

SEPTEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

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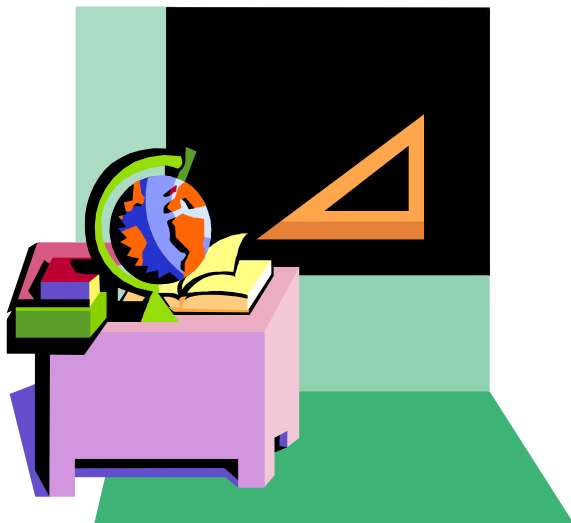
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- Equip People to be Sent
- Send People to Win

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A Place Where Everyday People Meet Christ Everyday

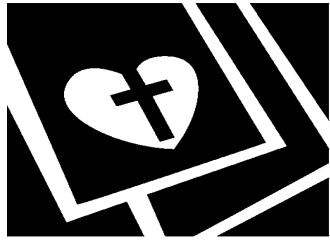
Return Service Requested

SEPTEMBER 2010



Food On The First Sunday of the month offering will be received on Sunday, September 5, 2010. This month the food pantry needs **hot cereal, ketchup, sugar and pasta**. Please leave food at the Information Center, outside the parlor. All offerings will be gratefully received. Our food offering helps restock the Chatham Food Pantry.

Dimes on the Third Sunday of the month offering will be received on Sunday, September 19, 2010, after all three worship services. This offering goes to help the needy families throughout the area.



FROM THE PASTOR

“Celebrating our 175th Anniversary • 1835 - 2010”

Dear Friends,

Business consultant Jim Collins' latest book is titled *How the Mighty Fall*. In it he looks at eleven corporations that fell on hard times and identifies the stages of their decline that led to either significant loss or the corporation's death. In several ways, I think these are applicable to individual churches and denominations. The stages are:

1. Hubris born of success

Corporations and leaders can become arrogant and ignore signs of change or decline. Pride and arrogance in what has been accomplished blur vision. Time and again God's people are warned of this very thing. Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Our first commitment must be to the gospel of Jesus Christ before all else.

2. Undisciplined pursuit of more

In this stage, companies stray from the values that made them great. "More" becomes the goal, however it must be achieved. The purpose of the church is NOT simply "more" in terms of more members, more programs, or more money. Our purpose must always be to reach more people for Jesus Christ.

3. Denial of risk and peril

This is a tricky one. Collins says here leaders discount negative data, amplify positive data, and put a positive spin on ambiguous data. Blame is shifted to external factors rather than accepting responsibility. The tricky part is this. We believe in a God who calls us to take risks and, in a sense, imperil ourselves for the cause of Christ. The church must acknowledge the current situation and need, yet remember that Christ tells us "...those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

4. Grasping for salvation

Collins describes this as doing anything, trying the latest thing, or lurching for the quick fix. The key for the church is to remain faithful and depend on the one who not only brings salvation, but IS salvation. The question is, do we panic or do we trust God? The words of Gamaliel in Acts 5:38-39 are important. "...if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them—in that case you may even be found fighting against God!"

5. Capitulation to irrelevance or death

In this stage, strength and spirit are eroded to the point that corporate leaders abandon all hope. Many leave with golden parachutes as the company atrophies and dies. None of us wants to simply rollover and die. This church has demonstrated that on more than one occasion. We must always be aware of the change around us. We must be creative in reaching people for Christ and addressing the needs of the world. And we must depend on a God who can create something out of nothing, work miracles, and resurrect the dead.

Growing Christ's church together,

Joe Eby

Pastor



WELCOME NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR!! – Brian Durbin

Cubs win the 2010 World Series!!! Made you look! On the serious side of things my name is Brian Durbin, and I will be your new youth director beginning in September. To say that I'm excited about joining you all in ministry would be an understatement. I know that God has BIG plans for the future of the youth ministry here, and together we will blaze paths for the kingdom of God.

