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TIMBER LAKE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

OCTOBER

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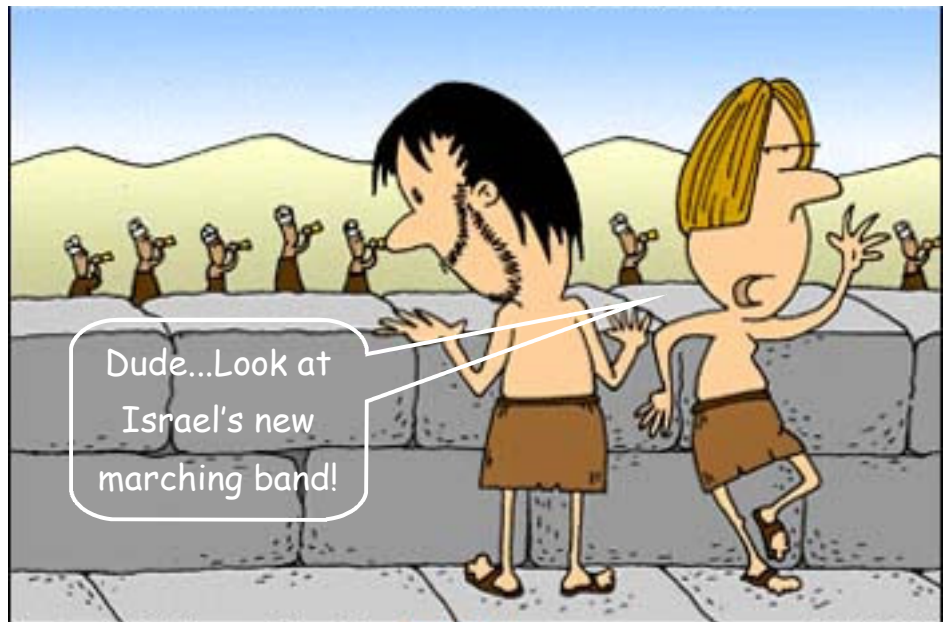
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FALLING WALLS & CLAIMING PROMISES!

This month on Sunday mornings you will hear TLCC testimonies of how Biblical principles have helped our people to see the Walls of Debt fall and the Promises of Security being claimed!

We continue to pray for the UA building to be sold, TLCC debt reduced, and \$18,000 to be redirected from interest payments toward ministry in 2010!



VETERANS' DINNER

Saturday, November 7, 6:00 p.m.

The Military C.A.R.E. group will be hosting a Veterans' Appreciation Dinner for ALL Timber Lake Christian Church veterans and their families. There are sign-up sheets in the adult classrooms and one on the table in the

foyer. Please sign up if you and your family would like to join us for the evening's events! We look forward to seeing you there! (For further information, contact Adam or Anne Cousin.)

from the leadership

A MESSAGE FROM DOUG

The Seven Walls of Jericho—A Labyrinth

Do you remember the exciting story of the seven days when all Israel walked around the city of Jericho? Only after walking around the city for seven days in silence did Joshua and all of Israel see their faith rewarded. Several archeological digs have confirmed that all but the north walls were toppled by a providentially guided earthquake. The north wall remained standing and had houses built into the wall with windows. Strange, huh? (See Joshua 2:15 & christiananswers.net)

In the late 1300's, Elisha Crescas combined the concept of Jericho's silent walk of faith with a medieval structure emphasizing prayer. It was called "The Seven Walls of Jericho Labyrinth." People would prayerfully walk in and out, around and around signifying the desire to put God at the center of their life's journey. This month on Sunday mornings we are going to reflect on how God promises "Falling Walls" and wants us to

"Claim Promises!"

It's a life journey which demands that we "Step Out" side our comfort zones, "Step In" to the water as leaders, "Step Back" from sin, "Step Up" to make commitments for our families, and "Step High" er than we have ever stepped. We expect God to help us do more for His Kingdom than we are physically able. It's a prayerful, joyful journey of faith!

By the end of 2009 we will have spent nearly \$18,000 on interest on our loan against the UA building. It's time to put that money into ministry! By the end of this year we anticipate this loan of \$300,000 to be over half-way paid off. We continue to expect the sale of the UA building, and we ask you to consider how much you can give to help pay off this debt. On November 22, we hope to take up the largest Sunday morning offering with commitments that we've had in 4 years. Are you having some doubts? Let's walk in silence, pray with anticipation, and watch some walls of debt fall!

