

# 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.*

## Pathways to Learning in April Focuses on Health Care Morality



Beginning April 11, a four-part series will focus on various moral issues related to health care. The programs will be presented from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Pathways is ideal for those who aren't involved in a Sunday School class. Entire Sunday School classes are also invited to participate as a group. Visitors and guests welcome.

Health Care Morality Sessions:

**Apr. 11** – *The Choices We Make*

Dr. Sharon Lee, Medical Director for the Southwest Blvd. Free Health Clinic.

**Apr. 18** – *The Poor*

Sherri Wood, Director of the Kansas City Free Health Clinic.

**Apr. 25** – *The Bible*

Dr. Harold Washington, Professor of Hebrew Bible at St. Paul School of Theology.

**May 2** – *The Law*

Marcia Nielsen, PhD, MPH, University of Kansas Medical Center.

Pathways is a periodic series of elective offerings open to everyone, focusing upon timely topics on the Bible, spirituality, current events, family life and technology.

## Easter Sunday Is April 4



Celebrate the miracle of Easter at Country Club Christian Church on April 4. Dr. R. Glen Miles will preach at all four services on *Never the Same Again*, Luke 24: 1-12.

### Special Service Times

**7:00 a.m.** – Sunrise service in the George Hamilton Combs Chapel.

**8:00 a.m.** – Worship in the Sanctuary, led by our clergy, plus the youth choir.

**9:30 and 11:00 a.m.** – Worship in the sanctuary, led by our clergy, the Chancel Choir and the Kansas City Brass.

No Sunday school for children, youth and adults.

### Complimentary Easter Breakfast

**7:30-9:30 a.m.**

*Begin Easter with a complimentary breakfast in the Social Hall. Childcare available all morning.*

## Youth Sunday Is April 11

Join us on April 11 for Youth Sunday, a celebration and affirmation of God's presence through youth in our congregational life. Youth will lead our worship services at 9:00 and 11:00. The youth will be exploring communion through different scenes portraying the current ministerial staff when in 6th grade and high school.

Brandon Winstead, Director of High School Ministries, will preach at the 10:00 a.m. service in the chapel.



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## Weekend Mission Trip to Cedar Rapids June 17-19

Have you wanted to go on a mission trip but couldn't spare an entire week? This short regional trip is perfect for you. A team will travel to Cedar Rapids, IA, from June 17-19 to help rebuild this community that was ravaged by last year's devastating floods. This will be our church's second trip to this area. Attend an informational meeting on Sun., April 24 at 12:15 p.m. in the Youth Center (Rm. 205) for more information, or contact Carty Johannsen (carty@everestkc.net) or Lance Jessee (ljesssee@kcnet.com).

## News from the Green Team

### Calling All Gardeners

Starting Mon., Apr. 5, the Green Team invites anyone with an interest in gardening to meet weekly to help care for the church's rain garden near the chapel parking lot, the Peter Rabbit Garden for the pre-school, and edible landscaping at the south entrance to the church and the columbarium.



Volunteers will gather from 6:00-7:30 p.m. each Monday near the rain garden. Those participating are asked to bring basic garden tools including trowels, weeders, pruners, scissors and gloves. The group will not gather if it is raining. Contact Mary McClure (Mary@MMcClure.net – 816-561-2213) or Jenny Doty (jjilly@yahoo.com – 913-789-9374) for more information.

### Green Team Selling Native Wildflowers on Earth Day

Members of the Green Team will sell native wildflower plants on Sun., April 18, in recognition of Earth Day. Stop by the hospitality tent on the front lawn to make your purchase. (In case of inclement weather, the sales will take place at the ground floor east entrance.) Orders will also

be taken for plants which can be picked up the following Sunday. Four-inch pots will sell for approximately \$4 each.

### Use Native Plants

Native plants are adapted to the local climate and soil conditions where they naturally occur. These important plant species provide nectar, pollen, and seeds that serve as food for native butterflies, insects, birds and other animals.

Native plants are advantageous, because they:

- Do not require fertilizers and require fewer pesticides than lawns.
- Require less water than lawns and help prevent erosion.
- Can significantly reduce water runoff and, consequently, flooding.
- Help reduce air pollution.
- Do not require mowing. Excessive carbon from the burning of fossil fuels contributes to global warming. Native plants sequester, or remove, carbon from the air.
- Provide shelter and food for wildlife.
- Promote biodiversity and stewardship of our natural heritage.

