

# connections

TIMBER LAKE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

June 2011

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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.



Jesus'  
Methods

"Listen, Learn, Love!"

Week #3 of the 2011 Summer Series

## Won't You Be My Neighbor?

### BABY DEDICATION

Today we honor our new babies and their parents during the 10:30 hour. Raising children is a challenging but a rewarding task. We have several parents of youth children who have chosen this morning to dedicate themselves to raising their children in the Lord. The following vows are printed so that you may participate in the service when the time comes.

**PARENTS:** Do you, as parents of these children, promise to love, protect, teach, guide, and correct your children in the Lord? Do you promise to model Christ-like behavior and reliance upon God for them?

**RESPOND:** We do.

**CHURCH;** Do we, as a church body, promise to love, uphold these families in prayer, and to provide the support and resources needed to support them in raising their children to love and obey God?

# from the leadership

## A MESSAGE FROM DOUG

While we're thinking this summer about taking strangers or mere acquaintances and making them neighbors, I have been rereading the book Reveal. In a sentence, it is a study of several thousand Christians at four different levels of spiritual growth outlining their opinions/expectations of their church's role in their spiritual growth. The more mature the Christian, the more disappointed they tended to be in their church's effectiveness in helping them grow. The end of the book reminds us that one of the church's biggest mistakes is when it doesn't teach us that we are responsible to be "self-feeders." Part of being in a consumer driven society is the assumption that you go someplace to get your needs met. If they don't meet those needs, you go somewhere else until you find a place that delivers.

Now back to this summer....We are working at two levels to reverse a two-year trend by this year's end. The trends include a decline in Worship and Sunday school attendance. Lest you assume too much from the stats, it is also important to note that other trends include more new people taking leadership and getting involved in ministry, and having reasonably stable offerings in spite of serious hits economically.

## ELDER EXHORTATION

### *Happy Father's Day - Ron Self*

A father is God's representative to his children. This makes a father's task sacred and serious. A father is to deal with his children as God deals with him as God's child. The heavenly Father is seen in the eyes and hearts of children as they watch their earthly father. This is expressed in the poem, "Dear Daddy, What If" by Joan Clifton Costner.

"What if I didn't have you, dear Daddy,  
To walk just a little ahead;  
To show me all the turns in the road,  
So I am rightly led?  
Take me along, dear Daddy.  
For, I watch every step you take.  
I try to follow your footsteps.  
So, make them plain for my sake.  
When I see you on bended knee, dear Daddy,  
When I hear you say my name in prayer—  
I know what makes you so big and so strong.  
And, I pray you will always be there.

The two levels of programming include first, the overall theme and activities surrounding "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Don't check out of church this summer thinking there are more exciting places to be. Our economy, country, and your family needs God's word and His purpose center stage in your summer plans. Second, the CARE Group Leader Train Station is a monthly (no obligation) support group for past, present, and hopeful CARE group leaders. It will take place at least one Sunday per month at the 8:30am hour in room 405. Our goal is to revive our CARE group ministry around a united goal of launching ten new sermon-based CARE groups. We will be listening and brainstorming as much as training and praying.

Now, back to Reveal....Multiple sources of research are suggesting that one of the quickest ways to get the majority of the church on a simple, yet profound path of self-fed spiritual growth is to prioritize sermon-based small groups. If you feel like our CARE group ministry could use some renewal and/or if you feel like your spiritual walk could use a jolt from a spiritual AED, then come join us this Sunday at 8:30 am, room 405! No obligation if you come and no hope for renewal if you don't!

*See You Sunday! — Doug*

No wonder my Mommy loves you.  
You're the apple of her eye!  
And, I see you looking at Mommy -  
Like you won the world's greatest prize!  
I thank God every night for you.  
I'm the luckiest kid in the land!  
For I know that you practice, in earnest,  
The life of a Godly man.  
When I say my prayers, dear Daddy,  
I always ask Jesus to bless  
My Daddy, my helper, my hero -  
Who always knows what is best.  
You remind me so much of Jesus!  
How'd you get to be so much like Him?  
I know, if I walk in your shadow,  
The way will never be dim.  
So, teach me your ways, dear Daddy.  
Teach me the Savior's love.  
Let's walk hand in hand, dear Daddy,  
Toward that wonderful land above."

# children's and youth ministries

## MY PRAYER FOR YOU

—*Mary Rosado*

One of the most interesting things about camp each summer is seeing how kids have grown and matured. Many of these campers I have seen yearly since they first came to White Oak Christian Camp at age 5, and now they are junior high students. They have changed physically, but even more interesting to note is how they have changed emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Some changes are worrying, but most are gratifying, encouraging and even inspiring.

