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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.

Join Us for Festival Sunday on August 21

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 *Grace Spoken Here*, children and youth will advance to the next Sunday School grade level, and we will gather for lunch on the front lawn.



Picnic on the Front Lawn: 11:45 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

- ◆ Fun, food and festivities for all!
- ◆ 5 Star Jazz band will play old favorites.
- ◆ Picnic lunch served. (\$6 per person, maximum \$25 per family. Guests and visitors complimentary.)
- ◆ Enjoy games such as bean bag toss and an inflatable bounce house.
- ◆ Fruit and breads in the Parlor; sign up for fall classes and events.

10th Anniversary of September 11

Commemorative Worship Services Planned; Miroslav Volf to Speak

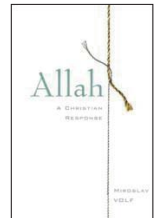
Special Worship Times

The 10th anniversary of 9/11 will be recognized during two worship services on Sun., Sept. 11, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Clergy representatives from different faith traditions will join Dr. Glen Miles in leading services focused on unity and hope for the future. There will be no 10:00 a.m. chapel service that day.

founder and director of Yale Center for Faith and Culture and is a professor of Theology at Yale University Divinity School.

Book Study

Purchase *Allah: A Christian Response* in The Well Book and Gift store for \$25, and then join a 4-week study and discussion group facilitated by Phil Love that will meet on Tuesdays beginning Aug. 30 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.



Pathways to Learning



At 9:55 a.m., acclaimed theologian Miroslav Volf, author of the book *Allah: A Christian Response*, will speak in the Social Hall. His presentation is entitled *A Christian Response to 9/11*. Dr. Volf is the



New Methods to Give

Country Club Christian Church offers the reliability and ease of giving by automatic transfer/payment. In an attempt to secure your information and to follow new banking restrictions we are implementing new procedures. Even if you have given in these ways before, Country Club Christian Church will not automatically continue any process of payment from the past year without one of the steps from below.

1. Automatic bank withdrawals through our online management site. Our preferred and most flexible option is to set up and pay by automatic bank withdrawals through our online management site, at www.cccckc.org/give. If you prefer you can also do this via paper by printing our Electronic Authorization Form.

- 2. Pay by credit card.** Option 1 above is preferred, as credit card payments are expensive for the church to process, but if you prefer to give via credit card, please print the Electronic Giving Authorization Form at www.cccckc.org/give or pick-up a copy in the church office.
- 3. Give by stock, bond, or life insurance.** Detailed directions are at the link listed above. Please give this information to your agent/broker.

Please contact Rob Gilkerson at robg@cccckc.org with questions or for more information.

Campaign Update

Thank you to all those who have returned their 2011 campaign commitment cards. We are 80 percent of the way to our goal for the annual campaign, and just over half way to our goal for the capital campaign.

The process of beginning capital projects is underway. A structural engineer is currently drawing exterior plans so that the process of opening a request for proposals can begin.

Two projects on the capital list—replacing carpet on the third floor and updating the brides' room in the



Chapel— have been under discussion for a number of years, and other funding sources for these projects had been under consideration prior to the launch of the current capital campaign. Recently funding for these two projects has been secured independent of the campaign, so work will begin on them soon.

We are still collecting campaign commitment cards. If you have not yet submitted your card, please do so as soon as possible. Visit www.cccckc.org to submit your commitment electronically, or pick up a card in the church office.

Your Outreach Dollars at Work

Ever wonder how our Outreach dollars are distributed? The Outreach Council, a committee of church members, meets monthly and reviews requests for funds from various charitable organizations. The Council is responsible for being good stewards of the church's outreach funds, so each request is reviewed and discussed before any funds are granted. Often grants are only partially funded to extend outreach dollars to a larger number of organizations.

In the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the Council received \$64,921 from our endowment funds and another \$125,000 from the church operating budget. The largest part of these funds—\$79,764—went to the Disciples Ministry and Missions fund in Indianapolis, IN. The remaining funds were distributed to 17 recipient organizations.

The maximum grant that can be made is \$10,000. Most grants are smaller. Grants for new programs or emergency needs are given priority over grants that are requested to support an organization's general budget.

The Council also selects the recipients of our Christmas and Easter offerings. These two offerings last year totalled almost \$55,000. Six local and international organizations received portions of those offerings.

As we enter a new fiscal year, the Outreach Council wants to add new members. If you are interested in how our outreach dollars are distributed, please contact Lance Jessee (816-444-4933 or ljessee@kcnet.com). If you would like to see a breakdown of distribution of funds, contact Lance.