ELDERS EXHORTATION

What's Your GIGO?—Jim Glover

It's amazing how computers have changed our lives, both in the work place and at home. How did we ever get by without email and Google just 10-15 years ago? Computers have become a way of life for many of us and they can be a tool to make life and work easier; but they can be a frustrating tool also.

Part of my job is to build and turn up new cell phone towers. This not only requires the tower site work but also thousands of lines of computer data script to make the system work. One rule for my staff to follow—if the data input is not correct, the system will not work. Simple, but true. Recently, one tower site was not processing phone calls correctly. As we looked for the trouble we soon discovered the problem to be in our computer data. We were experiencing GIGO—"Garbage In Garbage Out." GIGO is popular computer slang for "if you input the wrong data, the results will also be wrong." Computers will happily process wrong information and return a result.

I can experience GIGO in my own life. If I allow Garbage In to my mind, my heart will produce Garbage Out. "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." Prov. 23:7 Where the mind goes, the man follows. Our mind is a battlefield and Satan knows just the right spot to pile garbage in front of us when we least expect it. Maybe you're watching TV, just a news show, but a commercial dumps garbage into your living room. Surfing the web? Be careful of that ad over on the right side of the page. There will always be garbage—but we don't have to focus on it and let it reside in our mind and hearts.

*"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your **mind**." Rom. 12:2 Whatever we focus on, we become. Jesus wants our minds to be filled with positive, healthy thoughts. What we fill our minds with, will become who we are. I challenge you to think about what you are thinking about! "So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my **mind**; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my **mind**." I Cor. 14:15*

children's and youth ministries

NEW JOYS

—*Mary Green*

One thing I have enjoyed about my house is the constant discovery of new or unknown things. I cleaned my garage attic and found antlers of some sort. I find something hanging on a floor joist and have to consult an expert to learn its use. This year I pruned back some large bushes and discovered plants underneath that hadn't bloomed since I moved in. I even found a bush that had been stifled by the rose of Sharon above it. I don't know what kind of bush it is, but this fall I moved it and am waiting with anticipation to see what happens next spring.

All of these "new" things were planned and placed by someone else years ago. They may have been forgotten or overgrown but they had a purpose from the start. I just have the pleasure of discovering them. *Is there anything of which one can say, "Look! This is something new"? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time. Ecclesiastes 1:10*

GOD IS GOOD

—*Allen Todd*

Yesterday in second service Tracy challenged us to count our blessings, even the little ones.

*I'm alive.

*Annette's alive. A beautiful girl of God.

*Maggie, Emily, Callie, Ian, Gabe, Katey, Eli, Jeremy, Kylie, Travis, Blake, Hannah, Alex, Paul & the others are alive.

*My wife loves me in spite of my short-comings.

*My son Evan loves God with his whole heart.

*My son David is growing closer to giving his life, body, mind, and soul to Jesus.

*My parents are still married and in love.

*I am going to be an uncle again.

*TLCC leadership, families and youth are such a blessing to me. There are certain students who outshine me in their love and service to Jesus. Wow!

Life Changers



- All children's ministry workers invited
 - Sunday, November 29, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.
 - Room 204
 - Fun, games, food, and prizes!
- Join us for a celebration of the past year!

At times, as we grow in our relationship with Christ, we discover "new joys." Promises that seem to apply to us in specific ways. Verses that convict us anew even though we have read them many times. And yet, there is really nothing new in Scripture, just in the eyes that are seeking its truths. We can be confident that God is the same from start to finish and His commands are the same for each generation.

I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. 2 John 5-6

*The youth band puts up with me.

*Jesus loves me and forgives me according to His unfailing love and sustains me in all things.

*God is good...all the time. (Ps. 34:8)

Youth Events Coming up...

October:

31 Sr. High Bonfire at Dougherty's in Cairo. 6pm

November:

4 Sr. High Leading Jr. High REACH night in gym.

25 No Wednesday night programming. Thanks!

December:

1 Turn in \$25 registration for WOCC Retreat.

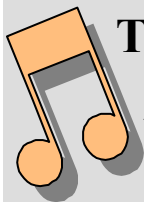
2 Jr. High REACH in gym. Sr. High Coffee House night at Delp's house.

