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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.*

People Get Ready

Festival Sunday, September 11

Join us on Festival Sunday, the beginning of a new year of spiritual growth opportunities for children, youth and adults. It's a great opportunity to introduce a friend to the grace-filled community that is Country Club Christian Church!

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

- Dr. R. Glen Miles will preach the sermon *People Get Ready*.
- 3rd grade Bible presentations at the 11:00 a.m. service.
- Special music at all three services – Blue Grass Trio at 9:00, Brian Rood, trumpet, at 10:00, Kansas City Brass at 11:00.

Picnic Lunch 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

- Picnic lunch served. (\$8 per person, maximum \$30 per family. Guests complimentary; pay with cash or credit card.) Hamburgers and hot dogs served by Two Guys and a Grill.
- Bounce house, games and prizes, food and music!



Backpack Blessing

August 21, 11:00 a.m. worship service

Bless us as we begin a new year of learning, teaching, growing, and serving...



Children (preschool-5th grade) and students (6th-12th grade) are invited to bring their backpacks with them to worship on Sun., Aug. 21. Meet in the Parlor at 10:45 a.m. Children and students will process with the ministers and choir to the front of the sanctuary so that Glen and the congregation can pray for them and their upcoming school year.



New Members Welcomed on July 31

Hank Koehn is a 6th grade teacher in the Shawnee Mission School District. His interests include theatre and music, and he is a member of the Chancel Choir. Hank's faith background is Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Hank lives in Overland Park. New member host is Shirley Hansell.



Jodel Wickham works at Smith & Loveless, Inc. She has two children, a senior and sophomore at KU. Jodel looks forward to becoming involved while serving others. She enjoys hiking, travel and gardening. Jodel lives in Shawnee. New member host is Karen Gallagher.



Vicki Riddle is a social worker and runs a small business serving the homeless in Jackson County, MO, and Wyandotte County, KS, while working to eradicate systemic poverty. She has enjoyed becoming part of Faithbook and other small groups. She is a born and raised LA Dodgers fan and enjoys traveling. Vickie lives in Kansas City. New member host is Jacqueline Cyphers.



Mason Alasadie is an engineer with Burns & McDonnell. He was raised in Baghdad and also lived in Jordan before coming to the United States seven years ago. Mason usually attends worship at 11:00 a.m. because of the traditional service and looks forward to becoming involved in small groups and serving others. Mason lives in Kansas City. New member host is Dan Beebe.



Provide a Meal for a Family of a New Baby

Country Club Christian Church provides meals the families of new babies born into our church family. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Amy Rose at asm3125@hotmail.com or Rev. Monica Lewis at monical@cccckc.org.

Help Welcome Guests and Members on Sunday Mornings

"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." — Matthew 10:40

Greeting guests and other members on Sunday morning is one of the most important ministries that each of us can participate in at Country Club Christian Church. The primary role is to make people feel welcome and comfortable. By remembering that every worship service is someone's first experience, and by providing unforgettable hospitality, we help people experience just a taste of God's love for them.

A schedule for October 2016 through July 2017 is being created that includes greeters at every door prior to each service and in the Parlor after each service. Long-time members, new members, families, individuals, couples, guests, and all ages are invited! Here's how to become involved:

- Sign up for one month or multiple months spaced out that suit your schedule.
- Sign up to greet at a door prior to the service you attend.
- Sign up for the Parlor after the service you attend.
- And, watch for more information about a Greeter Seminar in September. All are welcome!

To sign up for months that fit your schedule, contact Barbara George at barbarag@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.



Beyond Guilt

By Dr. R. Glen Miles



Helping folks move beyond the cloud of guilt is one of the most important works of the church. Guilt is not a bad thing if it helps you examine mistakes and failures. Guilt can be a bridge from sin and sorrow to new life and a new way of living but if we refuse to cross the bridge and instead sit in our guilt we will find that our lives become stagnant, dead even.

David Seamonds, a counselor and therapist, says that there are two major causes of most emotional problems: First, there is the failure to understand, receive, and live out God’s unconditional grace and forgiveness; and, second, there is the failure to practice the same unconditional love, forgiveness and grace in one’s life.

