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# Mission Message

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*Our mission is to announce the Good News of God's love for all, by letting the joy of our relationship with Jesus shine through our daily lives, seeking to make disciples for Jesus, baptizing in his name and teaching toward maturity in faith.*

Sunday School  
9:15 a.m.

Worship  
8:00 a.m. &  
10:30 a.m.



## “Everything Is Ok With A Hug”

When things are not going the way we expect them to, it is way too easy to get into the mindset that everything is bad; easily forgetting the small joys that are still present amongst the clouds of despair. In the life cycle of the church there are high points where it seems like everything is going perfectly and it is so easy to say, God has richly blessed us! And there are low times when panic and questions seem to drown out the presence of God's blessing. It is during these times that we have to be more intentional about naming and celebrating God's blessing in our midst.

During VBS I had the privilege of leading the Opening and Closing each evening. On the last night I had mentioned that I was sad that VBS was ending. I no more than got the words out of my mouth when a little girl came up and gave me a hug and said, “This will make you feel better.” After she sat down, another girl came up with a hug, then another, and another. Oh how different the world would be if we looked at it through the eyes of a child.

It is hard for me to believe that on August 14 I have been your pastor for five years, what a blessing. As I think about celebrating joys in this congregation one of mine would have to be our prayer time on Sunday morning. I love the family feel and the genuine care for one another as we share our joys and concerns. I am joyful for the mission work that we have done together and the amount of people who have been helped because of our willingness to go and do. I am joyful for people who care about me and my crazy family. If I think about it there are more joys than I can put into this article.

In a time when it is easy to look at the negative maybe we should focus on the little joys to be celebrated among the life of the church and our personal lives. What are your joys? Have you thought about them and taken time to name them or share them with others? May God bless you like a child giving a hug to a pastor who was sad that VBS was over.

Shalom, Adam



### 5th Annual Used Book Sale

Saturday, October 29, 2011

8:00am-3:00pm

For information contact: Jo Irwin



# Sermon Schedule

## Sermons for August

**Aug. 7** Guest Speaker

**Scripture:** Luke 4:16-21

**Title:** Jesus Saves

**Aug. 14**

**Scripture:** Genesis 45:1-15

**Title:** Bold Moves

**Aug. 21**

**Scripture:** Matthew 16:13-20

**Title:** Believing, Acting, Believing

**Aug 28**

**Scripture:** Romans 12:1-8

**Title:** Be Transformed

Martha Kimberlin  
 Franceline Parris  
 Frances May  
 Bob Raynes  
 Joe & Lorene Hocker  
 Jackie Dean  
 Steve Allbaugh  
 Don Smither  
 Edith Fournier  
 Harold Roth



We had an amazing turnout for VBS this year. The first night there were 30 kids, and we averaged around 27 every night after that. The kids had a blast and I think the adults did too.

We had some new faces and familiar ones. I can't thank all of the volunteers enough for their generous help each night. There's no way it would have been possible without them, and this includes the numerous youth that came and helped. We did a cooking theme. I hope everyone was able to

see the awesome decorations that Leslie Johnson was able to get for us, and also hear the kids sing on Sunday, and have communion with the bread that the kids made with their own hands.



# Membership



## **CARRY IN DINNER & BENEFIT AUCTION**

Sunday August 21, following 10:30am worship service, we will be hosting a Carry In Dinner. Drinks and rolls will be provided. Please bring your own table service. At this time we will be holding an Auction to benefit the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Bring in your "goodies" for the auction, desserts, breads, baked goods, etc.



Church on the Lawn, will be held on Sunday, September 11. This will be a picnic with burgers, hot-dogs, brauts, tea and water will be furnished. Please bring a covered dish and table service. Don't forget your lawn chair.

This is from an email that Adam received from Just4Me Children's Backpack Program

By the end of the summer, "Just4Me will have provided 312 boxes of food and over 120 loaves of bread to 78 local students who depend on assistance to keep their bellies full and their minds growing. That doesn't even mention the around 250 Harvester packages that we were able to get to the students alongside our deliveries."

