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Greater KC Regional Spiritual Leadership Summit

Several folks from our congregation have appreciated the Leadership Summit in years past. The workshops and leaders are different from year to year, so even if you've been before, you could benefit from going, again! Workshop offerings and registration information is below. The early registration deadline is soon! The flyer from the Region is on our website. It includes more information as well as the registration form.

The Christian Church (DOC) of Greater KC
Regional Spiritual Leadership Summit 2011

Saturday, June 4, 2011

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

New Vision Christian Church

9101 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Kansas City, MO

Workshops:

#1 The Role of Disciple Elder & Deacon

#2 "Body Matters: Discussing the Body & Sexuality in Your Congregation"

#3 "Courageous Compassion: Faith, Justice, Disaster and Development"

#4 "The Church: Symbolic Gesture or Transformative Community?"

Registration Costs (includes lunch)

Individuals: \$35.00 by May 4, 2011

\$45.00 after May 4, 2011

Young Adults (Ages 18 - 35): \$25.00

Group Rate (Four or more from same church)

\$25.00 each by May 4, 2011

\$35.00 each after May 4, 2011

VBS registration is now
available on the church website!
fcckearney.org

Sunday Worship: 8:15 am, 10:45 am  Sunday Study Groups: 9:30 am

Pastor's Notes

The week began with the waving of palm branches and shouts of "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!" The week ended with Jesus dead and buried in a borrowed tomb. Ask anyone who serves the public and they will tell you how quickly opinion can change. One day they love you – especially when you are serving them and their agenda. Another day they barely notice you or may even despise you – asking "Yeah, but what have you done for me lately?" Such is the fickle nature of the human creature. It is all about "me" and rarely about "us." I sometimes wonder if God ever regrets creating us with a free will of our own.

The Psalmist writes, " ... what is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You care for him? You made him a little lower than the angels and crowned with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of Your hands; You put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the fields, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the sea. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth." (8:4-9) Obviously, God has a much higher purpose for us than we often actually deliver.

The Good News is: God does not rule the universe based on public opinion. Different than modern day politicians, many parents, and even some Christians, God's actions are not based what is popular, but what is right and good and redemptive. If God had done what the people wanted, Jesus would still be in the tomb. Fortunately, God did (and does) what is best and that's why "He Lives!"

Yours in Christ,
Doug

From Your Church Leadership

The church board meets monthly to discuss the business of the church. All board meetings are open to the congregation. Here are the updates from April's board meeting:

- The church continues to operate at a deficit, having drawn approximately \$7,700 from savings to cover our expenses this year
- The church received our portion of the bill for snow removal at the Prospect Street property
- The Property Committee is waiting for bids for necessary repairs to the Prospect Street property
- The Property Committee is further investigating the replacement of the emergency phone in the elevator because the initial bid was over \$700
- The Stewardship Committee reported the results of the Capital Campaign: 48 pledges totaling \$114,384
- The church celebrated a baptism and welcomed two new families into membership
- The board approved the Pastoral Relations Committee's recommendation to remove "living in Kearney" from the Administrative Pastor's job description
- The board approved moving the May & July board meetings to the third Sunday of the month to accommodate holidays and other church activities

The Implementation Team at Work!

The Implementation Team is still keeping busy! As a result of their work, we have a 2nd adult committed to working with the Youth Group and a youth committee helping plan the life of the youth group. The information bulletin board should be in place very soon as well so that you can stay better informed about the events happening in our congregation!

Capital Campaign Update

The 2011 Capital Campaign committee is pleased to report that we received 48 pledges totaling \$114,384. We are grateful for your continued generous giving to our church and all of its ministries, including support of the space where many of the ministries take place.

Work day

On Saturday, May 14 @ 9:00 am we will clean out and organize the shed. Please contact Jerre Gallinger at 816.965.6589 if you have any questions.

Men's Group

Mark your calendar! The Men's Group is planning a "Bring your kids and grandkids to breakfast." It will be on Saturday, June 11 @ 8:00 am. Please RSVP to the church office by June 8 so the group can plan accordingly.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life, a benefit for the American Cancer Society, will be June 17-18 from 6 pm to 6 am at the Kearney High School track. If you would like to walk with us, please go to www.relay.acsevents.org to register. Our team name is "Angela's Angels" (team #1). Please contact Susan Mick (antutu1@aol.com or 816.320.2209) with any questions.

Mission Trip Garage Sale

Start saving your stuff to donate to the Mission Trip garage sale which will be held June 2 & 3.

