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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.*

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. Register on our website at www.cccckc.org.

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!

Volunteer Training

We are looking for a great team of volunteers to assist in decorating, setting up crafts and helping to lead our youth during VBS. Join us on Sun., July 20, 12:15-2:15 p.m. in the Youth Center for VBS Leader/Volunteer Training. If you have not signed up, it is NOT too late. Please contact Lindsay Howes at lindsayh@cccckc.org for more details.

Join Us for Festival Sunday on August 17!

We will celebrate Festival Sunday, the beginning of a new year of spiritual growth opportunities for children, youth and adults, on Sun., Aug. 17.

Picnic Lunch Served from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m

- Picnic lunch served. (\$8 per person, maximum \$30 per family. Guests and visitors complimentary.) Hamburgers and hot dogs from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Games and prizes, food and music!

Worship at 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00 a.m.

- Dr. R. Glen Miles will preach the sermon.
- 3rd grade Bible presentations at the 11:00 a.m. service.
- Pick up a Fall 2014 Ministries and Events Guide.
- Children and youth will advance to the next Sunday School grade level.
- Pick up children and youth packets and calendars.

Reservations appreciated. Sign up in the Parlor on Aug. 3 and 10. Or call 816-333-4917 or email marymargareth@cccckc.org. Walk-ins welcome!

Volunteers are needed to help out that morning. Contact Stacey Lukas (slukas@aol.com) if you'd like to join the volunteer team.



Staff Change



Dr. Brian Mathias, associate organist, has resigned effective July 27. Brian is joining the faculty at the Brigham Young University School of Music in Provo, Utah. He will be teaching applied organ and carillon lessons, as well as courses in organ literature, advanced keyboard harmony, and service playing.

Brian and his family will be moving at the end of July, but he will return in October for the re-dedication at Country Club Christian Church. Afterward, he will head to Montreal to compete in the Canadian International Organ Competition.

Dale Ramsey will serve as interim associate organist, playing at the 10:00 a.m. service and helping with weddings and funerals as needed. Michael Patch, Director of Children's and Youth Choirs, will also help out when needed. A search committee will be appointed as soon as possible.

Sewing Ministry Needs Fabric and Yarn

Some of our Sewing Ministry members took a break to celebrate the fruits of their labor and that of our Knitting Ministry. In the foreground are completed items



being donated to Truman Medical Center: receiving blankets and caps for newborns and lap robes, scarfs, and tote bags for cancer patients. Both ministries welcome new volunteers and donations of yarn and fabric. The knitters meet on Mondays at 9:45 a.m. in Rm. 201

and the Sewing Ministry meets on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 11.

Save the Date: Oct. 5 for Re-dedication of Our Building

Join us on Sun., Oct. 5, as we re-dedicate our 92-year-old building for the next millennium.

After two years of construction, it's time to celebrate the beautifully refurbished exterior. Our new alabaster stone work will be glistening as we dedicate the church for the years ahead.



The construction team working on our building plans to be done around Aug. 8. Of course, as always, bad weather or other unknowns may cause delays but, as you can tell, they are getting close to completion. Their work is focusing on the front of the tower. Overall, the building is looking wonderful and it has been reinforced to the highest standards.

Country Club Christian Church was established in October 1920 and the original part of the building was ready for occupancy in 1922. The sanctuary building was constructed next, dedicated on Jan. 24, 1926.

Watch for details about the upcoming celebration.



Are You Ready for God?

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Richard Rohr says, “If you are not ready to change, don’t seek out God.” Spiritual growth means that something must change. And if you’re like me, you may be more inclined to keep everything the same in order to avoid any change.

We need to be gentle with ourselves though. Life is hard. Sometimes bad, terrible things happen to good people. I’m certain that every one of us has a story of a friend or a family member who went through some ugly ordeal through no fault of their own. Maybe you have a story too, of undeserved pain, of something awful that happened to you.

