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TIMBER LAKE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

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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.



"Dealing with Doubts & Finding Answers"

Luke 24:13-53

Week #13 of the 2011 Summer Series

Won't You Be My Neighbor?



Adult Bible Fellowships—9:30 a.m.

Builders

Led by David Fincher, Room #401 (note room change)

Master's Servants

Led by Dick Koffarnus, Room #402-403

Women's Ministry "Doing Life Together"

Led by Rhonda Dunham, Room #404

Encouragers

Led by Rick Fordyce, Room #405 (note room change)

The Life of Christ

Led by Elwood Agee, Room #406

from the leadership

A MESSAGE FROM DOUG

If starting a car to go somewhere important was getting plugged into a good church, then a good CARE group would be the key. THAT'S HOW YOU GET STARTED. If a successful family reunion at Thanksgiving dinner was getting plugged into a good church, then a good CARE group would be the kitchen. THAT'S WHERE IT HAPPENS. If going to the dentist was getting plugged into a good church, then a good CARE group would be Novocain. THAT'S WHAT MAKES A WORTHWHILE BUT CHALLENGING PROCESS SEEM PLEASANT. If going on a winter cruise in the Bahamas was getting plugged into a good church, then a good CARE group would be the cruise ship. THAT'S HOW YOU GET THERE. If getting married was getting plugged into a good church, then a good CARE group would be the wedding planner. THAT'S HOW YOU MAKE A SPECIAL EVENT A PERSONAL EVENT.

This year we have renewed the emphasis on sermon-based CARE groups with two significant elements. Each Friday, a CARE sheet for Sunday's Bible study is posted online at www.dougdep.wordpress.com. Second, each month the CARE group leaders and hosts are meeting to provide shepherding and prayer support for our groups.

ELDER EXHORTATION

Neighbors—Paul Garrett

In a time when neighbors, at least in America, are people we rarely see, thanks to garage door openers and busy lives, or are thought of as nuisances with barking dogs and noisy children, how can we possibly love our neighbors?

For years I have lived in the same house. When I walk the dog I say "hello" to my neighbors. And yet, if my life depended on it, I could not tell you the names of more than a small handful of my neighbors. I do get a glimpse of them sometimes as I pull into or back out of my driveway with my Bible in hand on my way to church. Most of my neighbors don't go to church, and sometimes they are outside, sometimes with family, when I am coming and going to church. But I still do not know their names—not many of them anyway.

I was born and raised in a mid-west suburban area. Things have always been the way they are—in my mind, at least. My grandparents and parents, however, remember a time when things were different. They remember when a community was, well, a community. Borrowing cups of sugar and milk, and even lawnmowers, ladders,

If you want to get involved in a CARE group this year you need to provide us at the office with the following information: Names, child care needs, preferred days/times for meeting. Then a CARE group leader that meets your specifications will contact you with an invitation to join their group. You can provide that information at www.timberlakechristian.org/care_groups.htm, CARE Group postcard found in the foyer, or click on the link provided in the TLCC e-mail prayer and announcement updates: CARE Group signups.

Some groups that are open ended in size and may be viewed as more of a class with an assigned topic of study include:

- ♦ Wednesday Nights: Ladies study (Rm. 402/403), Men's study (Rm. 404) and "The 5,000 Year Leap" (Rm. 405/406). These are at the church from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday Nights: A biblical study of the Andy Griffith show. We will meet at the church from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and will also have a potluck meal.

See You Sunday! — Doug

and hammers was a routine way of life. There was interdependency, a tightly woven infrastructure, in mid-west communities. Joe Lang could receive a whipping from Don Nelson. Don's kids could receive the same from Joe's dad. Families were tied together, bound together, interdependent, simply because they were neighbors.

In this day and age we don't need to borrow our neighbor's lawnmower—we have one of our own. To do otherwise would be irresponsible, wouldn't it? We don't need him to watch our house either; we have a monitored alarm system to do that. We don't need him to feed the pet (paid kennels), water the yard (sprinkler system) or grab the newspaper out of the driveway when we're away. And again, having to ask would be irresponsible. Truth be told, I don't need my neighbors for much of anything.

Sometimes I wonder what Jesus would say about a religious system that makes me into a better church member than a Christian neighbor. One of the two greatest commandments God gave us was "Love our neighbor as ourselves." Perhaps one day everyone will follow it and we will turn this whole world into God's neighborhood: full of love, joy, light, and togetherness.

children's and youth ministries

USEFUL?

—*Mary Rosado*

My family would say I am a bit of a packrat. It is difficult for me to throw something away that I think is useful. And unfortunately, I can think of a myriad of uses for just about anything, and therein lies the problem. I can easily fill any storage space and still yearn for more space.