"We owe a HUGE thank you also to our donators and partners in this program, especially to Hope Haven, who not only assisted us in nearly every move in our program this summer in getting started from providing fundraising assistance, the running of our accounts and the use of their tax-id number) and the Cass County Elks who not only jumped onboard as our first large donator as well as provided mentoring and assistance along the way. Not to mention our many sponsors including Town & Country Disposal, Peculiar Charitable Foundation, the First Christian Church, Harrisonville Walmart, Walmart Distribution Center, Coffelt Land Title and the Rotary Club of Harrisonville, Crouch, Spangler and Douglas, Kiwans and many other business and private donations. When you visit these businesses and organizations, please make sure to take a moment and say thank you from all of us with Just4Me!"

## **GOLDEN LEAVES**

There will be not meetings in August.  
Meetings Will resume in September .



August 30 @ 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall is our next meeting.

## **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Choir rehearsals will begin again on Wednesday, September 7 at 7pm. Contact Megan Davidson if you have any questions, and please consider joining us in the fall!!



Do you or someone you know possess musical talent that needs to be shared? Contact Megan Davidson if you or someone you know might be interested in performing special music for our church services this summer.

## HARVESTERS

Harvesters' mission is to feed hungry people today and work to end hunger tomorrow. Harvester serves up to 66,000 different people each week.

On, Saturday, July 23, 18 youth and adults volunteered during the morning shift at Harvesters. Those that attended: Courtney Covey, Sam Songer, Cait Hahn, Audrey Puhr, Charlie Puhr, Shayne Smither, Michael Harmon, Brenda Brown, Adam Harmon, Linnette Pugh, Lyle Krohn, Joyce Hawley, Richard Smither, Sophia Smither, Milly Long, Mary Parker, Mabel Maxon and Bill Maxon. Thank you to everyone who made this mission experience so meaningful to others. Also, congratulations to Michael Harmon for attend his first mission trip. Thank you Michael for blessings us, by being a part of your first mission experience.



## KIDS FAIR-MISSION NIGHT

At the July 27 youth group meeting. The youth assembled 300 school supply bags for the Kids Fair in Harrisonville. When we ran out of supplies, they went to WalMart and bought the remaining supplies needed to complete all the school bags with their youth group funds and stayed till the task was completed. Thank you to Joyce Hawley for helping us.



## FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to the youth that helped at Harrisonville First Christian Church Food Pantry Day.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT- 2 PERSON SCRAMBLE

**Saturday, September 03, 2011**

Registration 9:00am-9:30am Tournament Begins 10:00am

Only \$20.00 per person, lunch included!

Harrisonville Sand Greens, Located in the City Park



At this time we would like for you to consider sponsoring one or two holes for this golf tournament at the cost of \$25.00 each. This tournament is not possible without the generosity of our local people and business in this community, thank you in advance for your generosity and time.

# OUTREACH



KFC-Keep Funding Churches Bucket is August 7.

Thanks to all who went to Micah Ministries, June 27.

Shepherd's Staff food pantry , July 29-thank you for all who volunteered.

Sat. July 23, 18 youth and adults enjoyed working at Harvesters.

Reconciliation Sunday coming in September.

October 7 & 8, Funnel Cake Booth during the Burnt District Festival.

October 15, Festival of Sharing in Sedalia, MO. We would like to do flood buckets to take. Goal is 40 buckets. Asking for cash donations on those and we'll fill them. Cost is about \$40.00 per bucket to fill.

"How are things in Joplin?"

It's a question I hear often. And one for which sometimes there is no answer and sometimes there are many answers.

How are things in Joplin? Things are good. For the most part people are amazing in their strength, their ability to cope and to love and to be generous.

How are things in Joplin? Things are difficult. People are tired. Although people try to be loving and kind, irritability sometimes gets the best of us.

How are things in Joplin? Progress is being made. Each time that I travel around town I am surprised by another block whose lots of have been cleared or other signs of progress made. I am happy to say that at South Joplin Christian Church the work of putting the church back together is underway.

How are things in Joplin? Progress is slow. Everything seems to take longer than we'd like. Although progress can be seen, it often doesn't feel like enough. When you've lost your home, your school, your place of business, your place of worship sometimes nothing seems right.

