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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.*

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.

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

- Dr. R. Glen Miles will preach the sermon, "Y'all C'mon In," *Isaiah 56:1-8*.
- 3rd grade Bible presentations at the 11:00 a.m. service.
- Children from VBS will sing 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.

Picnic Lunch – 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m

- Picnic lunch. (\$8 per person, maximum \$30 per family. Guests and visitors complimentary.) Hamburgers and hot dogs served by Two Guys and a Grill from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Bounce house, games and prizes, food and live jazz music!

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 Needed

Volunteers are needed to help out that morning.
Contact Ryan Holmes (rholmes@parriscomm.com) or
Stacey Lukas (sllukas@aol.com) if you'd like to join the volunteer team.

VBS: A Workshop of Wonders

More than 100 children, youth and adults became Visioneers at the Workshop of Wonders July 28-31. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make VBS a great experience for the children. See more photos on page 6.



New Members Joined July 27



Terry and Lea Young
New Member Hosts: Tom and Cindy Thornton



Josh and Sarah Tiegreen, Fiona and Simon
New Member Hosts: Evan and Kristin Patterson



Ashley Schawang
New Member Hosts: Amy and Jared Rose



Lori McKinley
Hosts: Sandy and Bart Finney

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 re-furbished 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. 16. 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.



When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Have you found that experiencing your dream come true isn't always the best thing? Oscar Wilde is supposed to have written, "In life, there are only two tragedies. One is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it."

I heard about a Roman Catholic priest who had achieved his life-long goal of becoming a Bishop. He was quite proud of this accomplishment. His first Sunday after installation as the Bishop, he was invited to preach in the congregation he had first served after ordination. In addition to preaching they asked him to deliver the children's sermon. He thought it would be a great chance to explain to the kids (and the adults listening in) about his new role. The children gathered on the chancel steps and he asked, "Who can tell me what a Bishop does?" A little boy raised his hand.

The Bishop asked, "Do you know?" The little boy said, "Yes. He moves diagonally."

Be careful when you get what you've always wanted!

Jesus seems to know this better than anyone else. In John 6 he feeds thousands of hungry people. The next day they seek him out again. They are not there to hear Jesus teach and preach. They are there for a show, for another miracle. He says to the thousands, "Truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves." Jesus knows that the crowds are there not because they saw signs pointing toward the holiness of God but because they want another meal.

Jesus reminds the crowd that has found him that there is something greater than a full belly. He tells them "Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." The phrase "eternal life" is not about immortality or a future life in heaven. It is, as one commentator says, "a metaphor for living now in the unending presence of God."

When all you've ever wanted isn't enough, it may be a sign that you are ready to live within the presence of God. This isn't easy but in the long run it will bring much more happiness and security than we could ever imagine. No matter what is happening in the world, the community, the church or even in your home, trusting in God's presence will give us the confidence we need to live in and love and, if necessary, move diagonally too!

Grace and peace to you,

New Member Sunday on August 17

Are you interested in joining the Country Club Christian Church family? The next New Member Sunday is Aug. 17. Contact Paul Cutelli at 816-333-4917 or paulc@cccckc.org for more information.

Worship with us!

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

August 3

Love without Limit
Matthew 14:13-21

August 10

Courage
Matthew 14:22-33

August 17

Festival Sunday
Y'all C'mon In
Isaiah 56:1-8

August 24

Place Your Life Before God
Romans 12:1-8

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

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."

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.





Breathe

By Allie Cobb, Director of Youth Ministries



Every so often, I have to remind myself to breathe. Now, I understand that my body does this 28,800 or so times a day without me even knowing it. But sometimes it is just nice to remind ourselves to take a really deep breath, hold it for a few seconds, release, and then go back to our busy daily lives. We get so busy going from activity to activity that often we are not present in the moment.