13 Chili Dinner Fundraiser at Noon after Children's Christmas program.

13 Christmas Caroling 6:30pm

30-1 WOCC Sr. High Winter Retreat. \$25

more articles and announcements



TAKE NOTE

Real Spirituality—Brian Sevits

In preparation for a master's class at Lincoln Christian University this week, I was asked to think about spirituality. The class will focus on spiritual formation as it relates to lifestyle and corporate worship. Many people have a false conception of spirituality due to cultural influences. Newsweek Magazine recently defined spirituality as "passion for an immediate, transcendent experience of God." They claim that all religions, including Islam, Catholicism, and the Jewish Kabbalah, help their followers to realize this transcendent experience.

While this may be true, whatever experience followers of false religions have is not a genuine encounter with Almighty God. For Christians, spirituality is based upon God's story and plan of redemption. God reaches out to us to draw us closer to Himself. In addition, we must seek Him and respond to Him in worship. Robert Webber calls this the *divine embrace*, that "mystical union with God accomplished by Jesus Christ

through the Spirit." It is God who makes us spiritual, but we must submit to Him, allow Him to transform us, and then He can fulfill His original purpose for us and the world.

To truly be spiritual as a Christian, we must see ourselves as a small part of God's big story. From the beginning of time, God has been working things together to bring salvation to the world. In the Bible, we see this narrative clearly, because the story of God's redemption through Christ is evident from cover to cover. It doesn't stop there! God's story continues today, and you and I are included in the narrative. Christian spirituality is continually allowing God to mold us and make us into His servant so that we can become the character He would have us be in that story.

So, spirituality is very clear for the Christian. Are we drawing closer to God? Have we truly surrendered to Him and allowed Him to make us into the servant He needs? Don't try to write your own chapter in the book...rather, allow God to write you into the narrative in exactly the right place, as exactly the right character!

SECURITY TRAINING SEMINAR

Keep praying for TLCC's ministry and our Safety Ministry teams. We have been reminded twice now in the past couple of weeks that Christian worship and fellowship activities are not only a highlight for God but a target for Satan. We must not lose sight of the fact that there are hurting people that Satan will use to threaten our safety. This will teach us to think before we act, pray before we get together, and reach out to the hurting!

The Security Ministry Team has announced that our church facility will host a regional Christian Security Network Training Seminar on January 30th. For more details of what our Security, Emergency, and Medical teams are learning go to www.christiansecuritynetwork.org.

HELP NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY GOODWILL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Financial contributions, pies and volunteers are needed for the Community Goodwill Thanksgiving Dinner, which will be held at Zion Lutheran Church on Thanksgiving Day. Meals will be served in the Fellowship Hall at the church from 11 a.m.—2 p.m. Meals will also be delivered to the homebound needy, but reservations must be made in advance. Given the economic climate in our community, a larger number of diners is anticipated. To volunteer, make a contribution, request a home-delivered meal, or if you have questions about the event, please call: Zion Lutheran Church, 263-3256, ext. 10; Ken or Lana Schurb, 269-9400, lanagobux@mywdo.com, or Amy Doepke, mommaamy@sbcglobal.net.



announcements

FROM THE MAILBOX

Thanks to our church family for your many prayers, cards, calls and visits during Bob's lengthy illness. We were very thankful for the food, flowers, memorial donations and overwhelming support for our family. God's presence was truly felt as we experienced evidence of His love and perfect timing in our lives. Thanks to Doug for his services at the funeral as well as the singing of the Men's Quartet with Ron Self playing the organ. The ladies preparation of the meal after the funeral was very much appreciated. The flowers from the church were very beautiful. We are blessed to be part of the TLCC family.

The Bob Sears Families

To TLCC -

I want to thank everyone who prayed, visited and sent cards of well wishes during my recent surgery. It means so much to receive them all. It brightens one's day. Thank you again and in God's love—Lewis VanHouten

We appreciate the support, prayers and flowers from our Timber Lake family during our time of great loss and mourning. We thank God for leading us to TLCC. We love you all!

Henry and Vikki Hamblin

XYZ DINNER

The next XYZ dinner will be held November 1 following morning services. Please mark your calendars! Sign up sheets are in the adult classrooms and on the bulletin board in the foyer.

SHARE THE HARVEST

Once again, Share the Harvest (sponsored by the Conservation Agency) is helping area food banks, including TLCC's food pantry, by providing venison for people in need of food. Financial gifts are used to pay for the processing of donated deer during the hunting season. If you are interested in helping with this cause, you may make your checks to TLCC and write "Share the Harvest" on the memo line or on your envelope.

