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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.*

September Sermon Series:

A New Old Church: Our Strategic Plan and Where We Are Going

This three-part series by Dr. Glen Miles focuses on our new plan to guide the church's work over the next year and beyond.

September 9

Part One: Experiencing The Life Changing Love of God Through Worship
1 John 4:7-8; 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

September 16

Part Two: Transforming Lives and Deepening Relationships
2 Timothy 2:14-18

September 23

Part Three: Expressing God's Love in Tangible Ways
Acts 2:43-47; Matthew 25:31-45



Welcome Luis Vasquez

During the month of September, our congregation will participate in a cultural exchange program with Luis Vasquez, a delegation coordinator from CEPAD in Nicaragua. CEPAD is a Christian organization working with poor communities in situations of risk, promoting justice, peace and equitable solidarity, to improve quality of life for Nicaraguans. Our congregation has sent nine mission teams to work with CEPAD over the past eight years. Our 2012 Nicaragua Mission Team worked closely with Luis this past year and now we are happy to welcome a leader from CEPAD to Kansas City.



Luis Vasquez and Harold Blandon

While in Kansas City, Luis will stay in homes

of various church members, meet with classes and groups within the church, work on his English, visit various hospitals, business, agricultural sites and religious communities in our city. If you would like to invite Luis to have dinner or attend a cultural outing with your family, please contact Stephanie Becker at sjbecker27@gmail.com.

Luis will present a Pathways to Learning on Sun., Sept. 16 at 9:55 a.m. in the Social Hall. We will be blessed to have Harold Blandon, another delegation coordinator from CEPAD, assist in the presentation. Please welcome Luis to our church and city and take a moment to get to know him.



Adult Bible Studies Begin Soon

Senior Minister's Bible Study: Taking the Bible Seriously, Not Literally

- Mondays, Oct. 8-29, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- Led by Dr. Glen Miles

Have you ever wanted to understand the Bible at a level that opens the mind while enlarging your spirit? Does the Bible feel like an ancient document with no rhyme or reason to it but you'd still like to learn how to navigate your way through it? For four weeks in October, Dr. Glen Miles will lead a discussion that promises, if you bring your head and your heart, a witty, theologically progressive and spiritually open course on how to interpret the Bible.

Embracing an Adult Faith

- Tuesdays beginning Oct. 9 and continuing weekly through Nov. 6 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Solarium (Rm. 309).
- The cost is just \$13 including the book.
- Led by Lauren Weinhold.

Who was Jesus? Who is God? What is salvation? How do we practice our faith? If you've pondered these questions, then this class provides you with a brief (only five sessions) opportunity for a richer understanding of issues in contemporary Christian practice and theology.

I enjoyed the class immensely. It gave me yet another opportunity to meet fellow church members and learn perspectives that I may not have otherwise considered. Our discussions allowed me to further shape and enhance my faith journey.

– Patty McComas, who recently participated in *Embracing an Adult Faith*

Faithbook

- Women ages 25-65
- Led by Rev. Carla Aday
- Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Sept. 11-Nov. 13 and Jan. 8-Apr. 23 **OR** Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m., Sept. 12-Nov. 14 and Jan. 9-Apr 24.

Explore how the Bible and friendships deepen your spiritual journey. Rev. Carla Aday teaches a Biblical lesson and then small groups reflect on how these insights apply to our daily lives. No homework required. Just come ready to grow in faith and make new friends. Topics include How the Bible Came to Be, Losing My Religion; Finding God (based on *Christianity After Religion* by Diana Butler Bass), I Thessa-

lonians–The oldest book in the New Testament, Women in the Bible, Lent, Who was Jesus and why does he matter, Hot Topics of the Bible. For a full description of lessons see the website or friend Carla Aday on Facebook.

Long-term Study: Jesus in the Gospels

- 30 weeks
- Homework required
- Led by Lesley Holt and Greg Lear
- Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sept. 5-Apr. 24 **OR** second and fourth Mondays, beginning Sept. 10, 2012 and extending through 2014, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

This study reminds us that the Old Testament is the only scripture Jesus knew. He relied on it for all his teaching. The Old Testament permeates the New Testament which situates Jesus in time and place and acquaints us with the activity of the writers and their churches.

