

OFFICIAL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS
October, 2008

Our Building Fund receipts for September were \$7,276.13 which included \$119.00 from the Joyful Noise collection made by our young people. We were pleased with the increased giving toward our Christian Life Center.

Our current balance on the Christian Life Center is \$517,276.78. It is important that we all stay current with the Building Fund pledge we have made.

Our church donated \$75 to W.I.L.S. (Warrensburg Independent Living Services) for the month of October.

The Food Center is in serious need of our continued support with donations of basic foods, personal hygiene items, and household cleaning supplies. There has been a problem keeping enough food on the shelves to feed the families who are in need.

If you have reading glasses you are no longer using, please leave them in the Parlor kitchen. They will go to the annual Festival of Sharing event to be used for people who sew or do other close work.

Please remember to bring the bar codes from Best Choice products and Campbell's products to the Parlor kitchen. They will be used to purchase needed items for others.

The Membership and Evangelism Committee plans to host a mid-winter fellowship and fund raiser event. This type of church activity will be held with two purposes in mind. First, since our congregation now has the opportunity to attend the 8:30 a.m. Praise Service or the 10:40 Worship Service, we need to be sure to keep our church as one group rather than two separate groups. Second, we need to raise funds to help pay for our Christian Life Center. The fellowship/fund raiser events will give us the opportunity to have fun while we bring in money for the Building Fund. These events can also bring in people from outside our church.

The Membership and Evangelism Committee is also investigating the possibility of publishing another First Christian Church Recipe Book. Plans are to have the book available in the fall of 2009.

Our Outreach giving for September was \$2,232.98. These funds were disbursed to Disciples Mission Fund, Ozark Lakes Area, Johnson County Emergency Care Coalition, and The Food Center. We also had special giving to the Week of Compassion in the amount of \$246.00, Reconciliation in the amount of \$102.00, and \$25.00 for a new church plant.

The Property Committee is working to correct a water leak in the basement of the church. In order to help remedy this situation, we will remove the current shrubs at the front of the church, bring in dirt to build up the groundwork around the foundation in order to improve the water drainage, and then put in new shrubs.

Our "Give From The Heart" Stewardship Campaign is in process. The Stewardship and Finance Committee will present our 2009 Proposed Budget at the November Board Meeting.

The Christian Women's Fellowship had another very successful rummage sale. They received \$8546.13 from sale items. They plan to send \$500 to recent flood victims, and many of the remaining items will be given to the Show-Me Christian Youth Home in LaMonte.

The Nominating Committee presented the nominees for our 2009 Church Officers. The Board approved the nominees.

There will be a Congregational Meeting for our members to approve the 2009 Proposed Budget and the 2009 Church Officer Nominees. The date of the meeting will be determined at the November Board Meeting.

Our youth group has had good attendance at their meetings, and they have been very busy with mission work, projects, fund raisers, fun, and worship.

The D.O.C. (Disciples on Campus) college-age group is meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the Christian Life Center. They have had good attendance.

The Revelation Bible Study group continues to meet the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. This has been a fascinating study.

Pastor Basye serves on the Department of Ministry for the Ozark Lakes Area. In September, he was part of 14 interviews for pastors who are licensed rather than being ordained. Pastor Basye stated it is good to meet these folks and to learn about the different churches in our area, and it is also interesting to discuss the path of their faith journeys.

The Advisory Council met on September 23. They discussed ways our Functional Committees and other groups could work to bring our whole church together for fun and fellowship while also raising money for our Building Fund for the Christian Life Center. The group also had discussion of how we might bring everyone into a more spiritual involvement within our church.

All are welcome to attend our next Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

Donna Elliott, Secretary.