Eventually, however, it comes to a point where my need for order is at war with my need to save/reuse items. Then begins the long process of deciding what to get rid of by answering some questions:

- “How could this be used?”
- “Who is going to use it?”
- “When will it get used?”
- “Is its potential usefulness equal to the space it is occupying?”

Some things have to be eliminated in order to keep the truly useful items in an orderly manner. Also, the usefulness of some items changes with time. It takes constant vigilance to keep things in balance.

I too have habits, thoughts, and routines that are no longer useful in my life. Am I willing to ruthlessly edit the comfortable collection so that I have room for God to use me? Am I prepared for His use?

In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.
2 Tim 2:20-21

- August 7, Wednesday night programming resumes for youth age 2 through grade 5.

DEFINING MOMENTS -ALLEN TODD

Jeff Blaine shared at the 2nd Annual Back 2 School Bash about how too often we let other people and our circumstances define us. We let the voices of peer pressure and popularity and past failures speak lies into our minds about our worth and identity. We need to stop playing the victim and remember that in Christ we are more than conquerors. Our identity in Christ says we are loved, we are forgiven, we are filled with the Spirit of God able to choose obedience and grace in our lives. When others tear us down and spread lies, we rest in the truth that Christ died for us, and we are new creatures in Christ.

This year, speak God's truth into the lives of your children. Don't let mistakes, criticism, peer pressure, or worldly values to define your child and your family priorities! Make an intentional effort to discuss scripture at home, apply it to your family entertainment, get involved with the church ministry to our children and youth and make a difference. —Allen

Youth Events Coming up...

September:

- 7 Wednesday night Kickoff. 6:30-8:00pm
Jr. high in gym. Sr. High in #301-304.
- 11 Sunday night Sr. High at Lewis' 322 Epperson & Jr. High ComeUnity at TLCC 6:15-8:15pm
- 16-17 Jr. High “Get a Way” at OCC in Joplin. \$35 \$10 due TODAY Aug. 28. The remaining \$25 is due the day we leave. We leave Friday, Sep. 16 at 11:00am and will return around 9:00pm Saturday.
- 23-24 Rummage Sale Fundraiser at WOCC
- 25 SYATP area rally. 2-5:00pm at MHS school.
- 28 SYATP at your school. 7:00am.
- 30 \$6 and form due for “Reunion Fusion”

October:

- 2 Sr. High at McCarter's 1925 Cedar Slopes Loop
- 7-8 Sr. High WOCC “Reunion Fusion” \$6
(must also register for In Focus to participate)
- 7-8 Sr. High “In Focus” at CCCB. \$25
- 12 Fields of Faith at the MHS Football Field. 7-8pm

November:

- 4-5 “The Event” at OCC in Joplin. \$35. \$10 due 10/16

more articles and announcements

TAKE NOTE

Catching Up

—by *Brian Sevits*



At this time of year, it seems like I am “playing catch up” a lot. With my duties at Central Christian College of the Bible beginning again, Christmas program plans forming, etc., there just is not a lot of free time. This year, that will be even more difficult since there are many days I just want to sit at home with Preston and Jessica! It is also weird that the Fall seems to be my most productive time of year. Even though there are many events and projects happening simultaneously, I have more focus and determination to get them all done while still maintaining quality.

At TLCC, the Fall could possibly be our most effective season. Since I came here over four years ago, I have noticed a sense of anticipation and excitement for the Fall programming. Because of this the church’s budget is stretched at this time more than any other season. Curriculum is purchased, supplies are needed, utility bills go up once again, and the building is used every day of the week.

This would be a great time for us to collectively try to “catch up” on our church’s budget for the year. If you flip

over to the statistics page, you will see that our budgeted giving has only averaged about \$9,250 per week this year. Based on our tier #1 budget for 2011, we currently have an income deficit of about \$22,000. Our ministry leaders have been creatively finding ways to spend the least amount possible to keep our expenses under control while maintaining quality ministries. Therefore, our income vs. expenses ratio is great for the year to date.

The Fall, however, brings those many added expenses. Our budget will one again be stretched in the coming months, especially if Winter hits us like it did last year. Maybe some of you could do a little catching up for weeks you may have missed during the Summer. Maybe some families can re-evaluate your giving amount as we go into the last portion of the year. We certainly realize that our congregation has not slacked off in giving... in fact, you have been very faithful as we have come through a recession the past few years. Families have moved away, resulting in hundreds of dollars of donations being lost each week. Some of you have stepped up to the plate and helped offset some of those lost funds.

All we can ask is that you follow the principals of tithing and giving offered in Scripture. Let’s all follow the wisdom of Proverbs 3:9: “Honor the Lord with your money and with the first part of all your income.”



