BOARD HIGHLIGHTS
April, 2008

The Christian Women's Fellowship donated $3,000 toward the Building Fund during March. Other pledged receipts for March were $3,554. Total Building Fund income for March was $6,554.

There was discussion regarding our concern about the pledged giving receipts for the Building Fund. Unless we have special giving toward the Building Fund, our monthly income has fallen short of the amount needed to make our committed payment on our Building Fund loan for the last several months. It was the consensus of the Board that we need to express this concern to our members and ask them to stay current on their Building Fund giving.

Our church donated $100 to the Show-Me Christian Youth Home for April.

We received a thank you for our donation made to Johnson County Habitat for Humanity during the month of March. We also received a Membership Certificate from the "Square Foot Club" in recognition of the donation.

When you go shopping, please remember to add a few extra items for the Food Center. We have a collection box in the Christian Life Center lobby for your donations. The need to help others in our community is an ongoing outreach ministry.

The Clothes Closet can always use extra help preparing donated items for the shoppers. Give them a call and volunteer.

Please let the church office know if you have high school or college graduates in your family.

The need continues for volunteers to lead the Pre-K through 5th grade Sunday School class for the summer months. Please advise Dianne Maness or the church office if you are willing to help in this capacity.

Our second annual tea party will be held Saturday afternoon, May 3, at 1:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center for all our ladies of all ages and their guests. Come and join the fun!

We now have business size cards that give pertinent information about our church. They are nice to hand to others when inviting them to church. The cards are available at the church office.

We have installed a new Pressure Assist toilet in the handicapped area of the men's restroom in the Christian Life Center. The toilet was provided with funds from the Campbellite Ministries. As funds are available, we will also install the same type toilet in the ladies restroom.

We are offering an opportunity to any individual or group who would like to "adopt" the brick planter at the front of the church. This would involve beautifying the front of the church by planting flowers in the planter and being responsible for them over the summer. Call the church office if you are interested.

We now have light switches at the door of our classrooms in the Education Building. This eliminates having to use a pull string for each light. There are also new breaker box switches at the entry of the Education Building, so please follow the instructions on the box before turning off the switches.

Due to a six-year life span, it is time to replace our fire extinguishers.

We have an ordinance to allow a “no parking” sign on our parking lot. This will eliminate parking except for the Farmers’ Market activities and for our church activities.

Our pipe organ repairs are still in progress.

After receiving proposals for replacing the sign at the front of the church, the Board decided to table this project for now in order to give concentrated consideration to our Building Fund income and our need for a Youth Director.

The Helping Hand Committee has dispersed funds totaling $10,000 to four different people over the past year. Three have cancer and the other is diabetic. Please contact Anita Gosney, Jerry Evans, or Nita Good if you know of someone with major medical needs creating financial burdens beyond the ability of the individual or family to pay.

There was discussion about our 8:30 a.m. Sunday Praise Service during the summer months. Originally our plans were to meet in the Christian Life Center during the cooler months, and during the summer months to meet on Thursday evenings in the courtyard. However, our 8:30 a.m. Sunday Service is going so well, we have concerns about making any changes. It was the consensus of the Board to continue the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Praise Service in the Christian Life Center on an annual basis, and at this time to discontinue the Thursday evening Courtyard Worship.

Pastor Basye stated he was excited and pleased with our Lenten Season services. Our Wednesday evening services were well received with 40 as an average attendance; we had 80 at our Maundy Thursday Service of Candles. There were 40 in attendance at Easter Sunrise Service, 80 at the 8:30 a.m. Easter Praise Service, 75 in Sunday School, and 160 at our Easter Worship Service. What a wonderful Lenten season!

We have an opportunity to help support a new program to start new congregations within our Ozark Lakes’ Area. In order to help with this ministry, our Pre-K through 5th grade Sunday School class has made buckets to collect coins (and folding money) that will go toward this endeavor. You will recognize the buckets by the wording “Keep Funding Churches.” The youth hope to collect a “mile of pennies.” The buckets will be at various locations in the church, so let’s all help out. This collection of coins will be in addition to our regular Joyful Noise collection that also goes to help others.

Please keep in mind Vacation Bible School that will be held June 23 – 26. Please let LuAnn Stillwell know if you can help with this event that involves several churches in our community.

Pastor Basye will meet with a group of adult and youth members to begin the process of securing a new Youth Director for our church.

Join us for our next regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Donna Elliott, Secretary