There is a passage in Colossians that I marked some time ago. I reread this often, praying these verses for our kids by name. The apostle Paul perfectly states what I desire for our kids at Timber Lake Christian Church and our kids at White Oak Christian Camp.

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.* Colossians 1:9-12

## WHAT TIME IS IT? -ALLEN TODD

Timing is everything. Last year we went through several options trying to find a mission trip location. Doors kept closing, including the one to Pearlinton, MS. After experiencing an incredible week in Pearlinton, MS this year, I am convinced, one again, that God's timing is always the best. This particular group of students was perfect for this year's trip. The VBS leadership and interaction with kids, the musical outreach to teens and adults and the willingness to work together as a team and deal with problems clearly affirmed to me that God knew what He was doing. Should I ever have doubted?

Backing up a few steps, could you look at your current struggles, frustrations and stress and then realize that God's timing is perfect? Would you trust Him and realize that He really is able to work all things to the good of them who love Him and are called according to His purpose? No matter how big the pain or how small the inconvenience, it's time to trust God in every detail of your life. -Allen

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

#### **June:**

- 19 Youth Band leads worship at TLCC. Yeah!**
- 19 Sapling Week at White Oak Camp!**
- 26 Timber Week at White Oak Camp!**

#### **July:**

- 10 Jr. High ComeUnity Ice Cream Sundae Night!**
- 13-15 Jr. High JAM!! 1-3:30pm each day.**
- 17 NYR Meeting and Tent Setup 2:00pm.**
- 17 Jr. High ComeUnity Water War Night.**

**Wear your swimsuit!**

- 21 NYR in Colorado! Will return Saturday July 30.**

#### **August:**

- 7 Jr. High ComeUnity Crazy Outdoor Game Night!**
- 14 Neighborhood Block Party Finale at TLCC 9:30 outdoor service. Picnic lunch at 11:00.**

**\*No Jr. High ComeUnity except where listed.**

# more articles and announcements



## TAKE NOTE

### *June Financial and Ministry Update* —by Brian Sevits

At the beginning of 2011, the budget committee decided it was best to decrease our budget to our 2009 level of about \$9,900 needed per week. This was due to a decrease in giving in this tough economic climate. Some families have been forced to decrease their giving, and others have moved away for various reasons. Our hope was to be able to increase the budget to a “tier #2” level of \$10,200 per week by this point in the year. However, our giving has continued to lag. Our giving has actually settled in to an average of about \$9,500 per week this year, and we are consistently running a deficit in our budgeted contributions.

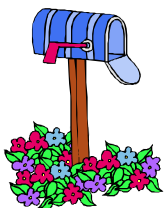
We are not currently alarmed about the situation because most ministries have also been as conservative as possible in spending their budgets. As you can see in the financial summary report included in this newsletter, our income vs. expenses for the year is presently at a good amount. What concerns us is the fact that we often have ongoing deficits in the Summer due to families going on vacation, some people having decreased income, etc. I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider the amount you are able to give to the Lord’s work through the minis-

try of T.L.C.C. This is His church, and we will continue to do ministry with the funds He provides. If giving continues to decline, it may mean difficult decisions in the Fall when the budget committee plans for 2012. We trust that the Lord will work through the generous people of this congregation, and we will hopefully be seeing a positive trend in giving in the near future.

On a different note, the worship ministry has obviously been making some significant changes due to the different worship styles. If you are interested in serving and are not currently on the rotation, this is a great time to get plugged into our musical or technical ministries. Those wanting to serve on the praise team or worship band would need to do a short audition during the week and complete an interview. Be assured that these are not intimidating processes, and they are only meant to help us determine where you can best serve. The other area where we could REALLY use some extra help is in the media booth. If you use a computer on a regular basis, you could help us out in the projection of song lyrics, sermon slides, and videos with a little training.

Lastly, I am considering putting together a short patriotic choir presentation for the 10th anniversary of September 11th. This would probably accompany a special service in the afternoon on that Sunday. Watch for more information in the next few weeks if you are interested!

## FROM THE MAILBOX



*To my church family and friends:*

*I want to thank you for the kindness and concern at the time of my recent surgery and recuperation. The huge number of cards, visits, phone calls, thoughts, and especially prayers were truly appreciated. It's so great to have such a caring group of Christian brothers and sisters, especially at a time like this.*

*Ron Self*

A QR Code is a bar code that can be scanned using your camera phone and a QR Code Reader. It will take you to today's Lesson and Scripture.