How are things in Joplin? There is no one answer. There are good days and there are really tough days. It is two steps forward, one step back (and occasionally one step forward, two steps back). But things in Joplin are better because of your prayers and your care.

Jill Michal, Senior Minister  
South Joplin Christian Church



# Disciples Women / C.W.F.

Circles start meeting in September.

A reminder to continue saving barcodes from Best Choice items plus barcodes from Campbell soup products. The CWF receives \$30 for each 1,000 Best Choice codes and this money goes to our outreach concerns. The Campbell soup codes are sent to Woodhaven Learning Center for their many programs. Thanks for all your help!



The Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers. They particularly are looking for cashiers and or persons to sort and hang clothes for sale. If you are able to donate a few hours to this ministry, please contact Kathy Schrock at the shop. 816-884-2279

## SUGGESTED FOODS

- |                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Canned vegetables | Pasta                     |
| Pudding           | Cereal                    |
| Canned fruit      | Soup                      |
| Rice              | Flour                     |
| Canned meats      | Crackers                  |
| Macaroni & cheese | Sugar                     |
| Cake mix          | Powdered milk             |
| Vegetable oil     | Peanut butter             |
| Dry beans         | Baby food & related items |

# Food Pantry

**Thank you to our volunteers  
who served during  
HFCC Food Pantry Day.**



Volunteers are needed Fridays (anytime) from noon to 7 p.m. If interested, please contact Lyle Krohn.



I want to graciously thank this congregation and groups within this church, your generosity is overwhelming. It is amazing to be apart of this wonderful church family. Thank you for being my supporting church and supporting me to be able to attend my first General Assembly. This was a wonderful experience and I have benefited from the relationships that I have formed!

God loves for his children to step out of their comfort zone. And with a little push from this church I have been blessed with the benefits from doing so. My first step was, accepting the gifts and blessings, that this congregation wanted to do something for me. I am one to put myself last and to always do for others. This time I ways on the receiving end and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I look forward to being a part of this church in its growth, mission, and future. Ministering side by side in God's kingdom. Blessings, Brenda Brown



## Disciples Men/CME

Disciple's Men / C.M.F.

Will not be meeting during the summer, will resume in September.



## Church Elevator

### Elevator Operator

We now have an elevator operator available, on Sundays. If you would like to volunteer to be a operator, contact Frank Long.

# SERVING IN AUGUST

## 8:00am Worship

Elders: Milly Long

Deacons: Gracie & Ellis Webster

## 10:30am Worship

Worship Leader: Robert Surber

Greeters: Walter & Mary Hocker

Sound: Ryan Davidson

Acolyte: Youth

Elders: Don Smither & Jennifer Cook

Deacons: +Rich Smither, Sophia Smither, Elwin McKenzie, Cheryl Tinsley & Ryan Smither\*

+Denotes Deacon in charge \*Denotes Balcony

## Communion Prep:

Cheryl Tinsley

## Communion Calling:

7-Ellen Wray

14-Milly Long

21-Bill Maxon

28-Mabel Maxon

## Children's Moments

7-Kerry Morgan

14-Jennifer Cook

21-Ryan Davidson

28-Frank Long

## Musicians

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>Choir</u>
7-	Janet Allbaugh	Janet Allbaugh	
14-	Jo Irwin	Jo Irwin	
21-	Jo Irwin	Jo Irwin	
28-	Sherry Krohn	Sherry Krohn	