Mission Trip

We're heading to Tulsa, Oklahoma the week of July 17th to help with home repairs for elderly and disabled people. It's sure to be lots of fun - not to mention living out Jesus' command to serve the very least of these. 12 years and up are invited to go.



Gospel Concert Series



THE DIXIE ECHOES

Saturday, May 14
7:00 pm

THE TRIUMPHANT QUARTET

THE 2009-2010-2011
NATIONAL QUARTET OF THE YEAR
Monday, May 23 7:00 pm

Chandler Baptist Church
11401 NE 33 HWY
Liberty, MO 64068
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A Story from Global Missions: *A New Way is Possible* by Tom Rose

Go, stand in the temple court and tell the people the full message of this new life. Acts 5:20

The prison of Basse-Terre has been making the French news lately, unfortunately, for the wrong reasons. It was ranked the worst prison of France. Tim Rose, Global Ministries missionary in Guadeloupe says, I am assigned as both prison chaplain and "reinsertion" counselor at the prison of Basse-Terre.

Originally built in 1660, as a catholic convent, it was converted into a prison in 1772. Not only is the prison old and rundown, the prison is extremely overcrowded. Set up to hold 130 prisoners its current population is approximately 200 and there are only two social workers assigned to work with the prisoners.

The Protestant Reformed Church of Guadeloupe (PRCG) has a prison chaplaincy program and a partnership with a local non-profit organization, "Accolade Caraibes", to maintain a presence in the prison. I accompany the prisoners spiritually, and I help them make plans to re-enter society after their release. Through job training, spiritual support, family counseling, transitional housing opportunities and acting as a link between the prisoners and the parole board, I try to help prisoners create a new life for themselves.

Obviously the challenges are immense. Through listening, prayer and helping prisoners find real solutions to their problems, many have come to realize that God's promise of new life is possible.

Please pray for the prison population of Guadeloupe and the work of the Prison Chaplains and the social workers of Accolade Caraibes.

Tim Rose serves with the Reformed Church of France as the Pastoral Assistant for Diaconal Ministries in Guadeloupe and Martinique.

Ongoing Sunday Morning Study Groups

Mixed Nuts: Adult study group meeting in classroom A

Beginning in May, this group is working through a Bible Basics Study Pack from The Thoughtful Christian. It's not just Bible 101; it also includes a lot of things around and about the Bible—like what do we mean when we talk about Divine Inspiration?

Young at Heart: Senior adult study group meeting in the classroom off the sanctuary

This group uses The Present Word, a series for adults. During May, they will be studying "John's Vision of Worship" from Revelation.

A Chronological Study of the Bible: Adult study group meeting in the pastor's office

This group is using The Chronological Study Bible, reading their way through the Bible. They're reading quite carefully and you're welcome to join them.

Youth Group: Kids in grades 6th through 12th meet in the Barr Youth Center

This group is currently studying the teen study based on The Me I Want to Be by John Ortberg.

Children:

Preschool through 3rd grade: Classroom C

4th & 5th grades: Classroom B

The kids study the Bible in a variety of ways, rotating through story, science, snack and more. For a month, they study the same story or person in all those different ways. Some begin their time of study with music; others with a more in-depth study time. Please note: These locations are where children begin the rotation each week, not where they finish.

Thanks to the Church Family

Thanks to everyone who prepared food, cleaned up and shared a time of fellowship with your church family during our Lenten Bread & Broth! Many of us enjoyed that time together and look forward to it again next year.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, concerns and food during my procedure. Your love is very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who came to the hospital, too. ~Jan Worley

Your generous gifts have once again changed the lives of children in Haiti. The two orphanages we helped now have beds to sleep on, food in their bellies and clothes to wear to school. If it wasn't for you they would be on the streets and live very short lives. I'm sure a jewel was placed in your crown. ~Therrsa Gilpin

Thank you for your prayers, visits, food and words of encouragement while I was face down. It was a long week made much easier thanks to you. What a blessing it is to be part of a church that cares. Thanks again. ~Kirby & Virginia Roach

Thank you for all the prayers, calls and food that we received during my recuperation. A special thank you to Jack and Charlotte Barr for all the complete meals they brought to us day after day for weeks. ~Evan & Jeanne Hoit

May Birthdays

5/1	Colin Jewell
5/4	Gene Ballew
5/5	Megan Hinnenkamp
5/6	Bill Woltkamp
5/7	Ron Ball
5/8	Alexis Claypole Pam Novak
5/12	Megan Ball James Rapstine
5/13	Joseph Gibbs
5/15	Angela Bennett Kellie Handy
5/16	John Alt Virginia Roach
5/17	Carrie Breece
5/19	Julie Butcher
5/19	Bailey Moore
5/23	Spencer Sargent
5/25	Rod Will
5/26	Michael Barr
5/27	Marilyn Logerwell
5/30	Ricky Lovelady Jane Quick
5/31	Helen Edde

If your birthday is missing, please contact the church office at fcckearney@aol.com or 628.5583.

