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George and Hanney to Lead Church in 2012-2013

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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.*

Barbara George will serve as Chair of the Congregational Board for 2012-2013. Barbara has been a member of Country Club Christian Church for more than 13 years.



Barbara George

Barbara grew up in a suburb north of Chicago and attended Michigan State University. She moved to Kansas City with her daughter, Kristin, in 1981. She worked in retail and media marketing until 2001 when she started her own publishing company, providing local resource information to individuals with cancer. For the past nine years, her daughter has partnered with her.

Barbara has been married to Alex for 23 years and together they share nine grandchildren, including two sets of twins.

Barbara's leadership experience at the church includes Stephen Ministry, Communications Council chair, the Visioning Committee and two search committees.

"The church is poised to move forward in significant ways, making continued transparency and communication primary in all we do. It's also important that everyone use the Strategic Plan developed in 2012 as a guiding tool to remain focused and united while implementing the vision of the congregation," Barbara said.

Jere Hanney will chair the Elders in 2012-2013. Jere grew up in western/north central Kansas and moved to Prairie Village in 1961. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas. He worked for Yellow Freight System, Inc. for 36 years until his retirement in 2008. His career included graphics, purchasing, administration, IT, and computer management.



Jere Hanney

Jere has been a member here since 1980. He married Judy Ann Kennedy on April 27, 2011 in the Combs Chapel. Judy has two grown children and Jere has a son who grew up at Country Club Christian Church and now lives in Columbia, MO.

Jere has served on a number of councils and committees including the 75th anniversary committee for which he designed the logo. He has provided graphics support for several other programs at the church including stewardship, marriage and family enrichment and children's ministry. Jere has been a Pastors' Class mentor twice and taught Sunday School for several years.

"As chair of the Elders, I would like to have the Deacons and Elders together meet to maintain a sense of community during such an important time in the history of our church and congregation," Jere said. "I would like to raise the awareness of what they are doing and I want to see our Elders and Deacons as living examples to the rest of the congregation what it means to be a true Christian."



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## Exterior Stone Project Update

By Rob Gilkerson, Church Business Administrator

We have been hard at work this past year creating the plans for restoring the outside of the building. After all the work done last fall to remove the pieces, we discovered that it was a larger engineering task. Many of the mechanical supports need to be reinforced or replaced. We have also created a plan to direct water off the building to maximize the life of the building. Formal bid packages were sent to three bidders on Mon., July 2. Due to the complexity of the project, we anticipate allowing the contractors three weeks to prepare their bids. During that time frame the church will be thoroughly reviewing the scope and nature of work shown on the drawings to provide feedback. We will schedule an on-site pre-bid meeting with the three contractors during the three-week bidding process.

We anticipate award of contract and start of work in mid-August. The work is of a nature and design that will allow the project to progress continuously through the balance of the summer and winter to completion. While projection of a final date of completion will require detailed input from the three competing bidders, at this time we anticipate completion in early spring 2013.

## Fiscal Year Ends June 30



Thank you for your generous support of Country Club Christian Church and its ministries. The church's fiscal year ended June 30 and we are closing the financial books for this year. Please take a moment this week to review your financial records and ensure that your pledge to the church for the 2011-2012 year is up to date. The budgeting process for the 2012-2013 year is underway, but we cannot adequately plan for the coming year without the completed pledges of all

households for the current year. If you have questions about your pledge, please contact Rob Gilkerson at [robg@cccckc.org](mailto:robg@cccckc.org) or Rachel Clement at [rachelc@cccckc.org](mailto:rachelc@cccckc.org), or by phone at 816-333-4917.

If you have not yet turned in your Commitment Card for the Strengthen our Foundation Stewardship Campaign, please drop it in the offering tray on Sunday, or bring it to the church office at your convenience. Beginning this week, follow-up calls will be made to households which have not yet turned in pledge cards. Thank you for your generous support of Country Club Christian Church.

## Electronic Giving Program

Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. An authorization form is available from the church office or online at [cccckc.org/give.html](http://cccckc.org/give.html).

