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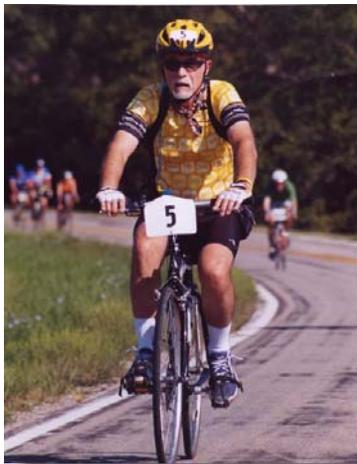
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*We joyfully
welcome
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all people
by providing
a vibrant
Christ-centered
community
of faith,
dedicated to
spiritual growth
through
worship, study
and service.*

TOUR DE DAVID

Celebrating Rev. David Diebold's 34 Years of Ministry



David in the MS-150 Bike Tour

Join us as we celebrate Rev. David Diebold 34 years of ministry, Tour de France style. In addition to his many ministry and musical talents, David also has an extensive cycling resume, having raced the MS 150 10 years, raising approximately \$167,000 for research. Stage 1 begins at 11:00 a.m. Don't miss this opportunity to thank and honor David.

1. **Race Start** – Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m. Honoring and celebrating David's 34 years of ministry at Country Club Christian Church with special guests, a choir of more than 50 under David's direction for the final time, and a special sermon by Dr. Glen Miles.
2. **Hilly Stage** – Celebration of David Diebold, Social Hall
3. **Flat Stage** – Lunch Buffet
4. **Mountain Stages** – Music and Movies
5. **Summit Finishes** – Roasts and Toasts, Stuart Hoffman and friends
6. **And the Winner is** – Comments, David Diebold
7. **Race Finish** – 1:30 p.m.



Love and Wilson to Lead Church in 2015-2016

Phil Love will serve as Chair of the Congregational Board for 2015-2016. Phil has been a member of Country Club Christian Church since 2008.



Phil Love

Phil has lived in Kansas City since 1959. After retiring as CEO of Pryor Resources, Inc., Phil earned a master of arts degree in religious studies at Central Baptist Theological Seminary. More recently, Phil earned a Post Graduate Diploma in Bible and the Contemporary World from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland.

Phil and Patty Love were married in the Prairie Village home of Patty's parents 36 years ago on St. Patrick's Day. They have two married children and five grandchildren. They enjoy traveling and spending time at their home in Sanibel, FL. Phil was an avid pilot for many years.

"I think of our church as doing the work of Christ through the gathered community, empowered by God's presence. I want to contribute prayerfully, and in every way I can, to help our community to be as healthy and strong as possible, so that when God asks, 'Whom shall I send?' we can answer with confidence, 'Here we are, Lord. Send us!'"

Betsy Wilson will chair the Elders in 2015-2016. Betsy has been a member of Country Club Christian Church since 2000.



Betsy Wilson

Betsy grew up in Lincoln, NE and graduated from the University of Nebraska. She has lived in the Kansas City area for 26 years and works as lead physical therapist at Mid-America Rehab hospital. She has a sassy Jack Russell mix named Lola.

Betsy loves participating in mission trips, both national and international, and has led several. She is active in the newly formed Mission Possible. She regularly attends Christian Community Camp in Colorado and wouldn't dream of missing it. "Camp is a wonderful opportunity to get to know many in our church I don't know, but without the formality of church. And to grow closer to those I do know."

Betsy feels fortunate to serve as Chair of the Elders. "I hope to renew and better define the role of Elders at Country Club Christian Church beyond praying at the table, to one of spiritual leadership and faith education and to get and keep elders and deacons engaged in the life of the church through the abundance of opportunities to connect and serve at Country Club Christian Church."

Collection Connection: School Uniforms

We are collecting school uniforms for Hartman Elementary School for the rest of July and into August. We need uniforms for boys and girls. They should be new or gently used khaki or navy pants and navy polo shirts. Sizes 6, 8, and 10 are especially needed. A sample will be on display in the Parlor. You may also make a monetary contribution, noting "Hartman uniforms" on the check and turning it into the church office or place it in the offering plate.



