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Moments in Disciples History

Our Upper Room

The house in the woods outside of Washington, PA is still there. Actually, it is fairly ordinary and does not look like the place from which a movement was launched.

There is an upper room in the house. In fact, it would not be stretching things too much to call it an attic room. Two hundred years ago, living in that little upper room by himself, and still waiting for his family to come to America, Thomas Campbell searched the scriptures. He studied and he thought and he pondered. And he wrote.

We're not sure if he chose to write by the morning light filtering through his window, or if, instead, he was crouched close to a flickering candle deep into the night. We are sure that he spent hour after hour in his upper room writing what would become the clearest statement that anyone had made in a long time concerning the unity of Christians. Campbell's "Declaration and Address" was a plea for Christians to set aside partisanship and sectarianism. It described his heart's yearning for a life filled with a renewed faith that would un-do centuries of division.

Everything he said (and he had much to say) circled around a central theme. And it was this: "The Church of Christ upon earth is essentially, intentionally, and constitutionally one." In 1908, two hundred years ago this year, cloistered in his upper room, Thomas Campbell in one sentence gave us a truly wonderful idea. And in that giving, his upper room became our upper room.

This year we have the opportunity to capture the ideal of our upper room once again. If as Campbell said, and as we have said we believe, the unity of faithful persons is the true hallmark of discipleship, then it is incumbent upon us to celebrate this great bicentennial moment. Campbell's "Declaration and Address" capped a decade of the Spirit's movement through the newly formed United States. The revival that began at Cane Ridge in Kentucky spread in every direction of the compass. And by 1809, with just two years in America under his belt, Campbell was able to state succinctly the inspiring message of a new movement: We are One. That is a bicentennial worth celebrating.

Who knows? We might just ignite the unity movement we've always dreamed about. It was Campbell's dream, too. And it all started in our very own upper room.

-By Glenn Thomas Carson, President, Disciples of Christ Historical Society

Great Communion Sunday October 4, 2009



**Join us Sunday, October 4 for a unique worship service
celebrating Great Communion Sunday**



Reverend Reflections by Jim Stovall

Prayer for the Search Team

Holy One, we come to you in search of a richer sensitivity to your awesome presence. We seek to transcend ourselves and to think and feel more in tune with your will.

We are a flock in search of a long-term shepherd. We pray faithfully for our Search Team and we honor the arduous process through which they must travel to find the right shepherd for us.

We seek a Pastor who loves the gospel, will enlighten us to scripture and lead us in evangelism. We want a new Pastor who has a loving heart and a wise mind. We hope for a Pastor who will nurture our congregation and community, while also being attentive to personal health and family.

It is our earnest intent to find a new minister who will be committed to the ways of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); the ways of tolerance and respect for others while holding deep personal convictions. We would like for our Pastor to be well educated in history, theology and Pastoral care. At the same time we appreciate clergy who can be cordial to all and demonstrate common sense whenever needed.

We pray for our Search Team (Bob Kellstrom, chairman, John Conley, Nip Mohler, Karen Storm, Larry Chubbuck, Kelly Caldwell, and Nancy Clark), which has labored long and hard over the last two years in the quest for high quality ministry. Grant us patience as we honor their diligent endeavors. Let us never set mission and ministry aside under the pretence that we are waiting for someone else to lead us. Move us to serve you now.

We give heed to the seriousness of our search for a Pastor. We wait in a sense of hope, promise and anticipation. Meanwhile, work in us a spirit of unity so we can be prepared to work with our installed Pastor for many good years to come. We give thanks for our Area Minister, Mike Weinman in Springfield, the Regional staff in Mid America, and for the Office of Search and Call in Indianapolis.

When our Pastor is installed, guide us in a cooperative spirit that we may truly be a team in ministry. We have high regard for the Call to Ministry as well as our call to service. Assist our intentions for days to come so that we shall utilize all the gifts of the new Pastor in conjunction with our own gifts. We release our current and long-term concerns, worries and fears unto your hands so we may abide in peace, trust and faith, waiting in confidence while working joyfully.



At our September Board Meeting a question was asked of why we don't include the Board Meeting Minutes in the newsletter. As information to everyone reading this article, the Board Meeting Minutes are available for pick-up on the information table in the church narthex. In addition to the Board Meeting Minutes, our church Financial Reports are also available there. I would also encourage each of you to attend a church Board Meeting in person. Unless otherwise posted, our Board Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Loehr Center.

Another issue I feel compelled to talk about is church attendance. For a multiple of reasons, be it illness, death of members, lack of a full time pastor, or whatever the case may be, our attendance is down in my estimation about 25% from what it was less than two years ago. For those members, who for whatever reason have not been attending, my sincere invitation goes out to you to reconsider your reasons and return to your family at West Lake Christian Church. During this time when your Search Committee is doing everything they can to secure a full time pastor, your church is in need of your support possibly more than ever before.