– Lesley Holt, facilitator

Jesus in the Gospels

explores the images of Jesus found in scripture and how we might faithfully follow in his path. (Prerequisite Disciple Bible Study I.)

Senior Adult Bible Study

- Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m., Rm. 206
- Led by Rev. Chuck Murphy

This group is especially for senior adults seeking a deeper understanding of the sacred texts from lecture and discussion. This year they will study the books of Amos and Hosea. Class begins Sept. 5. Contact Rev. Chuck Murphy at 816-333-4917 or chuckm@cccckc.org.

Sign Up Now

Sign up with Mary Margaret House at 816-333-4917 or by email or visit www.cccckc.org. Childcare is available only by reservation.



Holy Rest

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



The Ten Commandments seem to pop up in the culture every now and then. There have been legal and religious fights over putting them on display in a courthouse or on the lawn in front of the court or in schools or, well, whatever. It all gets rather boring. I've wondered, in the midst of all the arguments, does anyone actually read the Ten Commandments? It is easier to have a fight about them than it is to study and learn from them. Take a moment to read them (Exodus 20:1-17 or Deuteronomy 5:4-21) and you will notice that the big sins get very little attention:

"You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal." Pretty clear, not much commentary needed.

However, the commandment on rest takes four verses to explain. "Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son, or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it."

We are not going to become legalistic in our understanding of this text but there is something fundamentally important to understand: when your mind, body and soul are tired, you need rest. This commandment is God's way of saying, "I know you can make a few more bucks working hard one more day a week but in the long run you are cheating yourself out of a life. And don't think you can get your children or your employees to do this either. They need rest too!"

God's message is pretty clear: "If all of creation held together on the day I rested then you can take a day too." Why? Because rest is holy.

Find a moment, maybe even right now, and take a deep breath. Do it again. Do it one more time. There, do you see what it feels like to breathe deeply? Now, look at your schedule and find a day where you can do nothing all day but breathe. Block it out. Invite your spouse or your partner or a friend to join you in this day of nothing. Remember, when you do this, you're taking a sabbath. That old word, from the Hebrew word shabat, means more than rest; it implies taking time to refocus, recharge, reenergize. When you do this you're becoming holy.

Grace and peace to you,

Grace at Work is September 15

Join us Sat., Sept. 15 for our fifth Grace at Work event. A few hours of service can make a difference at a local organization or even complete projects right here on our church campus. Grace at Work is a wonderful opportunity to make a short time commitment of service that results in a widespread impact. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Social Hall before groups disperse to project locations, concluding at noon. Sign up in the Parlor on Sun., Sept. 2 or 9, or online at www.cccckc.org.



Worship with us!

Services at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sept. 2

The Gospel of God
James 1:17-27

Sermon Series

A New Old Church

Sept. 9

Part one: Experiencing the Life Changing Love of God through Worship
1 John 4:7-8; 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

2013 Mission Trip to Joplin

Country Club Christian Church will be sending a mission team to Joplin, MO, again next year. Mark your calendars for May 5-11, 2013. To sign up or for more information, contact Betsy Wilson at betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com. The team will continue to help with the recovery following the 2011 tornado.

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2012 Tall Oaks Gala Is October 19

Tall Oaks Conference Center's 15th annual gala fundraiser, Tall Oaks Gala MMXII, will be at Arrowhead Stadium. All fans can rally to help by bring auction donations, making a reservation and coming prepared to make a cash donation.



The event is Fri., Oct. 19, and begins with stadium tours at 5:30 p.m. Fellowship time and silent auction begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is served at 7:45 p.m. followed by a spirited live auction at 9:00 p.m. Stadium tours cost \$10 per person. Tickets for the dinner are \$90 per person, \$720 to host a table of 8, or \$1,000 to sponsor a table of 8. Tables of 10 are available on request.

