

OFFICIAL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS  
November 2011

Our Building Fund giving for October was \$5,033.75, and we had Memorial Gifts in the amount of \$160.00. The balance of our Christian Life Center Loan as of October 3, 2011, was \$280,751.50.

Through our Christian Action and Community Service Committee, we will give \$75.00 to The Christmas Store for the month of November.

Please remember that we are starting now to collect soups or cash donations for the "2012 Souper Bowl." By starting early we hope to eliminate the last minute crunch at the first of the year, and maybe we can collect more soup for The Food Center. Last year we supplied 4,015 cans of soup. Let's set a higher goal for this year! Our soup collection is in the Christian Life Center lobby.

Our donations to The Food Center and The Clothes Closet are needed to help others in our community. The number of people who need our assistance continues to grow.

Don't forget to clip the barcodes from Best Choice, Swanson, and Campbell's products and bring them to the Parlor kitchen. These are used to purchase items for the residents at Woodhaven in Columbia, Missouri.

The K-5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class is preparing for their Christmas program.

The Christian Women's Fellowship is visiting homebound members in November.

The landscaping at the front of the church is completed until spring when a white weeping willow tree will be planted.

We have changed over to our heating system for the cooler weather.

The Campbellite Ministries provided a metal hatch door that has been installed in the Christian Education Building that will allow easier access to change the filters on the air conditioning system.

"Toys for Tots" has a good supply of toys stored in our building north of the church that will provide Christmas toys for children in Johnson, Pettis, and Lafayette counties.

Our World Outreach giving for October was disbursed as follows:

BMF Disciples Mission Fund	\$ 805.16
Ozark Lakes Area	309.68
The Food Center	123.88
Special Day Reconciliation Offering	<u>160.00</u>
Total Outreach Giving for October	\$1,398.72

Our recent CROP Walk has brought in over \$10,000.00. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will go to our local Food Center, and the balance will go to help those in need around the world.

The Foods Resource Bank crops have been harvested. The money from the crops will go to help others around the world.

Our next Share-A-Moment With Us photo exhibit will honor our veterans. Please bring pictures of your veteran in uniform to the church office.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee presented the 2012 Proposed Budget, and it was approved by the Board.

The Nominating Committee presented the 2012 Proposed Church Officers, and the nominees were approved by the Board.

There will be Congregational Meetings at the 8:30 Praise Service and the 10:40 Worship Service on Sunday, November 20, to present the 2012 Proposed Budget and the 2012 Proposed Church Officer Nominees.

Our Chi-Rho and CYF Youth will plan to attend the "Dare to Share" youth conference in St. Louis on March 16-18. The high energy conference will provide music, drama, worship, and various other activities. The youth will do fundraising in January and February to earn money to cover expenses for the trip.

The Chi-Rho and CYF youth will help two families from "Project Shining Star" sponsored by Catholic Charities by shopping for Christmas presents for their children.

The Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF), for ages K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, is meeting each Sunday from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. They are studying the Bible, and they have fun activities and are provided a nutritious meal during their meeting time.

We have a good group for Bible Study. We've included child care with Beth Brennan doing this for us; we are paying for this as a group so it's not coming out of the nursery budget. We are studying the life of Paul, and our Bible Study meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested, please join us.

The Hanging of the Greens Service will be on the first Sunday in December.

The Community Christmas Eve Service will be held at the Presbyterian Church.

Our next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor. All church members are welcome.

Donna Elliott, Board Secretary