*Source: U.S. Forest Service Rangeland Management Botany Program*

## Guest Preachers This Summer

Four nationally known, outstanding Disciples of Christ preachers will be in our pulpit Sundays this summer while Dr. R. Glen Miles is on sabbatical. You will have the opportunity to hear:

- ◆ **Dr. Mike Graves**, Professor of Preaching, St. Paul School of Theology – May 30 and June 6.
- ◆ **Dr. Dick Wing**, Senior Minister of First Community Church in Columbus, OH – June 20.
- ◆ **Dr. Sharon Watkins**, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – July 25.
- ◆ **Dr. Gene Brice**, former senior minister at Country Club Christian Church (1980-1990) – Aug. 8.

## Celebration of Service

Celebration of Service marks the conclusion of an outstanding church year where countless members have served God in the church and community. Your generous and gracious service will be honored at the annual Celebration of Service Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Thur., May 6 in the Social Hall. Watch for more information.

## Summer Outreach Opportunities at Harvesters

Children age 6 and older are welcome to join us as we work at Harvesters. There are only 10 spots available, so reserve yours by e-mailing Karla Herrington at karlah@cccckc.org. Dates are Sat., June 26 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and Thur., July 15 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.



## Easter Means Letting Go

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



At the end of the Gospel of John the Risen Christ has a conversation with Peter at sunrise. Jesus says something very odd to Peter: “Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fashion your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will fasten a belt around you and you take where you do not want to go.”

What a weird thing to say. Peter has just confessed his love for Jesus. It is a beautiful moment and then out of nowhere Jesus says, “well the day will come when you will led to where you don’t want to go.” The gospel writer adds a little explanatory note, “He told him this to indicate the kind of death” he would suffer but does that really clarify things? Reading along in the story I expect Jesus to say, “Yes, I love you too, my brother.” Instead he says, “here is how you are going to die.”

Jesus is naming what we are are afraid of: the loss of control. Think about it. The number two fear in America is death. The number one fear? Public speaking. What that means is that we would rather be the person in the casket then we would be the one speaking at the funeral. And what we are really afraid of is getting in front of a crowd of folks and making a fool of ourselves. We are afraid of not being in control.

I don’t know for sure about you but I suspect you are not unlike me. You like to be in control of your life. You like to be in control over your destiny, your money, your schedule, maybe even your emotions. Scott Black Johnson, a good preacher in New York City, is the one who pointed this out to me. He says, “We want the remote control of control.”

Easter asks us to name what we worry about and bring it to God. Easter asks us to face the things that we are afraid of most and place them on a cross-shaped altar. Easter says “forget about being in control and give yourself to God.”

What Jesus is offering Peter is the chance to look death in the face so that he can get on with his life. What Jesus is saying is, “Look, here is how you will die. Get over it. Now, follow me.” Peter in essence says, “Yes.” Johnson says, perhaps that is what Easter hope is, “that the most solitary thing we can do—die—is not something that we do alone.”

The question we must ask at Easter this is this: Are we brave enough to look death in the face so that we can get on to the task of living in the here and now?

Grace and peace to you,

### 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 359 people following us on Facebook. Join the fun. Just go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).



## Worship with us!

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

**April 11**

**Youth Sunday**

Worship presented by Country  
Club Christian Church Youth

**April 18**

**Sacred Excess**

*John 21:24-25*

Dr. Glen Miles preaching

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## One-ders

A diverse group of singles ages 35-60-ish, where everyone is always welcome. Focusing on developing spirituality, service to others, and providing opportunities for growth through fellowship.

**Sunday School** – We will be attending the Pathways to Learning on “Health Care Morality.” Apr. 11-May 2, 9:55-10:55 a.m. in the Social Hall.

**Apr. 16** – Jere Hanney’s band, Dru and the Geezer’s, will play at 9:00 p.m. at RC’s in Martin City, MO. Come and join us.

**Apr. 17** – Game Night at Rick and Karen Cook’s home, 8501 Marty in Overland Park, 7:00 p.m. Join us for a relaxing evening of playing cards, board games, dice, dominoes, whatever suits your style.

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## Service of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

**Tues., Apr. 6 at 7:30 p.m.**

Join us for a peaceful time of song, scripture and prayer at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Apr. 6 in Combs Chapel. This service offers an opportunity for church members and friends of our church to share prayerful concerns as well as blessings.

