



# CHRISTIAN

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.*

### Strategic Plan Guides Us

In his September sermon series *A New Old Church*, Dr. Glen Miles introduced a new strategic plan designed to guide the church's work over the next year and beyond. On Tues., Oct. 2, a group of Council chairs, clergy and staff gathered to review and discuss how each ministry area will use this plan to steer its programming for the coming year.

Why does Country Club Christian Church need a strategic plan? The plan's three focus areas are big, wide-ranging goals which speak to the mission of the church. As each church Council reviews and plans its work, the staff and Council chairs are striving to use only strategies which support the main focus areas. The process of compiling and sharing the focused strategies is designed to create more synergy among ministry areas, creating richer opportunities for achieving the main goals.

- Experience the life-changing love of God through worship
- Transform lives and deepen relationships through spiritual growth
- Express God's love in tangible ways.

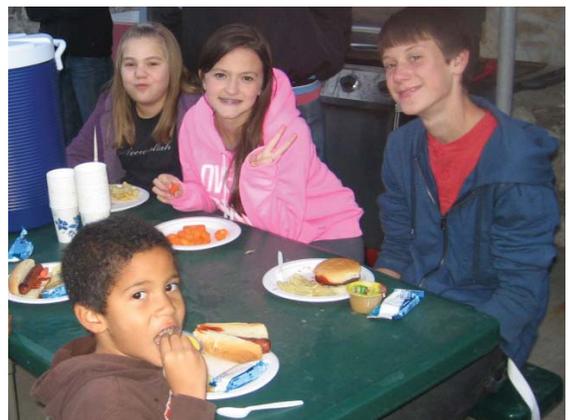
Between now and the end of the current fiscal year, Councils will work to implement their strategies. In Spring 2013, Councils will begin developing strategies for the 2013-2014 church year. If you would like to know more about the church's strategic plan, please contact Barbara George, chair of the Congregational Board.

### Youth Serve at Sheffield Place

CYF and Chi Rho youth visited Sheffield Place in Kansas City, MO, on Oct. 7 to provide the children there with a BBQ meal and a game night. Sheffield Place assists families in making the difficult journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency.



Above, Wynne Reddin and Jane Commerford play with one of the residents. Below, Lauren Reddin, Ashley Bough and Jackson Berry share a meal with a resident.



## Town Hall Meeting November 11

Another Congregational Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for Sun., Nov. 11, at 12:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. At that meeting Greg Lear, Capital Campaign Chair, and Stuart Hoffman, Past Congregational Board Chair, will discuss the current Capital Campaign status and present an action plan to move us forward toward the new financial goal.

## Thanksgiving Dinner Is November 15

Mark your calendars for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner celebration. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall on Thur., Nov. 15 for a traditional dinner of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Watch for more information.

## Pathways to Learning – Politics and Religion

In October, don't miss the next Pathways to Learning series, *Religion and Politics*. 9:55-10:55 a.m. in the Social Hall.



**Oct. 14 – Religion and Politics Today** – Bill Tammeus, former editorialist and religion writer from the *Kansas City Star*

**Oct. 21 – Religion and Politics in the Time of Our Nation's Founding** – Professor Barry Crawford from Washburn University

**Oct. 28 – Religion and Politics in the time of Jesus** – Dr. David May, Central Baptist Seminary

## In the Footsteps of Paul

Join Glen and Julie Miles, Lauren Weinholt and Scott Fuller as they travel to Greece and the Greek Isles Oct. 8-18, 2013. Enjoy great food, comprehensive sightseeing and

memorable fellowship. For more information, please contact Glen at [glenm@cccckc.org](mailto:glenm@cccckc.org) or Lauren at

[laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).



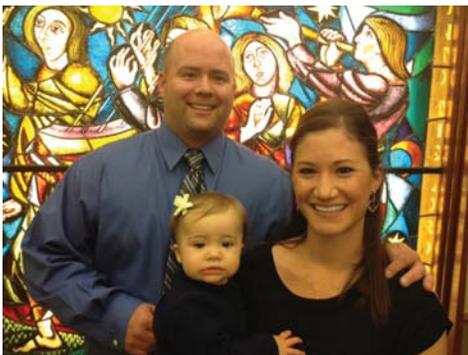
## Collection Connection

### Pillowcases for Dresses

The church's sewing group is creating the popular girls' dresses made from pillowcases that our mission teams have taken to South Africa and Nicaragua. They are busy creating dresses for the mission team to take when they go to Nicaragua in February. Please bring your new or gently used pillowcases to the basket in the parlor.



