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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 the Rededication of Our Building on Sunday, October 5



When we began – 1922

After two years of construction, it's time to celebrate the beautifully refurbished exterior of our 92-year-old building. Our new alabaster stone work will be glistening as we dedicate the church for the years ahead. Join us on Sunday morning, Oct. 5.

- Congregational photo at 10:30 a.m. in front of the building
- Ribbon cutting at 10:45 a.m.
- Rededication worship service at 11:00 a.m.
- Reception, Open House and Guided Tours, noon-1:00 p.m. Docents will be available throughout the building to conduct tours and answer questions. The reception will be held in the Social Hall.



Today with renovation complete

We will have regular services at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and at 10:00 a.m. in Combs Chapel.

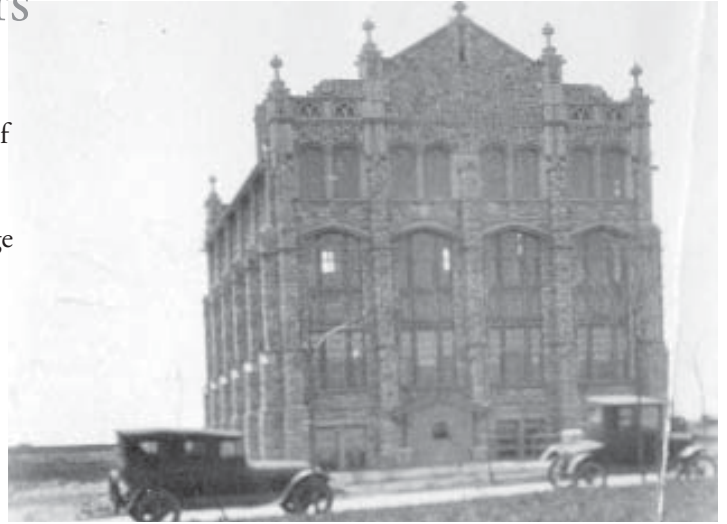
Sign Up for Grace at Work

Join us on Sat., Oct. 11, for this fun-filled half-day volunteer opportunity. Your hands can put grace to work by dusting a pew, serving a bowl of soup, planting a flower, hammering a nail! Sign up to serve in the way that fits you best. Go to www.cccckc.org to choose your project.



Our Church Through the Years

- **1919** – Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowen, city missionaries for the Christian Church, identified a need for a church in this area of Kansas City, MO.
- **1920** – Home meeting at 63rd and Brookside for interested persons. Lot purchased at 61st and Ward Parkway. Dr. George Hamilton Combs began ministry with 382 members.
- **1921** – Ground breaking for the first structure.
- **1922** – Building completed
- **1923** – Addition of sanctuary planned.
- **1926** – Present sanctuary building dedicated.
- **1949** – Sanctuary remodeled.
- **1951** – Education building dedicated.
- **2011** – Major renovation of exterior began.



1926



Sanctuary in 1927



Sanctuary in 1942



1949 Sanctuary Remodel



2012 Tower Repair



Are We Ready for What Is Next?

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Last Sunday, Julie and I had lunch at Grand Street Cafe. We were there for a nice meal before heading over to the Country Club Plaza to enjoy the art fair. We got into a conversation with our waiter about our church. He asked, "Where is it?" I said, "It is the beautiful stone building on Ward Parkway." "Oh yeah," he replied, "It is beautiful but aren't you going through all sorts of renovations?" I smiled and said, "Not anymore! We are 95 percent finished. Come see us sometime soon. We would love to have you visit."

I have had a front row seat here in my office to watch the construction work. There was a time not so long ago when I wondered if the cranes and lifts, the trucks and tractors would ever be gone. I wondered if we'd ever see all of the work on the facade and the various supporting arches completed. But this morning as I drove onto our campus I thought, "Wow! We're done. It is beautiful."

The building now glistens in the late afternoon sun. The stained glass sparkles, the Schantz organ fills the sanctuary with wonderful music, and the new landscaping creates a welcoming and inviting atmosphere.

