

# CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



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### Our Mission

*God calls us...  
And the Holy Spirit  
empowers us to:*

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of God.*

### Food Center News Update!

The Food Center is currently serving approximately 500 families a month.

Some of the food items needed: cereal, canned beets, corn, spinach, tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, jello and large cans of fruit.

Also toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, etc.

Thank you for all the support you give monthly to the Food Center.

Christian Action/Community Service Committee  
Thank you, Shirley

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### Come to Worship.

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional  
Service

Sunday's Sermon:  
"All Dressed Up"

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:  
John 8: 12-20

Sermon Scripture  
Reading:

Eph. 6:10-20



### CWF Rummage Sale News!

CWF has had a good crew working on Mondays and Wednesdays so far. Please bring in good, clean items. Remember **NO** TVs or computers, printers or old outdated electronics. Please bring these items in on Monday or Wednesdays from 8 a.m.-noon.



It's good to be back! Vyrdel and I spent five days in Gulf Shores, Alabama. No hurricanes or storms. Just heat! (103 degrees one day). Travel was safe, little road construction, and only one rainstorm to drive through! After a day or two at home, we went to Glenwood, Iowa, to visit Vyrdel's mom and then on to Omaha to stay with Bret and Meagan in their new home in Millard, Nebraska. We even missed the move from the apartment to the house. Good timing! Oh, well, we've moved that child about 87 times so I was entitled. Swimming in the Gulf is one of my favorite things to do and I got to do plenty. Vyrdel sunned, waded, and looked for shells. BUT, it's good to be home. I pray all your travels are safe.

I found the following article about attitude, please enjoy!

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John is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say when someone would ask him how he was doing. He would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!"

He was a natural motivator.

If an employee was having a bad day, John was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation. Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up and said to myself, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or...you can choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood."

"Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or...I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or...I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life."

"Yeah, right, it's not that easy," I protested.

"Yes, it is." He said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live your life."

I reflected on what he said. Soon hereafter, I left the Tower Industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it.

Several years later, I heard that he was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower.

After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, he was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back. I saw him about six months after the accident.

When I asked him how he was, he replied, "If I were any better, I'd be twins...wanna see my scars?"

I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place.

"The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon-to-be born daughter," he replied. "Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or...I could choose to die. I chose to live."

"Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?" I asked.

He continued, "...the paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read 'he's a dead man'. I knew I needed to take action."

"What did you do?" I asked.

"Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me," said John. "She asked if I was allergic to anything. 'Yes, I replied.' The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, 'Gravity'."

Over their laughter, I told them, "I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead."

He lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully.

Attitude, after all, is everything.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34.

After all, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

*Pastor Jerry*

**Attendance for Sunday, July 5**

8:30 Praise Service —42  
Sunday School-37  
10:40 Worship-112

## Attention Youth

### **CRY-Christian Regional Youth Festival July 20-23**

The youth that are cabinet members will make arrangements with Dianne Maness to leave on Sunday for C.R.Y. at Culver Stockton College. The other registered youth will meet at the church Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. and we will leave at 8:30 a.m. (I can't pick up the van until 8 a.m.) Please bring money for your lunch and for your room deposit. We will return on Thursday around 5 p.m. The youth will call parents as we get closer.

I have the "Rock the Light" tickets. Please call me if you plan to go. The dates are September 4 & 5. Youth and their families are welcome. So far I have four signed up. I need the money to be turned in before the end of July. The youth two-day ticket is \$18. Adults who wish to go, \$36, for two days of concerts and a meet-and-greet session with the bands.

### **Are You Interested In Children's Worship & and Story Telling? Come to a Training Event on Children Worship & Wonder Story Telling!**

Our Ozark Lakes Area is hosting a training event on August 21-23, 2009 in South Joplin at the Christian church. Kaye Edwards, from Lynchburg, Virginia will do the training. You will learn many components or story telling and doing children's worship services.

If you are interested, contact Cindy in the church office. There is a \$120 charge for the training. The only qualifications are that you must be at least 18 years old and have a deep love for children.

You must also purchase the book *Young Children and Worship*, and bring it with you. You can order the book from Worship Woodworks or through commercial bookstores.

### **Thank you!**

*I would like to thank my church family for the beautiful carnation for my birthday.*

*A special thanks to Mary Howey for the nice visit and bringing my flower.*

*Vivian Parsons*

### **Back-to-School Fair Back Packs and School Supplies are needed.**

**August 6 @ Ridgeview Elementary**

You can take the supplies to Missouri Valley Human Resources Community Action Agency, 124 N. Holden, 747-2245.

### Library News

TEN "*I Can Read Books*" have been donated to the Children's Library. These books have a simple idea with a simple goal: to put the Word of God on the lips of God's children.

There are many video tapes in the library. Video tapes are almost obsolete, but you can check them out along with a tape player from the library.

### **June Financial Report**

<b>Income</b>	
General	\$15,048
Outreach	1,064
<b>Expense</b>	
General	\$15,042
Outreach	1,457



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**Come to Worship!**  
**Everyone is Welcome!**

Coffee House in CLC: 8:00 a.m.  
 Praise Service: 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. All Ages  
 Worship: 10:40 a.m.  
 Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon in Parlor

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Throughout this week, we invite you to pray for these and others announced in worship.

**Name**

Charlene Droege  
 Marissa Crabtree  
 Cecil Cox  
 Roger Hall  
 Guy Spears (Joe & Margaret Klein's Step-father)  
 Our Law Enforcement  
 Our Military who are deployed

# July Celebrations

**Happy Birthday!**

1-Nellie Grigsby	11-Kim Godfrey	21-Abby Frandsen
1-Owen Wyatt	11-Ali Gabel	21-Kaylee Newberry
2-Vivian Parsons	14-Karen Love	23-Anna Huff
3-Betty Osborne	15-Katie Turnbow	24-Joyce Miller
5-Louise Elsberry	16-Nancy Rogers	24-Chris Huff
5-Nichelle Newberry	18-Nicole Baty	28-Charlene Droege
7-Roger Baldwin	20-Yvonne Slifer	28-Bill Burton
7-Jalen Henchey	20-Jim Stuck	28-Katie Schroeder
9-Sterling McHarg	20-Marissa Crabtree	30-Tina Cox
10-Stacy Elliott	21-Steven Dougherty	31-Peggy Dudley

**Happy Anniversary**

1-Janette & John Howard	12-Kerry & Jermaine Tappin
1-Michael & Donna Bodenhamer	13-Betty & Harland Osborne
3-Mary & Ken Martin	17-Kim & Clint Godfrey
9-Ren & Jay DeShong	22-Debbie & Mike Haller
	24-Vyrdel & Jerry Basye