The Lord be with you.
Larry L. Chubbuck
Moderator



**Saturday
October 31
9 a.m.**

Bring your work gloves and a desire to spruce up the church. We will start at 9 a.m. and then have lunch together around noon. Lunch will be provided. This is **your** church and we need **your** help to keep our building maintained and looking great!

See you Saturday.

**Last Praise Service
for 2009
Wednesday, October 14
7 p.m.**



Stewardship

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service

October 18, 2009 is "Election Day"

You may not have realized it, but it will soon be "Election Day" in our church. Every member has a vote. Your vote is just as important as any other. Here are some of the issues on the "ballot:"

1. *Whether there will be a West Lake Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) next year.*

Did you ever stop to realize that we could vote our church out of existence next year by what we write or fail to write on our pledge cards? If enough of us followed the examples of those members who bring in no pledge at all, we would very quickly cease to operate as a church.

2. *Whether we will meet the minimum program needs of our church.*

Our budget for next year has no "fat." It has been pared to the bone. It represents the cost of salaries, maintaining and operating our physical facilities, and the cost of our continuing program of worship, education, evangelism, fellowship and outreach.

3. *Whether we can increase our giving to others.*

Whenever the level of giving in our church rises above the minimum program needs of our local church program, we can give more to others. Your vote to increase your pledge is a vote to do just that.

4. *Whether new and increased pledges will replace those which will not or cannot be renewed.*

Every year we lose some members by death or by moving away from the area. It is only with new and increased pledges that we can replace this loss.

5. *Who will carry your rightful share of the financing of the program of the church?*

This is a disturbing thought to those of us who are not giving in proportion to the blessings we have received. Some of our members are financially unable to pledge or can pledge only a very small amount. But some of those who are pledging only a few dollars a week may be carrying a share of the load of those pledging larger amounts. It is not the amount of our pledge but the **proportion** of our income it represents which determines whether we or someone else is carrying our share.

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6. *The amount of extra time, expense, letters, and calls that will be required to obtain your response.*

It may seem unimportant to you how you vote on this issue-on whether your card comes in on Commitment Sunday, October 18, 2009, or before if you mail it in. But it means a great deal to busy members and the church in extra time and expense made necessary because you failed to cast a "ballot" on time.

This is one election you cannot avoid by staying home on Sunday, October 18, because you will be casting a vote on all of these six issues regardless of the action you take.

**Give God what is right,
Not what is left.**

Kent Elliott

Be sure to leave your winter address at the church before you leave so we can mail your newsletter to you. It can cost the church up to \$1 for each returned newsletter.



Week of Ministry October 18-25

The celebration will begin at worship on Sunday, October 18. Be sure to be here!

From the cup of mid-October the spice of life is poured, and with the zest of autumn's noontide comes a welcomed sense of rest.

-Anonymous



Prayer with a boost

After starting a new diet, I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window was a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, "Lord, it is up to you. If you want me to have any of those delicious baked goods, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery?"

And sure enough, God answered my prayer! On the eighth time round the block, there it was!



CWF NEWS

Mary Cline, President

It seems the Fall Season is upon us. It seems early this year. Maybe it is because time waits for no one any more. It just kind of sneaks upon us!

First, congratulations to the Craft Ladies who dedicated time each week from March to September. Thank you, Ladies!! You are a "special blessing!" In addition, the Quilt Raffle is in progress. This takes a lot of dedication also! Tickets are on sale for one for \$1, 6 for \$5, and 13 for \$10. The beautiful quilt is on display in the main lobby and someone is available to assist you with your tickets.

The CWF regular meetings are again back on the winter schedule, meeting the second Tuesday each month at 11:30 a.m. for devotions, noon for lunch, and the regular meeting at 1 p.m. All ladies are invited and we welcome both former and new members. Come, check us out and help us with our missions! It will make you feel good!

We are so pleased to see that the Youth Group is growing and are taking on so many successful projects. Let us all support them in any way we can.

Also, please keep in mind the food drive for Community for Christ on the second Sunday of each month. Many of us survived during the Great Depression and were grateful for the kind people who assisted our families. There are so many needy families who benefit from our donations, and during this time of hardship, need so much help. Thank you!

Last year on Barefoot Sunday, June 29, we collected hundreds of shoes for this worthwhile project. They are asking for our help again for a Thanks4giving program to help harvest a quarter million pairs of shoes in November. Since shipping of these shoes is very expensive, we are asking each of you to either donate funds to the organization or send your new or slightly used shoes to them. If you want to send cash, it should be mailed to Soles4Souls at 2900 Lebanon Rd, Ste 210, Nashville, TN 37214. If you wish to mail shoes, please mail them to Soles4Souls, Inc., at 315 Airport Rd., Roanoke, AL 36274.



