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Can the church learn something from Borders Bookstore?

Some of the fondest memories I have of college is sitting in the comfy chairs at big bookstores with my then girlfriend, soon to be wife, Tiffany. We would pick up a book we found interesting and without saying a word, sit and read next to each other, each getting fed by the material that scratched our current intellectual itch. No doubt you can imagine my reaction when I heard and read that Borders Bookstore was closing its remaining 399 stores and liquidating all of its assets. After the company filed bankruptcy, and they could not find anyone to buy out the company there was nothing else they could do.

In an article entitled **Borders To Close All Remaining Stores** Geoff Duncan writes, *"Although several factors no doubt contributed to Borders' collapse—and many were recently outlined by former Borders exec Mark Evans most industry watchers cite increasingly cut-throat competition with the likes of Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com, as well as apparently being caught flat-footed by the digital media revolution."* It is the last statement in this quote that concerns me and causes me to think about the church. It appears that Borders was not ready or anticipating the impact of technology that allows for reading books electronically. I have to admit, I like physical books that I can pick up, highlight and write in the margins; but as much as I like that, the reality is that things are changing. In the short term, analysts are saying that Borders closing their stores will help other book distributors like Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com. While this might be true, I can't help but wonder who will be next, who will be "caught flat-footed by the digital media revolution."

As we look at the world changing around us do we as the church appear to be caught flat-footed, while what it means to be church changes drastically from that of fifty years ago? Does the church, like Borders, have its issues; files spiritual bankruptcy with the hopes that the right program will save it, only to lament when they have to close their doors? What are the issues for the local church that are pivotal for its future? What catches us flat-footed while the world and our communities change?

I do not write this article because I have answers, only more questions that I continue to live with. Maybe there is something we as the church can learn from the recent news about Borders bookstore?

Shalom, Rev. Harmon



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.





Sermons for September

September 4, 2011

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20
Title: "Two or Three Gathered"

September 11, 2011 Church on the Lawn

Scripture: Psalm 46 and
2 Corinthians 4:1, 5-10
Title: "Together in Stillness"

September 18, 2011

Scripture: Exodus 16:2-15
Title: "What we have!"

September 25, 2011

Guest: **Rev. Mike Weinman**
Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13



CHURCH ON THE LAWN

Sunday, September 11, 2011
8:30am Elders Meeting
9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service
Fellowship Meal & Dessert Auction

BURNT DISTRICT FESTIVAL



Friday, October 7-Saturday, October 8, 2011

~Look for the church's funnel cake booth on the square. We are in need of supplies and volunteers. Sign up in the back of the sanctuary.

~Open House at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Saturday, October 8 from 10:00am-4:00pm

Church History Display

Quilts dating back to the 1930's and 2 German made dolls dating back to the late 1800's, belonging to Jennie and Elsie Mauck.

These quilts will be open for bid in the Silent Quilt Auction



New Members

Tracey Brown 7/30/11

Merlin Williams 7/30/11

GOLDEN LEAVES

We will be meeting and having a potluck meal on
Thursday, September 8 @ 10:30am.

Martha Kimberlin
Franceline Parris
Frances May
Bob Raynes
Joe & Lorene Hocker
Jackie Dean
Don Smither
Edith Fournier
Harold Roth
Karl Frees
Kelly Cave



On behalf of Disciples Christian Church in Nevada Mo. I'd like to thank you for your generous donation of the tables and chairs from your church to ours. They have already found good use.

Rev. Dr. Thomas D. Minton



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.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of George Buchanan; Joyce Hawley's' uncle and Vernon Walker; Joy Mill's father

Membership



We will have a picnic lunch after the 10:00 service on September 11 which will also be church on the lawn. We will be grilling burgers, hotdogs and brauts, this will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share and bring your own table service. And don't forget your lawn chair!

Dessert Auction

Bring in your best desserts to be auctioned off on Sunday, September 11 following Church on the Lawn.



Sunday, October 30th between the two worship services, will be our 5th. Sunday Brunch!! Please stop by the Fellowship Hall for good food and fellowship.



We will be doing Toys for Tots again this year. So bring a toy unwrapped and we will have a box or something to put them in and this will run from now until our Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 13th.

