

connections

TIMBER LAKE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

July 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.



"Building for Good—The Sermon On the Mount"

Luke 6:12-49

Week #8 of the 2011 Summer Series

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

from the leadership

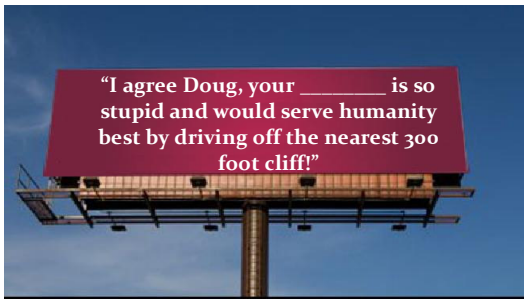
A MESSAGE FROM DOUG

You Will Be Judged By . . .

I remember my Grandfather helping me try to clean out my garden after I had spent 2 weeks in church camp. It was his subtle way of “chewing me out.”

“Douglas...people will judge you by the condition of your garden.” It caught me by surprise and I excused myself because of my commitment to kids and camp. I haven’t done much gardening since then because he was right.

There is a new subtle way by which people judge and are judged. It’s similar to allowing your name to be placed on an embarrassing billboard by the highway.



ELDER EXHORTATION

Are You Ready?—Dale Samp

I often find myself comparing things we do on the farm with things we do in our lives. Many things that go on in our walk with Christ really do compare to farm life. Let me share just one of them with you. We spend the entire winter preparing for the next growing season. We study new technologies, seeds, repair equipment, plan for fertilizing, controlling weeds, and any other task that will help prepare us for the upcoming growing season—including mental preparation. Experience has taught me if you’re not adequately prepared in the spring you will suffer the consequences in the fall. So my question is, “How well are we prepared for the spiritual part of our lives?” Have I done anything to prepare myself for worship or do I just show up? Have I done anything this week to prepare myself for the attacks that Satan has planned for me? Have I done anything to prepare myself to answer questions my family or my friends might have about God? Have I done anything this week to plan for sharing with or helping others? Experience has taught me that failing to prepare for such things leads to ‘crop failure’.

Internet posts have gotten individuals fired, organizations sued, and legal proceedings declared a mistrial. These scriptures can offer some guidance for choices we make that will affect our public reputation and witness as Christians: James 3:1, Romans 14:22 and 1 Corinthians 8:9.

The Elders are asking that TLCC ministers, leaders, and their wives who use social media on the internet give serious consideration to what they post AND what they allow to be posted on their sites. There is a good blog that outlines some guidelines that can be very helpful. If you go to my blog I will share it with you as well as the above listed Scriptures.

Some would say that the internet and technology are tools of Satan. They can be, but this has also been said of TV’s, telephones, and church buildings. I think it’s more accurate to say that technologies are purely tools that will be used by both and Satanic and godly influences. It’s up to us to decide for which influence we will use them. By the way, if you have a smart phone, scan this bar code for more information. Maybe it will save you enough time so that you can clean out your garden as well. ☺



See You Sunday! — Doug

Here are some things that help me. Each week I read Doug’s blog, find out the sermon topic, study the questions and scriptures, and the sermon comes to life on Sunday. In the 17 minutes it takes to get to church, I crank up the Christian radio or CD and I prepare myself for worship. (My mind and attitude are ready!) When I surround myself with my Christian brothers and sisters who love me, support me, and hold me accountable I’m better prepared to do battle with Satan. I find this support in my Care Group and my spiritual mentors. If you don’t have either one I can help you find one. (I’m ready to kill some weeds and bugs!) I spend time in God’s word. I make time for just me and God. (That’s how I feed my crop!) When I take my eyes off of myself and direct them toward others I’m prepared to share what God has done in my life. I’m prepared to put the needs of others ahead of mine and prepared to be a servant of God. (My planter is ready!) If you find yourself struggling with church or you’re feeling empty in your spiritual walk, ask yourself, “What have I done to prepare myself? How much time have I invested in preparing?” If your answer is “not much” then try spending some time getting ready. It sure makes the growing season go a lot smoother. Have a great harvest!!!!

children's and youth ministries

CREATIVITY

—*Mary Rosado*

One way for me to relax and clear my mind is to create something. It doesn't matter if the creation is composed of fabric, paint, plant or wood. The process of making something with my hands is a pleasure for me. The planning, the execution, the decisions, the precision, and the end product—all of the steps are enjoyable.

