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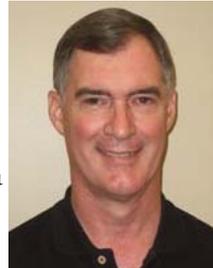
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Christ-centered
community
of faith,
dedicated to
spiritual growth
through
worship, study
and service.*

Cockle and Martin to Lead Church

John Cockle will serve as Congregational Board Chair for 2009-2010. John was born and raised in Omaha, NE, and graduated from the University of Nebraska with a BA degree in Economics. He also attended Duke University, earning a law degree and an MBA.

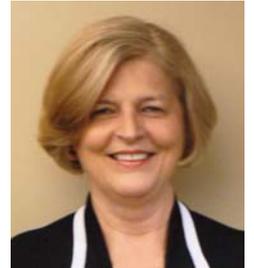


John practiced law in Kansas City for 12 years and spent 14 years in management at Sprint. For the past five years, he has served as owner and CEO of B & B Transfer, a local and regional freight delivery company.

John and his wife, Lynn, have two children; Beth, a student at Johnson County Community College, and Matt, a student at KU. John and Lynn have been members of the church for 20 years and have served the congregation in various capacities. They are members of the Chancel Choir, and Lynn is also a member of the Country Club Singers. Lynn is a past Chair of the Congregational Board and has served on the

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Pat Martin will chair the Elders in 2009-2010. Pat grew up in Independence, MO. She traveled north for her education, earning an accounting degree from Michigan State University.



Pat is the part-time accountant for St. Paul's Episcopal Church and spends her time volunteering here, at her sons' schools and in the community.

Pat has been married to Jim Martin for 30 years. They have two sons, Patrick, 23, a student at the University of Kansas, and Christopher, 15, a sophomore at Bishop Miege High School.

Pat's work at Country Club Christian Church has included Board Treasurer, Worship Council Chair, a member of the Youth Council, and co-chair of this year's Rummage Sale.

"I would like to see the Elders take an even greater role in the life of the church by finding an area of ministry that interests them and getting involved!!" she said.

Come to the Annual Ice Cream Social on July 5

Join us on Sun., July 5, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the annual Country Club Christian Church Ice Cream Social in the Social Hall. Enjoy hot dogs, iced tea, lemonade, and Foos ice cream! Reservations may be made by contacting Mary Margaret at 816-333-4917 or marymargareth@cccckc.org.



JUNE 29, 2009





Getting Saved

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



I just finished reading Rob Bell's book, *Jesus Wants to Save Christians*. I loved it. If you are ready to take an honest and open look at your faith and how it connects (or doesn't connect) with the way you live your everyday life, buy this book and dive into it.

Bell is one of the new preachers in the USA who is tough to label. At times he comes across as a liberal mainline protestant. At others he sounds like a conservative evangelical. I like this about his writing and his message. He

refuses to allow himself to be boxed in to one particular view. His primary desire is to follow Jesus.

He writes a lot about exile. You may remember that the Hebrew people were sent off into exile in Babylon. This was a difficult time in their history but some of the deepest theological insights in the history of the world came out of this time. Most biblical scholars, for example, think that the text we know of as Genesis chapter 1 was written during this time.

Bell notes that immediately before exile Israel "misconstrued God's blessings as favoritism and entitlement. They became indifferent to God and to their priestly calling to bring liberation to others." He calls this condition "exile." He's right. Exile began not when the people were hauled off into captivity but when they forgot their heritage, when they failed to remember the tales of their history.

He writes,

Exile is when you forget your story.

Exile isn't just about location; exile is about the state of your soul.

Exile is when you fail to convert your blessings into blessings for others.

Exile is when you find yourself a stranger to the purposes of God.

When Jesus spoke of "the way," he was naming the path that would lead us out of exile. It was a new kind of exodus, one that was open to everyone, one that would invite the entire world, no matter who you are or where you are from, to walk in the name of love toward new life.

