

# 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.*

### **Come to Worship.**

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional Service

Sunday's Sermon:

"I Want to See God."

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:

Psalms 130

Sermon Scripture

Reading:

John 6:35, 41-51



**September 10, 11 & 12**

CFW Rummage Sale News!

The basement is filling up with contributions for the sale, but there is still room for more items. We always have had a nice selection of plants to sell. We appreciate receiving your plants the day before the sale and the baked goods the morning of the sale so they will be fresh.

### **Attention Youth**

Reunion with Feli Mussemann

at the Dudleys' home

August 9, 5:00-7 p.m.

Bring snacks to share.

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### **Campus Ministry News**

Dear Church Family,

D.O.C. will be starting back on August 25, 2009. As of right now, we will be meeting on Tuesday nights, but we might be changing to a different evening if it works out better for the group. If anyone would like to provide dinner for the group, please contact me to set up a date (747-7334 or 909-4826). We would appreciate the meal or money so we could go out to eat. Thanks for your help.

Wes Maness



If you were at the 10:40 service last Sunday you know that Feli is back for a visit. Feli was our exchange student from Germany during the 2007-2008 school year. We all came to know and love her and were sad when it was time for her to go home. She's here for a month and has brought her brother, Sebastian, with her. There is a get-together in their honor that will take place Sunday, August 9, at Rich and Peggy Dudleys'. I'm sure the particulars are elsewhere in the newsletter, but I want you all to know you're invited. If you need directions, let us know. It was so good to see Feli. Please make a point to greet her and her brother sometime this month.

Also, thanks for responding to my request for donations to the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Many have already donated. Again, I use these funds to help those with immediate needs that can't be met by normal channels. If you still would like to donate, mark a check or an envelope to "Minister's Discretionary Fund." Thanks.

For meditation this week please enjoy "God Does Exist"—Great Food for thought.

### God Does Exist!

Why God does exist.

The Bible says to have an answer for why you believe to those who ask you. This is a good example of an answer to one of the most common reasons sinners give for ignoring God and His goodness.

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair and his beard cut as always. He started to have a good conversation with the barber who attended him.

They talked about so many things and various subjects. Suddenly, they touched the subject of God. The barber said: "Look man, I don't believe that God exists as you say."

"Why do you say that?" asked the client.

"Well, it's so easy; you just have to go out in the street to realize that God does not exist. Oh, tell me, if God existed, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be no suffering nor pain. I can't think of loving a God who permits all of these things."

The client stopped for a moment thinking, but he didn't want to respond so as to cause an argument. The barber finished his job and the client went out of the shop. Just after he left the barber shop he saw a man in the street with long hair and a beard (It seems that it had been a long time since he had his hair cut and he looked so untidy.)

Then the client again entered the barber shop and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist."

"How can you say they don't exist?" asked the barber. "Well I am here and I am a barber."

"No!" the client exclaimed. "They don't exist because if they did there would be no people with long hair and a beard like that man who walks in the street."

"Ah, barbers do exist; what happens is that people do not come to me."

"Exactly!" affirmed the client. "That's the point. God does exist; what happens is people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

*Blessings!*

*Pastor Jerry*

**CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE**  
**25 years ago in August, 1984**

Not June, but August, seemed to be "wedding month" in '84: Congratulations were extended to **Brian Reynolds** and **Penny Talbot**, who were married in our sanctuary on the 4th. Brian is the grandson of **Hugh & Larena Reynolds** of our congregation, and Brian's father, **Dr. Hugh Reynolds, Jr.**, officiated. **Jan Weston** pronounced the second weekend in August as "one of the most 'marrying" weekends he had ever experienced as a pastor. He officiated at the wedding ceremony for **Tom Johnson** and **Judy Rugh** in the chapel of John Knox Village in Lee's Summit on Friday afternoon, the 11th; **John Cammack** and **Leilani Tindall** were married that same evening in our sanctuary, and the ceremony uniting **Brenda Sellman** and **Rick Dooley** took place in the sanctuary on the 12th. . . . Congratulations were extended to **William & Cindy Gabel** on the birth of their daughter, **Nancy Alyson**, in July. **Dr. Cy & Ruth Smith** are the grandparents, and great grandmother is **Lillian Smith**.

**CWF News**

The CWF is asking for help from everyone in collecting Health Kits for the Festival of Sharing in the month of September.