Another thing that brings me joy is to examine the creative endeavors of others. It fascinates me to try and uncover their creative process. Why did they choose that medium? What were they trying to communicate? How did they think of that?

Creating or enjoying other's creations always brings me back to thoughts of God. Surely that enjoyment is a gift from the Creator of the World. When I create, I am digging through His supplies to make something. He

started from nothing. What was He thinking when He created some of those animals? How many shades of green is too many? His design for our bodies is so intricate it still amazes.

I am thankful that being made in God's image includes the ability to design and make things. How like Him to share His pleasure in creating with us in that way.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. Genesis 1:31a

- **July 31 is a 5th Sunday.** Camp Timber Lake (grades 1-5) will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and then the students will enjoy worship with their families.
- **August 14** is a combined worship outside. Children of all ages will be with their families.

NORMAL IS NOT ENOUGH

—*Allen Todd*

I saw a youth conference theme that I really like. "Normal is Not Enough." Normal is following the majority, going with the flow, not being different from the crowd around you. I would really like to challenge our students to take that motto to heart. God called us to be bold in our witness, to love our enemies, to serve others, to give sacrificially, to be committed to Christ in all we do and say.

We have amazing students, but it is often heard when we talk about our spiritual journey that we are merely surviving in our culture. We are laying low in order to avoid attention or to stay clear of conflict. It isn't popular to be holy. It is alien to live at a high standard of purity. It is laughable to reject evolution. It is judgmental to reject homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle. It is expected to share homework and test answers freely. And of course to be rude, cuss, and joke about inappropriate topics is also normal.

NORMAL IS NOT ENOUGH! Who is with me? -Allen

Youth Events Coming up...

July:

21 Heading to NYR in Colorado! Lord willing, we 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. Carnival games for children.

16 2nd Annual Back-2-School Bash!! 5:30 supper, group games and outdoor worship service!!

19 Sponsor Planning Dinner at the Todds' house. 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

September:

7 Wednesday night Kickoff

11 Sunday night youth and ComeUnity Fall kickoff
16-17 WOC Sr. High Retreat tentative dates.

23-24 Jr. High "Get a Way" at OCC in Joplin. \$35

25 SYATP rally. Details TBA.

28 SYATP at your school.

October:

7-8 Sr. High "In Focus" at CCCB. \$20

more articles and announcements



TAKE NOTE

A New Doxology

—by Brian Sevits

There was a time in church history when Christian composers were only allowed to write songs based directly on Scripture. In fact, changing the original text of a Psalm or other passage from the Bible in order for it to fit a melody was considered heresy by some. Many people were also punished, even killed, because they added new lyrics to hymns that were not directly found in Scripture. It was during this time, in 1674, that Thomas Ken penned these famous lyrics:

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye, Heavenly Host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

Ken was launching into new territory when he composed his song (and many others) for the boys at Winchester College to sing in their dorm rooms and private devotional times. He was a scholar at this college, and he taught not only through great preaching, but also through songs. The songs were intended for spiritual for-

mation in many cases, and “The Doxology” (as we know it) was meant to be a very simple song for strictly personal use. Yet, it has become one of the most well-known doxologies in Christian history.

This famous doxology (hymn of praise) has stood the test of time, and it is commonly called “the” doxology even though there are many of them sung to different tunes. Like this one, most doxologies express our praise for the Trinity—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What is so interesting about most doxologies is that they speak of God only in the third person, never directly addressing Him in the first person.

Last year, Thomas Miller from the Gateway Worship team brought this ancient hymn back to life in his congregation, and he even added a couple of verses. He says that he enjoys the song so much because it is very reverential of God. Many of our new composed worship music speaks of a God who is near to us, our friend, with informal lyrics. While it is good to realize that God is immanent and cares about us, it is also important to recognize His transcendence. God is “other.” He is to be praised and adored as our Creator, beyond all time and space. This week we will sing Miller’s re-creation of this timeless hymn, and I look forward to joining our voices together in praise of our great God!

FROM THE MAILBOX

I want to thank everyone that came to see me at the nursing home and also for all the calls and cards.