## Festival Sunday Is Aug. 19

Save the date for Festival Sunday, the beginning of a new year of spiritual growth opportunities for children, youth and adults. Dr. R. Glen Miles will preach the sermon "Where Hope Is Alive," we will gather for lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and children and youth will advance to the next Sunday School grade level.

## Staff Representation of Some Ministry Areas Shifts

Over the last few months, the staff representation of several ministry areas has shifted. In addition, ministry areas overseen by Rev. Steve Mason are also being reassigned due to the conclusion of his residency. The following ministry areas are now represented by the staff member noted:

**Metro Mission** – Rev. Carla Aday

**Weddings and Hospitality** – Lauren Weinhold

**College Age Ministries** – Justin Zeigler

**Young Adult Ministries and Singles**

**Ministries** – Plans are underway to hire a part time seminary intern.



# Summer Doubts

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



I love the summer. When I was a kid summer was for playing baseball with my buddies, hanging out at the beach or just sitting around in the evening watching the Giants beat the Dodgers (that didn't really happen very often back then).

The long days of summer also give us time to think, contemplate and wonder. I find my faith rejuvenated in the summer but I also find, at times, that doubt has the chance to sneak into my thoughts. As Karl Barth, the great old theologian asks, "Is it true? The Love of God? The

forgiveness of sins? Is it true?" Doubt, can be a stumbling block or stepping stone. If we name it and admit that it is there, it can be a help to our faith, not a hindrance.

Thomas, the disciple who had trouble believing that Jesus was resurrected, is sometimes called Doubting Thomas. That is an unfair label. We ought to call him "Realistic Thomas" or "Tough-Minded and You Can't Pull the Wool over My Eyes Thomas." He can't believe it is all true. He needs to see Jesus in the flesh but more than that he needs to see the scars, he needs to run his hands over the wounds.

Do you know what he really wants to know? He wants proof that it wasn't all a charade. He wants to feel the scars so that he can be certain that the pain and the suffering that every human will encounter is the same that Jesus went through. The proof for Thomas will not be the sudden appearance of Jesus from behind locked doors but the rough and ragged scars on his hands and his feet.

Jesus appears and when he says to Thomas, "put your hands in my hands," it is in that moment that Thomas believes. Thomas believes because the scars are real. God is found in the wounds.

Look at your life. Pay attention to the broken places, the old hurts, the never-to-be-forgotten insult over something long ago. Look carefully. In that place of brokenness, you may find that God is real.

Grace and peace to you,

## New Sermon Series; Heaven on Earth

Dr. Glen Miles will begin a summer sermon series entitled "Finding Heaven on Earth" on July 15. It will be based on Ephesians 1-3. When have you found heaven on earth? Email Glen or visit our Facebook page to share your stories.



## Worship with us!

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

**July 8**

While They Were Eating  
Rev. Carla Aday preaching  
*Exodus 16: 10-20*

**Sermon Series: Heaven on Earth**

Dr. Glen Miles preaching  
**July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5**

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Virginia Reed Food Drive on July 15

On Sun., July 15, 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 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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## Haiti Mission Trip

If you are interested in going on the mission trip to Haiti Nov. 1-7, contact Julia Walker, trip coordinator, at [juya213@yahoo.com](mailto:juya213@yahoo.com), for more information. A \$100 deposit will hold your spot for the trip. Dr. Glen Miles is the staff leader.

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## Honor Loved Ones With Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

Each Sunday you can hear a broadcast of the previous week's sermon at 8:30 a.m. on 1660 AM. Now, you can honor a loved one by dedicating sponsorship of a broadcast to her or him. The cost of the broadcast is \$200 per week. You may either underwrite the entire cost or partially as you are able. Contact Rob Gilkerson at 816-333-4917 or [robgi@cccckc.org](mailto:robgi@cccckc.org) for more information.

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## 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 more than 500 people following us on Facebook. Join the fun. Just go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).



