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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.*

Joyous Celebration of Building Rededication

After more than two years of construction, the congregation and community gathered on Oct. 5 to celebrate the beautifully refurbished exterior of our 92-year-old building. Our new alabaster stone work, walkways and landscaping shone in the bright sunlight.



Friends and members gather for a commemorative photo.



Jay Wooldridge, Dan Jensen, Mary McClure and Greg Lear cut the ribbon as the congregation watched.



The Plains Indians: Artists of Earth & Sky

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art docent Misty McNally will present photographs and stories from this unique exhibit featuring Plains Indian masterworks from collections across the United States and Europe on Tues., Oct. 21, at 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.

The exhibit showcases items from pre-contact to contemporary, ranging from a 2,000-year-old Human Effigy stone pipe to 18th-century painted robes. This preview will invite attendees to appreciate both the individual artistry and the rich tradition represented in the collection.



Robe, Eastern Plains artist; probably Illinois, Mid-Mississippi River Basin, ca. 1700-1740.

Everyone welcome; bring a friend. \$10 includes lunch. RSVP to 816-333-4917 or marymargareth@cccckc.org.

Thanks from the Congregation



Dan Jensen, chair of the Practical Services Council, and Greg Lear, chair of the Capital Campaign, received paintings of the church on Sun., Oct. 5, as a thank you for their work during the building renovation.

Virginia Reed Food Drive

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 (christianchurch.harvestersvfd.org). 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.



Grace Is Everywhere

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Recently I had one of those weeks when it felt like there were no moments to pause, take a breath and enjoy the day. Meetings followed meetings. Messages and emails piled up in my inbox. Calls needed to be made, notes reviewed, and more meetings conducted. By the end of the week it felt like I had crammed 11 days into seven. When I awoke on Monday morning, the eighth day in this stretch, every joint in my body ached.

I know many of you are just as busy and even more so. Maybe you've noticed when a cycle like this hits us it is easy to lose sight of the ones we love, to

forget why we are running from here to there and back again.

Sometimes, though, fortune smiles and from out of nowhere we get a reminder of the presence of God. Near the end of my busy week I caught a cab for the San Diego airport. I noticed the cabbie had metal crutches on the front seat of his car. I could see his legs were smaller than normal. There were extension devices on the brake and accelerator pedals. I threw my bag on the back seat and said, "Airport, please."

He asked, "Are you here for the pastors' conference?" I hesitated to reply. I wasn't in the mood to argue theology or to hear one more person tell me why the church is all messed up. "Yes," I said. Then I tried to redirect the conversation, "How long does it take to get to SAN?" He said, "Twenty minutes." Then he rattled off a string of one liners that were pretty funny. I am terrible at remembering one liners but this guy had dozens of them. He had me laughing until my face hurt. I asked, "Do you perform at clubs or on television? You're hilarious." He said, "No. I just like to entertain my riders. Some people don't like it. I can usually tell right away and I leave them alone. Others seem to need to relax, let off some steam. You seemed VERY stressed when you got in so I was pretty sure you needed some humor."

I said, "With that intuitive sense you'd make a great pastor." This time he laughed out loud and replied, "I'm not sure I believe in God but if there is one I'm pretty sure that laughter and love are the only gifts he wants us to share."

At the airport, as I paid my fare, the comedic cabbie turned to me, offered his hand and said, "Brother, blessings on your day. Travel well. Share the laughter. Share the love."

"Grace," someone wrote, "is everywhere." It's true. Somewhere in San Diego there is a cabbie making sure that his tiny corner of the universe is filled with the God-given gifts of love and laughter.

Grace and peace to you,

New Sermon Series: Let It Be: Trusting in the Way, the Truth and the Life of God.

This series is inspired by Jesus' well known words in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth and the life..." This verse has often been used as a way to exclude and shut out non-Christians. It is a tough word to understand but in context it is an invitation to follow in "the way" of life that Jesus presents to the church. Oct. 12-Nov. 16.

Worship with us!

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

Series

Let It Be: Trusting in the Way, the Truth and the Life of God

Oct. 12

Part 1: What Do We Have to Do to Really Live?

John 14: 1-6, Acts 16: 25-34

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Green Team Class

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.



The Well Book Corner

Do you need books for your children or grandchildren? Do you need a Bible to use in your Bible study? Would you like to read a book mentioned in a sermon or a minister’s column in *The Christian*? Then visit The Well, our book and gift store on the ground floor of the church.



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.

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.

Oct. 12 – Windows on Faith. A look at the stories in our newly restored stained glass windows. Meets in Sanctuary, 9:55-10:55 a.m. Rev. David Diebold and Dr. Meredith Holladay will lead the discussion.

Nov. 2 and 9 – When Faith Meets Politics. Steve Kraske of *The Kansas City Star* will speak on Nov. 2 and the Honorable Kay Barnes, former Kansas City mayor, will speak on Nov. 9.

October Collection Connection

Full size shampoo and toothpaste are urgently needed by Cross-Lines Community Network for their Hope Totes. When people come to Cross-Lines seeking help, they receive not only assistance with utility bills, food and clothing, they are also given a Hope Tote, which contains items that cannot be purchased with food stamps, such as shampoo and toothpaste. Please leave your donations in the box in the Parlor.

Visitor Luncheon Rescheduled

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., Nov. 9, 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.



