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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.*

## Worship Times Change on August 17

Sunday, Aug. 17, is the day our worship times change and we move from three to four worship services. Be sure to note the new times and adjust your Sunday morning schedule to reflect the changes.

**8:00 a.m.** – Service in the Combs Chapel. During this quiet and reflective service, ordained clergy will deliver a brief homily. Featuring familiar, traditional music out of the denominational hymnal.

**9:00 a.m.** – Service in the Sanctuary. A more informal service featuring familiar parts (offering, Children’s Moment, communion, sermon, etc.), with a heavier focus on congregational singing.

**10:00 a.m.** – Service in the Combs Chapel. This service is more intimate, usually featuring soloists instead of choirs.

**11:00 a.m.** – Service in the Sanctuary. The most traditional of the four services, this service combines offering, communion, a sermon, hymnal songs and music by the Chancel Choir.

**9:55-10:55 a.m.** – Sunday School.

See you on Sunday!

## Festival Sunday Kicks off New Program Year

Join us for worship on Festival Sunday, Aug. 17! This annual celebration kicks off our program year with fun, fellowship and festivity. Don’t miss this exciting day, featuring:



- 🎵 New worship times debut
- 🎵 Dr. Glen Miles presents the sermon *Grace Notes*, Ephesians 3:1-12.
- 🎵 New Sunday School time begins (9:55-10:55 a.m.)
- 🎵 Brunch following each service in the Social Hall. Suggested donation is \$5/person or \$20/family. Visitors invited as our complimentary guests. Call 816-333-4917 to RSVP.
- 🎵 We welcome The Kansas City Brass at the 11:00 a.m. service.
- 🎵 Receive your copy of the Fall Ministries and Events Guide. Learn about the many opportunities to grow, connect and serve.

Children and youth meet their new teachers as they move to the next grade level at 9:55 a.m. Sunday School.



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## New Members Welcomed July 27



**Beverly Johnson and Emily Johnson**  
New Member Host:  
Barbara George



**Travis Wymore**  
New Member Host:  
Blake Reeves



**Peggy Green**  
New Member Host:  
Maureen McGinty



**Amy Henderson and Patrick Edwards**  
New Member Hosts:  
Sydney Wallace and Rob Sanders



**Patty and Phil Love**  
New Member Hosts:  
Chuck and Marilyn Dreas



**George Asante with wife Cherie Asante**  
New Member Host:  
Cherie Asante

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## Upcoming Mission Opportunities

### New Orleans – Oct. 19-25

From Oct. 19 to 25, a mission team will make a fourth trip to the New Orleans area to assist in the ongoing rebuilding efforts. Anyone 16 years of age or older may participate. Contact Kelley Quinn, lay leader, at [elmokitty@everestkc.net](mailto:elmokitty@everestkc.net) or 816-333-1859.

### Nicaragua – Jan. 24-Feb. 1, 2009

If you missed the recent trip to Nicaragua, you will have another opportunity early in 2009. For information about the next trip, contact Rev. Carla Aday at 816-333-4917 or [carlaa@cccckc.org](mailto:carlaa@cccckc.org).

### South Africa – Mar. 7-21, 2009

A team returns to the Kei region of South Africa in March 2009. Contact Nancy Lear at [nlear@gilmorebell.com](mailto:nlear@gilmorebell.com) for more information about this opportunity.

## September Sermon Series

### The Politics of Jesus:

#### *What Would Jesus Have Us Do in the USA Today?*

Who Jesus would vote for is a dangerous question. Why? Because Jesus transcends our political differences. When we look to the politics of Jesus, we'll find one who calls for justice and peace while demanding that love is foundational to all that we do. Join us each Sunday in September as Dr. R. Glen Miles presents this timely sermon series.

### Newsletter Goes Green

Starting in August, if we have your e-mail address on file we will begin automatically sending the Country Club Christian newsletter electronically via e-mail, rather than mailing you a hard copy in an effort to reduce paper, ink and postage costs. If you don't have an e-mail address, or if you would just prefer to receive the newsletter in hard copy, you may still receive it that way. Please contact Jane Fletcher at 816-333-4917 or via e-mail at [janef@cccckc.org](mailto:janef@cccckc.org) to let her know of this preference.

If we have your e-mail address on file, you will begin to see the newsletter arrive in your inbox very soon. If we don't have your e-mail address on file, please send it to Jane at the e-mail address above. Thank you for helping make Country Club Christian Church more environmentally friendly!