The question before us now is this: Are we ready for what is next? Are we prepared to listen to the spirit of God and to each other as we prepare for the huge mission and ministry opportunities God has placed before us?

We are blessed with an unbelievably gorgeous campus, with sacred and holy space. The other day a visitor to our worship service said to me, "In this sanctuary it feels like something important and life changing is happening."

I agree. There is something happening here. The completion of this work, the generosity of you, our members and friends, and the ongoing work of our pastors and lay leaders all point toward the work of God.

I firmly believe that we are ready, Country Club Christian Church, for the new era before us. Our staff and ministry teams are working even now to be a place where our diversity of thought and our unity in Christ are celebrated. We won't always know every exact step to take along the way but we can, through the help of the spirit, work together to be the church that God calls us to be, a church where love, faith and hope are real.

The work is done. Now the mission begins again!

Grace and peace to you,

Senior Minister's Bible Study

Join Dr. Glen Miles for an engaging discussion of what the Bible really says about... homosexuality, politics, science and the environment, and other contemporary topics. The final night will be a "Preacher on the Hot Seat" with participants providing the questions for Glen to respond to during the hour. Mon., Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Call Mary Margaret House at 816-333-4917 to register.

Visitor 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., Oct. 12, 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:
Soul Searching: Finding the You God Created You to Be

Sept. 28

Part 4: The Future of Your Soul
John 16:17-24

Oct. 5

Rededication Sunday

By Faith
Hebrews 11: 1-3

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Virginia Reed Food Drive



Bob Legg and Martha Lieser have been in the parking lot, receiving donations for food drives for more than 20 years.

After many years of collecting food in vans in the parking lot, we are changing to three easy 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 east door, north door, south door anytime you come to church.
2. Make a financial contribution to the Virginia Reed Food Drive on the Harvesters Community Food Network website

(www.christianchurch.harvestersvfd.org) beginning Oct.

1. A laptop will be available in the parlor for you to make your virtual gift on each Food Drive Sunday. The next food drive is Oct. 19. During October and November we will have a competition between KU fans and MU fans to see who can donate the most!
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 or in the box in the parlor at the Food Drive Table.

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. Thanks to Martha Lieser and Bob Legg for this important ministry.

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.



Pathways to Learning



Pathways to Learning is a series of elective offerings open to everyone focusing upon timely topics on the Bible, spirituality, current events, family life and technology. Visitors welcome. 9:55-10:55 a.m.

Windows on Faith. A look at the stories in our newly restored stained glass

windows. Meets in Sanctuary, 9:55-10:55 a.m.

Sept. 28 – Dr. George Gordon will lead the conversation

Oct. 12 – Rev. David Diebold and Dr. Meredith Holladay will lead.

Before and After – Oct. 5 Bill Thomas and Dylan Walters of C&M Restoration will show slides and talk about the transformation of this 90-year-old sacred structure. Meets in Social Hall.

Bring your Cars to Trunk or Treat!

Sunday, October 12

Join Country Club Christian Church as we welcome children to trick-or-treat on our campus by decorating your vehicle in a festive Halloween theme!

We would love to fill our parking lot with fun and exciting vehicles decorated for Halloween. A simple Google or Pinterest search of "Trunk or Treat" will give you lots of ideas!

There will be awards for the best decorated vehicles. The competition is on! Challenge your Sunday School class or ministry team to bring their decorated vehicles.

Vehicles will be parked in designated parking spots in the chapel lot beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sun., Oct. 12. Park your vehicle to expose your trunk so that children can trick-or-treat you. Costumes, themes, and fun decorations are encouraged! Please provide candy for 100 children. If you need help providing candy, contact Lindsay Howes lindsayh@cccckc.org or Monica Lewis monical@cccckc.org.

Sign up online at: <http://tinyurl.com/cccckctrunkortreat> or in the Parlor on Sunday.



Appreciate the Process

By Lisa McCleish, Director of Early Childhood Programs



Almost two years ago, I was in on a meeting with the construction crew as we looked at calendars and went over safety protocol regarding the Parents Day Out and preschool programs. At the beginning of the meeting I told the men from the crew, “Just so you know, for the children, you guys are cooler than the garbage truck and UPS van.”