## Infant Dedications on October 7



Mary Carolyn Davenport with her parents, Justin and Jennifer Davenport



Maegan Saylor Uman with her parents, Elektra and West Uman, and brother, West



## Be Quick to Listen

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Two thousand years ago, James' advice to the church is still pretty good: "Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger..."

This is street theology. This advice comes from everyday living in the real world. James is not worried about the meaning of life or the doctrine of grace or the theology of salvation. He is concerned that the church is forgetting how to be kind and gracious.

Anger seems to be popular these days. Turn on any of the news commentary shows and they all seem to be angry. I heard one of these TV news people admit that anger sells. The angrier he gets about some political something or other the higher his ratings go. I am saddened by that fact.

The book of Proverbs may help him and us, too. The wise author declared, "Fools show their anger at once."

Sometimes righteous anger is a good thing but again James is helpful: "Your anger does not produce God's righteousness." In other words, yes, there are things that are worthy of our anger but in the long run anger will eventually fade and we'll need something more.

I love what John Ortberg says about this: "There is a very important theological distinction between being a prophet and being a jerk."<sup>1</sup> He goes on to say that, "What burns deeply in the heart of a true prophet is not just anger but love."

What James wants us to know is this: we are each responsible for our lives. We are responsible for our actions and behaviors. What was it Jesus said? "Don't be worried about the speck in your neighbor's eye when there is a log protruding from your own."

"Be quick to listen," James implores. Maybe that's a good word for all of us during this election season.

Grace and peace to you,

<sup>1</sup> *Everyone is Normal Until You Get to Know Them*, Ortberg, 179

## Upcoming Sermon Series

**November** – *Sit. Stay. Heal.* In this collection of sermons we will discover ways our faith helps us renew, reflect and revitalize.

**December** – *God in the Manger.* A series of sermons on the personalities of the Christmas Story who help us see God in surprising places.

## Worship with us!

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

**October Sermon Series  
Losing My Religion: Finding God**

**Oct. 14**

Part 2 – Nomads and Prodigals  
*Matthew 5: 1-12*

**Oct. 21**

Part 3 – Beyond Belief  
*Romans 12: 9-21*

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Rose Garden Memorial Bricks Now 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. Existing bricks in the Rose Garden pathway will be used and can be purchased for an introductory price of \$250 each through Dec. 31, 2012. Beginning Jan. 1, 2013 the price will increase to \$350. Price includes brick, imprinting and placement. Contact 816-333-4917 for more information.



## 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](mailto:betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com). The team will continue to help with the recovery following the 2011 tornado.



2012 Mission Team

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## Volunteer for the Kansas City Marathon and Help the Church

On Sat., Oct. 20, the Waddell and Reed Kansas City Marathon will be happening right outside our front doors in the north-bound lanes of Ward Parkway. For the past two years, volunteers from our church have served as course monitors throughout the course and have also volunteered at a hospitality table on our front lawn for friends and family of the runners. We offer coffee, hot chocolate and, of course, dog biscuits! You can be a part of the fun this year by volunteering as a course monitor along Ward Parkway or at our table, while at the same time helping the church financially. For every 10 volunteers from our church that help out in any capacity, the Kansas City Sports Commission will send the church a check for \$100. The more volunteers, the bigger the check! The Church Growth Council would like to encourage you to sign up and donate a few hours of your Saturday morning.

To volunteer, click <http://tiny.cc/kcmarathonvolunteer> and set up an account. To volunteer as a course monitor close to the church, please choose Sections 5 or 6. When you hit "continue" at the conclusion of your registration, you will be asked if you will be volunteering with Country Club Christian Church. Please select "yes." You'll then be signed up and will receive detailed instructions regarding the marathon.

Thanks for sharing this opportunity with your class or small group. Contact Lauren Weinhold at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org) or the volunteer coordinator for the marathon, Daveron Kennedy, ([dkennedy@sportkc.org](mailto:dkennedy@sportkc.org)) with questions.

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## Canned Yoga Class



Tone up with the Canned Yoga Class on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Bring two 16 oz. cans of vegetables or fruit to use as weights for a class which focuses on poses for toning muscles, especially upper arms. At the end of each month, the canned goods will be donated to The Virginia Reed Food Drive. Join this fun class to stretch, tone your muscles, and enjoy a great work-out for a great cause. Located in the Solarium (Rm. 309). \$10 per class. Open to members, non-members, and all faiths.