### Monthly Food Drive is Aug. 24

On Sun., Aug. 24, please bring your non-perishable food items for our collection for local food pantries, which serve the homeless and hungry. Vans will be in the parking lot to receive your food. Financial donations are also appreciated and can be made by marking your check "Food Drive."



## Change

By Dr. R. Glen Miles



By now I am almost certain that most of you know that this Sunday, August 17th will mark the beginning of a new time format for worship. There have been articles in the newsletter and the bulletin insert in every issue for about two months. The task force assigned to study the worship hours did a very thorough job of examining all of the possibilities and we are ready to go forward.

The response to these announced changes in times has been very positive. However, as you probably realize, we won't really know how the changes are being received until we put them into place and see how they function. Please know that David Diebold, our Minister of Music, and I will review them very carefully every Monday. We will solicit feedback from the other clergy. We will listen to and ponder every comment, positive or negative, as we move forward. The task force will be reviewing the new times and formats at three-month intervals in order to consider any renovations that may be necessary.

We are very hopeful that these changes will enhance and strengthen the worshipping life of our congregation. We cannot say for sure but we also believe that the new times and the formats will open the way for new growth. I had a conversation today with a young father who is very excited about attending the 9:00 a.m. service with his family. They are also planning to attend Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. I am hopeful that this is evidence that our Sunday School ministry will be strengthened also.

Change, even good ones, can be stressful. There are almost certainly issues and concerns that we have not yet identified. Routines and habits that provided a comfortable zone are now going to be adjusted and that lack of familiarity can lead to stress.

However, change can also be a time of growth and expansion. It can be a time when faith is increased and new life is encouraged. Change can and really should be an opportunity for seeing the world with a new angle of vision.

I'm looking forward to this new beginning. I'm trusting that an open and engaging spirit will allow us to discover new ways to encounter the ancient, yet timeless, news of God's love for all.

Grace and peace to you,

## Web Site Gets a Facelift

The church's web site, [www.cccckc.org](http://www.cccckc.org) has undergone a massive redesign this summer! The new and improved site launches on Festival Sunday, Aug. 17.

The existing web site was launched in 2001 and updated as part of the branding effort in 2004. In four years, technology and user habits have changed significantly, so the goal for the redesign was to build a site that uses updated technology to reflect the mission of the church, to promote and inspire involvement, and to make it easy for people to gain, request, or provide information.

Be sure to check out the new site in the coming days, featuring new blogs, easy-to-navigate categories, and other exciting new features.

## Worship with us!

**at 8:00, 9:00, 10:00  
and 11:00 a.m.  
Dr. R. Glen Miles**

**Aug. 17**

Festival Sunday  
Grace Notes  
*Ephesians 3:1-12*

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# Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

## Classes for Adults Ages 22-50 Debut

Adults ages 22-50 will have four opportunities to connect with others in similar life circumstances in new groups meeting this fall. Each group is designed to foster spiritual growth and build friendship networks. Members, visitors and friends are all welcome.

### YaWhose

#### Young Adults [age 22-35] Welcoming Hearts Open to Spiritual Exploration

This group begins a new schedule and format. Beginning Aug. 17 the weekly meeting will be on Sunday mornings from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m., Rm. 304. Stop by for a presentation and discussion of faith issues in our everyday lives. On the first Sunday of the month Crossroads and YaWhose will meet together for a lesson in the Pine Room (Rm. 10).

**Aug. 17** – Introductions and welcome to new format. Who are the Disciples?

**Aug. 24** – Overview of our denomination, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**Aug. 31** – Bible Trivia

**Sept. 7** – Combine with Crossroads Class in Rm. 10 for a lesson taught by Professor Robert Martin from St. Paul School of Theology.

### First Steps

Join other parents with children under 3 the first Sunday of the month as Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn helps families explore ways to nurture faith formation of young children and what role parents play in fostering faithfulness. Parents are welcome to bring their little ones with them to this interactive session. Meets the first Sunday of the month 9:55-10:55 a.m. in Rm. 304.

### Crossroads

Ages 35-50 We each face many different crossroads in our lives. This class will offer spiritual guidance, educational insights and the support of fellow travelers on the journey. Meets every Sunday in the Pine Room (Room 10) from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m.