CPR TRAINING

... will be offered on Thursday, November 5, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. in rooms 202-204 (Jr. Worship room). The cost for this class is \$25. If you have questions, or would like to take this class, contact Sandy Bledsoe at 676-0151.

CMCE

Monday, November 16

First Christian Church, Vandalia, MO

MEDICAL MEETING

Monday, October 26, 6:30 p.m.

Rm. 402/403

There will be an organizational meeting for those interested in being on the rotating schedule of CPR trained emergency personnel at the TLCC services. If you would like to help or just want more information, you are invited to come or may contact Sandy Bledsoe at 676-0151.

DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHY

October 26-31

Rooms 405-406

Olan Mills will be with us next week for directory appointments. Please use the north rear door when coming to be photographed. If you have not made an appointment and would like to do so, please contact Olan Mills at 1-800-866-2263.

"TEA PARTY"

Saturday, October 31, 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Rothwell Park, Riley Pavilion

Contact Valinda Freed for information (269-8307).

people and prayer requests

CELEBRATIONS

November 2009 Birthdays

- 1- Mark Dunham
Lara Lawrence
- 2- Harley Funk
Kaia Norbury
Matthew Sears
- 5- Daniel Harding
- 6- Ron Self
- 7- Joshua Brooks
- 8- Tim Marshall
Shirley Williams
- 9- Rhonda Kuhler
Dan Schantz
- 10- Nathan Gelina
Mary McCoy
Anita Myers
Andrew Ricketts
Raymond Snell
- 11- Rus Freed
Jason St. Clair
Drew Stice
- 13- Sara Alverson
- 14- Kevin Bartholmey
Sharayah Marshall
Justin Wilson
- 15- Chris Harman



- 16- Acacia Harding
- 19- Becky Donaldson
- 20- Marilyn Esry
- 21- Ed Lewis
Shirley Snodgrass
- 23- Richard Dougherty
Jennifer Ukutegbe
- 24- Janet Cousin
Regan Kuhne
Mary Lee Myers
- 26- Amber King
- 27- Ethan Hoppe
- 28- Scott Henry

- 29- Patti Koffarnus
Jessica Lawrence
Micah Culbertson
- 29- Naomi Lewis
- 30- Lucy Hargis
Gena Robuck

November 2009 Anniversaries

- 5- Tony & Tami Beaverson
- 11- Fred & Jan Green
- 12- Lewis & Mary Ellen
VanHouten
- 20- Allen & Marilynn Todd
- 21- Steve & Sharron Pittman

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember these in prayer...

Lorissa Beach Amant, Joselyn Beach, Lillian Collins, Thomas Corbin, Hogan Crece-lius, Linda Dumm, Bob Franklin, Gil Franklin, Karen Franklin, Alyse Grant, Shirley Henderson, Lonnie Henry, Patrick Henry, Jim Johnson, Tom Kaser, Mel Kissell, Dan-ielle Meyer, Jim Morgan, Bob Ollmann, Gail Peterson, Carl Pittman, Timothy Pittman, Helen Prange, Frank & Margie Richardson, Rick Roberts, Bev Robertson, Rachel Stall, Matt Steffen, Jerri Cravens-Sum, Sally Walker, Barbara White, Edonna White

Those in Nursing Homes or Care Centers...

Bluff's Nursing Home, Columbia—Catherine Williams; Cameron Manor—Anna See; Loch Haven—Sue Smith; Loma Linda—Irene Crawford, Dan Dolan, Betty Dun-woody; Macon—Bruna Hughes; Mark Twain—Lyle & Hilda Stout; Ravenwood Ter-race—Susie Ash, Martha Dolan, Dorothy Fausz, Tom & Mary Worstell; St. Louis Nursing Home—Dorothy Cozadd

Those in the Military...