Stewardship Moment

Stewardship is NOT fundraising, it IS a spiritual discipline just as important as prayer, study and worship. It is NOT a duty; it IS a discipline. It is NOT an obligation; it IS an opportunity. It is NOT just about responsibility; it IS about relationship. Stewardship IS about choice; which Kingdom do you want to participate in? "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." –Matthew 6:21

These are just a few nuggets of wisdom gleaned from Rev. Bruce Barkhauer from the Center for Faith and Giving. Bruce led a workshop for several of our church leaders via the internet in early August.

Stewardship is NOT fundraising. In order to honor the truth of this statement, the Stewardship and Finance Ministry group will separate our church's stewardship campaign from its annual process for preparing the church budget.

Do we still need your financial support to make the church function and grow? Absolutely! Thank you to those who have given and those who will give so that our church can be what God has called it to be. What is our perception of where tithes and offerings are spent in the church? Does the tithe we give on Sunday go to pay salaries? Or rather, have we invested in feet that take the love of God into a hospital room, and hands that spread God's gift of welcome to guests and families each Sunday; music that opens our hearts to commune with God. Do our dollars pay an electric bill? Or rather, illuminate faces of a youth group trying to understand their faith?

Those of us able to attend the workshop given by Bruce were challenged to think of giving in a new and exciting way as it relates to our faith walk. We hope in following newsletters to share some of this with you and again, we thank you for your faithful giving which enables our church to reach out to others with the love of God.



GOLF TOURNAMENT- 2 PERSON SCRAMBLE



Thank you to everyone for their generosity. It will never be forgotten. As of the printing of this newsletter we have 17 hole sponsors, donations, and volunteers. Look for the next newsletter for final information.

MICAH

Monday, September 19. Leaving the church at 4:00pm, returning no later than 8:00pm. If you are interest in attending, make sure Brenda has your name. We have limited number of spots opened.

SEPTEMBER THEME

In September we will be focusing on the theme, “A Good Rep.” Luke 2:39-52. The youth will begin to balance the pressure of personal ambition with the importance of a good reputation, along with character and personal strengths.



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!

SPIRITUAL MENTORS—Yes, Sign me up!

People who are intentional about participating in the spiritual formation and Christian education of our young people. What do young people need in their lives-the wisdom and thoughtfulness of more mature Christians. Being in ministry with youth is extremely rewarding. Youth are honest, up-front, and excited about their relationship with Christ.

- Share your faith, building relationship
- Hospitality
 - These people really care about me here.
 - They really want the best for me.
 - I’m not a number or an outsider here. I have a place.
 - They know me by name and greet me personally.
 - Acknowledge me on special occasions. (birthday, etc.)
 - I’m being invited to be with them, part of the Body of Christ.
- Be present at rites of passage for youth in the church
- Pray for our young people on a regular basis
- Offer pastoral care to youth in times of anxiety and challenge
- Show interest and be a support person to youth for mission trips, summer camps, retreats, Sunday School, Youth Group, etc
- Set an example for young people in the way they live, worship, play, and interact with others

**BE A PART OF BUILDING A FIRM
FOUNDATION FOR OUR YOUTH.**

Questions, contact Brenda



**YOU COULD
HELP FEED OUR
YOUTH**

Thank you for your support! Please keep bringing in your receipts. It takes awhile to collect \$500.00 in receipts to receive \$75.00 in pizza. It takes the full \$75.00 to feed the youth group one meal. Thank you for helping us provide a good meal for these youth. The box for your receipts is located in the back of the church.

OUTREACH



KFC-Keep Funding Churches Bucket is September 4.

Share change jar on back table in sanctuary. Goes to Festival of Sharing in October.

Funnel cake booth for Burnt District Festival, Friday night the 7th of October thru Saturday the 8th. Set up no later than 3:00pm Friday. Ready for Business Friday from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Saturday hours 9:00am-8:00pm. Tear down between 8:00pm & 9:00pm. Look for work schedule sign up sheet and supply list sheet.

Festival of Sharing, in Sedalia on October 15.

Reconciliation Sunday, September 18th Bill Maxon will be doing the Moment for Missions for both services. Offering collected on Sunday, September 25.

Container on back table is sanctuary for cash donations for us to get the supplies needed to fill flood buckets. These buckets also go to festival of Sharing. Our goal is 40 buckets. Cost to fill each bucket is \$40.00.

Linnette Pugh has provided bins in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for donation items to Micah Ministries, along with a list of things needed and a sign up sheet upstairs for those interested in going to help work there are several upcoming dates.



