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

Chapel Call

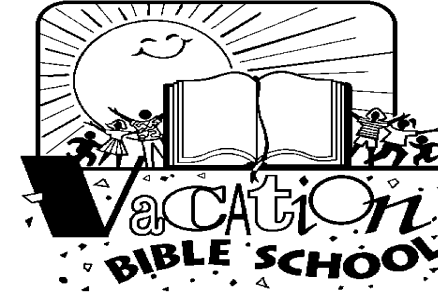
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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 will be in your Weekly Bulletins beginning in the Middle of July. The form should be turned in to the Church Office. **COME!!**
HAVE FUN!!!

Upcoming Events

PASTOR'S CABINET MEETING

The Pastor's Cabinet will meet on Tuesday, July 7th, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM. We will be looking at Chapters 4 and 5 of the Ministry Momentum Book. Bring your ideas, concerns, reflections and visions.

COMMUNITY DINNERS

Our Community Dinners are filling a need in the neighborhood. We had another good turnout for our June dinner. The next dinner will be on July 21st, from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. If you would like to help or donate food, contact Barbara Mitchell or Carla Vienhage.

BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible Study is from 1:00 – 2:00 PM. Join us as we begin the study of Ezekiel. We finish our study of Daniel on July 1st, and begin Ezekiel on July 8th.

GAME/CRAFT NIGHT

Game/Craft Night will be on Friday, July 24th, 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!

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir will not have Choir Practice during the month of July. Each Sunday in July, various members of the Choir will be doing Solos or Duets in place of the Choir Anthem. Choir Practice will resume on Monday, July 27th, at 6:00 PM.

NEW BEGINNINGS CLASS MEETING

The New Beginnings Class will be meeting on Saturday, July 18th, at 5:00 PM at the Frederick Inn Steakhouse, 1627 Frederick Avenue.



NEW BABY

Congratulations to Jud and Donna Wood on the birth of their new daughter, Delaney Jane Wood. She was born on June 11, 2009 and weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and was 19 inches long. Don and Carole Gamble are the proud grandparents.



YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

There will be **NO** regular scheduled Youth Meetings during the month of July because of our youth going to Camp.

CAMPERS

Support our Campers and Counselors by praying for them while they are at Camp. You can also send cards or letters to the Campers at the following address: Christian Church Camp, (Name of Camp and Camper) Camp Grand River, Crowder State Park, Trenton, MO 64683.

Junior Camp II – July 16 – 20

Nolan Ham, Katelynn Addington, McKenzie Beattie, Bethany Vienhage, Kim DesPlanques, Counselor.

Chi Rho Camp II – July 24 - 28

Zane Beattie, Counselors – Linda Long, David Long (Director), Dustin and Miranda Ham.

1, 2, 3 – Go! - July 21 - 23

Madyson McMillian, Grace Ham, Colton Vienhage, Camden Losson, Josie Reno

Musical Theatre Camp at Wyatt Park Christian Church

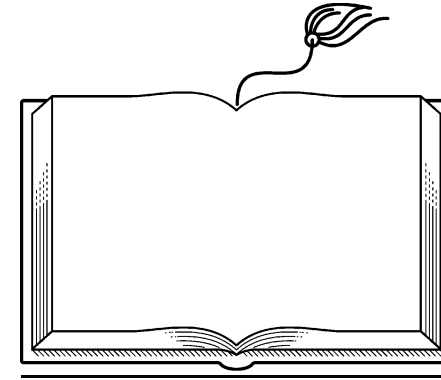
August 3 – 7

Nolan Ham, Bethany Vienhage, Katelynn Addington,
(This group will be in a production at Wyatt Park Christian Church on Friday, August 7th, at 6:30 PM. Watch the Bulletin for more details.

INCOME FROM PLEDGES AND DONATIONS

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

May 24, 2009	-	\$ 1,736.39
May 31, 2009	-	\$ 1,014.97
June 7, 2009	-	\$ 1,503.41
June 14, 2009	-	\$ 1,924.99
June 21, 2009	-	\$ 1,678.55



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.

James 3:8 (NRSV) But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Acts 2:1 (NRSV) Now when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Isaiah 6:4 (NRSV) And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out and the house was filled with smoke.

Acts 9:7 (NRSV) And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.

II Corinthians 6:3 (NRSV) We give no offence in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed.



A CALL TO FIFTY DAYS OF FOCUS

By now N.W. Area Disciples know that the way that this area and the Region is organized to support congregations is going to change in 2010. The area office will also have to relocate by September 30, 2009 – most likely to temporary setting(s).