That is easier said than done but saying it (out loud even) helps to get it into our heads and maybe even into our hearts. When we listen to Jesus we will find a life worth living, one that begins with mercy and ends in justice for all.

Grace and peace to you,

New Church Directory

Don't miss your chance to be included in the next church directory! On-line and Sunday sign-ups will begin in mid-July. LifeTouch photographers will be here the weeks of Aug. 10 and 17 to take photographs. Directories and purchased photos will be here in plenty of time for the holidays. See the flyer on page 9 for details about making your appointment.

Worship with us!

**Services at 8:00, 9:00,
10:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

July 5

Sent by Faith

Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn preaching
at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Charles Rolen preaching
at 8:00 a.m.

**New Summer Sermon Series:
God's Long Range Plan**

July 12

Part 1: Finding Out Who We Are
Ephesians 1: 3-14

Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching at
9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Justin Zeigler preaching
at 8:00 a.m.

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Pathways to Learning



Coming in August

On Aug. 9, John Mark Eberhart, the former book review editor of *The Kansas City Star* and an author, will speak on the spirituality of C.S. Lewis. Clive Staples Lewis (1898–1963) was considered one of the intellectual giants of the 20th century and one of the most influential Christian writers of his day. His fascination with fairy tales, myths, and ancient legends led him to write *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, one of the best-loved books of all time. Six further books followed to become the immensely popular *The Chronicles of Narnia*. The final title in the series, *The Last Battle*, won the Carnegie Medal, one of the highest marks of excellence in children's literature.

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 – Join us in Room 302 every Sunday from 9:55-10:55 a.m. Contact Betsy Wilson, One-ders chair, at betcwilsonkc@yahoo.com or 913-220-1059.

July 11– Monthly dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Suzy Spencer's. Contact Suzy for further information or directions (913-262-0088).

July 18 – Cross-Lines Community Outreach, 7:00-10:00 a.m. Help prepare and serve breakfast to those in need. Located at 736 Shawnee in Kansas City, KS (corner of 7th Street and Shawnee Dr.). Contact Carol Crouch if able to attend (913-341-8848).

Monday Night Bible Study – Will resume in the fall.

Christmas in Branson

It's time to make plans to go to Branson for our "Triple-S" Christmas trip: "Sights, Shows, and Shopping!" This is a three-day, two-night, mid-week, trip during early December. If you are interested in going, please contact Dr. Charles Rolan, Interim Minister of Congregational Care, at chuckr@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917. Deadline for indicating your interest is Wed., July 1. The trip is open to all Country Club Christian Church members and friends of our congregation.

YaWhose Young Adults in their 20s and 30s

The group, which includes couples and singles, hosts four quarterly special events and four quarterly Sunday lunches, in addition to meeting on Sunday mornings from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m.

July 12 – AA – In Our Lives and at Our Church, Rusty Baltis

July 19 – Economy & Faith, Chuck Rolan

Baby Dedications on June 21



Ava Malia Jackelin Bates with parents, Doug Bates and Tamara Peterson.



Lillian Alice Beck with parents, Kevin and Jennie Beck and sister Alayna.



Matthew Bruce Herrington with parents, Michael and Karla Herrington and sisters Megan, Lauren and Natalie.



Blake David Needham with parents, David and Jamie Needham.

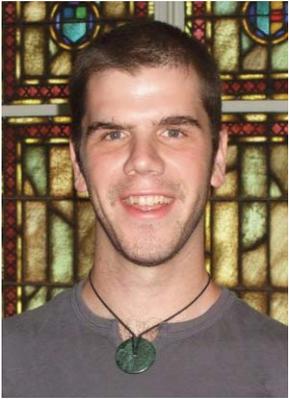


Tristan Michael Roske with parents, Jason and Stacey Roske and brother Will.



This Is My Home

by Justin Zeigler, Director of Middle School Ministries



I was raised in a small rural church. This was the place where my father was baptized, my parents were married, and I was baptized. My siblings have been married there, and just last week my nephew was baptized there as well. It was in this church that I stood in front of the leaders and asked that they sponsor me as I began my journey into ordained ministry. They gladly have given me financial and emotional support. It is as much my home as anywhere else. I know every hallway, every inch of the beautiful stained glass, and the stories of the people that worship togeth-

er every Sunday. The people of my home church are truly my family, the small building at the corner of 80th and Broadway in Emmetsburg, IA is my home.

Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer." I have been a part of Country Club Christian Church for a little over a year now. It doesn't look anything like my small church where my biological family worships every Sunday. The worship is shaped differently, and the number of members of this church is about the same as the number of citizens of my hometown. It is here that I have found community, though. It is here that I hear the message of love and hope preached. It is here that I have met people that serve with a humble heart. It is here that I am making a spiritual home...it is here that I find incomparable joy and strength as a believer and minister.

Take some time...look around our home. Open your eyes in the hallways on Sundays or any day of the week. There are people constantly celebrating our lives together as brothers and sisters in Christ. There are Bible studies and conversation groups. There is worship and service. There is laughing and crying, and there is always a pitcher of lemonade somewhere. I don't know about you, but this is my home just as much as any other place. I am beginning to know every hallway, every inch of the beautiful stained glass, and the stories of the people that worship together every Sunday. The people of this church are truly my family, the large building at the corner of 61st and Ward Parkway in Kansas City, MO is our home. No matter who you are, where you have come from, or what you think about God...you are always welcome home.

Take and give care,

Summer Orffestra Workshop

Saturday, July 18

Come learn about Orff instruments and get hands-on experience with this unique style of music making and performing from 10 a.m. to noon on Sat., July 18, in the Social Hall. We will learn about the instrument families, how to improvise short and easy compositions of our own, and prepare an easy anthem to perform in the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services the following day, July 19. This Orff mini-workshop will be a great chance to discover just how fun and approachable playing in the Orffestra can be. Prior musical experience not required. A willingness to bang on things with sticks and have fun definitely required. Folks in the 9th grade through age 99 welcome.

Cedar Rapids Mission Trip

Eleven volunteers from Country Club Christian Church traveled to Cedar Rapids, IA, June 11-13 to help with rebuilding after last year's massive flooding. The group worked on Cedar Christian Church that sat in eight feet of water after the Cedar River crested at 35 feet on June 12, 2008.

The group included four first-time mission trip volunteers, all of whom provided an enormous amount of talent. Each agreed that it was a good experience and that they not only would go again, but would recommend it to others. The mission station managers said they were grateful for the team of talented and eager volunteers and for the amount of work accomplished.

Church members in Iowa furnished lunch for the team on both work days and expressed how blessed they were that we were there to help, some with tears in their eyes. Work completed included installing a double door and door casing in the fellowship hall; installing windows, shelves, stair rails and skirting; painting; power washing the church driveway and brick walls; and yard work.

CYF Mission Team Inspired by Work on Reservation

The CYF mission team returned June 20 from a week-long trip to Eagle Butte, SD, where they worked with the Cheyenne River Youth Project. Projects included helping organize a warehouse of donated items, working in an organic garden, baking for a bake sale, organizing a book giveaway and categorizing and properly storing personal items for families with special needs. A shoe project involved sorting new shoes that had been donated and working with several dozen families gathering to shop for shoes. Our kids served as hosts, helping to find the correct sizes, styles and colors. In addition to all of that, the team enjoyed playing and being with new friends, the children and youth of the center. One night, the team traveled to Red Scaffold to link up with our Family Mission Team for an evening meal and a cultural presentation.



Above, Kathryn Kubin, Elizabeth Hensley, Glen Miles, Amanda Lowe, Chris Martin.



Pictured above, Danielle Rodgers with two of the local children.

