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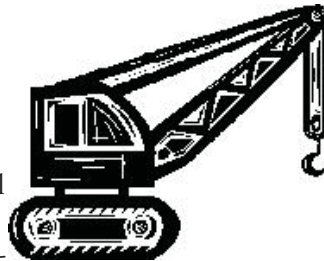
Excitement Is “Building” for Festival Sunday!

Festival Sunday, the day we kick off a new church year of spiritual growth opportunities, is Sun., Aug. 19, and this year we have something unique to celebrate! Sometime during the month of August, large construction equipment will arrive on our campus, signaling the start of the building restoration phase of our Capital Campaign.

Though the timeline for construction is still tentative, it's possible that on Festival Sunday you'll see a huge crane in our front yard already at work on the exterior of our beautiful church. Plans for the day's celebration are underway and will be flexible depending on the arrival of the equipment. Either way, join us for all the fun, including:

- Dr. Glen Miles' sermon that day is entitled *Where Hope is Alive*.
- Lunch, games and activities on the front lawn (or maybe the Chapel lawn).
- Bible presentations to our incoming third graders at 11:00 a.m.
- Reunite with your Sunday School class after a summer break, or for those not already connected with a class, an opportunity to join one.
- Sign up for fall classes and events.
- Children and youth will advance to the next Sunday School grade level.

The excitement is building! Make plans to join us on Festival Sunday!



Festival Sunday: Friends & Family

Festival Sunday is a great day to invite your friends and family to join us. Let's make this celebratory Sunday bigger than ever. Not sure how to invite someone to church? Try these tips:

1. Offer to pick them up. Walking into a new church is much easier with someone who knows where to go and what to do. And carpooling will help with busy parking.
2. Let them know about service opportunities like Grace at Work (which is Sept. 15, by the way).
3. If you have kids, make sure they know our children will be singing in worship that day.
4. Mention the food!
5. Make sure they know all are welcome, regardless of race, sexual orientation, faith background, or economic status.
6. Tell them about Glen's great preaching, the choirs' fantastic music, and most of all, tell them about the grace of God that is offered to all.

Give it a try! Invite a friend or family member to the festivities on Festival Sunday and you could win your very own parking spot at the church for three months. When your guest writes your name in the “How Did You Hear About Us” box on the friendship register, your name will be entered in a drawing for the parking space! The more folks you invite, the more times your name will be in the drawing box.



The Well Will Be Open During VBS

The Well Book and Gift store will be open Wed., July 25, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Fri., July 27, from 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. during Vacation Bible School. During VBS, all children's books in stock will be 10 percent off. Mark your calendar and plan to visit The Well on the ground floor. The Well is always 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 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 and click The Well in the top right-hand corner, then follow the instructions.



Visitor Information Seminar on August 11

You're invited to the Visitor Information Seminar on Sat., Aug. 11 from 8:45-11:30 a.m. Learn more about our history as a denomination and as a church and discover the multitude of ways you can be strengthened on your faith journey. Our ministers will be on hand to talk about the church's ministries and how you can get involved. Ask questions, enjoy breakfast and meet the church's lay leaders. Then, if you're ready to join the church, the next **New Member Sunday is Sept. 9**. For more information or to reserve your spot at the seminar, please contact Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth, at laurenw@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.

CYF Youth Mission Team In Chicago



Six CYF (9th-12th graders) traveled to Chicago July 15 for a week of mission work and fun. Back row: Marcia Berry, Justin Zeigler, Steven Miles, Christopher Martin, Jackson Berry. Front row: Lucy Lehoczky, Jansen Hess, Kellin Martiny.

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.



Embodied Forgiveness

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



Theologian Stanley Hauerwas writes, “The work of Jesus was not a new set of ideals or principles for reforming or even revolutionizing society, but the establishment of a new community, a people that embodied forgiveness, sharing and self sacrificing love in its rituals and discipline. In that sense the visible church is not to be the bearer of Christ’s message but to be the message.”

His words remind me of something Fred Craddock likes to say. “The work of grace is to make us gracious.”

The church is called to embody forgiveness, to bear Jesus’ love and act with grace toward all. We don’t live like this to earn our salvation. That act was done by God through the power of love over death, once and for all. We get a little confused about this though.

A while ago I was in the Phoenix airport waiting for a flight to Kansas City. A young man walked up to me. He asked, “Are you saved?” The man was sincere and we had a nice chat. He wanted to know about my confidence in eternal life.