We can use the shoes taking up space in your closet to change the world one pair at a time.

New Music Coming

The Music committee is happy to announce a new set of music will be introduced on Sunday, October 4, the day we celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Thomas Campbell's "Declaration and Address" for unity. The new music sets include twenty-six new selections for singing our praises to God.

Our 10:30 a.m. worship service was blessed with two talented pianists during the summer months. Joy Thomas played on the last Sunday of each month and accompanied the choir. We wish her well as she takes a sabbatical this winter. Sharon King will accompany the choir on the last Sunday of most months, and play another Sunday with Dona and the Praise Team. Sharon and her husband Karl joined our church on September 13. We hope you will get acquainted with our new members.

Music Committee



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1. Be sure to set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, October 31!

Church Directory Additions

Please make note of these additions and changes.

New Members:

Paul & Betsy Garvin Joined 9/6/09
(913) 422-8126
16572 149th Court
Bonner Springs, KS 66012
Lake house: 105 Oklaterre
Gravois Mills, MO 65037



Karl & Sharon King Joined 9/13/09
(573) 374-5018
512 Cottonwood Lane
Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

Directory additions and corrections are an ongoing item in the newsletter. Please be sure to make the additions and corrections in your directory so that you will always have the most current information at your fingertips. Thank you! Sandy White



Fall Festival Mother's Day Out Benefit



On Friday, October 30, we will again have our Fall Festival. This year will be a BBQ treat of brisket and pork. Again, Fall Festival portraits will be taken. In addition, we are planning a pony ride and an ooey, gooey haunted house for preschoolers. Entertainment will be provided during the evening by different groups from around the west side. A major part of the evening will be the auctions. A regular auction will be conducted and a silent auction will go on during the evening.

This wonderful evening will benefit our Mother's Day Out program. The improvements to our fire alarm system will allow us to gain approval of the state fire marshal. Without this approval we cannot increase the number of children and families we can help. An added benefit is the improved safety of our congregation

We need the help of all members and friends of West Lake Christian Church to put us over our goal. First of all, we need your contributions to the auction. You can donate new or lightly used items. A service can also be donated, such as, a boat ride, a dinner, a house cleaning, a plane ride, etc. Please call the church office or Carroll Rinker if you can make a donation.

Secondly, we need you to buy tickets and come to the dinner. Members of the Education Committee will have tickets available or you can make reservations in the church office. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. See you there!



Cynthia K. Chapman & Gilbert L. Hoch

Invite you to share in their joy

As they exchange marriage vows

On Sunday, the Eighth of November

Two Thousand and Nine

At One O'clock in the Afternoon

Reception following in Loehr Center

RSVP

Mike Rinker 573-374-5996

Or

Cindy Chapman 573-372-2008

Please No Gifts

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From Our Parish Nurse *Betty Greenley*

Hypothyroidism



LRHS Parish Nurse Network
Wellness Tip of the Month

What is it?

The thyroid is a small gland in the neck which secretes hormones that help regulate our body's metabolism. These hormones influence several organs in our body, telling them how fast or how slow they should work. Hypothyroidism occurs when the thyroid gland does not produce enough of the hormone and then a person's metabolism is slowed.

Symptoms

- Fatigue
- Mental depression
- Sluggishness
- Feeling cold
- Weight gain
- Dry skin and hair
- Constipation
- Menstrual irregularities

Treatment

If a person has these symptoms, see a physician. The physician will order tests including a thyroid blood test. If the thyroid levels are consistent with hypothyroidism, the physician may order medications to replace the thyroid hormone. Blood levels of the thyroid will have to be monitored intermittently to make sure that the dose is appropriate.

Resource:

<http://hormone.org/Thyroid/overview.efm>

A NOTE OF THANKS...



Thanks so much to our church family for all the prayers, cards and phone calls. Mel is doing well, but very tired of sitting around. He has several more weeks of it though.

May God Bless,
Jane and Mel McKeown



October

Birthdays

Thanks to church members for bringing out our dinner from the Fellowship Dinner on Sunday. We do appreciate it so much and hope to get back to church someday.

Lorene and Ellis Wilcox

To our church family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and calls. A very special "thank you" to Jim, Roy and Betty Snitker, Gail Renick, Angela and Gerri Beard. God bless you all.

In Christian love,
Ben and Teddy Kinnaman

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Again the Craft & Bake Sale was a GREAT success. Thanks to everyone that helped in any and every way to make this a success. Totals are:

| | |
|--------|------------|
| Crafts | \$1,633.80 |
| Quilt | \$ 225.00 |
| Bakery | \$ 456.65 |
| Total | \$2,315.45 |

Thanks again. Doris, Pat and all the crafters

Thank you for all your concern, love, and prayers during Ron's procedure. A special thanks to Jim Stovall for the phone calls to check on Ron and me. It is so nice to know we have a caring church membership. Again, thank you.