**Health Kit**

**\$12 value and \$2 shipping per kit.**

- 1 hand towel
  - 1 washcloth
  - 1 sturdy comb
  - 1 metal nail file or nail clipper with file
  - 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
  - 1 toothbrush (in original packaging)
  - 6 Band-Aids
- Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure. Toothpaste will be added by Church World Service.

Please leave kits in the Christian Life Center lobby with \$2 for shipping.

*A Special Thank You*

*I am grateful to all those who shared their lives by remembering my birthday with cards, flowers and love.*

*Mary Howey and I had a wonderful visit when she brought a beautiful carnation from my church family.*

*Charlene Droege*

Attendance for August 2

Praise Service: 45  
Sunday School: 32  
10:40 Service: 119

**The Missing Recipe**

Karen Love's recipe for Runzas is missing from our cookbook, and we didn't find it until after it was proofed. We were checking the paperwork later and discovered that "Runzas" is copyrighted and they couldn't print it. (Morris Cookbooks is also from Nebraska, home of Runzas.) However, here is the recipe to insert in your cookbook.

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**Category:** Main Dishes  
**Recipe Title:** RUNZAS (Bohemian)  
**Submitted by:** Karen Love

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- ¼ c. chopped onion
- ½ c. finely chopped celery
- 4 c. finely chopped cabbage
- 1 garlic bud
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. course black pepper
- 1 pkg. Rhodes frozen Texas Roll dough

**DIRECTIONS:** Directions: Remove the roll dough from freezer and let thaw while preparing the other ingredients. In large pan, brown beef, onion, and crushed garlic bud. When beef is done and the onion is clear, drain. Add salt and pepper to taste. Put the beef mixture back in the pan and add the cabbage. Place a lid on the pan and cook until the cabbage is soft. (I like some firmness left in the cabbage.) When the dough is thawed and beginning to rise, roll each roll into about a 5-inch circle and place a heaping tablespoon of beef mixture in the center. You can pull the sides up and pinch in the center- or- you can bring the side in, both ends and then remaining side, folding as you would a burrito. I prefer this method. Place on greased cookie sheet seam side down. Let rise until double. Bake at 375° for 20 min. or until brown. I like to serve with spicy or hot mustard. I usually thaw 6 -10 rolls at a time and return the remaining rolls to freezer for another time. Adjust the mixture amount for each roll as you like.

**NOTES:** This is a family favorite. When I went with Gary to Nebraska for the first time, I noticed fast food restaurants called RUNZAS, so we stopped and tried one of many variations of this "sandwich." I later found a recipe in a Missouri cookbook; the author said she had gotten the recipe from a German community in Oklahoma. I hope you enjoy it as much as we do.



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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**

Don Kendrick  
 Guy Spears (Joe & Margaret Klein's Step-father)  
 Broadie (Joan Mees' grandson)  
 Janie Uhler  
 Our Law Enforcement  
 Our Military who are deployed

**Campbellite Dinner**  
**Sunday, August 9 @ Noon**  
 Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread,  
 cake and drink

# August Celebrations

**Happy Birthday!**

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|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1-Stacey Smith         | 12-Suzanne Holdren | 20-Bret Dooley    |
| 2-Sam Connelly         | 12-Linda Hoover    | 20-Abbie Connelly |
| 4-Marianne Richards    | 14-Jay DeShong     | 20-Livi Corbett   |
| 5-Megan Stuck          | 15-Bill Anderson   | 21-Maggie Slifer  |
| 6-Virginia Ramsey      | 17-Mary Jay Lang   | 22-Shelly Burrows |
| 7-Larry Cammack        | 17-Gillian Godfrey | 26-Jim Kimbley    |
| 7-Austin Granger       | 18-Darlene Johnson | 28-David Smarr    |
| 8-Lorraine Witherspoon | 18-Dianne Maness   | 29-Katelyn Tappin |
| 10-Kegan Baty          | 19-Dale Slifer     | 30-Mary Howey     |
| 11-Judy Osborne        | 19-Hilda Handly    | 31-Janie Uhler    |

**Happy Anniversary**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5-Joni & Greg Turner      | 26-Nancy & Bill Anderson |
| 8-Janet & David Ritchhart | 27-Anita & Gary Grigsby  |
| 12-Brenda & Rick Dooley   |                          |
| 14-Suzanne & C.L. Holdren |                          |
| 15-Vicki & Steve Granger  |                          |