It’s that time of year again when we begin planning for the Christmas production. This year, I am going to begin organizing a variety-style program with several unique acts. I hope to include, music, drama, comedy, and other elements that will keep the audience thoroughly entertained and inspired by the true message of Christmas. This program will take place the weekend of December 11, but exact dates and times have not yet been confirmed. If you are interested in participating in this year’s “Christmas Show,” please contact me at the office or by email. Watch the upcoming bulletins and announcements for information about introductory meetings, auditions, etc. I hope to hear from many of you wanting to be involved!

Praise Team and Choir

The praise team and band schedules are being formed for the remainder of 2011. Some of you may want to participate, but are not currently on our rotation. Please let me know ASAP if you are wanting to get plugged in! Last year, the choir was not very successful in attendance. Therefore, I am not planning to bring it back for the Fall unless several people express interest. The day, time, and performance frequency would be flexible, so if you want to attempt to “revive” this ministry by becoming involved, contact Brian today.

announcements

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Sharon Schantz will again be leading a ladies study at the church. It will resume Sept. 7 and will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. in rm. 404. We will be studying 1 and 11 Peter and Jude. If you have any questions, call Sharon at 263-4281.

YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE

The annual Youth Fundraiser Rummage Sale will be held September 23 and 24 at White Oak Christian Camp. You may bring donations to the camp mess hall any time between now and September 22. Please call Allen in advance so that he can make sure the building is open.

LIBRARY NEWS

There are more than 100 Arch Books in print for children, of which we have more than 60 available for teachers and parents. These classic books are perfect to read to children or for them to read to themselves. The five just purchased for our library are: Solomon Builds the Temple, The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids, Where did the World Come From?, Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus, and Joseph, Jacob's Favorite Son.

SAINTS IN ACTION

Thursday, September 22 is this year's Saints in Action Day at Central Christian College. This is a special day when senior saints are invited to visit the campus for fellowship and encouragement. "Created in Christ" is this year's theme. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and activities conclude at 3:15 p.m. Roger Tribble and Stuart Liegey are speaking and the Gateway Singers will be sharing with music. All ticket sales will be the day of the event (\$15) but pre-registrations are requested to help with food preparation. You may call CCCB or the church office. Please specify if there are any special dietary requirements.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Ladies who are planning to go to the WOF "Over the Top" Conference need to register with Melissa Bosch by this weekend. Money is due to WOF by Aug. 30. Conference is \$89 plus cost of hotel (approx. \$95).

CPR, AED, AND 1ST AID TRAINING

TLCC will be hosting training for not only the medical team but anyone who would like the knowledge. We have scheduled 3 times for training. Sept. 8 is training at Chariton Cty. ambulance in Salisbury at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. The cost in Salisbury is \$15 per person. We'll have the same instructor at TLCC on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. in room 202/204. Cost is \$25. The instructor does not set the fee so cannot control the price difference. But for some, not having to drive to Salisbury will be helpful. Your card is good for 2 years. The medical team is required to have a current CPR card. Most of the team needs to renew this year. If you have a current card, please get a copy to Sandy Bledsoe. It's our prayer that if we are ever faced with a situation such as the one in Joplin, we have people trained and organized to step up as the Joplin church did. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Bledsoe at sbledsoe@mcmsys.com or 676-0151. Please contact her by Sept. 5 if you plan to attend in Salisbury and Sept. 12 for the TLCC class.

SEPTEMBER 11 SERVICE

TLCC will be hosting a September 11 Anniversary Memorial Service on the afternoon of Sept. 11, 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Several of our congregation who have served our country in various ways will be sharing at this event. Everyone is welcome!

SCCA LADIES RETREAT

This year's retreat will be Sept. 16 and 17. The theme this year is "It's Not About the Shoes...It's About the Soul!!!" with Karen Dye as main speaker. Sarah Lewis, Sandy Fincher, and Brenda Owens will again lead the worship. Registrations are due by Sept. 12 (or if you want a shirt, Aug. 29). Forms are available on the Women's Ministries bulletin board. Pre-registration for both days is \$25. The van from TLCC will leave at 4:30 p.m. that Friday. Contact Sarah Lewis if you would like to ride with the group or if you have any other questions.

