

OFFICIAL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS
September, 2008

Our Building Fund receipts for August were \$3,080 which was \$3,020 less than the amount needed for our monthly payment of \$6,100 for the Christian Life Center.

Statistics of the Building Fund receipts for the period July 1, 2007, - July 1, 2008, were reviewed. Our general Building Fund receipts were \$62,000 plus \$5,500 received from memorial gifts. This brings the total Building Fund income during the past year to \$67,500. The total amount paid toward the building for this period was \$73,200. These calculations show that \$5,700 was required to be paid from the Trustees' bank balance to meet our monthly payment amount.

Our current balance on the Christian Life Center is \$519,682.43. It is important that we all stay current with the Building Fund pledge we have made.

Our church donated \$75 to the Johnson County Back-to-School project for school supplies in September.

The Food Center needs our support with donations of basic foods, personal hygiene items, and household cleaning supplies. The Clothes Closet is always in need of volunteers to help prepare the donated items for display.

Our thanks to the volunteers who taught the Pre-K through 5th grade Sunday School class during the summer months. The fall program has begun and we are back with our regular teaching routine. Along with this, our young people will sing once a month during the 10:40 Worship Service along with their collection for the Joyful Noise giving.

Our Chi-Rho - CYF youth group and the Disciples on Campus college-age group began their regular weekly meetings in September. In the past, Megan Maness Holter had been in charge of organizing the DOC group and handling their financial needs. Now Wes Maness will take over this responsibility. As we did with Megan, we will plan to pay Wes for this service. Both groups will hold fund raisers during the year to help their budget. It was suggested we also need to do whatever we can to support our young people.

Carl Crabtree leads the lesson for the DOC group, and he does an outstanding job in this capacity. Carl works and lives away from Warrensburg, so we plan to compensate him for his mileage to come here for this service to our church.

The Membership and Evangelism Committee thanked the church for the great response we have each year from our members who provide food and act as ambassadors for the International Student Dinner. We host the dinner for the newly arriving International students at the University of Central Missouri. The students and their sponsors very much appreciate the great meal we prepare for them.

We will have an ice cream social at our church on Sunday, October 5, for the whole church, including our youth. We will eat from 5:00 – 6:00; from 6:00 – 7:00 our Chi-Rho and CYF youth will have their regular study time in the Christian Education wing, and everyone else can remain in the Christian Life Center for visiting and fellowship.

Both of our Worship Services are growing and going great; however, we need to keep our church as one group rather than two separate groups. Along with needing money for our Building Fund, as well as needing to have events that involve the whole church,

the Membership and Evangelism Committee plans to set up events that will make money for the Building Fund and bring everyone together. They will start the ball rolling by putting on a fund-raiser, and they will ask other committees and groups to also sponsor this type of event. This way we can have fun while we bring in money for the Building Fund. These events can also bring in people from outside our church.

Our Outreach giving for August was \$1,360. These funds were disbursed to Disciples Mission Fund, Ozark Lakes Area, and The Food Center. We also had Week of Compassion giving in the amount of \$60.

Both of our boilers have been inspected. The next inspection for the boilers will be in two years.

We have been doing some repairs on the air conditioner chiller. We also have plans to replace the thermostats for the Parlor and the Sanctuary.

We were advised of the "Secure the Call Foundation" that reconditions old cell phones. These phones are set up to make a free 911 contact, and they are distributed to domestic violence shelters, senior centers, neighborhood watch groups, school crossing guards, and other agencies with an immediate need for 911 access. The phones are available to individuals and organizations nationwide. More information is available at www.donatemycellphone.org or call (888) 883-6628.

The Share-A-Moment-With-Us Photo Exhibit in the Christian Life Center will be changed soon. The new exhibit will not have a specific theme, and all pictures are welcome. If you have pictures to share, please leave them at the church office.

The "Give From the Heart" stewardship campaign is in process. The pledge card will have an extra line added to give people a chance to pledge to the Building Fund if they have not had the opportunity to do so in the past.

The Nominating Committee has been working to secure our church officers for 2009. The Board will vote on the nominees at the October meeting and they will be presented to the congregation for their approval at a later date.

Pastor Basye stated he preached for the first time here at First Christian on September 8, 2006. He and Vyrdel feel so blessed to be here and are grateful to be part of this great place.

Pastor Basye said he is very proud and pleased of where we are and where we are headed. He is always in awe of how many people step forward around here to help to make programs happen. He is very pleased with both worship services (how well the 8:30 Praise Service has taken off and how stable the 10:40 Worship Service has remained). Church school continues to grow, and the youth groups and the DOC group remain strong. We continue to give to Week of Compassion and other missions, and we support things here in the community (CROP Walk, Food Center, etc.). Our CWF and Campbellite Ministries continue to make a strong contribution, and our Christian Life Center has become a well-used facility in the community. Also our music continues to be an area of pride. Now, are we done? Never! There are many new and unchurched people in our community and surrounding area that we need to reach out to. Evangelism is crucial, and we must always look to see to the needs of others.

Join us for our next Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

Donna Elliott, Secretary.