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## Women’s Seminar – Hope for the Journey

Make your reservation now for the Women’s Ministry one-day program on Sat., Apr. 24 at First Christian Church in Smithville MO. The day will begin with a spiritual message for the Journey by Rev. Jill Sullins, Eastgate Christian Church.

Materials will be provided about resources available for Women’s Ministry (CWF). Cost is \$8.00 (includes meal and materials). Reservations before Apr. 16 by calling 913-432-1414. Mail your payment to Christian Church of Greater K.C., 5700 Broadmoor, Suite 907, Mission, KS 66202.



## New Yoga Classes

Yoga classes, taught by certified instructor Susan Garner, will be available on Wednesdays starting Mar. 24 with a mixed level class at 9:00 a.m. and a gentle class at 10:30 a.m. in Rm. 306. Monday classes continue at the same times in the Solarium (Rm. 309). All classes are \$10/class, or \$30 for a month. Learn how to create balance in the body, developing both strength and flexibility through meditation. The first class is free for new participants; classes are \$10 each after that, and you may pay as you go. Experience peace, harmony and a renewal of spirit as you focus on the union between the mind, body and spirit.

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## Virginia Reed Food Drive on April 18

On Sun., Apr. 18, please bring your nonperishable 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 barrels 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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## Save the Date for our Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendar for our annual IceCream Social! Enjoy frozen custard, grilled hot dogs and ice tea and lemonade on Sun., June 6, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the front lawn.

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## Saturday Night Live Progressive Dinner

**Sat., May 1, 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

Join other couples with children 10 and under for our annual progressive dinner. Enjoy adult conversation and fellowship along with an appetizer, dinner and dessert at different locations near the church. \$10 per person. To RSVP for the evening and childcare, email marymargareth@cccckc.org, call 816-333-4917, or stop by the church office by 5:00 p.m. Mon., Apr. 26.

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## ... And Mean It

by Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth



My earliest childhood memories begin at about age three. Mixed in with remembrances of trips to art museums and favorite Christmas gifts are ones of my parents teaching me the importance of being hospitable. (They probably didn't use the word hospitable, but it sums up the point they were trying to make.) Look people in the eye. Say hello. Say please. Say thank you. Say you're welcome. Ask how someone is doing. And mean it. That was the most important part. It wasn't about just being nice and polite. It was about being "real" with people. Like most lessons my

parents attempted to imprint on my being, I had no idea how relevant the one of hospitality would be.

I hope you've noticed the white tent that decorates the front lawn on Sunday mornings. The Church Growth Council likes to call it the "hospitality tent." Each Sunday, members of the church provide water to runners and walkers and we even have a basket of dog biscuits and a bowl of water should a passer-by have a furry friend with them. The first time the tent went up, a church member asked me "What's with the tent?" When I explained the premise, this person asked "What's your motive...to bring in new members?" I answered that the only motive we should have is to be Christ-like and hospitable. Sure, it would be great if some of our neighborhood friends join us for worship and I pray that they do, but what if our attempt to be Christ-like and hospitable has a less tangible result? What if a passer-by changes their perception of our church as a result of a little glass of water? What if a group of runners begins to have a conversation about faith as a result of being greeted by a few friendly faces in a tent?

Being hospitable requires that we each take responsibility for creating the kind of church we want to be a member of, not because it's a duty or an assignment. Graciousness and hospitality aren't things we can assign people to work on any more than they are a set of techniques we can use to "hook" visitors and potential members. Instead, being "real" with people by way of our hospitality is an authentic act; one that creates the depth and quality of relationship in our church that will nourish and nurture all of us, newer and long-time faces alike.

If we are serious about creating a more authentic, compassionate church, community and world, maybe one small place to start is by saying hi to a runner and their dog...*and meaning it.*

## Visitor Information Seminar

Are you interested in joining the Country Club Christian Church family? Whether you're ready to join the church or simply want to learn more about the many ministries here, we invite you to attend the next Visitor Information Seminar on Sat., May 1, 8:45-11:30 a.m. in the Solarium (Rm. 309). Learn about the multitude of ways you can be strengthened on your faith journey. Meet the ministers, visit with some of the church's lay leaders and enjoy a light breakfast. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lauren Weinhold at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).

## Grief Connections Begins April 7

Grief Connections, a grief support group for persons who have experienced the death of a loved one, will meet weekly on Wednesdays for six sessions beginning on Wed., Apr. 7, from 10:30 a.m. until noon in the Sacred Space in the Combs Chapel. Mary Linda McDonnell will facilitate. She can be reached for further information at Good Shepherd Hospice at 816-822-2292 or at 913-744-7413.