XYZ FALL DINNER

The Fall XYZ dinner will be held on September 11 following morning services. Mark your calendars and be watching for sign-up information.

people and prayer requests

CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays

1-	Dan Donaldson	
2-	Jan Fordyce	
3-	Lonnie Collins	
	Norman Lavinder	
4-	Jeff Lawrence	
	Avery St. Clair	
	Erin VanJura	
5-	Lorraine McCully	
6-	Connie Kissell	
9-	Joe Hamilton	
	Annalie Hoppe	22-
10-	Allen Todd	Anna Fincher
12-	Adam Cousin	Sarah Lewis
13-	Becky Frey	Sarah Parkes
	Lily McDonald	22-
		Mark Wilson
14-	Karen Weatherly	26-
		Todd Beaverson
15-	Richard Koffarnus	27-
		Kim Bonnarens
16-	Valinda Freed	28-
	Lori Miller	James Hubin
		Carol Wright
18-	Kelly Harding	29-
		Gareth Reese
19-	Glenda Perry	Rob Robuck
	Tony Richards	30-
		Naomi Thompson
20-	Dale Samp	



September Anniversaries

2-	Gareth & Kathy Reese
	Bill & Emily Stoldt
4-	Ted & Jodie Richardson
5-	Ed & Nancy Boeding
6-	Charles & Mary McCoy
	Rick & Jan Petersen
10-	Allen & Marilyn Esry
	Frank & Margie Richardson
12-	Paul & Jean Couture
30-	Scott & Shannon Bright

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

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

	7/24	7/31	8/7	8/14	8/21
ATTENDANCE					
TOTAL S. S.	199	178	188	n/a	223
1st Wor.	126	113	112	n/a	135
2nd Wor.	163	196	200	278	235
Children	74	59	72	n/a	81
TOTAL Wor.	363	368	384	278	451
OFFERING					
General	\$7,854	\$8,068	\$8,010	\$4,756	\$14,503
Designated	388	373	532	194	734
TOT. Offerings	\$8,242	\$8,441	\$8,542	\$4,950	\$15,237

YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS

Worship Average:	402
Sunday School Average:	223
Total Offering Received:	\$314,772
Average Weekly Offering:	\$9,258
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$9,901

COUNTY BANK LOAN UPDATE

(Through Aug. 11, 2011)

Loan Beg. Balance (1-1-10)	\$189,272.00
Debt Reduction in 2010	-118,426.35
Budgeted Prin. pmts. YTD	- 17,918.03
Designated payments YTD	- 5,041.00
CURRENT BAL. (8/11/11)	\$47,886.62
Interest paid YTD (5%)	\$ 2,081.97

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>YTD</u>
INCOME	44,067.90	288,312.96
Staff	16,905.59	118,251.12
Operational	3,613.32	36,927.53
Children	610.62	3,949.70
Youth	-485.82	2,708.42
Other	3,627.06	23,623.74
Debt	14,578.49	102,049.43
TOTAL EXPENSES	38,849.26	287,509.94
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	5,218.64	803.02

	Aug. 28	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	Oct. 2
Greeters	Gerald & Cheryl Botkins Norman and Micky Lavinder	Wayne & Frieda McKinney Keith & Melissa Bosch	Jim & Cindy Meyer Kirk & Terry Hatfield	John & Joy Gaster Steve & Sharron Pittman	Shirley DeVos Rob & Gena Robuck	Jack & Karen Richardson Darold & Cathy Evans
Visitor Greeters	Dawn Beaverson	Jeff & Lara Lawrence	Rena Lang Joyce Haller	Ray & Lorraine McCully	Dan & Barb Dennis	Dawn Beaverson
Shut-in Communion	Doug Delp Doug Henry	Fred Green	David Sears Ron Self	Jack Richardson Harley Funk	Doug Delp Doug Henry	Fred Green

TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Worship services.....8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Fellowships9:30 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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SEPTEMBER 2011

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- 7- Wednesday Eve. Classes resume, 6:30 p.m.
- 11- Margie Patterson here, rm. 402/403 9:30 a.m.
- 11- XYZ Fall Dinner, Noon
- 11- Sept. 11 Anniversary Memorial Service, 3 p.m.
- 11- CARE Groups resume
- 15- CPR Training and renewal, 7 p.m.
- 16-17 SCCA Ladies Retreat
- 18- Christian Principles Class, Session 1, 8:30 a.m.
- 22- Saints in Action Day at CCCB
- 25- SYATP Rally
- 28- See You at the Pole

- Recurring Events**
- Sunday Worship service, 8:30 a.m.
 Bible Fellowships, 9:30 a.m.
 Worship service, 10:30 a.m.
 - Tuesday 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 GriefShare—10:00 a.m.
 Worship Team —6:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening classes will begin on September 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Classes are offered for ages 2 through adult. Both men and women's Bible studies are available.

LIFE NETWORK UPDATE: Timber Lake turned in lots of baby bottles filled with change, cash, and checks. The total amount was \$877 which does not include several checks made out to Life Network. Thanks for your generosity!