## Children's Book Sale at the Well

From Sunday, July 22 to through Sunday, July 29, during the week of Vacation Bible School all children's books in The Well will be 10 percent off. Mark your calendar and plan to visit The Well on the ground floor. The Well is open Sundays from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



## The Well Book Corner

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 from Nicaragua. The proceeds go to Week of Compassion, which provides emergency disaster relief to peoples around the world.

Or you can 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](http://www.cccckc.org) and click The Well in the top right-hand corner, then follow the instructions.





## “Yes, Sir, We Got Trouble”

by Laine Riley, Associate Director of Music



We have a 4th of July tradition at our house that began many years ago when we lived in Virginia. Following our yearly Hilton Village neighborhood parade where kids decorated their bikes and rode down Main Street, we would walk over to our friend’s house and settle in for the yearly viewing of the classic musical, “The Music Man.”

I love this show for many reasons. It’s a great slice of Americana: from the town decorations to the barbershop quartet to “Seventy Six Trombones.” I absolutely love the score, probably because it

is from an era when good parts were still given to sopranos. Shirley Jones makes a great Marion the Librarian and watching little Ronnie Howard sing “Gary Indiana” is priceless.

All things considered, there is one singular factor that makes the entire film: Robert Preston. As Professor Harold Hill, he is the quintessential charismatic salesman. He convinces the townspeople that their youth are in trouble, and the only solution is to form a marching band: complete with instruments and uniforms, sold by the Professor himself.

I confess that I get completely swept up in the spell of Professor Hill. I have no doubt that I would have signed on the dotted line for those uniforms and instruments. Even as he is proven to be a swindler with absolutely no musical background, I find myself on his side. After all, he may not have delivered the exact goods promised, but wasn’t the town changed for the better? That’s why I love the final scene, as you see the band through the parent’s eyes: an awe inspiring marching band 10 times its actual size that looks and sounds absolutely perfect.

I think what makes the Harold Hills of the world so successful is that they are able to inspire those around them to see themselves as a part of something bigger and more wonderful. We all want to be a part of something bigger, something exciting; something that matters. We all want to make a difference. I think that’s why I have always been drawn to church music. I love working with volunteers that work toward a common purpose. Individually, we may only have a little to give, but when we are put together with beautiful melodies, powerful lyrics and a little inspiration, what a difference we can make.

## Couple Communication

Couple Communication is an award-winning, internationally acclaimed course designed to help you discover the keys to successful and productive communication in your family, work and social relationships. The class teaches talking, listening and conflict resolution skills that equip couples in building a stronger relationship. Research shows that couples who learn these skills early in marriage increase their chances of having a lasting and deeply satisfying marriage. We offer this course because we are committed to reducing the staggering divorce rate (54 percent of all first marriages fail; 20 percent of those within the first two years).

The next Couple Communication class is being offered in two four-hour segments on Aug. 11 and 18. We will meet at the church from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. each Saturday. If you are interested in attending the next two-part session please contact Lauren Weinhold at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).

## Vacation Bible School Is Coming!

July 23-27, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Make plans to attend our annual summer VBS. This year the theme is *SonSurf Beach Bash*. We will learn about various parts of Jesus' life and how we can seek to live in God's way. For ages 4 years old-5th grade (completed in May 2012). Registration forms for participants and volunteers are online at [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org) or on the second floor in the Children's Wing.



## Upcoming Youth Events

**July 12 and 19 – Thursday Evening Harvesters.** Contact Justin at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org) by the Wednesday before to make sure there is room.

**Sundays, July 22 and 29 – ReStart.** We will go to ReStart, a ministry that serves the homeless population in Kansas City. Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. to get a ride to help this ministry. RSVP to Justin Zeigler at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org).

**Wednesdays, July 11 and 25 – Movie Nights.** Be on the look out for more information as we go to the movies!

## Chi Rho Mission Trip to St. Louis



Five Chi Rho youth traveled to St. Louis with Justin Zeigler, Minister to Youth. From left, Kathy McDandel, youth sponsor, Addison Schlatter, Lynne Reddin, Garrett Moffat, Scotty Holt, Taylor Corn and Justin Zeigler.