**August 17** – Crossroads: An introduction. Rev. Carla Aday and members of the leadership team.

**August 24** – Bill Tammeus, *Kansas City Star* columnist on the Faith page, “Christians at a Crossroads with Other World Religions.”

**August 31** – *Beyond Theology* video – “Church and State at a Crossroads.”

### Soul Mates

For engaged and newlywed couples. In this new class, participants will have the opportunity to grow and cultivate their relationships through a year-long series of weekly reflections and guided conversations, along with monthly class discussions. Offered in conjunction with Couple Communication I and will be facilitated by two couples. Meets the first Sunday of every month from Sept. 7, 2008 to Aug. 2, 2009 in Rm. 116. Participants are encouraged to commit to attending all 12 sessions. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Carla Aday, Senior Associate Minister, at [carlaa@cccckc.org](mailto:carlaa@cccckc.org) or Lauren Weirhold, Director of Church Growth, at [laurenw@cccckc.org](mailto:laurenw@cccckc.org).

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## Pathways to Learning



**It's the Economy: Four Perspectives** – Money or “mammon” is the most talked about subject in the Bible.

And today, people still worry about their pocketbooks as well as the complex issues of a global economy. Take a fresh look at the issues from the vantage point of an individual, a U.S. citizen, a global person and a Christian. Each Sunday in September from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m. in the Social Hall, we will present a different perspective.

**Sept. 7** – Steve Kraske, host of KCUR’s “Up to Date” and columnist for the *The Kansas City Star*. Steve will discuss the U.S. presidential race and Missouri governor’s race and examine the economic platforms important to voters.

**Sept. 14** – Chris Lester, Assistant Managing Editor, Business, at *The Kansas City Star* will help us look at the current economic climate. With energy, taxes and health care concerns on the rise, what are the real issues?

**Sept. 21 and 28** – Israel Kamudzandu teaches New Testament at St. Paul School of Theology. He will help us look at economic issues from a Biblical and global perspective.



## New Beginnings, Changing Seasons

by Rev. Kelly Ingersoll, Minister to Youth and Young Adults



New beginnings. In some churches, you will find classes called by such a name. What does such a phrase – new beginnings – stand for anyway? Could it be just like starting a new school year? Or maybe it's more like a New Year's resolution. Changes are going to occur, whether we want or need them. (Worship times. Ministers retiring. We know all too well.) And change can cause us great relief – or great anxiety. We might be sad or happy, depending on the circumstance. Such changes might energize us—or drain us.

There are biblical figures who were asked to make changes in their lives. Prophets were especially asked to make significant life changes. Jeremiah was asked to be something other than a “normal” kid. Hosea married a prostitute. Jonah delivered a holy message to people he despised. Other folks, who were not necessarily prophets, also had some interesting moments. Sarah delivered a child at 90. (To be fair, she was happy...can you imagine?) Ruth moved to a new land. Saul/Paul was blinded. And, Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane didn't actually say, “Please put me on the cross.”

We do not always have the opportunity to make changes or keep changes from happening. What we do have control over is our attitude. How will we respond when life happens to us? Will we look for God's work in the midst of change? Can we even hear God's voice in the midst of such times?

The biblical characters often resisted God's call to make changes and do ministry. They would come up with all kinds of excuses. They asked God to find others. But, eventually, they came to know that God would see them through, that God would provide the gifts necessary to live through such drastic life changes and create new ministry and new faith experiences.

Hopefully, this new start to school and “changing seasons” will be a time of goodness and joy for all of us. We are off to a wonderful new beginning. My prayer is that we will all be part of the awesome ministries of Country Club Christian Church this year—whatever lies ahead!

Peace,

P.S. Speaking of change, on Aug. 15 you and I celebrate three years of being in ministry together. Some changes are good.

### avoda on Aug. 17

**6:30 p.m. in Combs Chapel**

Join us on Sun., Aug. 17 for a contemplative, meditation worship experience featuring art, technology and music by the avoda band. Geared for young adults and the young at heart. College-age individuals are invited to stay after avoda for good food, drink and conversation.

### Prayer Retreat with Dr. George Gordon

**Sept. 19-20**

Dr. George Gordon presents a weekend of guided prayer at Conception Abbey in Conception, MO. There will be a short Friday night session from 8:00-9:00 p.m. and several sessions on Saturday, with a 4:00 p.m. departure. \$50 per person. Sign up by Sept. 2. Space is limited.

