

OFFICIAL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS September 2011

Our Building Fund giving for July was \$5,551.75, and our Building Fund giving for August was \$5,424.75. The balance of our Christian Life Center Loan as of July 29, 2011, was \$288,960.54. The estimated payoff date for the CLC is April 1, 2017.

Through our Christian Action and Community Service Committee, we gave \$50.00 to the Senior Center in August, and we will contribute \$50.00 to Habitat for Humanity in September.

The Clothes Closet needs all types and sizes of clothing, jackets, coats, and undergarments for men and boys. There is also a need for towels and blankets. The Clothes Closet uses plastic shopping bags for their customers' goods, so they can always use the bags.

The Food Center currently needs cold and hot cereal, peanut butter, Mac & Cheese dinners, and crackers. We have collection boxes in the Christian Life Center for items to help others in our community.

We recently sent 3,800 Best Choice, Campbell's, and Swanson barcodes to Woodhaven. We received a thank-you letter from Woodhaven stating our bar codes were used with others to purchase 4 new digital cameras so the residents will be able to check them out to use on day trips, events, and favorite activities.

We received an updated list of participating products' bar codes worth 1 point, 5 points, and 10 points. A copy of the products is posted on our church bulletin boards.

Our thanks to everyone for their support of the International Dinner that was held at our church on August 11 for incoming UCM International students. A big thank-you to Peggy and Richard Dudley for chairing the event!

The downspout that had blown off has been reinstalled, and the water in the basement has improved by burying a downspout extension around the front of the building to remove water away from the foundation. The work in the basement kitchen has been completed.

We had a work day in July to clean out the church garage.

The landscaping work at the front of the church will be started on September 24.

Our fall Stewardship Campaign will be held in September. This year we will complete the Campaign before we start work on the 2012 Budget. By doing this we will know more closely what finances we have available. The Stewardship and Finance Committee will need 2012 proposed budget costs from our church committees and departments by the first of October.

Our World Outreach giving for August was disbursed as follows:

BMF Disciples Mission Fund	\$ 661.05
Ozark Lakes Area	254.25
The Food Center	101.70
Week of Compassion – Joplin	100.00
Outreach Giving for August	<u>\$1,117.00</u>

Our thanks to Mark Goodwin and Kathy Ramser for the beautiful mums in the planter at the front of the church.

Larry Cammack is the representative from our church to the Ozark Lakes Area Board. At the August 21 Board Meeting that was held in Appleton City, only nine of the 60 congregations in the area were represented, so the meeting consisted of information and discussion, but no items on the agenda were put to a vote. Some of the items discussed were: (1) the possible transformation and re-organization of the Mid-America Region; (2) the need to hire a new Regional Minister due to the retirement of Danny Stewart; (3) the unstable financial health of the Area; (4) the next Ozark Lakes Area Assembly is November 5 at FCC in Bolivar, and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend with pre-registration due by October 31. If anyone has comments or concerns regarding these items, you may discuss them with Larry Cammack or Pastor Jerry.

The Board voted that our church will contribute \$100.00 toward the financial support for the retirement celebration of our Regional Minister, the Rev. Dr. Danny Stewart. The celebration will be held November 19 at the First Christian Church of Jefferson City.

Since we are coming close to the end of our 2011 church year, the following members have been approved as the Nominating Committee for the 2012 Church Officers:

Shirley Dougherty, Chair, Glenn Borum, Phyllis Evans, Kenneth Martin,
Greg Turner, Joyce Speas, Lee Crabtree, and Pastor Basye.

With the start of our fall activities, Pastor Basye encourages everyone to bring the young people here every week for Sunday School, church, and our youth activities. The folks who make these programs happen work very hard, and we need to support their efforts.

Disciples on Campus (DOC) has begun again on Wednesday evenings under the direction of Carl Crabtree and Wes Maness.

Bible Study will start on September 27 and continue until summer on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Class time is 6:30 p.m. in the education wing.

Our thanks to the CWF and all who have helped with the Rummage Sale. This is truly a great thing for our church!

Pastor Basye stated he is grateful for the beautiful stoles given to him by the church to mark his 5th year anniversary. Pastor said the years have been wonderful for him and Vyrdel, and they are blessed to be in ministry here at First Christian.

Area Minister Rev. Mike Weinman will be with us on October 2 to preach at both services.

Donna Elliott, Board Secretary