

# connections

TIMBER LAKE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

February 2012

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*Welcome to the Sunday Morning  
Gathering at Timber Lake!*

We are glad you're here today! Please fill out the attendance sheet inserted in Connections and place it in the offering as it is passed.

### Prayer Meetings at Home Acts 12:1-19



Use your smart phone to see this week's CARE sheet or visit [dougdelp.wordpress.com](http://dougdelp.wordpress.com).



If you were Jesus, and had established the foundations of a "New Kingdom" which we read about in the gospel of Mark, what would you do next to assure it's success? Would you write a business plan? Would you establish a home base building complex or a global headquarters? Jesus poured himself into 12 men, especially 3 of them, and promised the Holy Spirit to lead them once he was gone. In short: He Counted on People that Would Count Others! **The questions for today are,** "How did he do that? What did he expect? What resulted?"

**Starting in February** we will begin reading the book of Acts. This is the historical account of what those that Jesus left behind did to carry out His plan. This is the written record of some of the challenges they had, victories they won, mistakes they made, and convictions that guided them. In February and March our sermons will be taken from the book of Acts and we will see what the early church did to "Pass It On."

# from the leadership

## A MESSAGE FROM DOUG

While it is safe to say that thousands of people followed Jesus at various times in His ministry, it is very telling to realize after He descended into heaven that there were 120 in an upper room and 12 that stood up to preach. But then again, the first day the news broke at Pentecost there were 3,000 baptized! This is not an argument for or against small church, large church, or home church. This article is a reality check that “Leader Train Station” (8:30am, rm. 405). But let’s just say for now that if Jesus can Count On You to invite or recruit one more, there will be “NO LOSERS” at TLCC!

*See you Sunday!*

## ELDER EXHORTATION

*Paul Garrett*

Our son Tyler graduated from Compass Film Academy and he is living in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Tyler has worked on the set of several full-feature movies and, now, when Lori and I watch the movies Tyler has worked on, we watch the end of the movie first to see his name in the credits.

Tyler has also worked on many TV commercials, and now I find myself critiquing commercials. A Mercedes-Benz commercial shows one of their cars colliding with a concrete wall during a safety test. Someone then asks a Mercedes engineer why their company does not enforce their patent on their car’s energy-absorbing car body. The Mercedes’ design has been copied by almost every other car maker in the world in spite of the fact that they have an exclusive patent.

The engineer replies in a clipped German accent, “Because in life, some things are just too important not to share.”

Wow! What a great statement! Some things are just too important not to share. As Christians we believe that the good news of Jesus Christ is one of those things that is too important not to share. No, that is an understatement. We believe that Jesus Christ MUST be shared with our friends, our neighbors, the world. The work of sharing the news of Jesus Christ we call evangelism. The Christian faith has been advanced through the ages by people who were willing to take upon themselves the responsibility of being evangelists—those who spread the good news of Christ.

Are you being an evangelist? Are you supporting your church as it evangelizes?

# children's and youth ministries

## AS YOU HAVE PROMISED

—*Mary Rosado*

I love to read the Christmas story from Luke. Growing up, it was read or recited as a family before opening gifts on Christmas morning. There was always the joke about Mary and Joseph and the baby all lying together in the manger (if you don't use your commas). The words are familiar, and yet.

This year I read it, and something new stood out. Verse 20 says, "The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, *which were just as they had been told.*" And later when Simeon is holding Jesus at the Temple, he praises God saying that it has happened as God had promised. What a comfort!

In our world today, it is common for people to "spin" stories to fit their needs and desires. I hear or

read something presented as fact and think, "I wonder what the truth really is." Many times "truth" is in the eye of the beholder. It makes me cynical and reluctant to trust.

I needed the reminder that God keeps His promises and His people are not disappointed by the fulfillment of His promises. The shepherds went to see the Baby and He was all that was promised and more. Simeon wait for years to see God's promise fulfilled and he held the Promise in his arms. I trust that what God says will be done.