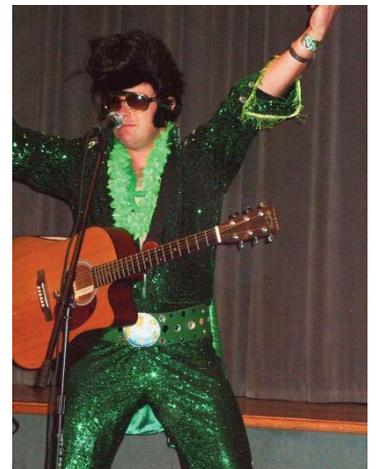


At right, baking cookies for the bake sale, are (from left) Jordan Dietrich, Ben Giguere, O'Shay Green, Grace Webster, and Olivia Harlan.

Eco Elvis Entertains and Informs Sunday School Class



This summer, our children's Sunday School classes are learning to be Keepers of Creation through sessions focused on God's good creation and how we can care for the environment and the world. On June 14, Eco Elvis was in the building performing songs featuring lyrics about recycling, composting and car-pooling.





It's the Small Things

by Catherine Stark-Corn, Minister to Children and Families



I always intend to journal more, to write down the experiences in greater detail, to lend words to the actions and encounters I observe throughout our time together on the Family Mission Trip to South Dakota. It is year four of our annual summer journey, and I did better this time but I may just have to settle for the memories painted in my mind of all the giving and receiving I witnessed in Red Scaffold.

Twenty three members of our church family (eight adults and 15 youth/kids) were the caring presence of Country Club Christian Church for five days on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation with the Lakota people. Each time we return we are met with wide smiles and welcoming eyes, not because of the “things” we bring or do, but simply because we came back, just like we said we would the previous summer. Our time there is about learning and honoring, about growing relationships, about building trust. The ways I saw this happening only tell the story through my eyes.

Friendships growing over a game of kickball, a gentle touch of a hand as an elder shares moments from her life to help us learn, an invitation to bring someone a refill, a wide smile as a child sees her face painted with the beauty of a butterfly, a joyous yell as “fire wood” was discovered, the exchange of addresses with promises to keep in touch, the sharing of fabric and food to nurture the body and soul, a Kansas girl’s profession of a desire to move to Red Scaffold! All these moments and many more weave together the fabric of small life-changing encounters with God through others.

Author Kent Nerburn in his book, *Letters to My Son, A Father’s Wisdom in Manhood*, says it best...

Giving is a generative act. When you give of yourself something new comes in to being. Two people, who moments before were trapped in separate worlds of private cares, suddenly meet each other over a simple act of sharing; warmth, even joy is created. The world expands, a bit of goodness is brought forth, and a small miracle occurs.

We carried the giving, grace-filled presence of God into each of our encounters in Red Scaffold and something new was created!

Catherine

VBS to Feature Crocodile Dock

July 27-31

Calling all kids 4 years old through fifth grade to join us this summer at Crocodile Dock from 9 a.m. to noon on July 27-31.

At Crocodile Dock, kids will keep an eye out for “God in action” in their everyday



lives—and they’ll discover how they can be a “God Sighting” by showing Christ’s love. Our children will develop a sense of God’s loving presence. And they’ll know God is alive ... and active ... and with them!

Storytelling, cooking, and more!

The cost is \$7 per child per day with a maximum cost per family of \$65. Sign up now as group sizes are limited. Registration forms are available online at www.cccckc.org or in the education wing on the second floor. Submit your registration form with payment to Chris Trout in the church office.

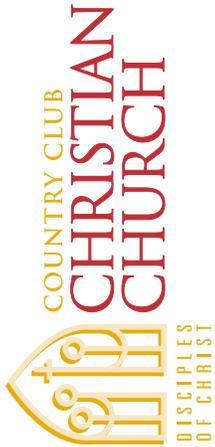
Upcoming Mission Trips

Several mission trip opportunities are planned for the coming months, including:

New Orleans, Nov. 8-14 —A team makes its fifth trip to Metarie, LA, to continue with rebuilding projects in hurricane-decimated areas. An informational meeting about this trip will be held Sun., July 19, at 12:15 p.m. in Rm. 201. The trip will be led by Dr. Chuck Rolen and Kelley Quinn. For more information, contact Kelley at elmokitty@everestkc.net.