But his query struck me as odd since the biblical notion of salvation is overwhelmingly concerned with the one life we have to live on this earth and only secondarily with the life eternal.

Salvation in the early church had to do with converting from living for your self to living for God and others. It was about turning from selfishness and turning toward selflessness.

The early church used to call it The Way. When you became a part of the way, you discovered who you really are and began to grow into becoming the unique and marvelous person that God has created you to be.

Bruce Van Blair writes, “The commitments of the Christian life are not about something we have to do to get saved. They are about what we do to move our lives into the passion and excitement of the...Christian Way.”

This is an open invitation and a clear commandment to live our lives in love.

Grace and peace to you,

Sermon Series: Heaven on Earth

July 22 and 29

We Christians have sometimes missed the mark when it comes to talking about heaven. There has been a tendency to talk about heaven like it’s something that we get to only after we die. The Biblical message teaches something else. Jesus and the great missionary Paul have shown us that heaven can be found here on earth. It’s not a place as much as it is a state of mind. Join us for this series of sermons that will explore how to find heaven in the here and now.



Worship with us!

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

Sermon Series: Heaven on Earth
Dr. Glen Miles preaching

July 22

Part Two: At Home with God
Ephesians 2:11-22

July 29

Part Three: The Beatles Were Right
– All You Need is Love
Ephesians 3:14-21

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Virginia Reed Food Drive on August 19

On Sun., Aug. 19, 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."

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 David Diebold at 816-333-4917 or davidd@cccckc.org for more information.

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, for more information. A \$100 deposit will hold your spot for the trip. Dr. Glen Miles is the staff leader.

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.



Relax with Yoga Classes at the Church

Experience the ancient practice of integrating body, mind and spirit through meditation and movement. Breathe, move and connect with your inner self. Certified yoga instructor Susan Garner teaches to all levels of expertise.



Susan Garner, Yoga Instructor

Classes are offered at Country Club Christian Church in the Solarium (Rm. 309).

- Mondays
 - Mixed Level – 9:00-10:15 a.m. (beginner/intermediate)
 - Gentle Class – 10:30-11:45 a.m. (chair yoga)
- Wednesdays – Mixed Level, 10:00-11:15 a.m. (beginner/intermediate)
- Thursdays – Mixed Level, 6:00-7:15 p.m. (beginner/intermediate)

Note that there will be no classes July 26-Aug. 2.

Call 816-333-4917 for more information. The cost is \$10 per class with a discount for paying monthly. Classes are open to members, non-members and all faiths.

Gentle stretching exercises, rhythmic breathing and meditation are the components of practicing yoga. By practicing yoga on a regular basis, students experience benefits from increased relaxation, normalized blood pressure, relief of minor back problems, and a steadied metabolism. Practicing yoga offers every student a sense of emotional calmness and a feeling of mental peace.

Blocks, straps, blankets, bolsters, and chairs are provided. Please bring your own yoga mat, and wear comfortable clothing. Call 816-333-4917 or 816-822-7194 for more information.



Can't Lose

by Lara Schopp, Director of Communications



Clear eyes. Full hearts. Can't lose. So says the determined Coach Taylor to his team of nervous high school football players each game day before they take the field. And every time, goosebumps gather on my arms and I get that excited, anxious feeling associated with competition, strategy and suspense.

Yes, I'm a little late to *Friday Night Lights*, the drama series which ended in 2011, having never watched an episode during its run. But thanks to the miracle of Netflix, I've been eagerly making my way through the stories of this small-town

Texas team under tremendous pressure to win. I am fascinated by the symbiotic relationship between the team and the town.

What can I say? I'm a small-town girl and a big-time sports fan. Football is my greatest love. The years I spent on the sidelines as a cheerleader honed my respect for and attraction to the game...roaring crowd on one side; strategy, athleticism and teamwork on the other. A lifelong Mizzou fan, I've weathered my share of disappointment at the hands (and feet) of this game I love. And though each fall—for the last few years anyway—I've entered the season a cynic, somehow the Chiefs always manage to suck me back in, if only for a game or two.

Perhaps it's because there is something magical about thousands of fans coming together in support of a common idea. Likewise, there is magic in 11 players lining up with one shared goal. The result is a beautiful puzzle assembled from random pieces of muscle, strength and stamina; of spirit, loyalty and support.

Where does it come from, that enthusiasm, that electricity? How do you capture and recreate it? I often think that if 70,000 of us could get together every Sunday and agree on something important, like addressing world hunger or poverty...well, that would certainly be something magical and worthy of cheering.