**Luke 2:29-32**

*"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."*

## TLCC FAMILY WEEKEND –ALLEN

I am excited to let you know about something new this year. We are offering a Family Weekend at TLCC on April 21-22. There will be interactive seminars led by counselor and professor, Charley Gerber, that will deal with important family issues. Following is the tentative itinerary:

**Saturday, April 21st**

4:00pm "Communication"

(Break for supper)

7:00pm "Conflict Resolution"

**Sunday, April 22nd**

9:45am "Bitterness and Forgiveness"

Noon Luncheon "Dealing with Divorce"

RSVP \$5/person. (Call the church office.)

This is something I have sensed a need for in the past few years, and I am happy to be able to offer this beneficial weekend to all the families of

TLCC and the community. I pray you will come and enjoy this time with your teen. Childcare will be provided for Ages 8 and under.

### *Youth Events Coming up...*

#### **February:**

19 Youth Mission Trip Lunch Meeting. #302 \$3

29 Jr. High leads Elementary in gym. 6:30-8:00pm

#### **March:**

4 \$75 Early-bird registration for CIY MOVE.

4 Quarterly Potluck Sponsor/Parent Meeting.

7 Sr. High leads Jr. High in gym. 6:30-8:00pm

9-10 R4RH (Ravenous for Rapha House) A 24 hour prayer and fasting event for jr & sr High. \$25 minimum donation to participate.

16 Overshadow and Bright Red Day in concert to benefit White Oak Christian Camp. \$7 at the door.

17 FCA Game Changer CC 5K to benefit White Oak Christian Camp. 9am at WOCC. \$20 on race day.

18 Youth Mission Trip Lunch Meeting. #302 \$3

25 \$35 due for Deeper Life Registration.

30-31 Missouri Christian Convention.

# more articles and announcements



## TAKE NOTE

### *The Café at Timber Lake*

—by Brian Sevits

You may have already read about this new ministry in last week's bulletin insert. But, just in case, I included the information here again so that everyone anticipates these changes coming next Sunday!

One of our goals for 2012 is to improve on our hospitality / visitor ministry. Many people say that a person will determine whether or not to return to a church before the service even begins. What we do to befriend a visitor when they come through our doors is called the "first impression." We will be working on this aspect of our ministry throughout 2012. One major component of the hospitality ministry that will launch on February 26th is "The Café at Timber Lake." The coffee bar ministry has been flourishing under the direction of Jodie Richardson, but its focus has been primarily a ministry to our regular class attendees. A hospitality area for our guests simply should not be located in the back lobby.



Beginning February 26th, you will find our new hospitality area located in the corner of the auditorium by the kitchen window. The elders have approved a revitalization of the coffee bar, including a new countertop. In addition, we have purchased three counter height tables where visitors or regular attendees can mingle before or after services. Doug and other staff will use this area following services for a casual "meet and greet." About 30 chairs will be removed to provide ample space in that corner, still leaving more than enough seats for our current attendance in each service. If we run into space problems in the future, we will make necessary adjustments.

The café area will be set up and serving at the end of 1st service, it will remain open during Bible fellowships, and it will close at the beginning of 2nd service. More details about the vision for this hospitality ministry will be shared in the future. We hope you will continue to enjoy the coffee bar ministry as its purpose expands! And if you are a good "people person," we hope you will be intentional about meeting our guests in this area to make them feel welcomed into our church family!