However, I am also fairly certain that every one of us realizes that many of our circumstances are chosen. Our behavior can lead to all sorts of dumb stuff happening to us. In my life, the less time I spend in prayer and quiet reflection the more time I spend in worry and anxiety and that almost always leads to fear and foolishness.

A friend of mine is a personal trainer at a local gym. He is also a pentecostal pastor. One day he saw me lifting weights in an incorrect form. “You’re doing that all wrong, Pastor Glen. At the end of the workout you’ll be in pain.” I laughed and said, “Terrance, that will preach!”

He then told me that he sees people all the time who want to lose weight or get in better shape. They set up a regimen and they go for it but after a few weeks or months they don’t seem to have improved much or they have even regressed. So, good pastor that he is, he’ll ask them what they’ve been up to. And sure enough they will tell him! Too much drinking or too many desserts or too many late nights and encounters with the wrong sorts of persons, and on and on. He’s almost like the Dr. Phil of the gym when he asks, “And how’s that working out for you?”

That is a tough question to face but the revelation of the truth, no matter how bad it may feel, no matter how frightening it may be, will lead to a new way of life.

Are you ready for God? God is ready for you.

Grace and peace to you,

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.

Worship with us!

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

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

July 20
Part 6 – Anxiety
Psalm 77

July 27
Part 7 – Sorrow
Psalm 119: 25-32

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

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 to make your pledge electronically. Thank you for your generous support of Country Club Christian Church.



Flower Vases Needed

The flower ministry needs vases for flowers. If you have a vase you can donate, please leave it in the Social Hall kitchen or at the reception desk.

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 John Clemmer at 816-333-4917 or johnc@cccckc.org for more information.



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 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.

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.





Exciting News

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



Some big changes to the children's and youth music program are coming! We all are very excited for these changes. The music program will offer more opportunities for children and youth to participate in productions. They will grow as musicians and performers while enriching their spiritual development.

Starting this September, the children and youth music program will be built on a "semester" format. Our main focus for the first semester will be a large Christmas production on Dec. 14. The second semester will focus on the Spring Musical on Apr. 26.

Included in the preparation of the large musical productions, the children and youth will learn anthems to perform once a month during the 11:00 a.m. service. There will be opportunities to build and paint sets, create costumes, and play in a band. Children, youth, and their families that commit to a production will participate all semester.

More information will be published in the Fall Ministry Guide.

My goal is to have a music program that is fun and enriching for all who participate. With this new format, that will be more possible than ever. I hope to see you and your family in the fall!

July Collection Connection

In July, we are collecting disposable diapers for Sheffield Place and school uniforms for Hartman Elementary School students.

Sheffield Place is a non-profit organization serving homeless mothers with children ages 0-12 years. Since safety-net programs such as SNAP (food stamps) and WIC (Women, Infants and Children) do not cover the purchase of diapers, mothers at Sheffield Place struggle to have enough diapers to meet their babies' needs. The greatest need is for sizes 4-6 and pull-ups.

For Hartman boys and girls, we are collecting new or gently used khaki or navy pants, and navy shirts in sizes 6, 8 and 10.

Please place your donations in the bin in the Parlor.

Upcoming Youth Events

Vacation Bible School

Sun., July 20, 12:15-2:15 p.m. – VBS Leader/Volunteer Training, Youth Center.

Wed., July 23, 4:00-7:00 p.m. – VBS Decoration and Preparation Night, Social Hall.

Youth Group

Sun., July 27 – Game Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Stop by the Social Hall for fun games like Everybody's It, Apples to Apples, and yes, there will be Gotcha.

Sun., Aug. 10 – Were you in 6th-12th grade last school year?! If so, you're invited to have an epic time with Country

Club Christian Church's Youth Ministry at Lake Quivira. The Ziegenhorn/Merz clan is hosting us. Food. Games. Lake. What else do you need? You'll need to RSVP to jasona@cccckc.org or Allie K. Cobb (alliec@cccckc.org) so that we know if you're riding WITH us or driving yourself. Look for more specific details (time, rides, etc.) to be added very soon.