Nicaragua, Feb. 20-28, 2010—Return with us to Nicaragua to work among the poorest of the poor in a rural village. For more information, contact Stephanie Pilkington at spilkington@awginc.com. There will be a brief sign-up and orientation meeting on Sun., Aug. 30 at 12:15 p.m. in Rm. 201.

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Part 2: Tearing Down the Walls
Ephesians 2: 1-11

July 26

Part 3: Secret No More
Ephesians 3: 14-21

2009 Tall Oaks Gala Is October 9

Mark your calendars for Oct. 9 for "Going Wild for Tall Oaks," the 2009 annual benefit dinner for the Tall Oaks Conference Center. Proceeds help benefit camps and conferences in which our congregation participates. The 12th annual gala fundraising event will be at the Intercontinental Hotel on the Country Club Plaza. For more information, contact Susan or Alan Garner, gala ambassadors, at 816-822-7194.

Our Church Family

Sympathy

ARTHUR LOUIS "PAT" MALLEN passed away June 10. He is survived by a son, Gary Mallen. Services were June 15 at D.W. Newcomer's Sons Overland Park Chapel, Dr. Charles Rolan officiating.

MAEBELLE PARSONS HODGES passed away June 23. She is survived by a daughter, Deborah Williamson. Services were June 26 in the Chapel, Dr. Charles Rolan officiating.

Memorials

JAMES W. HOPKINS

Mary Jo Truog
Lee & Jarene Stanford
Courtney Earnest

ROBERT W. SEE

Courtney Earnest

LETHA BASH

Courtney Earnest

Permanent Missionary Fund

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Nancy & Greg Lear

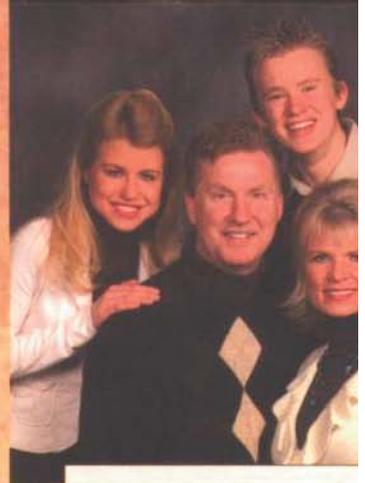
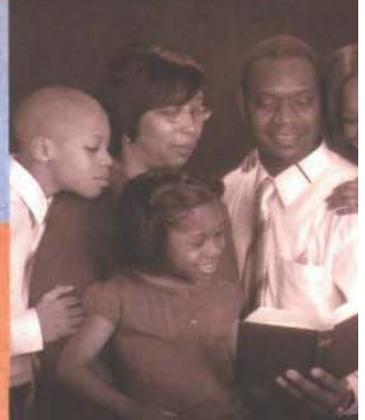
Courtney Earnest

Dear Members & Friends,



We need you to make our new family album complete

Help us put faces with names. Our Directory Committee has chosen Lifetouch to help us connect our members and tell our story.



Each family will receive a *Complimentary 8x10 portrait & directory* for participating.

Convenient

Lifetouch sets up their photography studio at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed: **No sitting Fees**
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

Your portraits are sure to become valued family keepsakes. You will have the opportunity to schedule your portrait session soon. Watch for your *Portrait Guide* or visit www.lifetouch.com for tips on how to prepare for your portrait session.

We look forward to seeing you in our new family album,

Your Directory Committee



COUNTRY CLUB CHRISTIAN CHURCH

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO BE INCLUDED
IN THE UPCOMING CHURCH DIRECTORY!

On-line and Parlor sign-ups will begin July 19.

One-hour photo sittings will take place on:

Tuesday, August 11	2:30-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 12	2:30-9:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 13	2:30-9:00 p.m.
Friday, August 14	1:30-8:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 15	9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 18	2:30-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 19	2:30-9:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 20	2:30-9:00 p.m.
Friday, August 21	1:30-8:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 22	9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

For more information or questions, please contact Lauren Weinhold,
Director of Church Growth at laurenw@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.

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