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Strength for the Journey. Grace for the Soul.

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### Town Hall Meeting

We have recently been informed that there is a significant increase in the cost to complete Country Club Christian Church's exterior restoration project. In order to provide you with complete information about the revised figures, you are strongly encouraged to attend a Town Hall meeting this Sun., Sept. 16, at 12:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. Dan Jensen, chair of the Practical Services Council, and Tom Rewerts, the structural engineer, will make a presentation about the project and answer questions.

If you are unable to attend Sunday's Town Hall meeting and have questions about the project, please feel free to contact Barbara George, Congregational Board Chair, at 913-269-3878 or Greg Lear, Capital Campaign Chair, at (816-213-6936) or Glen Miles at 816-333-4917.

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

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 navigate your way through it?

For four weeks in October, 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.

Join Glen on Mondays in October, beginning Oct. 8, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Sign up by calling Mary Margaret House at 816-333-4917.

## Children and Youth Programs Kick Off for Fall



Club Kids (3rd-5th grades) and Chi Rho (6th-8th grades) and CYF (9th-12th grades) have begun their Sunday evening programs. All of the children and youth meet together on Sunday evenings for a light supper and games before breaking into separate groups. For more information on youth and children activities, see pages 6 and 7.

*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.*



## New Members



Kathy Garrison

**New Member Hosts:** Kathy McDandel



Joyce Hrinya

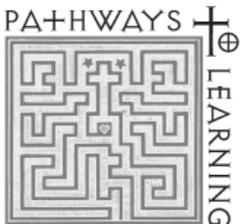
**New Member Host:** Barbara George

## Infant Dedication



Marshall Robert Moffat with his parents, Kelly and Melanie Moffat, and brothers Ty and Garrett

## Pathways to Learning – The Face of Global Ministry



This Sunday, Sept. 16, Pathways to Learning welcomes Luis Antonio Vasquez, delegation coordinator from CEPAD in Nicaragua, who is visiting our congregation as part of a cultural exchange program. Hear Luis speak from 9:55-10:55 a.m. in the Social Hall.

### Coming in October: Politics and Religion

**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

## September Sermon Series: A New Old Church: Our Strategic Plan and Where We Are Going

This three-part series by Dr. Glen Miles focusing on our new plan to guide the church's work over the next year and beyond continues Sept. 16 and 23.

### 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*

## Personnel Change

Effective Sept. 10, 2012, Rob Gilkerson no longer serves as the Business Administrator of the church. We wish Rob and his family the best in their future endeavors. The Personnel Committee will be working on filling this position.



## Between a Rock and a Pile of Sand

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



A few years ago we decided to renovate our kitchen and family room. As the work began we noticed a slight warping in the kitchen floor. We went under the house to see if we could diagnose the problem. Sure enough, we found a large support beam with a crack running through it. A few of the joists where the kitchen floor sits were warped. At that point the contractor warned us: "When there are problems in the foundation or near it the repair will often identify troubles in other places throughout the house."

We did not like these surprises. They meant more money would be needed-but we were glad the cracks and the problems were found. It's better in the long run to build or renovate a house properly than it is to try and go back and fix mistakes long after they have been made.

Jesus knows this. He told a parable about a wise man and a foolish man. The wise man built his house on rock. The foolish man built his house on sand. The foolish man may have saved some money and time and effort up front but in the long run, when the rains came, his costs exploded.

Jesus tells this little story after delivering the Sermon on the Mount. The sermon is very challenging. Jesus gives instructions like these, "If anyone strikes you on the cheek, turn the other also. Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." If you've tried to live by his teachings you already know they are not easy to follow. Ignoring them would be much easier. Jesus would agree but he'd also say, "It's also much easier to build your house on the sand than it is to build on the rock but in the long run..."

The church wasn't established to make life easier but to challenge us to live our lives in a way that makes peace possible. William Sloan Coffin, the great old preacher from Riverside Church, helps to make this clear: "I believe Christianity is a world view that undergirds all progressive thought and action. The Christian Church doesn't have a social ethic as much as it is a social ethic...what is so heartbreaking is that in a world of pain crying out for change, so many American churches today are basically down to management and therapy."

In a world that continues to explode in violence, I pray that the church will find the courage to pray and preach for peace.

Grace and peace to you,

## 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).



## Worship with us!

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

**Sermon Series  
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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Orientation for Backsnack Program

Orientation for volunteers and potential volunteers who want to help package weekend meals for food-insecure children at Hartman Elementary and Garfield Elementary Schools is Tues., Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (Rm. 205). If you would like to volunteer but can't attend orientation, Contact Nancy or Greg Lear. (nancylear@gmail.com or glear1@kc.rr.com or at 816-213-6936.) 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.

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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 bringing 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.

## Women's Luncheon and Program

The first fall meeting for the women of Country Club Christian Church who wish to gather for lunch and a program will be Tues., Sept. 25 in the Youth Center (Rm. 205) at noon. Bring your sandwich and we will provide a salad and dessert. We will share summer good times and pictures and plan for fall activities. Our service project is to provide Women's Prison Kits with Norma Tilton in charge. We are acting upon the sermon by Glen Miles remembering to "Be not hearers of the word but also doers!" Looking forward to seeing you. Please respond to Mary Margaret House at 816-333-4917.

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## Nicaragua Mission Trip Meeting

An informational meeting for the next Nicaragua Mission Trip, Feb. 23-Mar. 3, 2013, will be this Sun., Sept. 16, at noon in the Solarium.

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## Soul Mates Class Begins September 23

Newly engaged and newly married couples are invited to Soul Mates, a class designed to help you cultivate your relationship. Led by Amy and Jared Rose and featuring discussion topics relevant to you and your relationship. Sundays, starting Sept. 23-Oct. 28, 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Rm. 116. Contact Lauren Weinholt at laurenw@cccckc.org for more information.