I have to agree with him. We hear the good news of the gospel of grace, we sing about the forgiveness of God, we ask God in our prayers to forgive us but too often this good news of the loving and universal grace of God fails to make its way into our emotions, our lives, our homes, our conversations, our most important relationships.

Grace is based in unconditional love but it is a love that is very difficult for many of us to live within. This inability to live our lives in the light of God’s love—despite our weakness and sin—leaves us living in a cloud of guilt. When we are unable to move from guilt to grace we are left in a state of fear. When our lives are dominated by fear it is easy to fall prey to a spirit of angry judgmentalism.

I have heard folks say, “Well, fear is a good thing if it brings them to God.” I try to be gentle in my response but fear does not lead to God. It may lead to addiction and it almost certainly leads to a life lived in sadness. The apostle John wrote to the early church 2,000 years ago, “Perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because God first loved us.” When we finally choose to follow God and live with the love of God, we are choosing to follow the path of grace and new life.

Joseph Campbell says that “Jesus’ death on the cross was not as ransom paid, or as a penalty applied, but an act of atonement, at-one-ment with the human race.” What the church saw in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus was One who entered into our sufferings and our joys, our heavens and our hells. By so doing he invites us to a life of grace and hope; a life that is not clouded over by guilt but is enlightened by love.

Grace and peace to you,

Upcoming Guest Lunch

We invite all guests and friends of the congregation to attend the luncheon from 12:15-1:30 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 18 to learn more about the church, meet the ministers and ask questions about the denomination and church. Lunch will be served in the Solarium (Rm. 309). For more information or to RSVP, contact Barbara George barbarag@cccckc.org.

New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining the Country Club Christian Church family? The next New Member Sunday is Sept. 25. Contact Barbara George at barbarag@cccckc.org for more information.

Worship with us!

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

Sermon Series

**Unlovable: Loving the Worst in
the World, Your Community,
Your Family and You**

August 14

Love Each Other Deeply
1 Peter 4:8-11

August 21

Just a Kid?
Jeremiah 1:4-10

August 28

RSVP
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Prayer Ministry on the Road

Our Prayer Ministry begins an exciting new outreach this month as we go “on the road” Thur., Aug. 18 to Kingswood Senior Living Community. Everyone is welcome to join us for prayer, a simple service with communion, and fellowship. We will gather with Kingswood’s residents in their parlor from 10:00-10:45 a.m. Kingswood is located at 10000 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64114. The property is undergoing extensive remodeling and expansion, so please allow a little extra time for construction detours in both the parking lots and hallways.

The Kingswood visit inaugurates our new Prayer Ministry on the Road. On the third Thursday of each month we will go to a different local retirement community or health care facility to pray and visit with residents. The time and format will be flexible to accommodate each particular community’s needs.

Beginning Thur., Sept. 8, our Prayer Ministry moves from Fridays to its new date and time – Thursday, 10:30 a.m., Room 201. Everyone is welcome to join us for a quiet prayer time in which we lift up the joys and concerns of our congregation and our world. If you cannot join us in person but have something you would like for us to hold in confidential prayer, complete one of the prayer cards found in the pews on Sunday or email joew@cccckc.org. For more information, Rev. Joe Walker, 816-333-4917.

Helping Prepare a Home to Welcome a Refugee Family

We have committed to try to provide teams of three to five people to help prepare each home in the Della Lamb Refugee Resettlement program, a part of our Northeast PartNerShip. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Kathy Buckley, the point person for our congregation, at majorbuckley@aol.com to be placed on a list for the next opportunity.

Via Retreat for Women

Register for Women’s Via spiritual renewal retreat Oct. 21-23 online at <http://tinyurl.com/cccc-women>.

The women’s retreat at Tall Oaks Conference Center is designed to foster renewal, relaxation and reconnection.

Cost includes lodging for two nights and all meals and program materials. It’s not too early to register. Cost is \$125.

The women’s retreat will follow the same curriculum as the men’s, opportunity for personal reflection and reconnecting with the Spirit of God while also connecting with new friends, learning new forms of prayer and spiritual patterns, and enjoying the beauty of nature.