Instead, you and I gather in church, a ragtag team from disparate backgrounds with a few shared beliefs, a communal spirit, and a desire to make the world a better place. And though I know Glen would love to preach to a sanctuary just as packed as Arrowhead Stadium is on Sundays, maybe what's more important is the magic we share when we are moved by the message and the music, when we serve our neighbors here and around the world, and when we understand, with clear eyes and full hearts, what grace really is all about. And when we do, well...we can't lose.

Lara

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.

Summer Collection Connection

School Supplies for Don Bosco

According to the National Retail Federation, the average family spends approximately \$98 on school supplies for every school-aged child. For a family already struggling financially, preparing children for the school year can be a large financial burden. This month we are collecting school supplies for the Don Bosco "Project Yes!" program.

While all school supplies are needed, "Project Yes!" typically runs low on the following items:

- kindergarten writing tablets
- beginner pencils
- facial tissue
- index notecards
- highlighters
- protractors
- binders
- loose-leaf paper
- backpacks
- pencil box

Please place your donations in the basket in the Parlor. With your help, Don Bosco will ensure that the community's youth are prepared for the upcoming school year.

Club Kids Harvesters Volunteers



Club Kids volunteers and their families helped sort at Harvesters on July 14. Front row, from left: Liam Petrie, Megan Herrington, Lauren Herrington, Breck McGuire, Lauren McGuire, Luke Steinlicht, Sam Steinlicht. Back row, Howard Petrie, Tina McGuire, Jake McGuire, MaryAnn Steinlicht, Greg Steinlicht.

Upcoming Youth Events

Sundays, July 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.

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).

Justin's Blog

Justin is blogging about a new faith practice every month. A "faith practice" is incorporating something into daily life that helps us see God in the world. Every month Justin will notify youth and families of what his new faith practice will be and asks that others follow his blog and help keep him accountable in his journey. Find Justin's blog on the church website (www.cccckc.org).



Each Day Brings A Fresh Start

by Catherine Stark-Corn, Minister to Children, Youth and Families



These words spoken to me when I was young have come back to me often this summer as it is hard to believe how quickly the days are blazing by. Perhaps it is because the hot days of June truly felt like August; maybe it is because my boys are older and busier, and plans fill each moment; or it could be that there have been such fun family times that I just don't want the school year to interrupt. But for whatever reason, the time is moving quickly and, truth be told, it is not just this summer. The days, months and years in general are moving in the blink of an eye and it makes one more focused

on how to make it all good.

It is truly a miracle these hours rolling into days, adding up to months, culminating in years weaving together to make a life. Each moment, each day has such potential and – like the rising and setting of the sun – each one brings a fresh start. Thinking about life in these terms gives it a preciousness we too often ignore or miss as we just push through to achieve whatever goal or task is looming. A quote by Anne Lamott beckons us to make a choice about how we live:

“Your problem is how you are going to spend this one and precious life you have been issued. Whether you’re going to spend it trying to look good and creating the illusion you have power over circumstances, or whether you are going to taste it, enjoy it and find out the truth about who you are.”

God created the world and claimed, “It is good” with each day, not commenting on the appearance but on the essence of what came into being. The core of who we are in God is good, and filled with love and grace. In faithfulness we are invited to live a life of love – seeing the goodness in the world, growing into a blessing for the world. With each new moment, each new day (no matter how fast they fly by), we have the opportunity to fully embrace the truth – that we are loved unconditionally by the Holy One.

Catherine

Children and Families

Vacation Bible School Finale

Sunday, July 29

Children's Sunday School on July 29 will be a finale for our week long Vacation Bible School. Come to the Social Hall for an opportunity to see all that went on during the week and stations where you can try some of the activities. Children from Vacation Bible School will sing in the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

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.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, August 19

11:00 am Worship Service

Children beginning third grade will be presented with a Bible as a gift from the congregation on Festival Sunday. This special celebration is open to any of our third graders. If you have not received information and are eligible (by grade level) to participate please contact Heather Rotter, heatherr@cccckc.org

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Our Church Family

Sympathy

JOHN J. TURLEY passed away July 10. He is survived by his wife, June, and sons Steven Joseph Turley, John Walter Turley and Howard James Turley; The service was July 13 in the Sanctuary, Dr. Glen Miles and Rev. Carla Aday officiating.

Memorials

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