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## 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.



## Joy in the Unexpected

by Lara Schopp, Director of Communications



If you've been by my office lately, you may have noticed that I have an unintentional collection of poultry knickknacks. Two roosters currently grace my desk, one ceramic and one carved from wood. At home I have a large rooster cookie jar, rooster and hen salt and pepper shakers, and two others that even have names: Camilla Parker Bowles, a large, colorful metal rooster; and Kevin, the whimsically painted ceramic one with springy legs that cause it to bobble.

I'd also have a set of chicken coffee mugs if I hadn't accidentally (I promise) dropped them onto the hardwood floor. In the words of one of my favorite writers, Anne Lamott, I am not making this up.

I am not a chicken person. Frankly, I'm not really a collector either. It all started one year at Thanksgiving with the turkey gravy boat. For turkey gravy. It looks like—you guessed it—a turkey. It even has a matching ladle that is painted like a turkey feather. My mother-in-law, Julie, brought it to our home one of the first times my husband and I hosted Thanksgiving dinner. Using the gravy boat was a cherished holiday tradition for their family, and though it isn't really my style, I have always seen Julie's gift as a gracious passing of the mantle, from one generation to the next.

My brother, ever the jokester, found the turkey gravy boat hilarious and thus my accidental poultry collection was hatched, with new chickens arriving as birthday and Christmas gifts. Now friends have even gotten in on the fowl act, despite my protests that I don't collect chickens.

But each year when I set the holiday table, in honor of tradition and as a link to the past, I bring out that turkey gravy boat. And though I rolled my eyes when I received the first ceramic rooster, it, along with its colleagues, has taught me something about embracing the unexpected; even the unwanted. They make me laugh, they remind me of friends, they make for a good story.

In this old church, it's appropriate that we celebrate and honor tradition and history. But it's equally important that we welcome the weird idea, the quirky way of doing things, and even the uninvited guest that might not look like she belongs here. We are not a great church because we are old, we have thrived these nine decades because we have embraced the unanticipated, found joy in the unexpected, and, again and again, made ourselves new.

Lara

## 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."

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# 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.

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## 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.



## 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](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).



## Voting Your Values

by Carla Day, Senior Associate, Minister



How will you vote? I don't mean, **who** will you vote for? Rather, I mean, **how** will you decide? What process will you – mind, body and soul – go through in order to arrive at your conclusion? Even if you have decided which candidate you like, it is worth backing up a few steps to consider what compels you to cast your vote in a certain direction.

Miroslav Volf knows how politics and religion can mix for good or for ill. His personal experiences in war-torn Yugoslavia (as citizen, soldier and Christian) give him credibility. His insights as a professor of theology at Yale are grounded in real life. So I was intrigued when I learned that Volf is now posting on his Facebook page the 20 values that we need to consider and claim when we cast our vote for President of the U.S.

Each day Volf lists one of his key values, such as “Concern for the Poor” and then follows it up with a scriptural rationale: “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the LORD your God.” (Leviticus 23:22) And then Volf names the parameters of a legitimate debate on how this value is lived out and finally he lists a question for any presidential candidate to answer. So far, 12 values have been listed. I'd be happy to share them with you if you don't have access to Facebook.

But what I really hope is that all of us take time to do what Volf has done – name our key values, those rooted in our deepest sense of who God is and what God calls us to be about, and then vote.

You may know someone, a friend or family member, who will vote differently than you will. When you talk to him or her, try talking about key values. It will be easier to disagree in love if we share how each of us expresses our faith with our votes, than if we simply name our candidate as the right political choice.

*Carla*

## Children and Families

### Fountains of Faith

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

Beginning Sun., Sept. 23, 1st-5th graders will enjoy 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

**Family Fall Fest, Sun., Sept. 23**

3rd-5th graders and their families are invited to come for an evening of fun. Dinner (grilled burgers and hot dogs and sides) will be provided. Fun games and activities for the kids and youth. We will be combining with youth and their families for this celebration. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Tall Oaks for Team Building**

**Sun., Sept. 30, Noon - 5:00 p.m.**

We will eat at church then depart to Tall Oaks Conference Center in Linwood, KS for an afternoon of team building on the low ropes course led by a trained facilitator. We will return to church by 5:00 (south pick-up location as needed). Cost is \$20 which includes lunch, fees and snacks. RSVP to Karla [karlah@cccckc.org](mailto:karlah@cccckc.org)

### Moms' Group Outreach

**Wed., Sept. 26, 9:45-11:45 a.m.**

Would you like to get out and visit with other moms while doing something meaningful for others? Then our Moms' Group is for you! Join us the fourth Wednesday of each month in volunteering at Rose Brooks Center for Women. Childcare is provided at church with an RSVP to Karla at [karlah@cccckc.org](mailto:karlah@cccckc.org). Join us in helping break the cycle of domestic violence.

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# Our Church Family

## Sympathy

ANDREW THOMAS WILSON passed away Aug. 25. He is the son of Sharman Wilson. Services were Sept. 8 in the Sanctuary, Rev. David Diebold officiating.

CEDRIC E. DEVIN, SR. passed away Sept. 6. He is survived by his wife, Beverly; a son, Cedric, Jr., and a daughter, Karen Frieze. A memorial service was Wed., Sept. 12, at D.W. Newcomer's Sons Johnson County Chapel.

## Memorials

### Gene Snyder

Tri C's Sunday School Class  
Marietta Siegrist  
Martha Jo Strickler  
Norma Tilton  
Linda & Gerry Stronach

### Elizabeth Rich

Avila University

### Gayle Waller Hemeyer

Jarene & Lee Stanford

### Lois Russell

Martha Jo Strickler

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