# announcements

*The children of  
Fred and Jan Green  
would like to invite you to a  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration  
held in their honor  
Sunday Afternoon – July 3rd, 2011*

*TLCC – Room 402 & 403  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*



## LIBRARY NEWS

The Unexpected Jesus by Gary Holloway is a surprising look at our Savior. This book “is an invitation to view anew the biblical Jesus, the one who surprised his contemporaries, overwhelmed his enemies and inspired a generation of believers. Seeing Jesus through their eyes, maybe we too can be surprised and challenged. After all, maybe we don’t know Jesus as well as we think we do.”

## ESV BIBLES AVAILABLE

At Timber Lake we have always prioritized getting our people to bring their Bible to church and follow along as we study together. Because of that priority, we have devised a plan where people who attend the June 24th services will be able to get an introductory level copy of the ESV (English Standard Version) Bible at a minimal cost and prepare one as a “pew Bible” that will be available on Sundays for newcomers. In June, Doug began preaching from the ESV.

If you would like to take home a copy of this Bible on the 24th, you can make a \$6 donation notation on the memo line of your check and take it home that day. Or you can stop by the office during the week and pick one up. The \$6 donation will be used to cover cost, provide a stock here at the church for visitors to use, and possibly help us provide an ongoing pool of Bibles to give away to new visitors and friends.

If you would like more information regarding why we are making the change, you can go to [www.dougdelp.wordpress.com/good-reads](http://www.dougdelp.wordpress.com/good-reads).



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

*The warm welcome of our fellowship is extended to these new family members!*

*Emma and Andrew Ricketts, brother and sister, were immersed into Christ on May 29, 2011. Their parents are Seth and Janelle Ricketts of Salisbury. They have a little sister named Tori.*

*Adam Barkey placed his membership on June 12. Adam and Bethany (Delp) were recently married and are receiving their mail at P.O. Box 485 in Moberly.*

*We're happy to welcome these new family members!*

# people and prayer requests

## CELEBRATIONS

### July Birthdays

- 5- Lewis VanHouten  
Norman Wright
- 7- Julie Hargis
- 8- Beth Wilson
- 9- Doug Delp
- 10- Joyce Carroll  
Mark Stuart
- 11- Lydia Haller
- 12- Charla Funk  
Brooke White
- 13- Tim Pittman  
Natasha Stice
- 14- Travis Gittmeier  
Robert Mallory  
Callie Robinson
- 15- Paul Couture  
Jodie Richardson  
Mark Russell
- 17- Elizabeth Gelina  
Nate King
- 18- Jon Harley  
Victoria Lewis  
Nancy Peters
- 19- Isabella Andrews  
Micky Lavinder
- 20- Jonathan Dunham



- 22- Jennifer Haller  
Nancy Roach
- 24- Michelle Moss  
Kyle Robuck  
Phyllis Self
- 25- Jan Green  
Reta Ollmann
- 26- Charlie McCoy  
Tricia Snell  
Carlie Wilson
- 27- Kelley Broemer
- 29- Steve Botkins  
Tamara Daiprai  
Thad Harman

- 30- Frank Cousin  
Earl Crutcher

### July Anniversaries

- 1- Adam & Anne Cousin
- 8- Joe & Kim Bonnarens
- 13- David & Lori Sears
- 20- Gerald & Cheryl Botkins
- 25- Chris & Bette Morrison  
Ron & Phyllis Self
- 28- Norman & Micky Lavinder
- 29- Doug & Kristi Delp  
Jim & Boonthoom Johnson

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Joselyn Beach, Mike Boren, Larry Braman, Jim Brooke, David Brown, Gary Collier, Barb Collins, Dave Crutchfield, Mary Dicken, Bill Dowlin, Dan Faddis, Bob Franklin, Karen Franklin, Delesa Frantzen, Regina Green, Susan Hall, Henry Hamblin, Shirley Henderson, Lonnie Henry, Carolyn Herron, Don Hoffman, Bill Holtzclaw, Bethany James, Jim Johnson, Tom Kaser, Donna Marshall, Anne Menear, Jim Morgan, Paulette Morgan, Laura Noel, Bob Ollmann, Mary O'Neal, Nancy Peters, Gail Peterson, Dorothy Pittman, Marilyn Pittman, Timothy Pittman, Trent Putnam, Frank & Margie Richardson, Bev Robertson, Rachel Stall, Naomi Thompson, Jo Watkins, Alice Weaver, Clyde Williams



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

Bluff's Nursing Home, Columbia—Catherine Williams; Cameron Manor—Anna See; Loch Haven—Sue Smith; Loma Linda—Dan Dolan, Betty Dunwoody, Nancy Peters; Macon—Susie Ash; Mark Twain—Lillian Collins; Ravenwood Terrace—Dorothy Fausz; St. Louis Nursing Home—Dorothy Cozadd