For us adults, the construction has been a necessary inconvenience. Parking was affected, sometimes we had to use another en-

trance, there was dirt and mud, the playground was closed on the occasional day. Yet we knew there was an end that would result in beautiful updates (the stained glass windows) and needed repairs to the building.



For the children, the construction process has been a time of awe and wonder. Seeing all the machinery, asking questions, watching the big trucks come and go, and the best of all, having one of the workers wave. The children have donned hard hats from the dress-up area, used tools to fix stuff in the rooms and hauled dirt with the trucks on the playground.



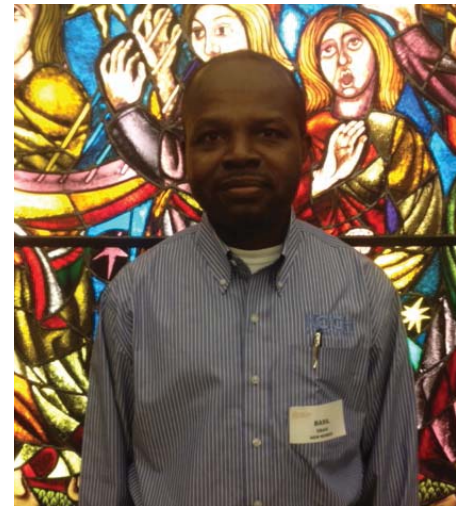
As teachers, we are taught that the process is equally as important as the outcome for learning. The construction is nearing an end so the opportunity to appreciate the progress of the renovation is limited. But we adults can learn from the children, to appreciate process instead of only looking forward to the product.

Lisa

New Members Joined Sept. 21



Carolyn Sellers
New Member Host: Susan Thorne



Basil Obasi
New Member Host: Jim Wells

Special Thanks to Greg Lear and Dan Jensen

Our Rededication Sunday on Oct. 5 would not be possible without the commitment and hard work of many individuals, including all of you who donated to the capital campaign, the many volunteers who have helped along the way, and all of the construction crews who have put in many months of hard work.

We especially want to thank Greg Lear, who chaired the Capital Campaign that raised the funds for the restoration projects; and Dan Jensen, who, as the chair of the church's Practical Services ministry team, oversaw all phases of the construction. Both Greg and Dan spent countless hours ensuring the successful completion of the total restoration. A huge thank you to them both for their unwavering leadership and commitment to these projects.

Baby Dedications



William Henry Good with parents, Matt and Dana Good, was dedicated in worship on Sun., Sept. 14.



Gracelynn Faith Puett with parents, Becca and Matt Puett, was dedicated in worship on Sun., Sept. 21.

Upcoming Student Events

Sun., Oct. 5 - Baker's start your ovens! 5:00-7:00 p.m. Please join us during student group to help us bake cookies for the congregation to enjoy Sun., Oct. 12.

Sun., Oct. 12 - Trunk or Treat, 12:30 p.m. Students and their families, bring your vehicles to trunk or treat. Decorate your vehicle for Halloween or in an awesome theme. Engage in some friendly competition with your friends. Eat with us. Play with us. Have fun with us.

Sun., Oct. 19 - 8th Grade Gathering. 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 26 - Worlds of Fun. Open to students in grades 6-12.

Nov. 14-15 - Middle School Lock-in. 7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.

Sun., Nov. 16 - Pastor's Class Information Meeting. 12:15 p.m. Join us at this informational session for youth interested in Pastors' Class and their parents.

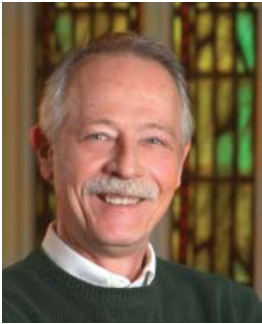
Family Night at Micah

Student families are invited to serve together at Independence Boulevard Christian Church's Micah Ministry on Mon., Oct. 13. Meet at Independence Boulevard Christian Church at 5:00 p.m.