Afghanistan: Chris Beaverson, Bobby Bulens; Cherry Point, NC: Travis Bash; Ft. Leonard Wood, MO: Tommy Powell; Fort Sill, OK: Drew Stice; Hawaii: Justin Lewis, Jeff Taylor; Iraq: Nicholas Clear, Ryan Colwick, Josh Conklin, Jacob Dykstra, David Rinehart, George Thornburg, Gerrett Vessar; Mississippi: Travis Harvey; Texas: Thiet Tran, Jr. Washington: Isaac LeGrand; Reserves: Adam Cousin, Matt Martin



statistics and serving schedules

	9/20	9/27	10/4	10/11	10/18
ATTEN-DANCE					
TOTAL S. S.	256	247	275	272	232
1st Wor.	142	130	145	139	105
2nd Wor.	266	240	253	232	244
Children	74	94	104	86	71
TOTAL Wor.	482	464	502	457	420
OFFERING					
General	\$9,978	\$10,111	\$11,939	\$9,995	\$10,127
Designated	2,101	376	1,353	589	1,767
TOT. Offerings	\$12,079	\$10,487	\$13,292	\$10,339	\$11,894
PECC Facility Completion		Needed		Given	
Sound & Video		15,000.00		7,827	
Chairs		6000.00		4,125	
Moveable Walls		30,000.00		679	
Workroom cabinets/		Of-	3,000.00	608	
Decorations		3,000.00		215	
Classroom cabinets		8,000.00			

YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS

Worship Average:	463
Sunday School Average:	243
Total Offering Received:	\$412,479
Average Weekly Offering:	\$9,821
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$9,884

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

November Communion Servers

1st Worship: Harley Funk, Gary Hargis, Dick Koffarnus, Norman Lavinder, Kyle Robuck, Rob Robuck, Mark Russell, David Sears

2nd Worship: Kevin Bartholmey, Todd Beaverson, Keith Bosch, David Fincher, Jim Glover, Ralph Hoppe, Jeff Lawrence, Alan Wilson, Mark Wilson, Steve Wright

If you are unable to serve one Sunday, please find a substitute. If you cannot serve for the entire month, please contact Keith Bosch.

November Pulpit Helpers

1st Worship: David Sears
2nd Worship: Seth Ricketts

	Oct. 25	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29
Greeters	Harley & Charla Funk TBA	Howard Hils Dan Dennis Mark & Sherry Russell	Sandy Bledsoe Shirley DeVos Devra Jones Mary Dicken	Steve & Karen Wright Adam & Anne Cousin	Tracy & Nancy Roach Keith & Melissa Bosch	Jim & Cindy Meyer Scott & Shannon Bright
Visitor Greeters	Lara Lawrence	Lara Lawrence	Dawn Beaverson	Ray & Lorraine McCully	Rena Lang Joyce Haller	Lara Lawrence
Shut-in Communion	Doug Delp Doug Henry	Fred Green	David Sears Ron Self	Jack Richardson Harley Funk	Doug Delp Doug Henry	Fred Green

Dual Worship/Sunday School.....9 & 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Night C.A.R.E. Groups (Sept.—April)
 C.A.R.E. Groups(times to be set by group)
 Jr. High Groups and Children's Programming
 for Age 2—Grade 5.....6:30-8 p.m.

SUNDAY
TIMES OF SERVICES

WEDNESDAY (Sept.—April)

1624 Gratz Brown St.
 Moberly, MO 65270-1993
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 or ddelip@timberlakechristian.org
 Web: www.timberlakechristian.org

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NOVEMBER 2009

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29	30					

- 1- XYZ Dinner following services
- 4- Budget Committee meeting
- 5- CPR Training, 6 PM, rm. 202-204
- 6-7 Truman Campus House retreat at TLCC
- 7- Veterans' Dinner, 6 PM, Auditorium
- 12- Food Pantry
- 14- DAR Luncheon at TLCC
- 15- Ron Oakes Preaching
- 15- Ministry Leaders/New Members meal
- 16- CMCE, 1st Christian Church, Vandalia, MO
- 19-22 National Missionary Convention, Peoria, IL
- 29- Life Changers

Recurring Events

- Sun. & Wed. Bible Bowl Practices—4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Sunday Christmas Production Practice- 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday NAMI—7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Youth Classes, age 2-grade 12
 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Women's study—6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Men's study—6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday Worship Team/Choir Pract.—6:30 p.m.
 Choir Only—7:30 p.m.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

October—Obstacles to Evangelism

25—"Strategy!" Acts 17-19

November—Falling Walls & Claiming Promises

- 1—"Stepping Out" (Rahab)
- 8—"Stepping In" (Leadership)
- 15—"Stepping Back" (Achan)
- 22—"Stepping Up" (Commitment)
- 29—"Stepping High" (Caleb)