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1-Jonathan Harmon

4-Fawn Parson

4-Alesa Wood

4-Terry Wooten

6-Denny Long

7-Dr. James Idol

7-John Latimer

7-Linda Limpus

8-Iliene Smither

11-Steven Hawley

11-Francline Parris

12-Katie Covey

12-Marilyn Curtis

13- Michael Wray

15-Lisa Hillmer

15-Debbie Long

15-Jim Shelton

17-Teresa Sherfey

18-Jason Gipson

19-Bruce Kimberlin

20-Paige Kenyon

21-Beverly Tinsley

22-Karen Edwards

22-Josh Fannan

24-Debbie Arnold

26-Steve Allbaugh

26-Kay Fitzgerald

26-Judy Manning

28-Jackie Dean

28-Sheryl Steele

28-Sandy Wisdom

29-JoAnn VanMeter



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1-Stan & Marjorie Gardner

3-Bill & Mabel Maxon

7-Karl & Laura Frees

14-Thomas & Shelbi Devine

14-Richard & Regina Hawley

15-Joe & Lorene Hocker

16-Don & Illiene Smither

27-Robert & Judy Kilp

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The deadline for the  
May Mission Message  
Church  
Newsletter is August 28,  
2011.

Please turn all articles into the  
church office or email them  
to office@harrisonvillefcc.org  
or  
brenda@harrisonvillefcc.org

# August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

- 2- 8:00am-12:00pm Quilters  
6:30pm Ministry Chairs  
7:00pm Ministry Groups
- 4- 3:30pm Exercise  
4:30pm TOPS
- 7- KFC Collection Sunday
- 9- 8:00am-12:00pm Quilters
- 11- 3:30pm Exercise  
4:30pm TOPS
- 14- 8:45am Elders
- 16- 8:00am-12:00pm Quilters  
7:00pm Board Meeting
- 18- 3:30pm Exercise  
4:30pm TOPS
- 23- 8:00am-12:00pm Quilters
- 24- 6:00pm-8:00pm Youth Group
- 25- 3:30pm Exercise  
4:30pm TOPS

- 28- 8:45am Elders
- 30- 8:00am-12:00pm Quilters  
7:00pm Vision & Mission Meeting
- 31- 6:00pm-8:00pm Youth Group

## ALUMINUM CANS



You can help the youth and recycle your empty aluminum cans by bringing them to the church. A wooden box for the cans is located on the west side of the church. In order to prevent loose cans in our bin, please tie all of your bags shut, before placing them in the bin. Thank you!



## FACTS AND FIGURES

### Sunday, July 3

8:00am Worship	32
Sunday School	29
10:30 am Worship	65
General Fund	\$5,152.12
KFC Collection	\$32.00
Memorial (Hawley)	\$23.75

### Sunday, July 10

8:00am Worship	38
Sunday School	31
10:30 am Worship	83
General Fund	\$1,844.08
Memorial (Hawley)	\$100.00

### Sunday, July 17

8:00am Worship	39
Sunday School	20
10:30 am Worship	66
General Fund	\$2,835.55
Youth Camp Fund	\$100.00
Memorial (Famuliner)	\$50.00
Memorial (Hawley)	\$50.00

### Sunday, July 24

8:00am Worship	38
Sunday School	27
10:30 am Worship	106
General Fund	\$1,724.95
Chocolate	\$6.00
Food Pantry	\$15.00

June 30, 2011

General Fund: Balance in checking--	\$1,070.32
Balance in Demand Plus--	\$6,391.44
Memorial: Balance in Investment Savings--	\$3,494.70
Endowment: Balance in Yoder savings--	\$1,577.81
Balance in Mauck/Morse flex plus--	\$17,938.21
Income (year to date)--	\$81,881.08
Expenses (year to date)--	\$95,869.26

Jarrett's family would like to express:



If you sent a card, bought flowers, made a call, gave a contribution, brought food, said a prayer, gave a hug or thought of us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The outpour from the community has been overwhelming, so is our grief. But, we are so blessed to have such support. Adam, beyond pastoral care, Thank you for your words, prayers, love, support, follow up and your friendship, all means so much to us.

Just a note: Ever since Jarrett had been involved in the school's back pack program (during school session) there were several times on weekends over a second cup of coffee at our breakfast table, he would say with tears in his eyes, "what about these same children during the summer months?!" He was so elated for it to happen this summer. This was one of Jarrett's passions and thanks to so much generosity, it will help continuing that ministry.

Jarrett's Smiling!!

Thanks again, dear ones and our love right back at you.

Joyce

Jarrett III and Jennifer & family

Nate & Jamie & family

Julie & family

Jason & Jessica & family