### Ladies Who Lunch

**Tues., Sept. 16, noon – 1:00 pm**

All women of the church are invited to a luncheon on Sept. 16 to meet and get to know our two newest missionaries to Haiti and enjoy a 20-minute program.

In October, 2007 the Country Club Christian Church Outreach Council approved a commitment to fund \$30,000 over three years. The funds will support Patrick Bentrott, who is working with the National Spiritual Council of Churches in Haiti (CONASPEH). Patrick's primary responsibilities will have to do with CONASPEH's programs in theological education. His wife, Kim, will work with CONASPEH's health program. Plans are for them to depart for Haiti in late October.

To reserve a seat at the luncheon, contact Mary Margaret at 816-333-4917 or [marymargareta@cccckc.org](mailto:marymargareta@cccckc.org), or sign up in the Parlor on Sunday morning by Sept. 10.

## Family Mission Trip to South Dakota



The family mission team spent a night in an authentic teepee on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.



Above, Byron Buffalo, a local United Church of Christ pastor, helped Addison Schlatter with her bow and arrow practice.

Our week on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in South Dakota for the Family Mission trip was an amazing experience. Twenty-three people from nine families participated in the service week July 19-26.

We hosted community dinners, helped in summer school and prepared for a rummage and bake sale. The children and adults on our team sought to be visible participants in the communities where we served. This is our third year returning to the Cheyenne River area and our relationships with the community are growing and deepening.

We look forward to summer 2009 to return.

## Save the Date

### Race to Grace 2 Is Coming!

All middle school and high school youth are urged to mark their calendars for Aug. 22-24 for Race to Grace 2, a follow-up to the highly acclaimed Race to Grace 2007.

If you have seen TV's *The Amazing Race* you have an idea of what the event is all about. Teams of middle school and high school students will travel all over the metro in a race to solve clues and compete in different mental and physical challenges. Think of it as a high-energy scavenger hunt with something for everyone. Invite your friends for a fun-filled weekend.

This is also an opportunity for adults to create a weekend of faith development and fun for our youth. If you are a parent or adult who is interested in volunteering, contact Rev. Kelly Ingersoll at [kellyi@cccckc.org](mailto:kellyi@cccckc.org) or Justin Zeigler at [justinz@cccckc.org](mailto:justinz@cccckc.org). We are pumped for R2G2 this year and hope that you will join in the fun, fellowship, and growth in faith.

## God's Big Backyard – A Blast!!!

Our Vacation Bible Week (July 28 – Aug 1) was a great success with over 80 children registered! We filled the church with enthusiastic energy learning about serving family, friends, neighbor, and community; ending on Friday in the 'backyard' for a morning of fun-filled fellowship.

A special thanks to all the volunteers: Allison Reynolds, Carly Trout, Carrie Scott, Chris Trout, Connor Ehman, Deb Stone, Heidi Hicks, Jansen Hess, Jay Lehoczky, Jodi Sullivan, Joyce Minor, Justin Zeigler, Karla Herrington, Kate Schaefer, Kellin Martiny, Ken Hubbell, Kendra Martiny, Kristin



Patterson, Laine Riley, Lucy Lehoczky, Mac Price, Matt Martiny, Riley Hoffman, Ruth Lockhart, Sadie Trout, Steven Miles, Tina McGuire, Vicki Lopatofsky, Lauren Weinhold.

### Youth Ministry Extravaganza Sun, Sept. 7, 9:30 a.m.

Come hear what is going on in Youth Ministry during 2008-2009. Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Center (Room 205) for coffee and a light breakfast. The formal program will begin at 10:15 a.m. We will distribute Youth Ministry packets to youth and parents and you will have an opportunity to sign up for volunteer teams. We will be done at 12:30 p.m.



## Extending the Love of God

by Rev. Carla Aday, Senior Associate Minister



You have all heard about Raul, the little boy with the severe fungus infection in Nicaragua. We first met him one year ago at our make-shift clinic in the rural mountain village of Guadalupe. His chronic condition puzzled our team doctor who photographed him for experts here in Kansas City to examine. When we returned to Guadalupe last winter we were able to break through the paperwork maze and government bureaucracies to get Raul into the dermatology hospital in the capital city of Managua. There he received a diagnosis and treatment plan that was

paid for out of your contributions to the Collection Connection.