## Stewardship Volunteer Meeting

Dr. Glen Miles and the Stewardship Committee personally invite you to join us at the all-church volunteer organization meeting for our annual stewardship campaign on Wed., Apr. 7. Dinner will be provided and the meeting will run from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

This is a great way to meet people in the church and use your skills to serve God and your church. We will provide special preparation and training so that all our volunteers are equipped to support our stewardship campaign.

There will be six teams from which to choose, and because this is a short-term service project, it will not take a great deal of time (two or three meetings between April 7 and May 30). Please join a team!

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## Pastors' Class Participants Baptized

Fifteen youth at Country Club Christian Church have taken part in the 2010 Pastors' Class, led by Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn, team teaching with Justin Zeigler, Director of Middle School Ministries. With Rev. Stark-Corn and Faith Mentors acting as guides, each of these individuals has attended classes centering around the Bible, history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the history and heritage of the Christian faith. On Palm Sunday, Mar. 28, these individuals made formal statements of their faith and were baptized during the 11:00 a.m. service.



Pastors' Class participants with Dr. Glen Miles and Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn.  
*Front row:* left to right: Carson Trent, Alyssa Hess, Grace Adams, Sam Brumitt  
*Second row:* Morgan Larrison, Jane Commerford, Zoe Jackson, Thomas Allegri  
*Third row:* Hailey Hunter, Zachary Ziegenhorn, Charlie Jensen  
*Fourth row:* Dylan Boster, Jackson Berry, Tanner Fox  
*Back row:* Justin Zeigler Director of Middle School Youth, Mitchell McCallister

## Youth Summer Camps at Tall Oaks

For many, church camp is the ultimate of faith experiences. A week at Tall Oaks Conference Center camp includes meeting other Disciples of Christ youth, participating in small groups, and learning how to live in faith. Activities include teams course (Chi Rho), high ropes (CYF), swimming, talent show, dance and many other fun events. Register by Apr. 30 by going to [www.talloaks.org](http://www.talloaks.org) and clicking the link to "Camp," where you'll find a list of all the camps, dates, rates, and directors along with links to the on-line registration and link to all the forms that can be downloaded. Be sure to read the procedure information very carefully to make sure you are completing all the registration documents. Contact Chris Trout for more information at 816-333-4917 or [christ@cccckc.org](mailto:christ@cccckc.org).

## Youth Calendar

### Senior Recognition Sunday

**Save the Date – Sunday, May 2**

The High School Graduating Class of 2010 will be recognized during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sun., May 2. Following the service, the seniors, their families, and invited guests will attend a luncheon in the Youth Center (Rm. 205).

### Parent Update Meeting

Parents of youth are invited to a parent meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Mon., Apr. 19 at in the Youth Center (Rm. 205). Parents will get an update on Youth Ministry, and look ahead to the summer of 2010 for mission trips, Tall Oaks camps, KC Community Camp, and more!

### CYF Laser Tag and Pizza

On Sun., Apr. 18, CYF is going to load up and go play some laser tag. We will leave the church at 5:00 p.m. to play two games at Advanced Laser Tag (2026 East Santa Fe, Olathe). Then, we are going to grab some pizza and return to the church at 8:30 p.m. It's going to be lots of fun. See you there! RSVP to Brandon at [brandonw@cccckc.org](mailto:brandonw@cccckc.org).

### Chi Rho Mission Trip

All current 6th-8th graders are invited to participate in the Chi Rho mission trip to Indianapolis July 11-17. The trip will provide an opportunity to hang out with friends and serve others. For more information, contact Justin Zeigler at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).

### CYF Mission Trip

CYF (grades 9-12) will travel to Chicago this summer July 18-24. Contact Brandon Winstead at [brandonw@cccckc.org](mailto:brandonw@cccckc.org) for more information.



## Immortality for All

by David Diebold, Minister of Music



In music, a cadence is a point where the composition comes to a place of rest. A cadence might mark the end of a phrase, a section, or the end of the piece. Cadences are a lot like punctuation in a sentence. They might reflect a comma, colon, semi-colon, period, even an exclamation point. Of course, cadences appear in life as well.