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

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

# statistics and serving schedules

	5/22	5/29	6/5	6/12
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>				
TOTAL Sun. Sch.	216	173	218	242
1st Worship	193	197	149	132
2nd Worship	127	121	190	196
Children	80	36	68	80
TOTAL Worship	400	354	407	408
<b>OFFERING</b>				
General	\$10,506	\$6,305	\$8,879	\$9,421
Designated	655	1,126	844	549
TOTAL Offerings	\$11,161	\$7,431	\$9,723	\$9,970

## YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS

Worship Average:	411
Sunday School Average:	220
Total Offering Received:	\$226,375
Average Weekly Offering:	\$9,432
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$9,901

## JULY SERVERS

To be Announced

## COUNTY BANK LOAN UPDATE

(Through June 7, 2011)

Loan Beg. Balance (1-1-10)	\$189,272.00
Debt Reducation in 2010	-118,426.35
Budgeted Prin. pmts. YTD	- 13,347.76
Designated payments YTD	- 4,370.00

**CURRENT BAL. (3/16/11) \$53,127.89**

Interest paid YTD (5%) \$ 1,652.24

## MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

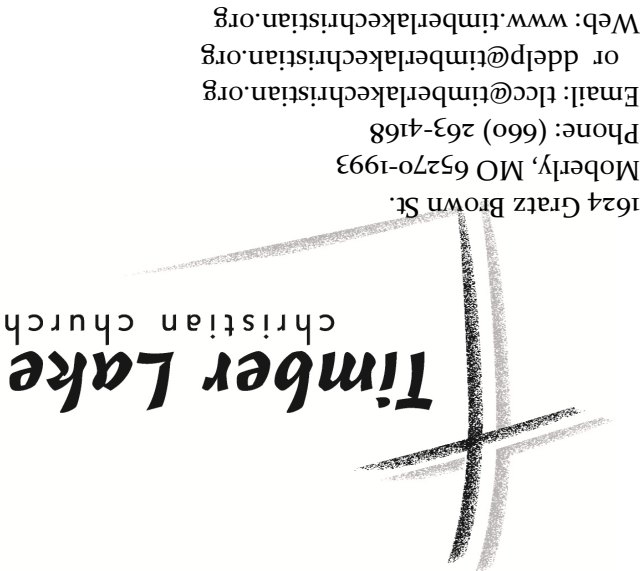
	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>46,321.15</b>	<b>207,172.50</b>
Staff	16,765.11	83,383.15
Operational	4,126.49	24,969.18
Children	273.78	2,362.76
Youth	202.51	207.85
Other	4,828.60	15,780.58
Debt	14,578.49	72,892.45
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>40,774.98</b>	<b>199,595.97</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,546.17</b>	<b>7,576.53</b>

	June 19	June 26	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24
<b>Greeters</b>	Shirley DeVos Nellie Herron  Rob & Gena Robuck	Darold & Cathy Evans  Jack & Karen Richardson	Joe & Marlene Wilson  Jerry & Joyce Carroll	Brenda Hubert  June Davis  Jan Sears	Kevin & Theresa Bartholmey  Penny Henry	Mark & Sherry Russell  Russ & Valinda Freed
<b>Visitor Greeters</b>	Dawn Beaverson	Jeff & Lara Lawrence	Rena Lang	Ray & Lorraine McCully	Dan & Barb Dennis	Dawn Beaverson
<b>Shut-in Communion</b>	David Sears  Ron Self	Jack Richardson  Harley Funk	Doug Delp  Doug Henry	Fred Green	David Sears  Ron Self	Jack Richardson  Harley Funk

**TIMES OF SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

Dual Worship/Sunday School.....9 & 10:30 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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**JULY 2011**

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- 3- Reception for Fred & Jan Green, 2:00 p.m.
- 5-8 North American Christian Convention
- 10- CARE Group Leader Train Station, 8:30 a.m.
- 13-16 Jr. High JAM
- 21-30 NYR, Senior High
- 24- Whose Line Is It Anyway? 6:30 p.m.
- 31- Reception for Earl Crutcher, 9:15-10:30 a.m.

**Recurring Events**

- Sunday Worship service, 8:30 a.m.  
Bible Fellowships, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday Worship service, 10:30 a.m.  
GriefShare—6:30 p.m.  
NAMI—7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Ladies Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday GriefShare—10:00 a.m.  
Worship Team —6:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening classes are on break for the summer as we participate in the camp season and neighborhood block parties. Regular classes for all ages will resume in September.