A Long Range Plan

by Dr. R. Glen Miles



What would happen if our singular goal, our entire long range plan for all that we do at Country Club Christian Church, was to gather each week with the primary desire of experiencing God?

Our goal would be strengthened by the desire to live and follow in the way of Jesus. Please know that I do not mean that in an exclusive kind of way; a “we’ve got Jesus and you don’t” kind of theology. Nor do I mean it in a “we’ve found Jesus so we get an eternal reward” kind of way and “you better watch out or you’re not going to get the same reward” kind of idea either.

Rather, what if we came each week excited about seeing each other and thrilled about the possibility of a life grounded in God? What would that be like?

Two thousand years ago Paul wrote a letter to a church in Ephesus with this very thought in mind. He wrote to tell them that God’s plan was to gather up all things according to God’s good pleasure. This news was so exciting to Paul that he wanted that congregation to live in praise of God in such a way that everyone would begin to see that God’s love is real.

God’s plan isn’t a secret. God’s plan was for love to rule. Paul concludes the first half of this letter with a prayer for the church. It’s a prayer for us too because it is a prayer for all Christians:

“...that you may be strengthened in your inner being...and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.”

That is a way of saying that we will lead with our hearts. He is asking us to see everything and everyone in the world through the eyes of love; grounded, rooted, and planted in the fact that we stand on love, the love of God and nothing else.

His prayer is quite clear: he wants us to connect our hearts and minds through the love of God. He is asking us to bring our whole selves to God with the intent of strengthening that connection between our emotions and our intellect. One without the other is weak. Together they form an amazingly strong bond; one that is able to withstand anything this life may throw at us.

Grace and peace to you,

New Member Sunday on August 14

Country Club Christian Church will welcome new members on Sun., Aug. 14 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth, at laurenw@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.

Worship with us!

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

August 7

Walking the Beautiful Journey
Rev. Steve Mason preaching

August 14

Merciful to All
Romans 11: 29-32

August 21

Festival Sunday
Grace Spoken Here
Romans 5: 1-5

August 28

Love From the Center
Romans 12: 9-21

Adult Ministries at Country Club Christian Church

Adult Bible Studies Beginning Soon

Short-term and Long-term Options Available

Opportunities for Bible study and faith formation groups are beginning this month. Options are available for both short-term groups and longer term study.

“Allah: A Christian Response” – Do Christians and Muslims worship the same God? Beginning Aug. 30 and continuing through Sept. 20, this group will meet on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Phil Love will lead this four-week discussion of a new and timely book by a cutting edge theologian named Miroslav Volf. The class will encourage participants to ponder one of the most sensitive and critical questions of the 21st century. The book is \$25 in The Well.

Disciples Bible Study I (DBS) – This overview of the entire Bible invites you to know the whole story and to let it shape your life in new ways. Participants engage in daily/weekly homework reading of the Bible and the Disciple Bible Study workbook. The course benefits from the most modern scholarship available and challenges students to become Disciples. **Thursday Afternoons** – Led by Rev. Steve Mason, this class meets every week from 1:00-3:00 p.m., Sept. 1-May 17. The book will be available in the church office for \$35.

Christian Believer (pre-requisite: Disciple Bible Study I) – This 30-week study of the core Christian teachings involves both Bible readings and brief readings from famous theologians that guide us in connecting to God and living faithfully. Homework is required. **Wednesday mornings** – Led by Lesley Holt, this class meets every week from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Aug. 17-May 2. The book will be available in the church office for \$36.

Jesus in the Gospels (pre-requisite: Disciple Bible Study I) – Compare and contrast the four gospels in this 30-week study which explores the images of Jesus found in scripture and how we might faithfully follow in his path. Homework is required. **Wednesday Evenings** – Led by Rev. Chuck Murphy, this class meets the first and third Wednesday of each month, beginning Sept. 7, from 6:30 -8:00 p.m.

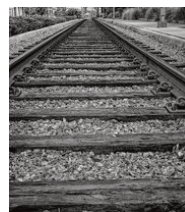
Faithbook – Explore how the Bible and friendship deepen the spiritual journey as we listen to a brief Bible presentation and then share reflections in guided small groups. For women ages 25-65. **Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. OR**

Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Pick the time frame that works best for your schedule. Led by Rev. Carla Aday. Sign up with Mary Margaret House at 816-333-4917 or marymargareth@ccccc.org

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – This group for seniors will study the book of Hebrews. It meets Wednesday morning beginning Sept. 7 through May from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Youth Center (Rm. 205), led by Rev. Chuck Murphy.