Consider the following life transitions: graduation from high school/college; marriage/divorce; baptism/ordination; a new job or retirement. All provide moments in our lives that are open or closed. Each of these life events adds to our lives the commas, colons, and exclamation points, just like a musical cadence or grammatical punctuation. Of course, in terms of human existence, the final transition is death. It is the ultimate period. I am reminded though of one human death that was not a period, but a resounding colon.

I recently finished *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. In it, the author, Rebecca Skloot, tells the true story of a poor black woman who died of cervical cancer in the early 1950s. During a biopsy, her doctor took several slices of her tumor. At that point in time the study of human cells was still in its infancy, but after experimenting with various types of culture mediums, the doctor found that not only did Henrietta's cells stay alive, but they continued to multiply in culture. They are still alive and multiplying today 50 years after her death. From that lowly start, her cells, now known as HeLa have been used in a variety of important ways: they were used to develop the polio vaccine; in research to find cures for other diseases; and even helped usher in the discovery of DNA and the human genome project. Countless medical students and scientists have studied the HeLa cells to better understand what makes us tick on a micro level. From an obscure life as a tobacco farmer to being known world-wide, Henrietta Lacks has achieved immortality in a very real way.

This time of year, when we celebrate Easter and the conquering of death, is usually not the time when we recall those that have gone before us. Why not, I ask? Whether it is someone that has made a lasting impact on the scientific world or a loved one or friend, one of the ways we achieve immortality is for our memory to live on the hearts of those whose lives they touched.

Instead of waiting until Memorial Day, or late fall around All Saints Day, perhaps we should designate one day a month to recall the memories of those that have made a difference in our own lives, especially those now in the Mystery that is beyond our comprehension.

*David*

## Children and Families

### First Steps to Faithfulness

Families with children 3 and under are invited to join us in the Pine Room on Sun., Apr. 11 from 9:55-10:55 a.m. for fellowship with other young families.

### Son/Parent Workshop

All 4th-6th grade boys and a parent are invited to a workshop focusing on age-appropriate issues related to sexuality on Sun., Apr. 18 from noon-3:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (Rm. 205). Cost is \$15 for each parent/son pair. RVSP to Mary Margaret at [marymargareth@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareth@cccckc.org).

### Club Kids Omaha Overnight

**Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25**

3rd-5th graders will travel by van to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo for a campout in the Wild Kingdom Pavilion. Evening activities include night hike; games and activities; building tour and sleeping in the Pavilion. Sunday morning we will have breakfast, a morning hike, then tour the full zoo in small groups, eat lunch and return home. RSVP to Karla at [karlah@cccckc.org](mailto:karlah@cccckc.org).

### Fountains of Faith Rotation

**Paul on the Road**

Our new rotation for the 1st-5th graders begins on Apr. 11. The conversion of Paul is a turning point in the New Testament. After Jesus' death many of the believers lost hope. They did not clearly understand the reasons behind Jesus' death and were not all sure of what the resurrection meant. By exploring this story through art, cooking, and storytelling we can remember that no matter what our life choices have been, God's unending love for us allows new possibilities. Join us from 9:55-10:55 a.m. Sundays.

### First Steps Family Get-Together

Save the date for a First Steps Family Gathering hosted at the home of Jennifer and Lee Robinson on Sun., Apr. 25 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Watch for details or contact Catherine for details, [catherinesc@cccckc.org](mailto:catherinesc@cccckc.org).

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# Our Church Family

## Sympathy

THAYNE IDEN JOHNSON passed away Mar. 17. He is survived by his wife, Mary Johnson. Services were Mar. 22 at Johnson County Memorial Gardens.

JOHN J. ROSS, SR. passed away Mar. 18. He is survived by his wife, Jean; sons John J. Ross Jr. and Daniel B. Ross, and daughter, Laura Ross Wingfield. Services were Mar. 24 in the chapel, Dr. Miles officiating.

BETTY SULLIVAN GOSS passed away Mar. 27. She is survived by her husband, Harold Goss. Services were Mar. 30 in the sanctuary, Dr. Miles officiating.

## Memorials

### Jodi Brown

Bobbie Vanice

### Phil Loevenguth

Bobbie Vanice

### Mildred Schooling

Bette & Byron McDaniel

Lucille Lambert

Norma Gallagher

Robert & Cheryl Durr

Ray & Carolyn Sutton

### Jim Johnson

Bette & Byron McDaniel

### Barbara Nottberg

Harley Family Foundation

Bill & Ruby Jane Scott

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