Auction donations are greatly appreciated as well. Auction items that are record-breakers are gift certificates, arts, crafts, sporting events, theme baskets, labors of love, travel and entertainment tickets, and cash donations. All donations are tax deductible. Contact our Tall Oaks Ambassador Vicki Lopatofsky at 913-908-1048 or vicki@billsoft.com with donation questions. For dinner reservations, contact Ken Mohler at kmohler@swbell.net or 816-444-1553.

CAYA Moves to Monday Nights

Are you a young adult looking for a way to get connected at church? CAYA, an acronym for Come As You Are, is the church's group for young adults ages 23-33. CAYA is composed of members with different backgrounds and a variety of occupations who come together to continue their journey of faith. This fall CAYA is kicking off a new format. The group meets on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. to explore new ways to practice faith and see God in everyday life through discussion and reflection on a new practice. CAYA welcomes you to Come As You Are and join us as we become closer to each other while becoming closer to God. Email us at countryclubchristian.caya@gmail.com for more information.

More Volunteers Needed for Backsnack Program

For the past two years our congregation has packaged weekend meals for 25 food-insecure children at Hartman Elementary School. Now we are ready to expand! In addition to the meals for Hartman, we will be delivering 95 meals to Garfield Elementary, which is just a few blocks from Independence Boulevard Christian Church. Harvesters provides the food for this much needed program, which begins in October and ends in May each school year. This program requires no funds from the church budget—just the time of volunteers to bag and deliver the meals. If you can volunteer an hour or two each month and are interested in being part of the Backsnack Team, please email Nancy Lear (nancylear@gmail.com) or Greg Lear (glear1@kc.rr.com) or call Greg at 816-213-6936.

Honor Loved Ones With Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

Each Sunday you can hear a broadcast of the previous week's sermon at 8:30 a.m. on 1660 AM. Now, you can honor a loved one by dedicating sponsorship of a broadcast to her or him. The cost of the broadcast is \$200 per week. You may either underwrite the entire cost or partially as you are able. Contact David Diebold at 816-333-4917 or davidd@cccckc.org for more information.



Farewell

by Laine Riley, Associate Director of Music



It has been such a pleasure to serve with you in the music ministry of Country Club Christian Church for the past six years. You are amazing people, sharing your time and talents so willingly. You have also made some pretty amazing music.

Although I cherish my time with you very much, as a parent it has become increasingly more difficult to juggle the afterschool and weekend activities of my children with my responsibilities at the church. Very recently I was offered a part-time position as the music teacher at an elementary school in Lee's Summit. While it was a very difficult and even painful decision, I made the choice to accept the position, as it was ultimately what was best for my family.

The past few weeks have been a whirlwind, and I apologize for the sudden nature of the change. In a perfect world, we all would have had several months to prepare. My final Sunday with you will be Sept. 9.

Thank you for sharing your voices, time, lives and children with me. Every choir member has unique and wonderful gifts and I hope you will continue to give of your time and talents to the music ministry of Country Club Christian Church. Serving with you in ministry has been such a privilege, and I will miss you all dearly.

In Christ,

Service of Prayer and Meditation on September 4

Join us for a peaceful time of song, scripture, prayer and meditation at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 4, in the Combs Chapel. In this sacred space, experience the Holy for comfort and renewed hope.

Virginia Reed Food Drive on September 16

On Sun., Sept. 16, please bring your non-perishable 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."

Tutors Needed

Argentine Middle School

Your help is needed in tutoring a middle school student with math or reading but even more so with friendship and support. Tutoring is on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. beginning the week after Labor Day at Argentine Middle School located just off of Roe/18th Street near I-35. If you are interested, please contact Katie Allison at katiea@planetkc.com.

Kansas City Missouri School District Partnership

This school year, you can volunteer at Hartman Elementary as a tutor, a classroom aide or as member of the BackSnack team. There are also episodic opportunities available if you'd like to help but can't make a weekly commitment. For more information, contact Greg Bates, gbates@gsbatesrealty.com.