“Dude, You Hear What I Hear?”

By Michael Patch, Director of Children’s and Student Music



Our rehearsals are up and running! We perform for the first time this season on Oct. 19 at the 11:00 a.m. service. There is a lot of excitement with those who are participating. The children and student music room has a fresh new look that reflects our redesigned program. We are learning music that has a fresh new sound and feel that is more in line with popular music, while teaching the message of Christ in a fun and upbeat way. I would love to have your children join us!

In just a few days we begin working on the Christmas Musical, “Dude, You Hear What I Hear?”

Christmas time is filled with sound! Sometimes, so much sound and noise that we can hardly hear the real message of Christmas.

In the hustle and bustle at a crowded “Mondo-Mart” filled with shoppers, shy Taylor and the rest of her youth group have stopped for some last-minute snacks on their way to a fun Christmas camp. Taylor — not much for talking, but a great hide and seek player — has found the perfect hiding place. So perfect, in fact, that she doesn’t notice when the rest of the group boards the bus and the store is closed for the night! Hard to tell who is more surprised — Taylor, when she emerges from her hiding place, or the fun-loving store mannequins who break their silence assuming that once again, the store is theirs for the night.

Taylor quickly discovers that everything store mannequins know about Christmas is what they’ve heard over the PA system during the Christmas season, and boy, are they misinformed! And, the not-so-high-tech night watchmen listening in from outside the store are nearly as confused as the mannequins.

Musical rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 9:30-10:00 a.m. (1st-4th grade) or 11:00-11:30 a.m. (5th-12th grade). Not in that age group? That’s ok, we need many people to work on small projects that will help the show come together.

As always, please contact me with any questions you may have at michaelp@cccckc.org.

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.

Visiting the Sick

Imagine the joy that a visit from you can bring to a person who is sick or home-bound. 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. 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.
Tues., Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.
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.

Upcoming Student Events

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 – No Student Group due to Worlds of Fun trip (see below).

Nov. 14-15 – Middle School Lock-in. 7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Watch for more information.

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.

Worlds of Fun

Sun., Oct. 26, noon-7:30 p.m.

Middle and High School students are you ready to be scared? We will be going to Worlds of Fun for the Halloween Haunt. The cost is \$32 per person. Additional money will be required for food. If you need a scholarship, please contact Allie Cobb at alliec@cccckc.org. We will meet in the Combs Chapel parking lot and leave immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. We will return at 7:30 p.m. after a full day of fun and frights. Please RSVP to Allie no later than Oct. 19. Hope to see you there!

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>.

Baby Dedication



Spencer Eric Andreone with parents, Peter and Rebecca Andreone and brother, Christian Andreone, was dedicated in worship on Sun., Sept. 28.



We Are the Church

by Rev. Carla Aday, Senior Associate Minister



There it was – all of it, in one photo. We were bubbling over with our stories. Brimming with joy. Hundreds of faces. Together we had taken communion a million times. The morning sun illuminated all of us. We smiled. “Click” from the top of the ladder in the median on Ward Parkway.

And what did the camera capture? Faces of those who were as old as the church and folks who were at the church for the first time that day. Members of the

Homesteaders and Anniversary classes and 50/50 Class, now out of existence but their stories live on. Members of the youth group, the pre-schoolers, the young newlyweds just learning what it means to attach to a community of faith.

Look closely and you will see some who want our name changed. And some who want our name to stay the same. Step back and see some who are worried about chemo and radiation treatments this week. And another face beams with joy (though a bit bleary-eyed) because the Royals are winning in the postseason (even when it takes extra innings). Faces of those who gave sacrificial gifts so that this church might be safe and strong again. Faces of those unsure if there is a God, but certain that folks here love them. One was remembering that Grandpa and Grandma were in the first picture ever taken on these church steps. And one was wondering if her kids would ever feel at home here.

It was a picture of humanity. Raw. Real. Beautiful. It was a glimpse of how God came to earth – in human form. It was a flawed photo. But nevertheless it was an honest reflection of what God desires – for brothers and sisters to dwell together in Christian unity. We will not always agree. We have different stories. But we share one God. By the power of the Spirit, we are the church.

Then we went inside and broke bread and drank the cup. And we remembered. We re-membered – that we are one because of Jesus. We live by his body broken and his love poured out. You can see it on every face in the picture. Look closely and see the one body of Christ.

Carla

Children and Families

Trunk or Treat Is 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 a chili lunch, caramel apple station, pumpkin decorating, games, and more.

Club Kids

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. A completed annual Club Kids permission form for each child is required. Download form at <http://tinyurl.com/ccccpermission>.

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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Mission Team Opportunities

We will be sending a mission team to Moore, OK, on Apr. 19-24, 2015, to assist in tornado recovery and rebuilding efforts. A tornado devastated Moore and adjacent areas on May 20, 2013. Stay tuned for further information about how to sign up for the team.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Country Club Christian Church Mission Trip Team that works to establish and maintain partnerships to provide mission teams regionally, nationally, and internationally, please contact Betsy Wilson at betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com.

Our Church Family In Sympathy

Charlene Wiles

Charlene Wiles, former church secretary here at Country Club Christian Church, died Oct. 6, 2014. Charlene was on our staff for 11 years. She was a member of Cherokee Christian Church. The memorial service was held at Overland Park Christian Church.

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