Congratulations...

...to Richard & Deanna Whitford on the birth of their grandbabies, Quinn Nicole & Everett Drew Freeman. The twins were born April 13th.

Praying with...

...those who grieve. Over the last weeks, several members of our congregation lost people who were dear to them. Please continue to hold the families of these people in your prayers:

- Medford Hardesty (Gerry Barr's mother)
- Nancy Mooney (Georgia Hutchens' sister)

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:45am Brock Harris rededication; Rebecca Harris dedication		9:30 am Quilting	7 am Men's Prayer Group (McDonald's) 6:45 pm Kings Kidz 7 pm Youth Group		Church & fellowship hall reserved (McCallister/Forbes wedding)	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		9:30 am Quilting	7 am Men's Prayer Group (McDonald's) 6:45 pm Kings Kidz 7 pm Youth Group		6:30 pm Girl Scouts (Barr YC) Brownie Troop (church)	8 am Men's Breakfast 9 am Work day 7 pm Gospel Concert: Dixie Echoes
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
6:30 pm Board meeting		9:30 am Quilting 11:30 am Ministerial Alliance meeting	7 am Men's Prayer Group (McDonald's) 6:45 pm Kings Kidz 7 pm Youth Group			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	7:00 pm Gospel Concert: Triumphant Quartet @ Chandler Baptist Church	Newsletter Deadline 9:30 am Quilting	7 am Men's Prayer Group (McDonald's) 7 pm Youth Group Committee Night (see info below)		6:30 pm Girl Scouts (Barr YC) Brownie Troop (church) Youth lock-in	Fellowship hall reserved (Fairley's)
29	30	31	Committee night (5/25/11) 5 pm 8:15 Worship committee meeting 6 pm Evangelism committee meeting 6:30 pm all other committee meetings			
	Memorial Day Church office closed	9:30 am Quilting				

Youth Group!

The Youth Group will break from its regular mid-week gatherings for the summer. May 25th will be the last Wednesday night gathering until school starts, again. We'll celebrate the end of school together with a lock-in at the end of May. Families—watch for emails so we can set that date firmly, tentatively for Friday, May 27th.

Also, we're planning to head to Worlds of Fun in June—tentatively on Wednesday, June 8. Again, families, watch for emails so we can set firm plans.

Don't forget that youth age 12 and up are invited to go on this year's Mission Trip! We're heading to Tulsa, Oklahoma the week of July 17th to help with home repairs for elderly and disabled people. It's sure to be lots of fun—not to mention living out Jesus' command to serve the very least of these.

Just for Kids!

Kings Kidz will meet on May 4th & 11th at 6:45 pm. It's a VBS style program for kids 1st through 5th grades. Everyone is welcome!

Register for camp at Tall Oaks!

Camp forms are available at fcckearney.org. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Vacation Bible School begins Sunday, July 10 and continues through Thursday, July 14. It's from 5:45-8:30 p.m.; ages 4 years-completed 5th grade are invited. We will serve nightly family meals from 5:00-5:30. You can register kids any time by visiting fcckearney.org. We are always looking for volunteers so feel free to register too. We hope you'll be able to join us at **PandaMania**—Where God is Wild About You! Invite friends and neighbors!

Kings Kidz Food Drive

Kings Kidz will be collecting non-perishable food items and paper products for the Holt Ministerial Alliance May 1st – 18th. There will be sacks placed throughout the church for you convenience.

From Abigail: Singing a New Song

Over the last weeks as we having been singing and praying and worshipping differently, I have been able to have many conversations about our worship life and the worship life of the church in general. Not surprisingly, because of those conversations, I have been thinking of many of my own favorite songs of worship. But what is surprising, to me at least, is that the ones that come to mind first are not the songs that I have known for quite some time. In fact, I have learned all of them within the last seven years or so. All but two, I have learned in the last three years. That's not to say there aren't some hymns from my childhood that I love. In fact, *Church in the Wildwood* is one of the best memories of a man from my childhood church who sang the bass, "O, come, come, come." It probably helps that he had a pool that was open to church kids most of the time.

