

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

June and July, 2008

Our Building Fund receipts for May were \$5,325. Our June receipts for the Building Fund were \$4,198, with an additional \$1,420 from memorial gifts, for total receipts of \$5,618. There is concern that by paying the balance of our monthly payment of \$6,100 from the Trustees' checking account, it will not be too long before the Trustees' account will be depleted.

It is important that we are all aware of the need to stay current with Building Fund pledges. Our current balance for the Christian Life Center is \$525,519.19

Our church donated \$100 to Johnson County Hospice Care in June and \$50 to the Senior Center in July.

We received a thank you from Woodhaven for the Best Choice and Campbell's bar codes they received from our church. Woodhaven receives between \$30 to \$50 worth of merchandise for each 1,000 bar codes from Best Choice items. Please continue to leave your Best Choice and Campbell's bar codes in the Parlor kitchen.

The Food Center continues to need our support with donations of food and personal items. Donations may be left in the lobby of the Christian Life Center.

Our church participates in the Warrensburg Christian Social Concerns Committee. This is an organization of the Christian community working together with involvement in community projects that help others. Some of the groups that are assisted by the WCSCC are Big Brothers Big Sisters, Senior Center home delivered meals, the Food Center, Habitat for Humanity, H.E.L.P. (Homelessness Eliminated by Loving Persons), and Survival House.

Our church will host a dinner on August 14 for the newly arriving International Students who will be attending the University of Central Missouri. This is a big event, and we will need volunteers and side dishes. More info will be in the newsletter and the bulletin.

Our Outreach giving for May was \$1,257.90 and \$1,366.07 for June. These funds were disbursed to Disciples Mission Fund, Ozark Lakes Area, Johnson County Habitat for Humanity, and Johnson County Emergency Care Coalition. We also received special offerings of \$124.48 for Week of Compassion and \$167.00 for Pentecost.

We have installed "No Parking" signs on the lot north of the church. This will keep the area open for the Farmer's Market activities and for our church activities.

The organ maintenance and repairs are near completion. The charges for this work will include a two-year maintenance agreement. It is also necessary to replace the rectifier on our organ. The old one was installed in 1973. A used replacement part will be installed and it will have a one-year warranty.

The pew cushions in the balcony have been replaced. Our thanks to the Open Door Class and the Monia Morris Fund for sponsoring this improvement.

The water backflow valves have been inspected and repaired on the air conditioner chiller, and electric work has been done on the chiller. We have also cleared the weeds from around the chiller and applied weed killer in the area.

Septagon has repaired the roof area in the Christian Life Center where we had a water leak, and they also replaced the sheet rock that had been damaged by the water.

Our elevator will be inspected in the near future.

We are investigating the possibility of installing new thermostats for the Sanctuary and the Parlor. These would replace the sensor system we have currently that does not work satisfactorily.

We have plans to clean out the bell tower area and to repair the garage door that has been damaged by termites.

A new sign designating the location of our church is ready to be installed at the corner of Maguire and Gay streets.

The Elders continue their regular monthly meetings.

The ladies of our Christian Women's Fellowship are working on Monday and Wednesday mornings to prepare for their annual rummage sale.

With Board approval, we have reallocated some of the 2008 Budget funds to sufficiently cover the salary for our Youth Co-Directors through the end of this year.

Budget requests for 2009 need to be submitted to the Stewardship and Finance Committee by August.

The Bible Study on Revelation is going well and the group welcomes anyone who would like to participate on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the CLC.

We have a new group of wedding photos in our Share-A-Moment With Us exhibit.

A check in the amount of \$173.74 from the sale of recycled aluminum products was presented to the Trustees for the Building Fund.

Pastor Basye stated he was pleased and impressed with how First Christian stepped forward on the benefit dinner we hosted for the Johnson County Emergency Care Coalition. We fed a lot of people, raised over \$3000, received many positive comments about our facilities, and the secretaries from other churches who headed the event were grateful for all our help. A big thank you to our own Cindy Howard who worked hard to pull this event together.

The last week of June we hosted Bible School for our church, First Presbyterian Church, and Shiloh Baptist Church, and again we did the bulk of the work in regard to planning and supervision. There were a lot of children, youth, and adults who attended, and we ended the week with a pool party and barbecue. Our thanks to everyone who stepped forward to make this a successful week.

Joan Mees has been hosting a weekly Bible Study for our youth this summer, and Kevin and Cindy Howard are making plans for the youth events for the upcoming year.

Both worship services continue to go well, and we are also having good attendance in Sunday School.

Join us on Wednesday, August 6, at 7:30 for Board Meeting. Donna Elliott, Secretary.