Khaki pants and navy shirts



Faith, Doubt, Vision and Courage

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



We worship every week in order to hear old words like the one John wrote to the church 2,000 years ago: “There is no fear in love but perfect love casts out fear!”

I believe that with all of my heart but I still have to wrestle with fear. There is so much to be afraid of in the world. Maybe you experience the same thing. We want faith and the courage to live with love but sometimes our fear is too great.

Most of us, maybe all of us, face fear sooner or later. Fear can cripple faith. It can create doubt.

That doesn’t sound good but sometimes the doubt can help us. Philip Yancey writes, “When I wish to explore how faith works, I usually sneak in by the back door of doubt, for I best learn about my own need for faith during its absence.”

Yancey, in his book *Reaching for the Invisible God*, tells about a congregation in Chicago that is a delightful mixture of races, income levels and backgrounds. There was a crisis going on in the city and the church members wanted to do something so they organized a prayer vigil.

The church’s leaders were worried about the vigil. Would it be safe? Should they hire guards? Would anyone sign up?

The poorest members of the congregation, a group of senior citizens from one of the projects, were the most enthusiastic. They had seen all sorts of terrible things in the projects over the years yet they had a child-like trust in prayer. They were ready to get on their knees. Someone asked them, “How long do you want to stay, an hour? Two?” They replied, “Oh, we’ll stay all night.”

A woman in her 90s explained to one of the ministers why they were willing to spend the night in prayer in a church in a dangerous neighborhood. She said, “You see, they’s lots of things we can’t do in this church. We ain’t so educated, and we ain’t got as much energy as some of you younger folks. But we can pray. We got time, and we got faith. Some of us don’t sleep much anyway. We can pray all night if needs be.”

And so they did.

Sometimes all we need to do is simply show up, even in the face of doubt and fear, and allow the faith we have to lead us forward to love.

Grace and peace to you,

The Holy Land – In the Footsteps of Jesus

Join Glen and Julie Miles, Lauren Weinhold and Scott Fuller as they travel to the Holy Land Oct. 28-Nov. 6, 2015. Enjoy great food, comprehensive sightseeing and memorable fellowship. Stops include Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Contact Lauren Weinhold at weinhold.lauren@gmail.com for more information.

Worship with us!

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

July 19

When to Stay in the Boat
Mark 6:30-34; 53-56
Rev. Carla Aday preaching

July 26

9:00 and 10:00 a.m.

The Trouble with Miracles
John 6.1-21

Dr. Meredith Holladay preaching

11:00 a.m.

Celebrating David Diebold’s Ministry
Hearing God Sing
Micah 6:1-4, 6-8
Dr. Glen Miles preaching

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Stephen Ministry Training Begins This Fall

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. They journey alongside those facing long-term illness, the death of a loved one, loss of a job, divorce, or other life crisis. Right now, our current Stephen Ministry leaders are scheduling discernment conversations with potential Stephen Ministry candidates, as a new training class begins in September.

Do you feel called to engage your unique gifts and talents in service to another, or do you feel led to explore how you might help provide confidential care to individuals who are experiencing difficulties in their lives? Stephen Ministry may be a good match for you.

A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time. Stephen Ministers gather on a regular basis for supervision and continuing education. The 50-hour skill-based training sessions and retreats focus on prayer and spirituality, active listening, boundaries awareness, confidentiality, referral strategies, and initiating and concluding caregiving relationships. Training begins September 2015 and runs through January 2016. The training and on-going supervision is provided by our congregation at no cost to the Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers are asked to make a two-year commitment to service.

To read a story about how a Stephen Minister made a difference in the life of one care receiver visit:
www.stephenministries.org/PDFs/Megan's_Story.pdf.

To initiate a conversation about whether you may be called to serve as Stephen Minister contact Rev. Joe Walker, joew@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917 ext. 224.