Third Graders Receive Bibles



Receiving Bibles on Aug. 19 during the 11:00 a.m. service were (back row, left to right) Breck McGuire, Grant Bough, Caroline Schopp, Olivia Keller, Adam Sakati, Elizabeth Crocker.

Front row, left to right: Will Greaves, Baden Gilkerson, Duncan Bennett, Harper Moothart, Maya Ridle, Jordan Riley

Collection Connection

Supplies for Haiti Mission Trip

The Haiti Mission Trip Team will be providing “difficult to find” supplies. Products with expiration dates must be no earlier than October 2014. Cash donations to purchase supplies are also appreciated.

We are collecting the following items:

- Children’s vitamins (no gummies – they melt)
- Neosporin/triple antibiotic ointment
- Band-aids, bandages/gauze, medical tape
- English teaching aids (flash cards, etc.)
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Soccer balls

Please place your donations in the basket in the Parlor through the month of September.

CYF and Chi Rho Sunday Nights

5:30-7:30 p.m.

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us this fall at a new time and with a new format for Youth Ministry. Each Sunday of the month will focus 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. During months when there are five Sundays, we’ll use that evening for planning and feedback.

Serve – First Sunday

The first Sunday of each month all youth will do a service project.

Journey

Come hang out with an adult mentor from the congregation or minister as they share part of their faith journey, and help us navigate our own. Dr. Glen Miles joins us.

Chi Rho – Third Sunday.

CYF – Second Sunday.

Quest

Quest is our night for activities, conversation and worship based on hot topics and current events.

Chi Rho – Second Sunday

CYF – Third Sunday

Connect – Fourth Sunday

Connect all youth will focus on fellowship! On Connect night, we might watch a movie, have a game night, or some other fun social activity.

Monday CYF Study Break

We all know that you may spend Sunday night cramming all your homework that you were supposed to do during the weekend but take a break on Monday night. Watch for weekly study break locations at coffee shops, ice cream places, and other locations around Kansas City. For more information, contact Justin Zeigler, justinz@cccckc.org.



Immortality for All

by 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, semicolon, 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 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: 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 worldwide, Henrietta Lacks has achieved immortality in a very real way.

This time of year, as summer is ending, 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

Fountains of Faith

Opening Rotation - Aug. 26-Sept. 16

The first rotation of the year for 1st-5th graders will have a focus by grade level to help children gain some basic tools to enhance their growing faithfulness.

1st grade – Worship Basics

2nd grade – Faith Practices

3rd grade – Know Your Bible

4th grade – The Church Year

5th grade – Into the World

First Steps to Faithfulness

Sunday, Sept. 2

Parents with children under 3 are invited to join other families on the first Sunday of the month from 10:00-10:45 a.m. We will explore how your infant or toddler comes to know God and what our role as parents can be in fostering faithfulness. Join us for informal fellowship in the Play Zone, Room 215.

Club Kids

Beginning Sept. 9, 3rd-5th graders are invited to come for fellowship, fun and food from 5:30-7:30 p.m. each Sunday evening. Community building games and activities will be the focus of this informal and fun gathering. We will begin with dinner at 5:30 in the Social Hall.

Save the Dates

Sun., Sept. 23 Family Fall Fest

3rd – 5th graders and their families are invited to come for an evening of fun. Dinner for all – fun games and activities for the kids and youth. We will be combining with youth and their families for this celebration. Make plans to kick off fall with us from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tall Oaks for Team Building

Sun., Sept. 30, noon-4:30 p.m.

Watch for more information!

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Our Church Family

Sympathy

EUGENE F. SNYDER JR. passed away Aug. 23. He is survived by his wife, Beverly, and two daughters, Rev. Sunny L. Stock and Lee Ann Williams. The service will be at 10:00 a.m., Sat., Sept. 1 in the Combs Chapel, the Rev. Chuck Murphy officiating.

Memorials

Gayle Waller Heymer

Nancy & Jim Carnes
Erma & John Hess
Katie Edelblute

Beverly Christie

Jill Reynolds
John & Erma Hess

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