In Christian love—Nancy Peters

(Nancy is settled in her new home in Iowa: Sunset Knoll, 401 W. 5th St., Aurelia, IA 51005)

Thank you very much for allowing us to hold our wedding and reception on your property. We greatly appreciated it. It was the perfect setting!

Sincerely—Matthew & Amy Sears

We would like to thank everyone who came and helped us clean up our yard! The yard looks so much better. We couldn’t have gotten it done without you guys! Also, we would like to extend the thank you for everything taken out of the basement. Thank you!

Stubbins Home

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Hayley Wallis was immersed into Christ on July 3. Hayley is the 8-year-old daughter of Todd and Sherry Wallis. She has a little brother, Nathan. Welcome to Hayley!

announcements

Mr & Mrs. Mark Dunham
Request the Honor of your Presence
At the marriage of their Daughter
Cassandra Dawn Dunham
To
Russell Joseph Sullivan
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Russell Sullivan
Saturday, The sixth of August
Seven o'clock in the evening
At "The Lodge"
Rothwell Park
Moberly, Missouri
Reception immediately following
the ceremony

TLC PRESCHOOL

Timber Lake Preschool is collecting gently used items— hand mixer, cookie sheets, rolling pin, small microwave, muffin pans, counter top electric skillet or griddle, tricycles, toy dump trucks, other playground items. Please contact Sandy Fincher (263-4559) if you'd like to make a donation.

The preschool is still taking enrollments. Contact Sandy or see the church website for more information.

BIBLE BOWL

Bible Bowl is getting ready to begin another year of study. It is open to those in grades 5-12. This year's text is the book of Matthew. Contact Sandy Fincher at 263-4559 or sandyfincher@hotmail.com if you are interested in participating. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, August 7, at 9:00 a.m. in room 404 for interested students and parents. Practices will be on Wednesdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and will begin August 10.

LIBRARY NEWS

Bodie & Brock Thoene are a husband-wife team known for their historical novels. Their Zion Legacy Series is a six-volume group based on events in Jerusalem in 1948. Donated by one of our members, these books are in pristine condition.

AFTERNOON BIBLE CLUB

As of right now, there are only two available slots for children in grades K-8 to attend ABC for the 2011-12 school year. This is the sixth school year that TLCC has welcomed children in the after school program. However, there are two needs that we hope the TLCC family can help us with.

1. We need adult volunteers to be with children one afternoon each week from 3:30-5:15. No teaching is required—just supervision of a small number of children.
2. We have at least one student whose mother is out of work and needs a scholarship for her first grade son to attend Afternoon Bible Club. He came last year and went home each day to teach his mother the Bible lesson. The cost is \$3 per day. If anyone would like to contribute to a scholarship for this young man, you may contact Linda Dumm at 263-8797 or the TLCC office.

During the spring and summer, two of our ABC children were immersed into Christ. Another one will be baptized in the near future. Your investment in the futures of these children will reap eternal benefits.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith—Over the Top conference is coming up November 4 and 5 in Kansas City. We will be leaving for the conference the afternoon of Thursday, November 3 and will return Saturday evening. The cost is \$89 per person for the conference plus hotel costs for two nights (usually around \$95). The \$89 is due to WOF by August 30, 2011, so be sure to sign up with Melissa Bosch to reserve your spot. When you sign up, there will be a \$20 deposit due. This will allow Melissa to set you up online so that you can pay as you go from now until August 30. If you have any questions or need further details, please contact Melissa by e-mail at mbosch@cvalley.net or by phone (660) 269-8328. We would LOVE to have you join us!!

people and prayer requests

CELEBRATIONS

August Birthdays

- 1- Jessica Sevits
Trisch Vessar
- 2- Robert Mallory
Krista Norbury
Larry Simmerman
- 4- Jack Defreitas
- 7- Aaron Dougherty
Andy Dougherty
Jim Johnson
Jan Petersen
- 9- Lillie Norbury
Julie Walden
- 10- Corey Mehaffy
- 11- Janene Mathis
- 13- Howard Hils
- 14- Zack Snell
- 15- Troyann Andrews
- 17- Sara Mauck
- 19- Hillary Appling
Grace Norbury
- 20- Ace Harper
Andy Lilburn
- 21- James McIntyre
Michelle Herron
- 23- Joshua Lewis
Shannon Bright
Don Herron