FUND RAISER for FOOD PANTRY

Used Book Sale

Saturday, October 29th is the date set for the **5th Annual Used Book Sale**. This is our perennial event that raises funds for the Shepherd's Staff Food Pantry. The sale is from 8:00-3:00 with the last hour being the sack pack. Shoppers may buy a sack full of items for \$1.00.

The sale last year raised \$600.00 and, with an additional \$250.00 donated by the Walmart Foundation, total proceeds were \$850.00. The goal this year is to raise a total of \$1,000.00

We have started collecting donations for this week. Your donations will help this fund raiser be successful. Needed are fiction and nonfiction books, popular magazines, commercially-recorded CDs' audio and video cassettes, DVDs, and printed music.

In addition to your donation of materials, we encouraging you all to ask for donations from friends, family, and co-workers, and we also need volunteers to sort, set up, cashier, assist shoppers, and clean up. "Clean up" includes someone with a pickup truck to transport remaining items to the local Good Will store.

For more information or to volunteer please call or text, Jo Irwin at 258-1836 or send email to jirwin413@aol.com



Disciples Women / C.W.F.

ATTENTION LADIES

CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) will resume in September. The meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the church. The times and days are as follows:

~Margaret Circle, will meet at 1:30pm, September 5th, in the church Fellowship Hall.

~Rachel Circle, will meet at 7:00pm, September 13, in the church Fellowship Hall.

~Deborah Circle, will meet at 1:30pm, September 19, in the church Fellowship Hall.

We hope to see you there. *Nancy Emmons*

~Deborah Circle, will meet at 1:30 p.m., September 19th, in the church Fellowship Hall. Judy Manning will present the lesson as we continue our study on women in the Bible. Ellen Wray will provide refreshments. We invite all women interested in warm fellowship, enlightening study, and lively conversation to join us.

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

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

Food Pantry

New bins are provided for your food donations in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall.

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**September 17**

**Wal-Mart Food Drive Day**



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



## Disciples Men/CME

Disciple's Men / C.M.F.

Tuesday, September 13 & 8:30am



## 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 SEPTEMBER

## 8:00am Worship

Elders: Dena Cooper  
Deacons: Luke & Lee Cooper

## 10:30am Worship

Worship Leader: Jamie Mathews  
Greeters: Tiffany & Michael Harmon  
Sound: Richard Smither  
Acolyte: Youth  
Elders: Lyle & Sherry Krohn  
18-Milly Long & Don Smither  
Deacons: +Darold Shelton, Dee Shelton, Mike Simon, Nikki Simon & Shayne Smither\*  
+Denotes Deacon in charge \*Denotes Balcony

## Communion Prep:

Dee & Darold Shelton

## Communion Calling:

4-Sherry Krohn  
11-Beverly Tinsley  
18-Joyce Hawley  
25-Joyce Hawley



## Children's Moments:

4-Brenda Brown  
11-Sherry Krohn  
18-Jamie Mathews  
25-Tiffany Harmon

## Musicians:

| <u>8:00am</u>          | <u>10:30am</u> | <u>Choir</u>   |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 4- Jo Irwin            | Jo Irwin       |                |
| 11- Church on the Lawn |                |                |
| 18- Jo Irwin           | Jo Irwin       | Jo Irwin       |
| 25- Sherry Krohn       | Janet Allbaugh | Janet Allbaugh |



## SEPT. BIRTHDAYS

2-Carel Carroll  
2-Doris Moore  
3-Kevin Chaney  
6-Laura Kohler  
6-Mary Parker  
6-Marcia Wernex  
7-Kathleen Dickerson  
7-Meyra Redmon  
10-Calvin Morris  
11-Heather Corcoran  
12-Karl Frees  
12-Joseph Murphy  
13-Tiffany Harmon  
13-Ryan Smither  
14-Abbie Brown  
14-Carole Carey  
14-Phillip Kelley  
14-Bill Maxon  
14-Brady White  
15-Lawrence Kircher  
17-Henry Frees  
17-Kristi Osborn  
18-Carol Parker  
19-Rebekka Songer  
19-Samatha Songer  
22-Stan Gardner  
23-Cayden Gipson  
23-Ann Kircher  
24-Serenity Parson  
26-Brandi Bouchard  
27-Maxine Farr  
28-Mary Hocker  
29-Diane Johnson  
30-Kristen Hawley  
30-Frank Long  
30-Mildred Roth  
30-Noland Bradley