## FROM THE MAILBOX

*What a blessing it is to be associated with such a loving and caring church. We want to thank each and every one for the food, flowers, cards, prayers, and your presence at Lon's visitation and funeral services. I'm sure that he's up there right now saying, "They did this for me??" Thanks also to Doug for the visits and the inspirational message at Lon's service. It gave us all something to take home with us. The family meal was delicious! God bless you all!*

*The family of Lonnie Henry*

*Thanks so much for all the phone calls, cards, and prayers during my recent back surgery and recovery. It's great to be a part of such a caring church family. Thanks again!*

*Lori Sears*

# announcements

## FCA CROSS COUNTRY 5K RUN/ WALK FOR WHITE OAK CAMP

Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be sponsoring a 5K Run/Walk at White Oak Christian Camp with the proceeds to benefit updates and improvements to the camp. The date for the run is March 17 with a start time of 9:00 a.m. Race day registration is \$20 but if you register before Feb. 29, the costs are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults. Forms are available on the table in the foyer or from Allen Todd or Naomi Lewis.

## CCCB MEN'S DAY & BANQUET

"Closer Than A Brother" is the theme for this year's Men's Day at Central Christian College. Bob Russell will be the featured speaker at both a workshop at 4:30 p.m. and the evening banquet at 6:30. Cost for the banquet (a turkey dinner) is \$15. Please call the college receptionist at 263-3900 x110 or email your reservations to [publicrelations@cccb.edu](mailto:publicrelations@cccb.edu) by March 5th.

## CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES GROUP

If you are like the rest of us, when it comes to our Christian walk, it gets rocky! It's ok. You are not alone. In fact, there is a group that will meet for 9 weeks starting Feb. 26th. YOU and your friends are welcome to join. It's free and will meet at 9:30 a.m. for an hour by the pop machines in the back hallway foyer.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES WINTER TEA

"Unshakeable" is the theme for the 2012 Ladies Winter Tea, to be held January 21st from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church auditorium. You will enjoy beautiful music, delectable foods, and wonderful conversation. Our special speaker this year is Sharon Filbeck, who will be encouraging us to be Unshakeable in our faith. Please invite your lady friends to this special Tea. There will be no child-care provided...this is just for you! *This is an r.s.v.p.*

*event, so be sure to secure a ticket today in the front lobby. Suggested donation for each ticket is \$5.00.*

## LIBRARY NEWS

The dictionary defines a fan as "an enthusiastic admirer." Jesus was never interested in just having admirers, or fans. Kyle Idleman, a New Testament preacher in Louisville, Kentucky, addresses this subject in his book, [Not a Fan](#). He urges us to be a completely committed follower of Jesus, not just a fan who sits on the sidelines and cheers. This is especially recommended for men.

## GRIEFSHARE

The TLCC GriefShare Group will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 17, at 6:30 p.m. and following Tuesday evenings, in room 405. Fran Burton leads this group and you may contact her if you have any questions.

## AGAPE YOUTH FUNDRAISER

The annual Agape Youth Fundraiser dinner will be held on Sunday, February 12, following morning services. Plan to attend this yummy meal and help support the youth activities. Menu to be announced!

## XYZ DINNER

The winter XYZ luncheon will be held on February 19 following morning services. XYZ activities are especially designed for those age 55 and older. Sign-up sheets will be made available closer to time.

## BABY SHOWER

There will be a "Drop-In" shower for BethAnn (Shewmaker) Schad on February 12 at the home of Linda Dumm, 315 E. Carpenter. You may stop by anytime between 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. Linda & Janet Farmer are hostesses. Beth Ann has helped in both our children's department and the Afternoon Bible Club.

# people and prayer requests

## CELEBRATIONS

### March Birthdays

- 1- Fred Green
- 2- Carmelita Kaser  
Frieda McKinney
- 4- Jim Meyer  
Rick Petersen  
Tori Ricketts
- 5- Delesa Frantzen  
Ryan Tracy
- 6- Micah Marshall
- 7- Emma Bright  
Robert Crutcher  
Doug Henry  
Ken Ralls  
Marjorie Richardson  
Elsie Watson
- 8- Jordan Pasbrig
- 9- Alex Fincher
- 11- Avery Broemer  
Jayden Marshall  
Mike Mathis
- 12- Janet Gladstone  
Anne McKinney  
Anna See