During our recent trip to Nicaragua we were scheduled to go to a new village – six hours further up the mountain from Raul’s home. But we pre-arranged to meet Raul and his mother at an office midway along our trip so that we could see his healing first-hand. But luggage problems delayed our travel day. We had no way to notify Raul that we weren’t coming since no phone service reaches his village. So Carty Johannsen and I, along with an interpreter, boarded a public bus and headed to the meeting point. We arrived about 2:00 p.m. Raul had been waiting for us in the office since 6:00 a.m.

I wish you could have seen his smile. The fungus on his face is almost gone. The fungus on his head has cleared up so much that he is finally able to grow hair. He is still very small for his age and he still has lots of infection on his eyelids. But his Mother told me, “He no longer feels pain.” And she smiled, too. He will complete four more months of treatment. And then the doctor says that he will begin to grow again. A surgery may still be needed on his eyes.

Somewhere in the mountains of Nicaragua, a little boy named Raul wears a KC Royals baseball cap. When he puts it on, he thinks of you. People who he has never met. People who revealed to him the love of God. Who says that miracles don’t still happen today?

*Carla*

## Children and Families

### Sunday School August 17

*Worship & Wonder* and *Fountains of Faith* rotation will begin in full on Sun., Aug. 17 during the Sunday School hour, 9:55 – 10:55 a.m. Children 3 ½ through Kindergarten will meet for *Worship & Wonder* with their storytellers, while 1st – 5th graders will gather with their Shepherds by grade level. We hope to see everyone!

### Backyard Movie Night

Join us on Fri., Aug. 29 for an outdoor movie in the church’s backyard. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for comfortable viewing. The featured movie will be family friendly – for kids of all ages. Popcorn and lemonade served and a free will offering will be taken. Gather at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship and play-time with the movie beginning at approximately 7:45 p.m. Bring friends to enjoy this opportunity of fun and fellowship!

### First Steps

Families with children under three are invited to join other families on the first Sunday of the month from 9:55 to 10:55 a.m. beginning Sept. 7. We gather for informal fellowship as we explore how your infant and toddler come to know God and what your role as parents can be in fostering their faithfulness. We hope to see you in Rm. 304 on Sept. 7! Contact Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn at [catherinesc@cccckc.org](mailto:catherinesc@cccckc.org) with questions.

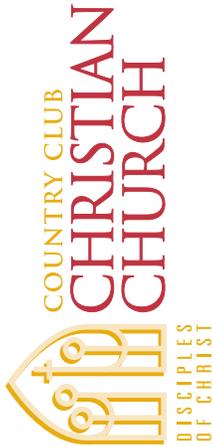
### Save the Date

Club Kids (3rd – 5th graders) begins meeting on Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 7!

### Infant Dedications

We joyfully welcome new babies into our congregation through recognition during a worship service. The next opportunity is Sun., Aug. 26, during the 11:00 a.m. service. If you would like to be included, contact Chris Trout at 816-333-4917 or [christ@cccckc.org](mailto:christ@cccckc.org).

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## Collection Connection

### Cross-Lines Community Outreach

In August, we are collecting items for Cross-Lines Community Outreach for its shower facilities. Guests who are day laborers, homeless, or are new in town and looking for jobs, often shower and change into appropriate clean clothing for interview opportunities. Items needed include disposable razors, full-size roll-on deodorant, conditioner (they already have plenty of shampoo), and combs. Please bring your donations to the Parlor. Cash donations are also accepted.

## Our Church Family

### Sympathy

MAGDALENE MYERS passed away July 24 . She is survived by a son, James Myers and daughter-in-law, Pam, and a daughter, Susan Myers. Services were held on July 30, Rev. Cynthia Heller officiating.

WENDELL CLYDE HEMBREE passed away July 25 in Houston, TX. He is survived by his wife, Naomi. Services were held on Aug. 1 in the sanctuary, Rev. Cynthia Heller officiating.

### In the Hospital

As of Aug. 7, we are calling on the following individuals: Milt Luce at St. Luke's Plaza and Theron Swank at St. Joseph Medical Center.

### Memorials

CLEO M. LITTLE

Sandra & John Bressman  
Verle Brooks

Verlyn & Barbara Brooks

Gary & Ila Brooks

Bill & Lynda Brooks

David & Janis Van Meter

Ross & Patricia Thomas

Rosemary Kidd

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