More opportunities will continue in the fall and in 2012. Check out the listings in the Fall 2011 Ministries Guide available on Festival Sunday.

Young Adult Worship



Young adults, ages 18-30, are invited to “The Way Station” on Tues., Aug. 16, at First Christian Church of North Kansas City to dine, discuss and worship with other young adults from across the metropolitan area. The evening starts at 7:00 p.m. with dinner and continues until 9:00 p.m. For directions, more information and to RSVP, search “the way station” on Facebook or contact Rev. Steve Mason, stevem@cccckc.org.

Infant Dedication on July 24



Rory McDaniel, son of Mark & Jennifer Landes, was dedicated on July 24 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Accompanying him were his sister, Parker, 3 and his brother, Callahan, 1.



The Golden Age

by Ms. Lauren Weinhold, Director of Church Growth



My favorite movie so far this summer has been Woody Allen's *Midnight in Paris*. It is an absolutely lovely film. For those of you that haven't seen the movie, I won't spoil it for you, but the premise is this: The main character (played by Owen Wilson) fanaticizes about living in an earlier time, or, as he calls it, the Golden Age. He imagines that if only he could have lived in the 1920s, his life would have been more exciting, more fulfilling, more inspired. The movie chronicles his journey toward happiness, which, not surprisingly, ends up being right in front of

him.

It can be tempting to get caught in "Golden Age thinking" when reminiscing about our church's rich and impressive history. If only the pews could be as full as they were in the 1920s. If only the church still had the powerful reputation it did in the '30s. If only our building could be in as good a condition as it was when it was built.

What we lose sight of when caught in this mindset is the bright and vibrant today that we are living in. This summer, over two dozen youth were part of a revolution of love while on mission trips to Minneapolis and Chicago. This year, more members and friends of the congregation will have participated in Grace At Work than ever before. We are currently in the midst of a capital campaign that will allow us to make several much-needed repairs to the campus using the most up-to-date, efficient, eco-friendly technology available. We have a reputation in the community today of being one of the most hospitable, inclusive, grace-filled churches in all of Kansas City.

The present and future of this faith community is full of promise and hope. I am proud to claim Country Club Christian Church as my church home, not only because of our rich history, but because of who we are today and where God is leading us. William Shakespeare perhaps said it best, "The Golden Age is before us, not behind us."

Blessings,

Grace at Work on September 24

Please join us Sat., Sept. 24 for our fifth Grace at Work event. Many hands will make for light work and a great impact in our community! A few hours of service can make a difference at a local organization in Kansas City or even complete projects right here at Country Club Christian Church. Grace at Work is a wonderful opportunity to make a short time commitment of service that results in a widespread impact in Kansas City. It offers a unique occasion for rewarding fellowship and service that you will not want to miss. Watch for sign-ups later this summer.



Green Team Class

Salsa From the Garden – Canning 101
Tues., Aug. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Take your first steps toward preserving fresh local produce by learning how to water bath can salsa. Hands-on experience with Karen Elliott, Nutrition and Health Education Specialist, University of Missouri Extension. We will meet in the Social Hall kitchen on the ground floor. Please register in advance through Mary Margaret House, marymargareth@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917. Cost is \$15 at the door, payable to University of Missouri Extension.

CYF Mission Team Works in Chicago

CYF youth (9th-12th grade) traveled to Chicago July 17-23 to work with the Night Ministry and Holy Family Ministries. In working with the Night Ministry, the youth purchased food and prepared more than 200 meals for people and distributed them in parks while nurses and other health care professionals cared for people who were homeless. The youth also had an opportunity to host a day of day camp for Holy Family Ministries by playing games and building relationships with the children. Additionally, the group took time to be tourists, seeing the sights of Chicago and swim in Lake Michigan on one of the hottest days of the year.



Above, the mission team at Lake Michigan in Chicago: back, Andie Forsee, Justin Zeigler, Ross Commerford, Scott Fuller, Chris Martin, Grant Forsee, David Sherbondy.

Middle: Meghan Jackson, Steven Miles, Lucy Lehoczky, Jansen Hess.

Front: Kellin Martiny, Jansen Hess.



Above Jansen Hess gets her hair braided by kids at Holy Family Ministries day camp.

Chi Rho Youth Help Children in Minneapolis

Chi Rho youth (6th-8th grade) traveled to Minneapolis, MN, July 10-15 to work with the Salvation Army in one of their day camps that provides a literacy program and a meal to kids in a low income area of the city. The youth played games, led reading exercises and built relationships with the children in Minneapolis.