But the newer songs that I also name, like the *Canticle of the Turning*, *One Spirit of Love* or *Blessed Be the Name* are joyous songs for me to sing for entirely different reasons. Mostly, these songs are special because they are tied to rich and new experiences of God. And while I could name all of the experiences in my life that make those songs important to me, the truth is, these songs belong to the whole community of faith, the church the world over.

It's not just my rich and new experience of God; it's the church's ongoing rich and yes, new—or at least renewing—experience of God that adds such songs to the collection of what we sing together. The fact that we continue to sing new songs is a testament to the ongoing presence of God in our lives.

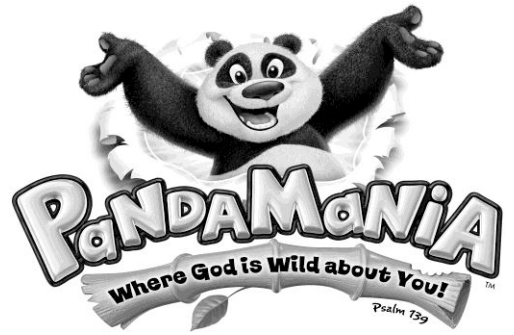
It is the same way that the Israelites felt compelled to sing a new song to the Lord whenever something truly great happened in their life with God. It wasn't that the old songs were bad. It was that something so wonderful happened; they could not help but sing, again, could not help but sing differently than they had before! In John's vision in Revelation, he, too, saw people being gathered to the throne of God, all the while singing a new song.

As God's people, we are continually brought into the presence of God, continually seeing more of the ways that God is working in this world. How could we, like so many before us, do anything other than sing a new song?

Volunteer for PandaMania VBS!

Join our team to help create an excellent PandaMania for children the week of July 10-14, 2011 from 5:45-8:30 p.m.! Return this form *or sign up online at fcckearney.org.*

If you are willing to share your time, energy, and resources, we have a place for you to serve using your God-given gifts and talents to make a difference in the lives of the children in the community. Will you prayerfully consider filling one of the following positions for our PandaMania staff?



- _____ Crew Leader-Attends a leader training meeting, attends PandaMania daily; participates in fun activities while shepherding a group of five-eight elementary age children (30 needed).
- _____ Assistant Crew Leader-Attends training; assists crew leader with above activities-this position is for youth who have completed 6th grade.
- _____ Panda Pre-School Crew Leader- Attends a leader training meeting, attends PandaMania daily; participates in fun activities while shepherding a group of four pre-school age children(10 needed).
- _____ Panda Pre-School Assistant Crew Leader- Attends training; assists crew leader with above activities-this position is for youth who have completed 6th grade.
- _____ Registration Workers-Assists with registrations of children coming to PandaMania (4 needed).
- _____ Nursery Workers-Cares for the children (age 3 and under) of the workers at PandaMania (2 people needed).
- _____ Decorations Assistants-Assists the decorator with the decorating (5-8 people needed).
- _____ Publicity Coordinator-Works to coordinate efforts to promote PandaMania .
- _____ Meal/Snack Assistants-Prepares, serves, and cleans up the nightly meal/snack (4 needed).
- _____ Timer-Works nightly to coordinate pagers to keep PandaMania running smoothly.
- _____ Spotlight Drama-Takes pictures daily and puts them into a Powerpoint presentation. You must have digital camera and Powerpoint computer knowledge for this position.
- _____ Prayer Partner-Intercedes daily for all PandaMania volunteers as they are recruited.

_____ **Yes! I will volunteer my time, energy, and resources to serve!**

Name: _____ Telephone Number(s): _____

Position: _____ E-mail address(es): _____

Do you want a T-shirt (cost is \$10)? YES / NO Size: _____



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through Friday, from 9 am to 2 pm.

Prayer Concerns

Dana Ball, Angela Bennett & family, Gloria Bolton (Deanna Whitford's mother), Louise Eastep, Merrill & Fairley, Allen Gilliland, Bill Goeke, Helen Griffey, Alice Hall, Gerri Hall, Medford Hardesty family, Mary Henley family, Rhonda Heverstick, Evan & Jeanne Hoit, Cecil Lovett, Ava Martinez & family, Gary Martin, Richard May, Nancy Mooney family, Kate Pence, Doug Rawdon, Noel & Gwendean Scott, Ellen Smith, , Alvin & Irma Willis, Opal Wisely, Sherman Worley, our troops (Josh Bettis, Steven Davis, Corey Hughes, Tim Johnson, Shaun Lind, & Brady Willis), Global Mission Partners, our country, our church programs, our world.

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