- 12- Steve St. Clair
- 13- Jack Richardson
- 14- Gage St. Clair  
Taylor Mathis
- 15- Tayler Stice
- 16- Jonathan Bruner  
Monica Tracy
- 17- Marty Kossak  
Sam Richardson
- 18- Natalie Botkins  
Blake Painter  
Brian Perry
- 19- Beth McIntyre

- 19- Evan Todd  
Kristie Watson
- 20- Sandy Bledsoe  
James Coureton  
Wanda Henry
- 21- Michelle Herron  
Brooke Wilson
- 22- Tony Beaverson  
Joyce Haller  
Annette Todd
- 23- Priscilla Mehaffy
- 24- Regan Walden
- 25- Nancy Boeding
- 26- Gerald Browning
- 27- Cheryl Botkins
- 28- Jamie Bledsoe
- 29- Janet Farmer
- 30- Sean Garrett
- 31- Megan Wilson

### March Anniversaries

- 6- Jerry & Marlene Wilson
- 8- Darold & Cathy Evans
- 11- Paul & Lori Garrett
- 15- Steve & Pam Botkins
- 16- Chris & Rachel Harman  
Corey & Kim Stuart

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### *Please remember these in prayer...*

Kevin Bartholmey, Garrett Braman, Nancy Braman, David Brown, Lori Brown, Gary Collier, Barb Collins, Woody Coonce, Mary Dicken, Dorothy Fausz, Bob Franklin, Karen Franklin, Delesa Frantzen, Regina Green, Melvin Gregory, Susan Hall, Henry Hamblin, Shirley Henderson, Carolyn Herron, Dale Jasper, Jim Johnson, Tom Kaser, Vivian Kilgore, Donna Marshall, Donna McKibben, Anne Menear, Jim Morgan, Paulette Morgan, Bob Ollmann, Gail Peterson, Dorothy Pittman, Marilyn Pittman, Timothy Pittman, Trent Putnam, Frank & Margie Richardson, Kim Stuart, Charlie Switzer, Naomi Thompson, Jo Watkins, Karen Weatherly, Alice Weaver, Clyde Williams



### *Those in Nursing Homes or Care Centers...*

Bluff's Nursing Home, Columbia—Catherine Williams; Cameron Manor—Anna See; Loma Linda—Dan Dolan, Betty Dunwoody, Delesa Frantzen; Mark Twain—Lillian Collins; Moberly Nursing & Rehab: Lina Peters; Ravenwood Terrace—David Brown, Dorothy Fausz, Mary O'Neal

### *Those in the Military...*

Afghanistan: Bobby Bulens, Grant Glover, Jerad Stokes; Alaska: Josh Conklin; California: Rafe Kossak; Cambodia: Grant LeGrand; Hawaii: Jeff Taylor; Iraq: Nicholas Clear, Lawrence Trowbridge; Germany: Bryan Ralls; Nebraska: Gerrett Vessar; New Mexico: Jacob Dykstra; North Carolina: Travis Bash, Justin Lewis; Pennsylvania: Travis Harvey; Reserves: Adam Cousin, Drew Stice

# statistics and serving schedules

	1/15	1/22	1/29	2/5	2/12
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>					
TOTAL S. S.	226	204	234	234	204
1st Wor.	129	119	118	153	138
2nd Wor.	252	243	254	220	242
Children	76	68	34	74	60
TOTAL Wor.	457	430	406	447	440
<b>OFFERING</b>					
General	\$7,789	\$8,807	\$7,671	\$13,006	\$7,952
Designated	409	964	300	602	1,262
TOT. Offerings	\$8,198	\$9,771	\$7,971	\$13,608	\$9,214

## YEAR-END STATISTICS

Worship Average:	429
Sunday School Average:	213
Total Offering Received:	\$62,035
Average Weekly Offering:	\$8,862
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$9,901

