



**Woodson Chapel Christian Church**

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Woodson Chapel Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Sunday School – 9:30 A.M. Worship – 10:45 A.M.

*Chapel Call*

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**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

The Annual Church Picnic will be held on August 9<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Leah Watts, 2222 N. Leonard Road. The event will take place immediately following the Morning Worship Service. The Ministry of Membership will be providing the food. Come and enjoy the delicious food, great fellowship and enjoy a dip in the pool. Bring your swimsuit and towel.

# **Upcoming Events**

## **BOARD MEETING**

The Official Church Board will meet at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. All members are urged to make plans to attend this meeting so that we will have a voting quorum present to conduct Church business.

## **COMMUNITY DINNERS**

Our next dinner will be on August 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. If you would like to help or donate food, contact Barbara Mitchell or Carla Vienhage.

## **GAME/CRAFT NIGHT**

Game/Craft Night will be on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 6:00 PM. Bring a Craft to work on or a Game to play with others and a Snack to share. Come enjoy the fun and fellowship and see what you have been missing!

## **ELDERS MEETING**

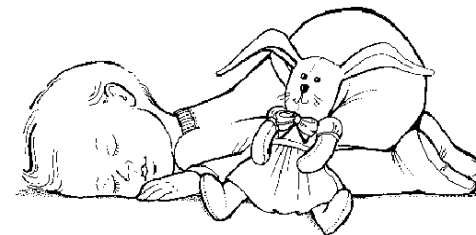
There will be an Elders Meeting on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 8:30 AM. All Elders are urged to make plans to attend this meeting.

## **NEW BEGINNINGS CLASS MEETING**

The New Beginnings Class will be meeting on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Church at 5:00 PM. Those attending are asked to bring a Covered Dish.

## **CHANCEL CHOIR**

The Chancel Choir has been on vacation during the month of July. They will resume their regular practice time beginning on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 PM. They invite you to come and join them as they again start singing to the glory of the Lord.



## **NEW BABIES**

Congratulations to Ryan and Kandy Addington on the birth of their son, Graham Edward. He was born on June 25, 2009 and weighed 9 pounds and was 22 inches long. Bob and Helen Hodkins are the proud grandparents.

Congratulations to Justin and Angela Combs on the birth of their son, Nathan Allen. He was born on June 28, 2009 and weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19½ inches long.

Congratulations to David and Jenny Miller on the birth of their son, Ethan Jack. He was born on July 4, 2009 and weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 19 inches long. Jack and Shirlee Miller are the proud grandparents.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

Woodson Chapel will host a Concert/Cookout for the neighborhood on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> in the evening. We will have Hotdogs, Chips, Drinks and 2 or 3 Bands that will play both Contemporary songs and Hymns. One of the Bands will stay over for Worship. The Band that came in March has agreed to come back for our Concert. Watch your Bulletins and September Chapel Call for more details. Mark your calendars and tell your friends.



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

The dates for Vacation Bible School are August 10, 11, 12, and 13 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Miranda Ham will be the Vacation Bible School Director. If you would like to help in any way, call Miranda Ham at (816) 233-3059 or Carla Vienhage at (816) 233-9225. They will need Teachers, Games, Crafts, Kitchen Help and Snacks from the Congregation. The theme for the Bible School is Camp E.D.G.E. – Experience & Discover God Everywhere. Our Insurance requires that we must have a separate permission form on file signed by the Parent/Guardian of each Child. A copy of this form has been in your Weekly Bulletins since the middle of July. The form should be turned in to the Church Office. **COME!!**

**HAVE FUN!!!**

### **COME TO WORSHIP EXPECTING TO ENCOUNTER GOD!**

One way to prepare for worship is to read, during the week, the passage for Sunday. Here are the passages for August:

- August 2 – Matthew 25:14-30
- August 9 – Genesis 11:1-9
- August 16 – I Kings 3:3-15
- August 23 – Ephesians 6:10-20
- August 30 – Matthew 6:25-34



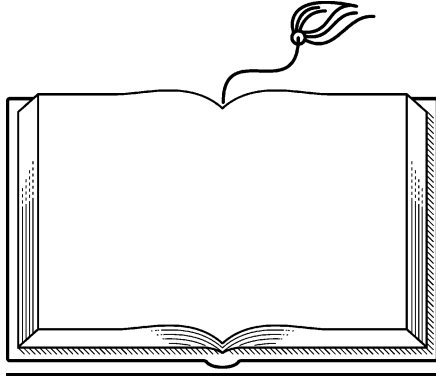
### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Mary-Martha Circle is collecting school supplies for distribution at Calvin Center. Donations from the Congregation are appreciated. The items requested are steel blade and plastic handle (4-1/2”) blunt and pointed scissors, rulers (standard/metric), #2 pencils (not mechanical), large erasers, crayons, colored construction paper, spiral notebooks with wide lines, loose leaf notebook paper with wide lines, Elmer’s glue, glue sticks, hand-held pencil sharpeners that catch the shavings, Jewel Manila paper(9x12), Prang OVAL 8 water colors, markers, colored pencils, supply boxes, black, red and blue pencils, box of tissues and backpacks. Donations may be put in a collection box in the Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations can be given to Linda Long, or any member of the Mary-Martha Circle. Thanks for helping children to start school with the needed supplies. They will be collecting through the first week of August.