Virginia Reed Food Drive

Our Virginia Reed Food Drive is collecting peanut butter for the month of August. We have three ways to donate:

- Bring canned goods to our donation points in the parlor and chapel any Sunday.
- Make a financial contribution to the Virginia Reed Food



- Drive on the Harvesters Community Food Network website. On Aug. 21, a computer will be available in the parlor to make an online donation. (christianchurch.harvestersvfd.org).
- 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.

Your gifts support the five area food pantries that our church supports: Community Christian Church, La Gloria de Dios Christian Church, First Christian Church, Della Lamb Community Services and Cross-Lines Community Outreach.



Let's Get Them Involved

By Elizabeth Pfalzgraf, Assistant Director of Children and Student Ministries



My husband and I recently became Deacons. We are so excited to start this leadership role and be active during worship. Being church members, we've learned how important it is to us and the church to have the members serve among our church community.

With a new Sunday School year fast approaching, we look for teachable moments in Children and Student Ministry. Something I hope to help encourage is having our students more involved and active during worship service.

You've seen them, the students who help take offering, serve communion and even read the prayers during communion. Not only do I appreciate witnessing their leadership skills develop, but I love seeing how meaningful this active role is to them.

As deacons and elders, I think we should continue to promote these opportunities and give students guidance and experience in what it truly means to serve your church. These opportunities that turn into memories will stay with our students long after their time as student deacons and elders. We would love to see this role carry into a position as an adult member!



Jackson Berry and Hailey Hunter serve at the communion table with Dr. Miles

Elizabeth

Current Collection Connection: School Uniforms

We are collecting school uniforms for Hartman Elementary School in August. We need uniforms for boys and girls.



They should be new or gently used khaki or navy pants and navy polo shirts. Sizes 6, 8, and 10 are especially needed. You may also make a monetary contribution, noting "Hartman uniforms" on the check and turning it into the church office or placing it in the offering plate.

Last year our congregation generously donated a total of 162 uniform pants and 84 shirts for Hartman students facing difficult circumstances.

Volunteer at Hartman School

Visit our Hartman Elementary School information table in the parlor on Sun., Aug. 21 to learn how you can volunteer and support our partnership with those students and teachers.

Upcoming Student Events

Leadership Launch Event

Aug. 28, 12:15-2:00 p.m. , Youth Center. Volunteers who will be serving in children and students ministry in any capacity during the 2016-2017 year will gather for a training session! Lots of fun and lunch will be provided.

High School BBQ Tour

Sun., Sept. 18. 3rd Annual High School BBQ Tour, 9th-12th grade. Get out your bibs and wet wipes!

Middle School Pizza Tour

Sun., Sept. 18, 12:00 p.m. All 6th-8th graders are invited to take a bite of some delicious Kansas City pizza.

Sunday School Schedule

9:55-10:55 a.m.: Middle School Sunday School, Rm. 202

9:55-10:55 a.m.: High School Sunday School, Youth Center

Memorial Flowers

Remember a loved one or honor a friend with a donation for our beautiful chancel flower arrangements on Sunday. Your \$30 donation provides the two fresh flower arrangements beside the cross. Your loved one or honoree is named in The Journey Ahead for that week. You are welcome to one arrangement after our 11:00 a.m. service or our flower ministry will arrange the flowers for hospital visits. To schedule a donation contact our office (816-333-4917) or Mary Margaret House at marymargareth@cccckc.org.

Sewing Group Makes Dresses and Aprons for Della Lamb School



The Country Club Christian Church Sewing Group recently made pillowcase dresses for preschool girls and aprons for all the preschool teachers at Della Lamb Preschool located in the Northeast area of Kansas City. Our sewing ladies were sensitive to the cultural differences of some ethnic groups by also providing matching t-shirts to be worn under the dresses for modesty.