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## Follow Us on Facebook

Are you a fan of Country Club Christian Church on Facebook? The church's Facebook page includes photos, information and an option for you to leave messages. You can sign up to be a follower if you have a Facebook account. If you don't have an account, you can create a free one. The church already has more than 500 people following us on Facebook. Join the fun. Just go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).





## What Just Happened?

by Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth



Last Saturday, I was out running errands, headed to a local dive for an impromptu lunch date with my husband. I was stopped at a busy intersection in Waldo and noticed that right outside my driver's side window, a wrinkled man in a uniform was hunkered over a broom and dust pan sweeping debris out of the median gutter. Without even thinking about it, I rolled down the window of my car and turned to the elderly man saying, "Sir, I just want to thank you for what you're doing and let you know that I appreciate you." I caught a glimpse of the puzzled look on my face in the rear-

view mirror. Before I could make sense of the words that had just come out of my mouth, the man looked up from his pile of cigarette butts and replied, "You just made my day. Thanks for noticing me. God bless." As the light changed, I drove away and exclaimed, "You made mine too, sir!"

Smiling, I drove through the intersection and wondered out loud what had just happened. As if she were seated in the car next to me that Saturday, I was reminded of Barbara Brown Taylor's words from *An Altar in the World*, "You noticed, and because you did, neither of you will ever be quite the same again."

Folks often joke that I get paid to be nice to people. I'm charged with making sure that everyone who comes to this church feels noticed and connected. I do it because I absolutely adore this faith community, but also because it's in my job description. What happened that Saturday afternoon, though, had nothing to do with me or what I get paid to do. It had everything to do with God and ironically, everything to do with church growth. The Church Growth Council is routinely challenging you to invite friends to church. (And please continue to do that!) But what if church growth is about more than that? What if we could grow the Church universal and, as a result, change the world simply by noticing one another? What if a little eye contact, a kind word or a smile were all it took to change the often negative (and often justified) perception of Christianity in America?

I invite you to take on the spiritual practice of noticing one another with me, not because we're getting paid to, but because we simply can't help ourselves. We can change the world by doing so. At least we owe it to the world to try.

Blessings,

## Virginia Reed Food Drive on October 21

On Sun., Oct. 21, 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."

## Youth to Sell Poinsettias

Country Club Christian Church youth are taking orders for Christmas poinsettias on Oct. 21 and 28 and Nov. 4 in the Parlor. Full payment must be received with all orders. Plants will be available for pick up from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 1, and Sun., Dec. 2, at the church. The poinsettias cost \$13 for a 6-inch plant, \$19 for an 8-inch plant, and \$25 for a 10-inch plant. Proceeds benefit youth ministry programs and missions.

## Scouts to Sell Christmas Greens

Scouts from Troop 84 will be in the parlor and in the lobby of Combs Chapel on Sun., Oct. 21 and 28, from 9:00 a.m. to noon to sell Christmas greenery. Fresh wreaths, sprays, garland, centerpieces and living trees are available with prices ranging from \$25 to \$30. Proceeds from the sale help reduce the costs of camp and monthly outings. Your support is appreciated! Delivery will be on Sun., Nov. 18.

## Upcoming Youth Events

### CYF and Chi Rho Sunday Nights

5:30-7:30 p.m.

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us on Sunday evenings. Each Sunday of the month focuses 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.

### 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.

CYF – Oct. 14. Jere Hanney

Chi Rho – Oct. 21. Tim Webster

### Quest

We will play games and do activities based around the question of the month "What are friends anyway?"

Chi Rho – Oct. 14

CYF – Oct. 21

### Connect – Oct. 28

All youth will go to Worlds of Fun.

Contact Justin at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).

### Spring Break Mission Trip

All youth in grades 10-12 for the 2012-2013 school year are invited to participate in a mission trip to Nicaragua over spring break 2013. The dates are Mar. 16-23. The cost is \$1,475 per person. Anyone who is interested, please contact Justin Zeigler at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).

### Car Seat Parents Series

Sundays, October 14, 21 and 28

10:00-10:50 a.m., Room 207

Parents of children birth to age 6 are invited to this three-week series focused on Community: Living Faithfully with Others. We

participate in numerous kinds of communities – family, friends, neighborhood, and religious communities. How has your sense of community changed with the birth of your children? In what ways has the need for community increased with children in your family? Come and join us for a time of conversation and connecting. Sunday School classes for children 3 ½ and up or childcare for younger available. Please plan to join us.