### **INCOME FROM PLEDGES AND DONATIONS**

The Treasurer reports that income from Pledges and Donations for the weeks listed below amounted to:

June 28, 2009	-	\$ 1,047.27
July 5, 2009	-	\$ 1,801.40
July 12, 2009	-	\$ 1,173.70
July 19, 2009	-	\$ 1,456.20



### **MEMORY CHALLENGES**

During each week, you have been challenged in your Weekly Bulletins to add one or more of these passages of scripture to your memory including the reference.

***II Timothy 1:7 (NRSV) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.***

***I Corinthians 12:5 (NRSV) There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.***

***Galatians 6:2 (NRSV) Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.***

***Judges 2:16 (NRSV) Then the Lord raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them.***



We extend our deep sympathy to the family of Bob Meeks. He passed away on July 2, 2009 at the Veterans Home in Cameron, Missouri.

We also extend our deep sympathy to the family of Gaylan Carr. He passed away on July 9, 2009.

**THANK YOU!  
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Woodson Chapel Friends:

Thank you all so much for the prayers, cards and love you sent our way. Also, all the food you prepared for us so we could enjoy a family dinner after Dad's funeral. Everything has been greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Rev. Lois, Rev. Bob and Barbara Mitchell for your words of comfort and wisdom.

Dee, Tom, Gayle, Mike and Denise (Carr Family)

Dear Friends in Christ:

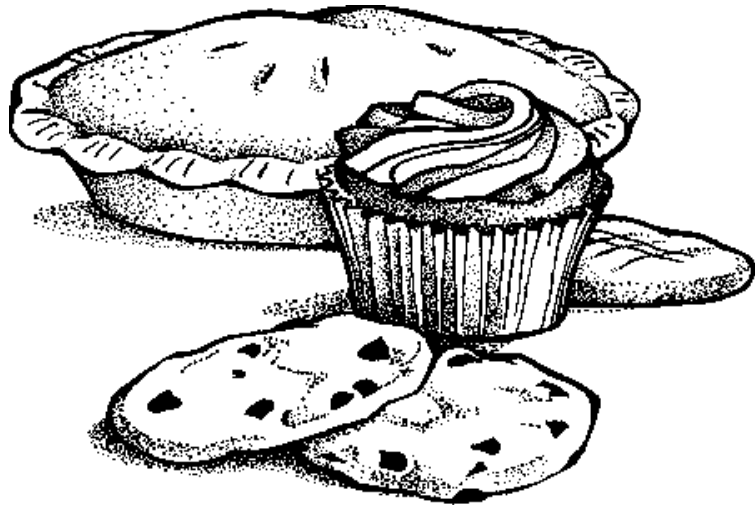
First of all, I want to thank you for your Church's generous support of Inter/Serv's Calvin Center Food Pantry. Thank you for your gift of 81 food items. Your faith, expressed by your gift to Inter/Serv, reaches the most vulnerable in our community by helping to provide food and encouragement to people in need during these tough economic times.

David G. Howery, LCSW, Executive Director



### LITTLE CHAPEL COUNTRY STORE

**IT IS NOT TOO EARLY** – to start planning what items you would like to put in our Little Chapel Country Store. This event will be held in conjunction with our annual Turkey Dinner. They can use craft items such as scented candles, wooden craft items, country baskets filled or unfilled, and home canned items such as jams, jellies, pickles, salsas, etc. They can also use pies, cakes, cupcakes, muffins, candy, fudge, breads, etc. If you need additional information about donating items to this event, see Barbara Mitchell, or Barbara Frank.



## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Summer is the time for vacations, relaxing and renewal. When I think of summer, my favorite time of year, many things come to mind. First, vacations and how thankful I am that God does not take a vacation. God is always there for us and never tires of hearing from us, helping us and enjoying our praise. Luke 18:1 “Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.” Is there someone you know who doesn’t have God in their life or maybe someone you’ve been inviting to church or bible study? Continue to pray and ask God to work in their life.

Another thing that comes to mind is how I don’t have to wait for a vacation to feel renewed. I can get a daily vacation of renewal by spending time reading God’s Word and in prayer. Psalm 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” The Holy Spirit helps us to understand the scriptures. Luke 24:45 “Then he opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures.” II Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.” Do you feel like your day is packed, so many things that need to be done and you’re not sure how you are going to accomplish everything? Take time out first thing and read the Bible and pray you will be amazed at how your time is stretched when you give God time first.

Summer also reminds me of growth. The growth of vegetables and the popping up of vegetable and fruit stands along country roads. I love fresh vegetables and enjoying the harvest. Much work goes into making those wonderful vegetables available. The field must be prepared and the soil just right before the seed is planted. Then the seed must receive the right amount of care, sunlight, water and removal of weeds. At just the right time the vegetables are ready to pick. This is how with the harvest for the Kingdom of God. Jesus said in Matthew 9:37-38 "Then he said to his disciples, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

We need to prepare the soil by spending time in prayer for those we want to share the Good News with and ask God to prepare their hearts and to prepare us. Then work at building the relationship, respecting each other, caring for the person and being honest and genuine. Once the soil is prepared a seed can be planted. Remember the seed needs care in order to produce fruit. You may or may not be the one to provide the care or see the harvest but never give up and continue to pray.

We have opportunities to plant and care for seeds in the lives of children. We do this through Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Youth Group, Mission Trips, Worship and throughout the life of the church. We care for them by offering to teach them, respect them, and give them leadership opportunities in the church and especially in worship. Mentors are also very important. A mentor can be someone who gives them encouragement, prays for them, helps them learn by observation, sends them cards or emails letting them know they are important! What will your harvest look like?

Rev. Lois Kelley