The Della Lamb Preschool serves low-income children and parents pay on a sliding scale. The Creative Curriculum (Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education – approved) and Conscience Discipline are the curriculum plans followed. Only about 10 percent of entering students speak English. The director reports that in six months these students can usually communicate in English. The preschool also has children from foster homes. Teachers are multi-ethnic and have been at Della Lamb on average of seven years and have associate or baccalaureate degrees in Early Childhood Education.





Summer at Church

by Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans, Co-Director of Music



While I'm trained to think of summer as "down time," we are also taking this time to look ahead as we plan for the direction of the Music Ministry at Country Club Christian Church. Building ensembles, connecting with people, planning, brainstorming, and practicing . . . it's all been happening around Room 100.

As we're looking ahead, it's also appropriate to re-visit and reflect upon the past few months. In addition to some new music this summer, Rev.

Mike Graves encouraged us to think about communion as a celebratory meal. This shift also impacted how we used music during communion. It's my understanding that there was some spontaneous, joy-filled dancing at the outdoor 9:00 a.m. service that Sunday!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have been involved and engaged with the music of the church through the summer months. When you see them, please thank them for their efforts:

Chancel Choir
 Country Club Singers
 VBS Children
 9:00 a.m. song leaders: Vicki Tucker, Kevin Briggs, J. J. Jones
 Hannah Fenley and Natalie Cobb, flute duet
 Shelle Jensen
 Diane Robertson
 Christa Chartier
 David Soxman, Andy Berry, Glenn Crocker, bluegrass trio
 Vicki Tucker, Sharman Wilson and Christa Chartier, vocal trio
 David Smart, guest guitarist
 Kevin Briggs and Sharman Wilson, vocal duet
 Lita and MaKenna Lockhart, vocal duet
 Hannah Fenley and Rebecca Brungardt, flute/vocal duet
 Francesca Manheim, violin

Now that we've reflected, let's look ahead through the end of August:

Aug. 14: Shelle and Charlie Jensen, vocal duet
 Aug. 21: Chancel Choir returns; Robert Walzel, guest clarinetist
 Aug. 28: David Smart, guitar

I look forward to seeing and hearing you engaged in our worship services. If you have an interest in participating in the musical life of Country Club Christian Church, please drop me a note at dinae@cccckc.org.

Children and Families

Leadership Lunch

Sun., Aug. 28, 12:15-2:00 p.m.

Youth Center (Rm. 205)

Did you know that in the beginning of each school year volunteers in our Children and Student Ministries

gather together for training on curriculum, safety policies and procedures and to learn about our children? If you volunteer throughout the year in any capacity, we'd love for

you to join us to find out more about what you'll be doing! Contact Monica Lewis at monical@cccckc.org for more information.



Club Kids Welcoming Lunch

Kids grades 3-5 and their parents are invited to a lunch on Sun., Sept. 18, 12:00-2:00 p.m. in the Youth Center (Rm. 205). Come hear plans for the upcoming year in Club Kids. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Pflazgraf, elizabethp@cccckc.org.

Sunday School

Deep Blue curriculum is inspired by the verse, "In the depths of who I am, I rejoice in God my Savior." (Luke 1:47 CEB) The children will discover what it means to be a disciple of Christ today through science experiments, art and crafts, animated videos and active games; making the Bible stories, characters and verses part of their lives. Parents, please check out the site, www.deepbluekids.com.

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Our Church Family

Congratulations

Congratulations to these families on the birth of:
Harper Amelia Holmes, daughter of Glenn Mills and Ryan Holmes.
George Phillip Howes II, son of Lindsay and Phil Howes.

Nicaragua Partner Visit

Frank Medrano's gracious presence as a translator and guide has blessed many of our Nicaragua mission trips. He is now a second-year seminary student at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Frank and his family will be at our 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sun., Aug. 28. That evening, Bruce and Kara Erickson will host an informal party at 7:00 p.m. at their home (1307 Hoel Pkwy., Kansas City, KS). Everyone is invited to visit with Frank; his wife, Marjiory, and their 4-year-old daughter, Francela. If you have been thinking about going on a mission trip in the future, this is a wonderful opportunity to meet a leader from CEPAD, our Nicaraguan partner. RSVP to bruceerickson27@gmail.com. For information, contact joew@cccckc.org.



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