- 23- Sara VanJura
- 25- Elihu Norbury
Betty Pearman
- 26- Cecil Brassfield
Barb Dennis
Andy Morgan
Ben Morgan
Rylie Snell
Eli Wilhite
- 27- Cyle Cundiff
- 28- Lori Sears
Conner Stice
- 31- Adam Fincher
Adrienne Harper

August Anniversaries

- 1- Tim & Melissa Marshall
- 2- Seth & Janelle Ricketts
- 5- Pam & Norman Wright
- 6- Tracy & Nancy Roach
- 7- Todd & Sherry Wallis
- 8- Roy & Lori Miller
- 11- Jon & Virginia Harley
- 13- Rob & Gena Robuck
- 17- Rick & Jan Fordyce
- 18- Curt & Lucy Lawrence
Ed & Sarah Lewis
- 19- Dennis & Dorothy Edwards
Jack & Karen Richardson
- 22- Henry & Vikki Hamblin
- 27- Ray & Lorraine McCully
- 28- Ralph & Sarah Hoppe
- 29- Richard & Shelli Dougherty
- 31- Cecil & Peggy Brassfield

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, Bob Ollmann, Mary O'Neal, 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; Loma Linda—Dan Dolan, Betty Dunwoody; Mark Twain—Lillian Collins; Moberly Nursing & Rehab—Frank Richardson; 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

	6/19	6/26	7/3	7/10	7/17
ATTENDANCE					
TOTAL S. S.	231	228	200	209	158
1st Wor.	135	Not ctd.	121	122	126
2nd Wor.	211	Not ctd.	163	190	196
Children	79	80	55	75	56
TOTAL Wor.	425	N/C	339	387	378
OFFERING					
General	\$8,757	\$8,755	\$12,163	\$8,692	\$9,968
Designated	1,161	1,157	1,459	357	531
TOT. Offerings	\$9,918	\$9,912	\$13,622	\$9,049	\$10,499

YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS

Worship Average:	407
Sunday School Average:	218
Total Offering Received:	\$271,580
Average Weekly Offering:	\$9,365
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$9,901

COUNTY BANK LOAN UPDATE

(Through July 12, 2011)

Loan Beg. Balance (1-1-10)	\$189,272.00
Debt Reducation in 2010	-118,426.35
Budgeted Prin. pmts. YTD	- 15,630.63
Designated payments YTD	- 4,881.00

CURRENT BAL. (3/16/11) \$50,334.02

Interest paid YTD (5%) \$ 1,869.37

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>YTD</u>
INCOME	37,072.56	244,245.06
Staff	17,962.38	101,345.53
Operational	8,345.03	33,314.21
Children	976.32	3,339.08
Youth	2,986.39	3,194.24
Other	4,216.10	19,996.68
Debt	14,578.49	87,470.94
TOTAL EXPENSES	49,064.71	248,660.68
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	-11,992.15	-4,415.62

	July 24	July 31	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28
Greeters	Mark & Sherry Russell Russ & Valinda Freed	Anne & Adam Cousin Harley & Charla Funk	Earl Crutcher Cecil Brassfield Steve & Pam Botkins	Block Party Finale Service Outside	Glen & Michelle Herron Kim & Keven Ridgway	Jim & Cindy Meyer Gerald & Cheryl Botkins
Visitor Greeters	Dawn Beaverson	Jeff & Lara Lawrence	Rena Lang Joyce Haller	Ray & Lorraine McCully	Dan & Barb Dennis	Dawn Beaverson
Shut-in Communion	Jack Richardson Harley Funk	Doug Delp Doug Henry	Fred Green	David Sears Ron Self	Jack Richardson Harley Funk	Doug Delp Doug Henry

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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AUGUST 2011

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- 7- CARE Group Train Station, 8:30 a.m.
- 7- Bible Bowl informational mtg., 9:00 a.m.
- 10- Bible Bowl begins
- 11- Food Pantry
- 14- Neighborhood Block Party Final Event
outdoor service & potluck meal—9:30 a.m.
- 16- Youth Back-to-School Bash, 5:30 p.m.
- 19- Youth Sponsor Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
- 23- Afternoon Bible Club begins
- 27- Women's Ministries Fall Brunch, 10:00 a.m.
- 28- CARE Group Fair, 6:30 p.m.
- 30- Preschool Open House, 6:00-7:30 p.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 Bible Bowl—3:00 p.m.-6:00 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.