanks to everyone who donated shoes for Micah Ministry during the May Collection Connection. Two dozen men's shoes were collected. It appeared several had been purchased for Micah from thrift stores, which is especially meaningful to the volunteers. It meant that someone didn't just donate what they had on hand but went to a store and actually paid for shoes, said Jackie Cunningham, a member of the Metro Mission Ministry Team. She said thrift stores are a great place to purchase such items. Men's shoes are always in short supply and it is disheartening to the volunteers when they have no shoes for them. Many men wear shoes with holes in the soles and are otherwise falling apart.

## Only A Few Spaces Available for 2014 Christian Community Camp

The 2014 camp at the YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park, CO, will be Aug. 2-9. The group of 60-90 folks from ages 1 to 91 stays in a newly remodeled lodge and enjoys home-cooked meals provided by volunteer chefs from our church. Cost is \$1,550 for a private room; \$350 for a bunk room. Food and activity fee of \$80 per person. For more information, contact Rev. Carla Aday at [carlaa@cccckc.org](mailto:carlaa@cccckc.org) or 816-333-4917.

## Vacation Bible School: Workshop of Wonders

July 28-31, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Our kids will experience the wonders of God at our Vacation Bible School, Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build With God. Your children will become Visioneers at the Workshop of Wonders as they explore how the ordinary becomes the extraordinary with God and experience the love of Jesus. All children age 2 through 5th grade are welcome! Dinner will be provided.

Session 1: Build with God!  
Session 2: Grow with God!  
Session 3: Work with God!  
Session 4: Walk with God!

Thurs., July 31 will be Family Night. As we gather for the final night of VBS, please join us with the entire family for a night of fun!

### Volunteers Needed

We are also looking for a great team of volunteers to assist in decorating, setting up crafts and helping to lead our youth during VBS. Please contact Lindsay Howes, Director of Children's Ministries, at [lindsayh@cccckc.org](mailto:lindsayh@cccckc.org) for more information.



## Upcoming Youth Events

### Youth Group

**Summer Schedule** - Youth Group will be held on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. this summer EXCEPT on the following dates:

- June 22 - Due to Middle School Mission trip
- July 13 - Due to High School Mission trip

**Sun., June 29** – Youth group will be going to Hope House, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Sun., July 6** – On your mark, get set, bake! Dust off your aprons and start your ovens. We will be baking 35 dozen cookies to be enjoyed during fellowship on the following Sunday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Social Hall.

### Ice Cream for 7th Graders

On Sun., June 29, all youth who will be in 7th grade in the upcoming 2014-15 school year are invited to meet at Baskin Robbins in Brookside at 4:30 p.m. for an ice cream get together.

### Family Night at Micah

Youth families are invited to serve together at Independence Boulevard Christian Church's Micah Ministry on Mon., July 14. Meet at Independence Boulevard Christian Church at 5:00 p.m.

### Service Hours Opportunities

**VBS July 27-31** – Volunteer hours available for youth. Let Allie Cobb ([alliec@cccckc.org](mailto:alliec@cccckc.org)) know if you'd like to help.

## Middle School Youth Mission Trip



This Sunday, our middle school students will be heading to Houston, TX for their summer mission trip. They will be partnering with the Center for Student Missions to engage in an urban ministry experience that will transform their lives. Please pray for the students, the adult sponsors who will be traveling with them, and the people

with whom they come into contact. They leave dark and early Sunday morning and would love to know you're thinking of them.



## Who Do You Inspire?

by Rev. Joe Walker, Minister of Congregational Care



Who inspires you?

I find that when I ask people that question, the quick responses tend to fall into one of two categories: famous people and immediate family members.

Maya Angelou, Helen Keller, Maria Montessori, Harry S Truman, Dr. Martin Luther King, Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Mom, Dad, Nana, Grandpa, Brother, Sister.

I have an off-the-top-of-my-head list, too. However, I also know lots of inspiring people who don't fall into either of those two categories; they are seemingly ordinary folks who do extraordinary things and they inspire (and/or challenge) me to be the disciple I believe Jesus calls me to be. This past week I spent an evening with two such people; long-time colleagues and friends Pastor Calvin Wainright and Pastor Sandy Wainright.

As I was listening to Pastor Calvin describe the academic and athletic programs he organizes in the central city, I was marveling at how he manages to be both gentle and rock solid at the same time. It is easy to see why he is such an effective and trusted surrogate father figure, coach, pastor, mentor, tutor and community leader. Just the opposite of so many "celebrities," Pastor Calvin is all substance and little flash. People of all colors, backgrounds and neighborhoods recognize his compassion for kids and families – especially those living in poverty – is genuine and they are inspired to get involved.

Pastor Sandy's sweet smile and lilting voice brightens any day and everyone looks forward to seeing her. Of course, when you see Pastor Sandy she is out educating people on the dangers of HIV/AIDS in minority communities. Or she is teaching that every body is a temple of the Holy Spirit and deserves care, healthy food and safety. I very much appreciate how Pastor Sandy's warm and gracious personality helps people feel at ease and more readily open their hearts and minds to her lifesaving messages. I have personally met many individuals whose lives she has touched and who are now using their own stories and gifts to help others.

If you ask either of them, I am sure Pastors Calvin and Sandy will humbly say that they don't consider themselves any more inspiring or noteworthy than the next person. However, if you ask any of the people Pastors Calvin and Sandy serve or lead, I am equally confident those folks will affirm that they, like me, put the pastors on their "inspiring" list.

It is natural to have famous people and loved ones on our inspiring list. However when we also celebrate the seemingly ordinary people we know who do extraordinary things it reminds us that we, too, are invited (perhaps, challenged?) to lead inspiring lives with the gifts and talents we have received. So, who do you inspire and why?

Joe

## Children and Families

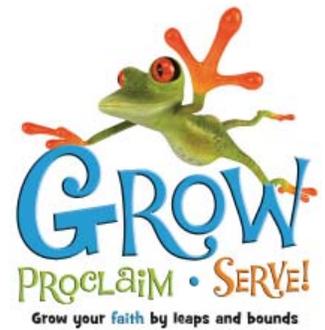
### New Sunday Morning Format

#### Grow, Proclaim, Serve

We are starting an exciting series in the Children's Sunday School by introducing *Grow! Proclaim and Serve*. Through *Grow!* your child will hear the Bible story,

apply the Bible message, and then live out the message in their lives in concrete and age-appropriate ways.

Sunday School will start off in a group worship service and then the children will divide into small groups based on grade level to continue conversation and activities. We are very excited to begin this new format with the 1st-5th grade as well as the 3 to 6 year olds.



## Baby Dedication



Eleanor Jane Mason with parents, Rachel and Brian Mason.

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# Our Church Family

## In Sympathy

Our prayers and condolences are with the families and friends of:

**Mary Floyd**, mother of Leslie Holt  
**Alyce King**  
**Scott McDaniel**  
**Louise Redford**

## Memorials

### Alyce King

Betty & Robert Jenkins  
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James & Kathryn Davis  
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