Health and Spirituality Keynote

The Congregational Care Ministry Team invites you to “There’s a Burning Bush in Your Hospital Room,” a keynote address by Rev. Dr. Dane Sommer, Head Chaplain at Children’s Mercy Hospital, on Fri., Aug. 28, 7:00 p.m. at the Community of Christ Temple, Independence, MO. Dr. Sommer will be sharing how “a group of hospital chaplains found a new sense of mission and purpose by rediscovering the burning bush in every hospital room.” Everyone is welcome to this free event which will be particularly helpful for caregivers, those who visit the sick, and our Stephen Ministers.

We are also offering the option to dine together before the keynote. We will be meeting at 5:00 p.m. at Café Verona, 206 W. Lexington, on the Historic Independence Square. Transportation is available via our church van. RVSP to Rev. Joe Walker, joew@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917 ext. 224.

Dr. Sommer’s keynote is the prelude to an entire day of professional level sessions focused on health and spirituality topics. Health care professionals, individual caregivers, and lay and ordained church members benefit from the wisdom of medical and religious experts. Registration is required for Saturday’s events; \$60 before Aug. 1, \$70 at the door. For information on the Saturday workshops visit <http://bit.ly/1Ra9JRp>.

2016 Nicaragua Mission Trip

Our adult mission trip to Nicaragua is scheduled for Feb. 20-28, 2016. The mission team commissioning will be on Sun., Feb. 14. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rev. Joe Walker at joew@cccckc.org. We will keep you up-to-date as information becomes available. If you will not be able to participate but want to help provide scholarships for adults or for the high school student mission to Nicaragua (Summer 2016), please contact Joe.



Summer in Preschool and PDO

By Lisa McCleish, Director of Early Childhood Programs



With summer winding down, every day we hear someone mention how fast the time has gone and all the activities we have left to do.

Many of the children have become big brothers and sisters, seven in all, and in August that number will increase by three more. At school the children have experienced water play, picnics, walks around the building and even the occasional popsicle snack on an especially hot day.

The preschool program has had a particularly fun and busy summer. Each week is a different camp theme; the children have learned about different sports by having different coaches visit to teach us about soccer, basketball and softball. Week two the children went “camping” which included making s’mores and building tents.



Mystery Week was full of excitement as the children spent one entire day looking for Curious George. After reading clues and finding his stuff all over the building, George was “in the church talking to God.”



Summer camp will end with a week of service projects, including a bake sale fund-raiser (the children will determine a beneficiary from the proceeds). The final day of summer camp on July 23, the children will celebrate with a carnival – including a bounce house!

Lisa

Virginia Reed Food Drive

The next food drive is Sun., July 19. We have three ways to share the bounty with the hungry in our community:

1. Bring canned goods to our donation points in the parlor and the chapel, and at the doors any time. Please do not bring anything in a glass container. Cans, boxes and plastic containers all work well and are not accidentally broken as easily as glass.
2. Make a financial contribution to the Virginia Reed Food Drive on the Harvesters Community Food Network website (christianchurch.harvestersvfd.org). We will have a computer in the parlor on July 19 for you to make your online contribution.
3. Make a financial contribution to the church and mark your check or giving envelope “food drive.” You may place these gifts in the offering plate during worship.

Your gifts support the five area food pantries that our church supports: Community Christian Church, Alta Vista Christian Church, First Christian Church, Della Lamb Community Services and Cross-Lines Community Outreach.

Upcoming Student Events

Movies on the Lawn

High School. Sun., July 26, 7:30-9:30 p.m., East lawn. Movie for 9th-12th graders.

Family Worship Night: Listening for God

Sun., July 26 – Join us in the Social Hall for fellowship, music, and prayer as a family. All ages welcome. 4:30-6:00 p.m. Dinner provided. Free event for the entire family.

High School Nicaragua Trip

We are planning a mission trip to Nicaragua for high school in 2016. If you are interested in this trip, contact Monica Lewis at monical@cccckc.org.