## SEPT. ANNIVERSARIES

14-Tony & Cynthia Livingston  
18-Gary & Phyllis Mathews  
23-Darold & Dee Shelton  
26-Mitch & Paige Kenyon  
30-Colby & Katie Covey

## DO YOU KNOW THIS WOMAN?



**WANTED**  
Your presence  
  
**FOR**  
A celebration of 90 years  
  
**TO HONOR**  
Mary Riemenschneider

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Friday, October 21

# September 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>1- 3:30pm Exercise<br/>4:30pm TOPS</p> <p>3- 9:00am Golf Tournament (youth 8:00am)</p> <p>4- KFC Collection</p> <p>5- Office Closed<br/>1:30pm Disciples Women/CWF Margaret Circle</p> <p>6- 6:30pm Ministry Chairs<br/>7:00pm Ministry Groups</p> <p>7- 10:00am-2:00pm Cass County Homemakers<br/>6:00pm-8:00pm CYF Youth Group<br/>7:00pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>8- 10:30am Golden Leaves<br/>3:30pm Exercise<br/>4:30pm TOPS</p> <p>11- Church on the Lawn<br/>8:45am Elders Meeting<br/>9:00am Sunday School<br/>10:00am Worship Service<br/>Fellowship Meal &amp; Dessert Auction</p> <p>13- 8:30am Disciples Men/CMF<br/>7:00pm Disciples Women/CWF Rachel Circle</p> | <p>14- 6:00pm-8:00pm CYF Youth Group<br/>7:00pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>15- 3:30pm Exercise<br/>4:30pm TOPS</p> <p>17- Wal-Mart Food Drive / Volunteers 3pm-5:30pm</p> <p>19- 1:30pm Disciples Women/CWF Deborah Circle<br/>4:00pm -8:00pm Micah Ministries</p> <p>20- 7:00pm Board Meeting</p> <p>21- 6:00pm-8:00pm CYF Youth Group<br/>7:00pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>22- 3:30pm Exercise<br/>4:30pm TOPS</p> <p>25- 8:45am Elders Meeting</p> <p>27- Vision &amp; Mission Meeting</p> <p>28- 6:00pm-8:00pm CYF Youth Group<br/>7:00pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>29- 3:30pm Exercise<br/>4:30pm TOPS</p> <p>30- Budgets due to Stewardship &amp; Finance</p> |
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## FACTS AND FIGURES

### Sunday, July 31

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| 8:00am Worship    | 28         |
| Sunday School     | 27         |
| 10:30 am Worship  | 67         |
| General Fund      | \$2,619.27 |
| Memorial (Hawley) | \$550.00   |

### Sunday, August 7

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| 8:00am Worship    | 25         |
| Sunday School     | 16         |
| 10:30 am Worship  | 66         |
| General Fund      | \$4,247.97 |
| KFC               | \$50.00    |
| Memorial (Hawley) | \$100.00   |

### Sunday, August 14

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| 8:00am Worship    | 29         |
| Sunday School     | 16         |
| 10:30 am Worship  | 60         |
| General Fund      | \$2,359.40 |
| Memorial (Hawley) | \$50.00    |

### Sunday, August 21

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| 8:00am Worship   | 35         |
| Sunday School    | 22         |
| 10:30 am Worship | 66         |
| General Fund     | \$2,335.59 |

### Sunday, August 28

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| 8:00am Worship   | 35         |
| Sunday School    | 24         |
| 10:30 am Worship | 70         |
| General Fund     | \$2,506.25 |
| Flood Buckets    | \$125.00   |
| Chocolate        | \$48.00    |



 **Vision & Missions Meeting** September 27 @ 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall is our next meeting.



The deadline for the Church Newsletter Sunday, September 25, 2011

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### July 31, 2011

General Fund: Balance in checking--\$1,808.46  
 Balance in Demand Plus--\$6,424.05  
 Memorial: Balance in Investment Savings--\$6,620.14  
 Endowment: Balance in Yoder savings--\$1,704.42  
 Balance in Mauck/Morse flex plus--\$18,640.63  
 Income (year to date)--\$89,631.56  
 Expenses (year to date)--\$104,140.27