Sun., Aug. 24 – Sundae Sunday for incoming 6th graders, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Will you be a 6th grader for the 2014-15 academic year? Then welcome to Youth Ministries! We can't wait to get to know you so stop by the Social Hall for an ice cream bar.

Service Hours Opportunities

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

Family Night at Micah

Youth families are invited to serve together at Independence Boulevard Christian Church's Micah Ministry on Mon., Aug. 11. Meet at Independence Boulevard Christian Church at 5:00 p.m.

High School Mission Team in Chicago



Seven high school youth traveled to Chicago on June 13 and are returning June 19 where they partnered with the Urban Youth Mission to engage in an urban ministry experience. Members of the team were (left to right) Jansen Hess, Makenna Lockhart, Iris Wheatley, Kellin Martiny, Alyssa Hess, Parker Hoffman, Jackson Berry. Allie Cobb, Director of Youth Ministries, Kristin Jamour and Kurt Zschietzschmann accompanied the youth.



Immortality for All

by Rev. David Diebold, Minister of Music



In music, a cadence is a point where the composition comes to a place of rest. A cadence might mark the end of a phrase, a section, or the end of the piece. Cadences are a lot like punctuation in a sentence. They might reflect a comma, colon, semi-colon, period, even an exclamation point. Of course, cadences appear in life as well.

Consider the following life transitions: graduation from high school or college; marriage/divorce; baptism/ ordination; a new job or retirement. All provide moments in our lives that are open or closed. Each

of these life events adds to our lives the commas, colons and exclamation points, just like a musical cadence or grammatical punctuation. Of course, in terms of human existence, the final transition is death. It is the ultimate period. I am reminded, though, of one human death that was not a period, but a resounding colon.

Several years ago I read *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. Author Rebecca Skloot tells the true story of a poor black woman who died of cervical cancer in the early 1950s. During a biopsy, her doctor took several slices of her tumor. At that point in time the study of human cells was still in its infancy, but after experimenting with various types of culture mediums, the doctor found that not only did Henrietta's cells stay alive, but they continued to multiply in culture. They are still alive and multiplying today, 50 years after her death. From that lowly start, her cells, now known as HeLa have been used in a variety of important ways: they were used to develop the Polio vaccine; in research to find cures for other diseases; and even helped usher in the discovery of DNA and the human genome project. Countless medical students and scientists have studied the HeLa cells to better understand what makes us tick on a micro level. From an obscure life as a tobacco farmer to being known world-wide, Henrietta Lacks has achieved immortality in a very real way.

This time of year, as summer is in full bloom, is usually not the time when we recall those that have gone before us. Why not, I ask? Whether it is someone that has made a lasting impact on the scientific world or a loved one or friend, one of the ways we achieve immortality is for our memory to live on in the hearts of those whose lives they touched.

Instead of waiting until Memorial Day, or late fall around All Saints Day, perhaps we should designate one day a month to recall the memories of those that have made a difference in our own lives, especially those now in the Mystery that is beyond our comprehension.

David

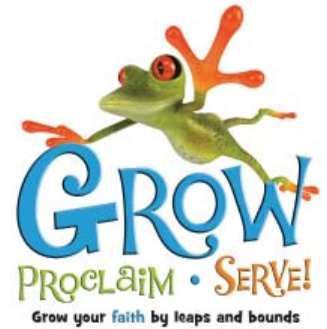
Children and Families

Sunday Morning Format

Grow, Proclaim, Serve

Through *Grow! Proclaim and Serve* 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 starts off in a group worship service and then the children divide into small groups based on grade level to continue



conversation and activities. We are very excited about this format for the 1st-5th graders and the 3 to 6 year olds.

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Return Service Requested

Virginia Reed Food Drive on August 17

On Sun., Aug. 17, 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."

PROGRAM STAFF

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