The Changes We've Seen

by Rev. David Diebold, Minister of Music



In the 33 years I have spent in this community of faith, I've experienced many things. In 1981, the Schantz organ was only 10 years old, there were no cell phones, we didn't have internet, much less computers in our offices. At that time, family schedules were not so hectic; sporting activities did not encroach on Sunday mornings other than a home game by the Chiefs or Royals; and we still had many members that lived close in. The times and our culture have changed significantly in those years.

As our culture has changed, we have always looked forward and made changes to our building to make way for each new era. Some of these changes have been purely cosmetic, while others have strengthened the structure of our facilities, making it viable for decades to come. I have been with you through three capital campaigns now, and while all of them were successful, this past one may have been the most significant in my estimation.

Part of the significance for me, of course, has been the rebuilding of the organ. Pipe organs require this sort of undertaking every 40-50 years: leather wears out and mechanical systems become outdated and need to be replaced. The fact that we chose to take on this project means more to me than I could ever express.

With the completion of the organ work it has been pure delight to not only have it function correctly, but also to experiment with the new "bells and whistles" that were included in the project. Those include a new multi-memory system, midi, a transposer, and a sequencer (which is a fancy way of saying changing stops is a whole lot easier). When the first memory system was installed some years ago, it cost around \$1,500. Today, for about a third of that, we received all of the extras.

In addition, it has been exciting to watch the exterior work run through its courses. Now that it is done and we can celebrate the conclusion of all of the work, it is time to look again to the future and what it holds.

Not only will we have a physical structure and organ that will last for many decades, but we will have facilities to welcome our members, both current and yet to come. I extend my sincere congratulations to those who organized and oversaw the projects, but also to each of you who contributed to make this campaign a successful one.

David

Children and Families

Save the Date: Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 12, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Children birth-5th grade are invited to wear their Halloween costumes and join their friends gathering treats from decorated vehicles in the Combs Chapel parking lot. There will be games, contests, and prizes. Decorating your vehicle is encouraged!

Club Kids

Sun., Sept. 21 – 5:00-7:00 p.m., Social Hall.

Sun., Sept. 28 – 5:00-7:00 p.m., Social Hall.

Sun., Oct. 5 – 5:00-7:00 p.m., Social Hall.

Sun., Oct. 12 – No Club Kids. See you at Trunk or Treat.

Sat., Oct. 18 – FootGolf. 3:30 p.m. Meet at church at 3:30 p.m. for FootGolf at Heart of America Golf Academy, a City of Kansas City, MO Parks and Recreation Department facility. FootGolf combines the popular sports of soccer and golf using soccer balls on a traditional golf course with 21-inch diameter cups.

Sunday School Apps

Parents please check out the new *Grow, Proclaim, Serve!* app to help you reinforce our Sunday lessons.

- For iPhones, go to <http://tinyurl.com/curriculum-apple> to download the app.
- For Android phones, go to <http://tinyurl.com/curriculum-android>.

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. Go to <http://www.growproclaimserve.com/parents.html> to learn more about the curriculum.

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Visiting the Sick

Imagine the joy that a visit from you can bring to a person who is sick or homebound. To share a smile, story, or prayer will brighten their day and enrich your own spiritual journey as well.

This fall we are hosting conversations about our Visiting Communion ministry – one of the ways that we offer compassionate care for the sick or elderly and their families. The sessions are open to everyone so that you can hear stories from experienced mentors that illustrate the respectful and sacred conversations we have with those who are physically or otherwise challenged at this point in their lives. You will also learn how Visiting Communion is both an essential component of our congregational life and interfaces with health care systems and lifecycle resources.

For your convenience, we are offering these small group conversations on a variety of days of the week and different times of the day. You need only attend one session to learn about the ministry. To register for any one session, please email the date to dianab@cccckc.org. For more information, call or email Rev. Joe Walker, 816-333-4917, ext. 224 or joew@cccckc.org.

Tues., Oct. 14, 10:00 a.m.

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Thurs., Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 19, 10:00 a.m.

Tues., Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 6, 1:00 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 9, 10:00 a.m.

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Barry Bausenbach

Joan James

Tana Field

Mark & Debra Hamilton