## Spring Break Mission Trip

### Information Meeting on July 22

All youth in grades 10-12 for the 2012-2013 school year are invited to participate in a mission trip to Nicaragua over spring break 2013. The dates are Mar. 17-24. The cost is \$1,475 per person with help from fundraisers through the next year to bring the cost down. Anyone who is interested, please attend an information meeting following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sun., July 22, in the Youth Center (Room 205).



The youth worked with some of the kids at a Salvation Army Shelter.



Taking a lunch break were Taylor Corn, Addison Schlatter, Lynne Reddin and Kathy McDandel. Front row, Scotty Holt and Garret Moffat.



## Grace through Ordinary People

by Carla Aday, Senior Associate Minister



Sometimes when we are driving away from church, my husband and I say to each other, “Wow, our church has the most talented and dedicated group of members in the world. Surely there isn’t a church anywhere with more gifted people than this one!” On most days, I take for granted that our church is filled with people who are highly educated, heavily involved in civic affairs, creative, passionate about the spiritual journey, open to the new directions God will surely lead us, and eager to get involved in service.

But a few Sundays ago we celebrated all who serve at the annual Ice Cream Social. Rhonda and Mark Mueret have led the Ice Cream Social for many years. They know the ropes. But this year they expanded the menu and served three times the number of people that we typically serve. And at the end of a long and hectic morning, Rhonda and Mark and their four small children were still smiling and laughing and enjoying the day.

What makes this a great church is that hundreds – even thousands – of folks serve with this same grace. I sat back and marveled at:

- Adults who take vacation and spend money to do back breaking work on mission trips.
- Folks who bake cakes and serve food every month for the hungry.
- All who pull weeds and plant flowers on our grounds.
- Those who lead/teach Sunday school and teach Bible study.
- Council and committee chairs and members.
- Those who fill the communion trays, serve communion and take communion to the home-bound.
- Women who knit and sew to clothe children born into poverty.
- Choir members who inspire us in worship.
- The gentle souls who write notes, deliver flowers and pray fervently for God’s spirit to be revealed.
- Folks who work in The Well.
- All those who work faithfully in ways that I don’t have space here to mention but which make a profound difference.

My point here is not to write an exhaustive list. But rather to invite all of us to thank God for the rich blessings that are ours within this church called Country Club Christian. We are so much more than a gorgeous building with a devoted staff. We are the Body of Christ. Here at this place, we encounter the grace of God through the lives of ordinary people who are truly extraordinary signs of Christ’s love.

*Carla*

## Children and Families Fountains of Faith Sunday School

### Holy Moly

We are exploring Old Testament characters through a series called Holy Moly. This “Bible brought to life” series will help the children become familiar with key stories which connect to our faith foundations. Make plans to come and see what this is all about during Sunday School!

### Summer Outreach

**Sat., July 14, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

Don’t miss out! Join us in helping feed those in need through volunteering at Harvesters this summer. Kids ages 6 through 5th grade are welcome. Spots are limited, so RSVP to Karla Herrington at [karlah@cccckc.org](mailto:karlah@cccckc.org).

### Thanks!

A big thanks to all who came to have fun at the Community Camp Kansas City Wednesday night socials in June. It was a great time. Thanks to the groups that planned, organized and prepare dinner – CAYA; YaWhose; Chi Rho and CYF; and Crossroads!

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# Our Church Family

## Sympathy

PATSIE IRENE (TUCKER) BOESHAAR passed away June 16. She is survived by her children Richard Boeshaar, Barbara Parks and Charles Boeshaar. A memorial service is planned for a later time.

## Memorials

### Joseph G. Bryan

Rev. Joseph L. Bryan

### Bonnie Veskerna

Shawnee Mission Medical Center Child Care Center

Mary Alice & Tom Boten

Mary & Philip Stowe

Carol Chapman

F.R. Von Geयो

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