A few congregations in the N. W. Area are also reporting changes – reduction of staff, cutting budgets.

There is good news, too! Congregations that effectively engage with their communities are seeing increases in attendance and giving and their sense of purpose is growing sharper and all of that has been fueled by prayer and focusing attention on what matters most to God.

In addition to doing well the work of leadership, the Scriptures are clear that disciples of Jesus are to pray earnestly and to seek the mind and heart of God in everything. We just celebrated Pentecost when, after fifty days of prayer and focusing their intentions the first disciples received clarity about their mission to make disciples of all nations and were given the gift of the Holy Spirit to begin that mission with excellence and astonishing results.

So, following the good example of some of the congregations that we serve, we, the staff, volunteers and executive leaders serving the Christian Church in Mid-America, the N. W. Area, are calling on Disciples of Christ in the N. W. Area to Fifty Days of Focus beginning July 10 through August 28 that includes:

Daily prayer for discernment and courage so that our representatives and other regional leaders effectively and faithfully reorganize the way the area and region support congregations:

- Weekly fasting (one full meal a week) and/or abstaining from one hour of a time-wasting activity (watching that sit-com, re-run, for example) to re-connect us during that time to the hunger we have to be more Christ-like
- Sending ideas and recommendations to the area office concerning our reorganizing (as God reveals them to you)
- Invite at least one other person in your congregation/organization to do the above with you

Include in your prayers Woodson Chapel as we go through period of transition and seek to reach out to the community.

FAITH IN ACTION

God at work in our community and God's people working alongside God!

This article was emailed to us from Mary Norris the coordinator of Faith in Action. She will be sending us a story each month. God's people working alongside each other to share the light of Christ through their actions!

Faith in Action has had the privilege of working with a 44 year old gentleman who in layman's terms has a disease that is slowly shutting his muscles down. His doctors are surprised that he is still able to walk, but he is intent on doing as much as possible for himself as long as he can. Faith in Action volunteers from Wyatt Park Baptist are mowing grass, a volunteer from First Presbyterian changed a tire on his van so that he can get his van converted to drive with hand controls, and volunteers from Brookdale Presbyterian have built a ramp with a small deck so that he can sit outside and enjoy the fresh air and get to his van. He shared that he feels that God has really been blessing him and has started to go to church again. He looks forward to the day when his van will be ready for him to drive, and he hopes to get a part-time job.

Together, all of YOU have made a difference! God bless each of you who volunteer through your congregation and Faith in Action!



We extend our deep sympathy to the family of Connie Violet-Liberty. She passed away on June 5, 2009.



Thank you all again for your prayers, calls, cards and concern with my recent surgery. Things are going fine and I hope to soon be there with you. Thanks especially to Lois for being there during surgery and her prayers and calls. It's great to know Carole and I have such a loving church family.

Don & Carole Gamble

Thank you to everyone who helped during our "Sparkle Sunday". Classroom was painted, rooms were spruced up, wax was removed from alter and wall, windows cleaned, closets cleaned, tablecloths folded and much more. Thank you to our Custodian, Bob Lawrence for the wonderful job he does on the day-to-day cleaning and setting up for events.

Rev. Lois

Thank you to such a wonderful church family for all the prayers, calls, cards, visits and concerns during my recent stay in the hospital. A very special thank you to Rev. Lois for her visits and prayers. It is good to be back at the job.

George Rice

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR **PASTOR**

What is the meaning of worship? Webster's defines worship as: dignity; honor; a title of honor; religious service; adoration; reverence.

What is the focus of Worship? Is it the music, the message, communion, evangelism? These may be parts of a worship service but they are not the focus. The focus is the audience of One, the One we come to worship. God is the focus of our worship. We come together to honor, adore and praise God.

Worship is to be experienced, to be an encounter with God. Be an active participant in worship through prayer. Come expecting to be in the presence of God. Spend time in prayer before, during and after the service. Worship is active no passive.

Worship is not about singing traditional or contemporary songs. The singing is to be focused on God. Whether we sing a praise song or a hymn the important thing is not the style but what we sing to God from our heart.

Worship is participatory not entertainment. Involvement includes but not limited to: greeters at the door, anyone who greets and welcomes people around them, those who show visitors the way, deacons and elders, sound and video techs, lay leaders and musicians. Your involvement can enhance your worship experience and when your focus is on God you will feel his presence.

Worship is experiencing God in a way that is authentic and meaningful. Come to worship expecting to meet God, to be in God's presence and don't be afraid to share your experiences of being with God, with others.

Rev. Lois Kelley