## Team Building at Tall Oaks for Club Kids



Club Kids spent a recent Sunday afternoon on the low ropes course at Tall Oaks Conference Center in Linwood, KS.

Under the facilitation of Tall Oaks staff member PJ (pictured with kids), 12 kids and 3 adults worked through a series of challenges where cooperation and team work were emphasized.

The 3rd-5th graders did a great job working together and having fun!



## Top 10 Reasons

by Justin Zeigler, Minister to Youth



Top 10 reasons that I know God is at work here at Country Club Christian (in no particular order):

10. My office. My office constantly has piles of food, toys, and gifts to be sent out to the community around us. It's a sign that we are out in the community serving...(and that I don't like to organize).

9. Noise. We have squealing preschoolers (really loud ones), people going to AA and Bible study students...and the occasional dog. There is life in these halls every day during the week.

8. Our library. We have a library filled with books about the Bible, magazines about current issues and stories of everyday folk. God is worshiped with our minds.

7. The refrigerator and freezer. I constantly have to move around pounds of hamburger to be served at Micah Ministry or popsicles for our children, to make room – room for ice cream that will be served to our youth, or food we will serve to people in need on one of our youth “serve” nights.

6. The noise from offices. If you want soft and mellow music, stop by Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn's office. If you want something that only “the cool kids” listen to, stop by Lara Schopp's office. And if you want good music... come to my office. We believe in diversity here.

5. The cookie room. We have a room dedicated to cookies...awesome. It's also a place where lay people, clergy, and staff gather to laugh and be in community.

4. The stained glass windows. We are a part of a beautiful tradition of stories. The reminder that God has been speaking since the beginning of time allows us to continue to dream.

3. My thoughts. You can't see it, but every time I walk out of the sanctuary after worship where I've been required to think...ON A WEEKEND!

2. My email inbox: Whether it's about a new opportunity, idea or information on what's happening with our building, my inbox is filled with people's vision and work. Thank you.

1. You. You are here, you are giving your life, you are being the hands and feet of Christ. God moves through you.

Grace and peace,

## Children and Families

### Fountains of Faith

**Garden of Eden, Sept. 23 – Oct. 21**

1st-5th graders are enjoying a five-week rotation focused on the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden. This rotation approaches these beginning Bible stories from a viewpoint of God's eternal grace. What must we do to be right with God and how has God always shown us forgiveness? Ultimately, it is God's steadfast love that endures forever. Come and explore this story through cooking, storytelling, games, art and more.

### Club Kids

**Club Kids Fall Outing to Corn Maze Sun., Oct 28, Noon - 4:00 p.m.**

Make plans to join us for this fun fall outing to a 1000 x 1000 feet maze. We will have lunch at church at noon then depart at 12:30 p.m. for the maze. We will return to church by 4:00 p.m. – we promise not to leave anyone lost in the maze! Cost is \$15 which includes entrance fees, lunch and snacks. Please RSVP to Karla at karlah@cccckc.org.

### Mystery Trip for 1st and 2nd Graders

**Sat., Nov. 3, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Make plans to join us for this fun Mystery Trip. Cost is \$12 and will include lunch. Please RSVP soon to Catherine Stark-Corn, catherinesc@cccckc.org. We need a minimum of 10 children to attend. A Mystery Trip is a social/fun activity for our 1st and 2nd graders where they come not knowing what we have planned for them. It is a field trip off church grounds to a fun place around Kansas City. The kids are so excited because it is a surprise. (Of course we are happy to tell the parents as long as you do not share the secret!!)

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# Our Church Family

## Sympathy

REGGIE STAFFORD passed away Oct. 7. He is survived by his his mother, Ruth; and his children, Steven Reginald Stafford Jr., Jerami Alexander Richardson Stafford and Stacha Rudon Stafford. Service is Fri., Oct. 12, at 2:00 p.m. in Combs Chapel, Rev. Chuck Murphy officiating.

ROY POMEROY passed away Sept. 18. He was the father of Julie Miles. Services were Sept. 21 in Hermiston, OR.

## Memorials

### Catherine Lutz Gilles

John Gilles

### Gayle Waller Hemeyer

James & Mary Ann Arnett

### John Tilton

Betty Merrill

### Gene Snyder

Louis & Naomi Kurz

Robert & Kay Moffat

Bob & Alyce King

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