The youth also worked with the Red Ribbon Ride, which helps raise money for HIV/AIDS research and care. Both organizations were thankful for the hard work and joy that kids from Country Club Christian Church brought with them.

VBS Filled the Halls with Pandamania!

Last week, a crowd of children, youth and adults made *PandaMania – Where God is Wild about You!!* come alive. With the help of adults and youth, the kids created tie dye t-shirts, made candles and prayer booklets. As part of their outreach, they rolled silverware for Independence Blvd Christian Church for the Monday night meals for homeless, prepared items for activity bags for KC Hospice House, and helped with the recycling efforts of the church.



Above: Amelia Hicks, Rachel D'Attoma, Lauren McGuire

Left: Jake Bartlett, Susan Bell, David Bell, Adam Bell



Wes and Sean Battey



Let the Healing Begin

by Rev. Chuck Murphy, Minister of Congregational Care



“And (Jesus) cured many who were sick with many diseases...” (Mark 1:34). Jesus cured many, but how? What does it mean to “be Jesus for her” when her child has just been diagnosed with a rare disease? People for whom I pray are still ill, couples still face complex issues, and children still suffer. The gospels are filled with healing and hope; so, why aren’t more healed?

During an overnight stay as a hospital chaplain, I was called by a nurse to visit a patient, who continually moaned and cried out to God for help. I read scripture and prayed for her. Nothing I did eased her pain. Later, I realized I left her room out of my own insecurity. I read the Bible and said a prayer for my own comfort. I never took the time to listen to her, to hear what she was experiencing, let alone respond to her need.

Listen...that’s what Jesus did! What Jesus did first was to listen to the sick, the lost, the hurting. He heard what they said, what their concerns were. He understood their situation before he could even begin to act on their behalf. Maybe that is how they experienced their healing. Someone took the time to listen to them and accept them for who they were.

My greatest help in times of trial is someone who cared enough about me to listen to my struggles. They didn’t offer advice, but took the time to hear a part of my sacred story. Time and time again, I have heard the same from others. Being heard leads to affirmation of who we are and that we are not alone in our struggles. Accepting how we think and feel often comes when we’re with someone who takes the time to truly listen to us. And, in that acceptance, I believe healing begins.

In our church, we have Stephen Ministers – a group of very compassionate people who come along side others in their time of need. They have undertaken training to enhance their listening skills and to learn how disease and crises affect those who are hurting. They share their gifts of compassion to those in need. And, as they listen, healing begins.

Blessings,

Chuck

Children and Families

Third Grade Bible Presentation

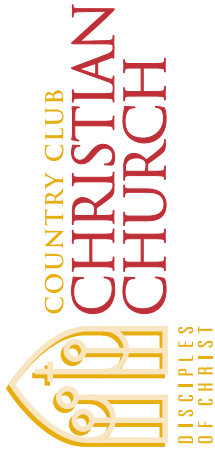
Sunday, August 21

Children entering third grade will be presented with the Bible of their choice on Festival Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Letters with full details and a postcard to indicate choice of Bible have been mailed. If you have a son or daughter entering third grade and did not receive information about the Bible presentation, please contact Heather at heatherr@cccckc.org or 816-333-4917.

Donations/Ongoing Collection Effort

This summer our children are volunteering at the KC Hospice House. This is an exciting new opportunity, as we are helping start something new at the Hospice House. We are creating and assembling activity bags for children. Please bring in anything you think would be fun that will fit in a lunch size paper bag. We are creating two different age appropriate types of bags and need items for ages 2-5 and ages 6-10. Some ideas include play dough, bubbles, puzzles, markers, activity books, small toys, chalk, pens, notepads, stickers, balls, and anything else that can supplement an activity bag! Please contact Karla Herrington if you have questions. Leave your donations in Karla’s office (Rm. 101) or look for the donation basket during Sunday school.

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Our Church Family

Congratulations

KYLE NORDSTROM and MEGAN COOK were married July 2 in the Sanctuary.

JENNIFER O'NEILL and DUSTIN BARNES were married July 16 in the Sanctuary.

KATE PICKERT and JUSTIN BEEBE were married July 23 in the Sanctuary.

Sympathy

ELEANOR KINCAID HARDY passed away July 29. She is survived by a son, David K. Hardy, and a daughter, Dr. Sally Pollock. A memorial service will be at 11:00 a.m. Sat., Aug. 20, Rev. Carla Aday officiating.

Memorials

Kay Prather-Rodriguez

Diane Friedemann
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Helen Kania
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