

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

February, 2008

Our Building Fund receipts for January totaled \$3,551. Our monthly payment commitment for the Christian Life Center is \$6,100, so the balance of the payment for January had to be taken from the Trustees' account.

The interest rate for the Christian Life Center loan changed from 6.5% to 7.75% in July, 2007. That rate will remain for three years when it will change again. We originally borrowed \$700,000 at 7.125% in 2004. We have paid \$158,060.27 on the principal to date. The interest on the loan is about \$115 each day. The January loan balance for the Christian Life Center was \$541,939.73.

The Dalhousie Fund in the amount of \$5,000 has been redeemed and will be applied to the payment for the repairs of our pipe organ.

Our church donated \$75 to the Clothes Closet and \$75 to Johnson County Emergency Care Coalition for February.

Our church did a great job for the "Souper Bowl" campaign. We donated 3,866 food items and \$175 toward personal hygiene items to the Food Center. Thanks to Stacy Elliott for coordinating the campaign for our church! The Food Center continues to serve more and more families each month, so there is always a great need for commodities.

The Clothes Closet always needs our help. Mondays are a very good work day. If you are able to help, drop by and give them a hand. If you have furniture to donate, call first to see when it will be convenient to leave it; please do not leave furniture outside the building.

As we do each year, Bibles will be presented to our youth who are completing the 4th grade. If you have a 4th grade student, please call the church office with their name so we will not overlook any of our young people.

We will honor 2008 high school and college graduates. Please let the church office know if you or others in your family will be graduating.

LuAnn Stillwell will be coordinating Vacation Bible School activities for our church.

Our summer Sunday School activities will begin on May 25 and continue for 15 Sundays through August 31. We will need volunteers to lead the lesson for our Pre-K through 5th grade students. Please call the church office if you can help.

We will need a youth group leader in the fall for our JYF, Chi-Rho, and CYF groups. We will also need someone to coordinate our DOC (Disciples on Campus) activities.

Our thanks to Matt and Teri Smith for their generous donation of Keebler cookies for our coffee fellowship following Worship Service.

Our Outreach giving for January totaled \$1,329.89, and it went to Disciples Mission Fund, Ozark Lakes Area, and Johnson County Emergency Care Coalition.

The Property Committee has purchased three large, heavy duty trash cans to go in our enclosed trash area. We are considering removal of the old shrubs at the front of the church and replacing them with new landscaping. We are also giving consideration to expanding our parking area on the north side of the church as well as extending the sidewalk along the east side of our Christian Life Center.

We are checking the possibility of replacing our sign at the front of the church. We are investigating changing from a standard sign to an electronic sign.

The Worship Committee is making plans for our Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services.

The Elders have a new monthly meeting time on the second Sunday of the month following the Campbellite Dinner. The Elders are continuing their study of Spiritual Gifts of our members, and they will also study group devotions.

The Christian Women's Fellowship will hold their annual Ham and Bean Dinner on March 9. Tickets are now on sale, and they are accepting volunteers to work at the dinner.

We had a good response to the current Share-A-Moment-With-Us photo exhibit that has a Scouting theme. Stop by to reminisce and enjoy the pictures.

Our thanks to Kim Godfrey and Tammie Crabtree for their many hours doing the set-up work for our Pictorial Directory! Olin Mills is now in the process of completing the directories and we hope to have them soon.

The Advisory Council had a good meeting in January, and they will plan to continue meeting on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Pastor Basye said he is extremely pleased with the response to our Sunday morning Praise Service at 8:30 a.m. He thanked the committee that has taken on this endeavor with enthusiasm; they assemble the equipment, take care of the details of the service, and handle the set up and take down of the equipment as we can't leave things set up from week to week.

Our Sunday School has also benefited from the Praise Service as people are at the church earlier. The whole atmosphere has a different feel on Sunday mornings and Pastor Basye is very pleased.

Our Wednesday evening Lenten Services are underway and will continue through March 12. Maundy Thursday worship will be on March 20 with Easter on March 23. The youth are planning to do their annual Sunrise Service at the Tackett Lake on Easter morning, and they will also perform it at the Praise Service. We'll also have breakfast that morning, so it will be a great day, as always!

Our next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:45 p.m. following Lenten Service. We'll hope to see you there!

Donna Elliott, Secretary