Leading up to my wedding day, the best piece of advice that I got was to take a moment to step back and be in amazement of this life-changing day. Right after my husband and I were married, we were waiting for the rest of our wedding party and guests to filter out so we could take pictures. For anyone who has gotten married, you might agree that the day of your wedding is a giant blur filled with joy, people, and well-wishes. The only moment of that day, when it was just the two of us, was when we snuck off to a back stairwell (believe me, “sneaking” anywhere in a wedding dress is no easy task). We took a few moments to step back, to be in awe of that incredible day. We were quickly located and the rest of the day blew by. Out of that whole day, that moment always comes to mind first when thinking of our wedding.

My first summer here is flying by so quickly. While getting used to everything, going on two mission trips, and getting the opportunity to better know the incredible youth here, I find myself trying to stop as often as I can to take in these wonderful life moments. While in Chicago with our high school students, I took a moment and stepped back and I saw the most incredible moments. I saw relationships and lifelong memories being made. Seeing our students bond over doing mission work, and playing “Gotha” is truly a remarkable thing to witness. I am so honored to have accompanied these mission trips with our middle and high school students. I am so happy that I got to be witness to the forming of bonds and memories. I only wish I could have stopped more to breathe and enjoy the moment.

ALLIE

Your Gifts Are Needed

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.



Upcoming Youth Events

Youth Group

Sun., Aug. 10 – Lake Party. 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. Van will depart from the church promptly at 2:30 p.m. Van will return to church at 8:00 p.m. If you are riding the van, contact Allie Cobb to reserve a seat. If you are driving yourself, contact Allie Cobb to get your name on the list at Lake Quivira.

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.

Sun., Aug. 24 – 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. 31 – No Youth Group due to Labor Day weekend.

Sun., Sept. 21 – High School BBQ Tour. Noon-3:00 p.m. High School students get out your bibs and wet wipes! We are going on a Kansas City BBQ tour. Keep your mouth watering

and your taste buds ready. More information soon.

Sun., Sept. 21 – 7th Grade Gathering. 3:45-4:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more details.

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.

Vacation Bible School 2014





Treasures of Darkness

by Rev. Carla Aday, Senior Associate Minister



The lecture was over and the sun dropped behind the Wind River mountains. Only a faint bit of light still illuminated the dusty, rocky trail framed by sage brush. And we set out on a walk, all 50 of us, in silence. We carefully stepped down about a quarter of a mile until we reached the lake where we stood silently watching the orange sky fade to deep blue, then gray and finally deep brown. In the darkness we noticed what we had not noticed in the daylight. For example, the path was lined with white rocks that reflected what fading light was left and illumined our way. And the sounds of clomping hiking boots, and birds heading to roost and bats flying out for dinner. And the exquisite popping of the stars in the Wyoming sky. This was an exercise at a conference called “Learning to Walk in the Dark,” led by Barbara Brown Taylor who has written a new book with that title.

While most of us would rather take a walk in the sunlight than in the moonlight, still there are spiritual insights to be gained in the dark. Most of us recall moments of darkness in our own lives – the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, the break up with a boyfriend – that left us groping for our way. Sometimes we even wonder if there is a God or if so, if that God cares. But often during these “dark” times, we notice what we had never noticed before: some inner strength emerging, a friend’s loyal care, courage to try something new, the peace of the holy Creator. So maybe we shouldn’t be so quick to run away from the darkness, but instead linger there, even for a moment.

The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God promises “I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places...” Isaiah 45:3. I recall, as a young teenager, sitting around the campfire at church camp. The kids who were shy in the day, now felt safe, in the dark opening up and sharing their story. And I remember sitting in a mountain village in Nicaragua where there was no electricity and so when the sun set, we would sit and talk freely while the stars danced overhead. Sometimes the darkness provides a safe space to listen for the Divine Spirit.

Carla

Children and Families

Sunday Morning Format

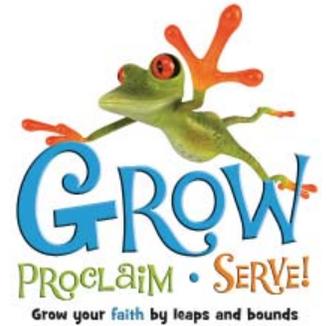
Grow, Proclaim, Serve

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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