Backpack Blessing

August 16, 11:00 a.m. worship service

Students are invited to wear red or yellow shirts and bring their backpacks with them to worship. Meet in the Parlor at 10:45 a.m. to process with the ministers and choir so that Glen and the congregation can pray for you and your upcoming school year.

High School BBQ Tour

Sun., Sept. 20, 1:00 p.m. 2nd Annual High School BBQ Tour, 9th-12th grade. Get out your bibs and wet wipes! Cost is \$10.00 per person. Contact Allie Cobb at alliec@cccckc.org if interested in attending.

Middle School Pizza Tour

Sun., Sept. 27, 12:00- 3:00 p.m. All 6th-8th graders are invited to take a bite of some delicious Kansas City pizza. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Contact Allie Cobb at alliec@cccckc.org if interested in attending.

Leadership Launch Event

Aug. 16, 12:15-2:00 p.m. , Youth Center. Volunteers who will be serving in children and students ministry in any capacity during the 2015-2016 year will gather for a training session! Lots of fun and lunch will be provided.

Sunday Mornings

July 19 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 205. 6th-12th grade Sunday School.

July 26 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 205. 6th-12th grade Sunday School.

Aug. 2 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 205. 6th-12th grade Sunday School.

Aug. 9 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 205. 6th-12th grade. Sunday School.

Aug. 16 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 205. 6th-12th grade. Sunday School.

Aug. 23 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 205. 6th-12th grade. Sunday School.

Aug. 30 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 205. 6th-12th grade. Sunday School.

Sept. 6 – No Sunday School. Family Worship.

Sept. 13 – 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Room 205. 6th-12th grade. Sunday School.

Sept. 20 – 6th-12th grade Sunday School Kick-Off. Stay tuned for more details.



Exciting Year Ahead

by Allie Cobb, Director of Youth Ministry



Summer time is such a busy time of year. With school out for summer, family vacations, mission trips, sports, etc. summer can seem to fly by.

I love summer and everything that it has to offer don't get me wrong. But I also enjoy getting back into the routine of the school year. I am particularly excited this year because of all the activities and opportunities for fellowship that we have planned for our middle and high school students for the 2015-2016 school year.

Beginning Sun., Sept, 13 from 12:15-12:45 p.m. we will be trying out a new format for our High School Sunday School class. We are incredibly lucky to have Chris Howard leading our high school students.

Immediately following that first class on Sept. 13, our high school students are invited to go on our 2nd annual BBQ tour of Kansas City. We had such a wonderful time last year sampling all that Kansas City has to offer that we just had to go back for more this year!

On Sun., Sept. 20 after the 11:00 a.m. service our middle school students will be going on a Pizza Tour. We will go to three local pizza places and sample a little from each. Okay, we will most likely be sampling a lot of pizza from each. Sharing a meal is a great way to get to know people better and grow existing relationships.

We have a lot of exciting activities planned this year! We will have bowling, laser tag, a dodge ball tournament, yoga night, as well as different mission work planned throughout.

If your student is interested in participating in any of these fun activities or if you're interested in volunteering, please let me know. I am looking forward to seeing all of the new adventures and friends we will make this school year.

ALLIE

Children and Families Family Worship Night: Listening for God

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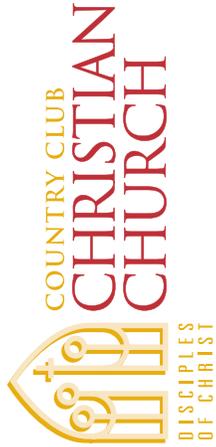
MOPs Group Beginning This Fall

Mothers of Preschoolers (birth-K) will meet the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. We are also looking for mothers of older children to serve as Mentor Moms. If you are interested in participating, have questions about MOPs, or are interested in serving as a Mentor Mom, contact Rachel Wymore at rla08@hotmail.com. For more information on MOPs, check out www.mops.org.

Club Kids (3rd-5th Grade)

No Club Kids in July and August. Watch for a fall kick off.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to these families on the births of:
Bennett Daniel Garrison, son of Ryan and Sarah
Garrison. Greg Garrison is the grandfather.

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