## COUNTY BANK LOAN UPDATE

Due to the generosity of several families at the end of 2011, our general fund budget ended the year with a significant surplus. As a result, our elders made the decision that the County Bank loan balance (\$36,453.55) would be **PAID OFF on January 9, 2012!**

## RELIANCE TRUST BONDS UPDATE

(Financing for Gratz Brown Property)  
We currently have \$1,478,030 in bonds left to pay back (including interest). We are on schedule to pay them all off by October 30, 2029, with monthly payments of \$12,078. It is our goal that when our budget continues to grow and giving increases beyond what is needed for ongoing ministry needs, we will begin to pay off some of the bonds early. At this time, we are not having a campaign towards that goal. However, if you ever would like to make a designation towards the principal on the bonds, just earmark a portion of your check for "debt reduction."

## DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>85,394.10</b>	<b>539,492.14</b>
Staff	18,729.92	206,134.23
Operational	6,788.47	66,629.60
Children	757.52	6,281.40
Youth	33.93	5,810.83
Adults	1,478.05	6,378.08
Missions	4,000.00	43,912.26
Debt	14,578.49	174,941.88
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>46,366.38</b>	<b>510,088.28</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>39,027.72</b>	<b>29,403.86</b>


	Feb. 19	Feb. 26	Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25
<b>Greeters</b>	Rob & Gena Robuck  Wayne & Frieda McKinney	Norman & Micky Lavinder  Kirk & Terry Hatfield	Shirley DeVos Linda Hubin  Jack & Karen Richardson	Delesa Frantzen  Jerry Carroll  Brenda Hubert family	Glen & Michelle Herron  Kim & Keven Ridgway	Chris & Rachel Harman  Joe & Marlene Wilson
<b>Visitor Greeters</b>	Jeff & Lara Lawrence	Ray & Lorraine McCully	Dawn Beaverson	Dan & Barb Dennis	Jeff & Lara Lawrence	Ray & Lorraine McCully
<b>Shut-in Communion</b>	Fred Green	David Sears  Ron Self	Jack Richardson  Harley Funk	Doug Delp  Doug Henry	Fred Green	David Sears  Ron Self

**TIMES OF SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

Worship services.....8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Fellowships .....9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Night C.A.R.E. Groups (Sept.—April)  
**WEDNESDAY (Sept.—April)**  
 C.A.R.E. Groups .....(times to be set by group)  
 Adult and Children's Programming  
 for Age 2—Grade 12.....6:30-8 p.m.

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**MARCH 2012**

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- 4- Central Day highlighting CCCB
- 4- Quarterly Potluck & Wild game table
- 7 & 24 Schantz Ladies' Study, 9:30 a.m.
- 8- Men's Banquet at CCCB
- 10- Blaze the Trail 5K at CCCB
- 16- "Overshadow" benefit concert for WOCC
- 17- FCA 5K for WOCC, 9 a.m.
- 23,24 Children's Ministry Overnight event
- 30,31 Missouri Christian Convention

- Recurring Events**
- Sunday      Worship service, 8:30 a.m.  
               Bible Fellowships, 9:45 a.m.
  - Tuesday    Worship service, 10:45 a.m.  
               GriefShare—6:30 p.m.  
               NAMI—7:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday Bible Bowl—3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
               Classes—6:30-8:00 p.m.
  - Thursday    Beth Moore study—6:00 p.m.  
               Worship Team —6:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening classes are offered for ages 2 through adults from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Both men and women's Bible studies are available as well as "The Truth Project" for adults.

- Upcoming Sermons:**
- 1/22—Who Can You Count On? Mark 9:30-41
  - 1/29—You Can Count on Me! Mk. 14:27-42 (Allen Todd)
  - 2/5—Youth Sunday (Tim Pittman)
  - 2/12—Knowledge Gives Way to Conversion at Conviction, Acts 2
  - 2/19—Prayer Meetings at Home, Acts. 12:1-19