

OFFICIAL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS October 2011

Our Building Fund giving for September was \$4,349.75, and we had Memorial Gifts in the amount of \$1,325.00. The balance of our Christian Life Center Loan as of September 2, 2011, was \$285,626.33.

Through our Christian Action and Community Service Committee, we will give \$50.00 to West Central Independent Living Solutions (W.I.L.S.) for the month of October.

The Clothes Closet needs men's dress slacks, jackets, suits, and jeans. They also need jeans for boys and winter clothing in youth sizes. In addition, they have a shortage of towels and blankets. Plastic shopping bags are helpful to transport the customers' goods.

Our donations to The Food Center are continually needed as the number of people in need continues to grow.

All donations for the community may be left in the lobby of the Christian Life Center.

We are collecting Best Choice, Swanson, and Campbell's bar codes for our next shipment to Woodhaven. Please leave these in the Parlor kitchen.

The Christian Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale brought in \$10,702.05. The items that were left were contributed to groups within our community.

The Board approved our 2012 church insurance coverage to be handled by GuideOne Insurance Company. Our annual premium will be \$12,048.00

The landscaping work at the front of the church is underway and we hope to have most of the work completed in October.

We have some lights out around the church that will be repaired.

The Board approved a group called "The Gathering" to meet in our Christian Life Center on Thursdays twice a month. This will be an interdenominational group for high school students in our community to offer them a Christian atmosphere for fun and companionship and to help them grow in their knowledge and faith of the Good News of Jesus Christ. There are sponsors and leaders committed to help with this process.

The Board approved a request by the Marine Corp to use our building north of the church to store toys for approximately two months of the year for "Toys for Tots." Some of the other local organizations are no longer providing toys for needy children in the area, so this Marine group will handle the toy delivery for children in Johnson, Pettis and Lafayette counties. The Marines have delivered toys to children in need since 1947.

Most of the bags from our fall Stewardship Campaign have been returned to the church and the pledges are being processed. Due to the passing of several of our members

over the past year, it appears our pledged income is lower than the previous year. With that in mind, the preparation of our 2012 Proposed Budget may require some cuts. The Stewardship and Finance Committee plans to offer a budget proposal at the November Board Meeting.

Our World Outreach giving for September was disbursed as follows:

BMF Disciples Mission Fund	\$ 597.48
Ozark Lakes Area	229.80
Johnson County Emergency Care Coalition	<u>91.92</u>
Outreach Giving for September	\$ 919.20

The Board approved Jody Miller to be our Temporary Custodian during the time that George Long will be absent for an upcoming surgery.

The 2011 Nominating Committee presented the 2012 Proposed Church Officers.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on November 20 to present the 2012 Proposed Budget and the 2012 Proposed Church Officers for approval of the congregation.

The Johnson County Cancer Foundation will have a fund-raising walk on October 15 at Hidden Pines Country Club; all money contributed will go to help people in Johnson County who are challenged with cancer. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Rex Smarr.

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

All 6th– 12th grade youth are encouraged to attend our Chi-Rho and CYF Youth Meetings; the next meeting will be October 23 at 5:00 p.m. The youth are studying “Growing in Jesus.”

The Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF) will have their first meeting at 5:00 p.m. on October 16. All K-5th grade youth are invited to meet in the Christian Life Center for study and fun.

It was good to have Area Minister Mike Weinman with us on October 2. He was very complimentary of our facilities, our worship, and our people. There are changes coming within the wider church; Regional Minister Danny Stewart is retiring and he will not be replaced due to our economic times, so the Area Ministers will assume those responsibilities. Our heritage is important, and keeping an identity with the Disciples is also important, so please keep the wider church in your prayers.

Our fall activities are all in process. We are grateful to all who give time, talents, and efforts to make our programs work!

Pastor Basye and Vyrdel will be gone on Sunday, October 30. Melissa Bowers will preach at both services.

Our next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor. We will be happy to see you there.

Donna Elliott, Board Secretary