In Christian Love
Ron and Marilyn Rothove

Thanks to all who helped with the float for the Hillbilly Days. They tell me they had fun riding in it, so look out for next year.

Cindy Chapman & the Anno Domini Class




- 1..... Ed Rooney
- 4..... Anita Hohnecker
- 5..... Helen Covell
- 8..... Donna Roberts
- 9..... Joy Baze
- 11..... Mildred Crews
- 11..... Lou Slater
- 11..... Tom Thorson
- 14..... Ellis Clark
- 16..... John Hemmer
- 16..... Wanda Iiams
- 18..... George Whitney
- 19..... Jerry Robin
- 20..... Lois Fenwick
- 20..... Sandy White
- 21..... Ada Wilson
- 22..... Lisa Clark
- 22..... Louise Hancock
- 22..... Pearl Smith
- 29..... Herb Bultemeier
- 29..... Ginny Thorson

October Anniversaries

- 2..... Marty & Judy McGinnis
- 3..... Roy & Betty Snitker
- 4..... Kirk & Shirley Kirkpatrick
- 11..... Kirk & Karen Storm
- 12..... Charles & Mary Ellen Flinn
- 15..... Earl & Dolly King
- 16..... Tony & Mary Smith
- 17..... Don & Cathy Bell
- 30..... Herb & Martha Bultemeier

If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please notify the church office. Thank you.

OCTOBER 2009

| Sun | Mbn | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p><u>Sunday Morning Schedule</u></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Bible Study 101 9:15 a.m. Joy Class, Telling the Biblical Story Class 9:30 a.m. Parables Class 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship</p> | | | | | <p>If you do not see your event on this calendar, it is not on the church calendar.</p> <p>Please contact the church office to get your event scheduled. Thank you!</p> | |
| | | | | <p>1</p> <p>9:00 Musi kgarten</p> | <p>2</p> <p>9:30 Exerci se</p> | <p>3</p> |
| <p>4</p> <p>Grace Sunday Great Communion Sunday</p> | <p>5</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Ministry</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 4:30 Youth Rec. & Meal 5:30 Praise Team 7:00 Praise Service</p> | <p>8</p> <p>9:00 Mother's Day Out 9:00 Musi kgarten</p> | <p>9</p> <p>9:30 Exerci se</p> | <p>10</p> |
| <p>11</p> <p>Community for Christ Food Drive Sunday</p> | <p>12</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Ministry 7:00 Board Meeting</p> | <p>13</p> <p>9:00 Musi kgarten 11:30 CWF</p> | <p>14</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 11:30 Lake Bloomers 4:30 Youth Rec. & Meal 5:00 Choir 5:30 Praise Team 7:00 Last Praise Service</p> | <p>15</p> <p>9:00 Musi kgarten 6:00 Evangelism</p> | <p>16</p> <p>9:30 Exerci se</p> | <p>17</p> |
| <p>18</p> <p>Week of Ministry 11:30 Fellowship Dinner</p>  | <p>19</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Ministry 6:00 Stewardship</p> | <p>20</p> <p>9:00 Musi kgarten Newsletter Deadline 6:00 Volleyball</p> | <p>21</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 4:30 Youth Rec. & Meal 5:00 Choir</p> | <p>22</p> <p>9:00 Mother's Day Out 9:00 Musi kgarten 4:30 Educati on 6:00 Elders 6:00 Volleyball</p> | <p>23</p> <p>9:30 Exerci se</p> | <p>24</p> |
| <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Ministry 4:00 Cancer Support Group</p> | <p>27</p> <p>9:00 Musi kgarten 6:00 Volleyball</p> | <p>28</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 4:30 Youth Rec. & Meal</p> | <p>29</p> <p>9:00 Musi kgarten 6:00 Volleyball</p> | <p>30</p> <p>9:30 Exerci se 5:00- 8:00 BBQ Dinner</p>  | <p>31</p> <p>9:00 Wrk Day at Church</p>  |

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MINISTRY TEAM

Jim Stovall, Interim Minister

Gwen Welch, Treasurer

Dona Johnson, Music Coordinator

Betty Greenley, Parish Nurse

Sandy White, Church Secretary



Fall Festival BBQ Dinner
Friday, October 30, 2009
5-8 p.m.

Tickets \$10 Adults
\$8 Children Under 12

BBQ, Baked Beans,
Cole Slaw, Dessert
& Drink

Auction Items
Music and Entertainment
Family Fall Pictures Available