A little more about myself... I was a youth pastor for over eight and half years before going into the secular side of things. My full-time job is as Retail Sales Manager for T-Mobile. My beautiful wife, Jenni, teaches high school English at Pleasant Plains High School, and is my best friend. We have four beautiful children. Jacob will be in 7th grade this year at Glenwood Middle School; Elisabeth, will be in 3rd grade alongside Kayla who will be in 1st grade at Chatham Elementary. Our youngest, Will, is going to be two in October, and he loves his big brother and sisters. And, we are expecting another baby in our family on March 1st. We live in the Manor Hill subdivision of Chatham, and our home will always be open to the youth group.

Before, returning to youth ministry I was a pastor of a small congregation in Girard, Illinois. I've been to Mexico seven times, and the Dominican Republic once on mission trips with youth groups. My passion has been, and always will be, working with youth. I'd like to spend the first few months getting to know each of you and to begin dreaming together about what Chatham Presbyterian's youth group should look like now and into the future.

And, for a final thought, and to calm your nerves, I'm a Cardinals fan through and through! (Although my wife is a lifelong Cubs fan.) The comment above was only to draw attention to something that will never happen. My family and I are looking forward to getting to meet you all in September!

JOYS & CONCERNS

“Please pray for one another that you may be healed.” James 5:16

JOYS!

Congratulations to Ben & Carri (Speicher) Johnson on the birth of a daughter Eliza Ann on 7/28/10

CONCERNS

Amy Bifano's step-mother Phyllis Stonebrook, hospice care
Leigh Bruce's mother-in-law Karla Sollini, breast cancer
Bill Carter, recovering at home after brain surgery on 7/26/10
Tracy Cooley's mom Tjode Young, recovering at home
Betty Creasey, eye problems
Eleanor Deffenbaugh, no strength in her legs
Henry Eaves, recuperating at home
Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the Fickas & McGrew Families on the death of Orville Parnell on 7/31/10
Dick Gathard, MMC, Room E240, neck surgery, 9/3/10
Julie Johnson's mom Joyce Curtis, diagnosed with breast cancer
Scott Kaiser's brother-in-law, Don Lashbrook, Texas, cancer diagnosis
Gary Kirchner, son of Paul & Ethel Kirchner, deployed to Afghanistan
Jean Lane, cancer treatment
Rick Leslie's mom Inez, Fairhaven Nursing Home, Decatur
Susan McCann, cancer treatment
Wanda McDaniels, recuperating at home

OUR SHUT-INS

Mary Aidich, Villa East, Sherman
Sandy Eades' mother, Maye McMechan
Ann Kirk, Brenden Gardens, Springfield
Mel Steffan, Oak Terrace, Springfield
Frances Williams, Eastland in Auburn

OUR BOOSTERS

Deanna Barnes
Debbie Biel's sister, Susan Shaw
Jane Byram
Taylor Cooley
Betty Creasey
Penny Creasey
Eleanor Deffenbaugh
Dwight Elliott
Mary Jane Elliott
Cindy Gamble's dad Jim Nance
Keith Gentry
Irma Gobleman
Pastor Bob Hanson
Wendy Housel
Arlene Johnson
Twila Juraska
Tina Knollenberg
Mae Marie Koster
Maxine McCoy
Shirley McGrew
Chad Magnusson
Laura Magnusson
Todd Marvel
Jack Nika
Katie Price's mother-in-law Carol Price
Pearl Rank
Ray Reed
Lois Siemer
Claire Steffan
Jane Stout
Bill Templeton
Carolyn Templeton
Virgil Varner
Jennifer Yattoni's brother Scott McElwee

Our Military Members

Names and Addresses are Listed Elsewhere in the newsletter

Prayer requests are updated every four weeks or as needed. Please call the church office at 483-4204, or after hours, e-mail the prayer requests to prayerchain@chathampresbyteria.n.org

THANK YOU!

I wish to express my appreciation and gratitude for the visitation, prayers, home communion, Joe Eby for visitation and prayers and to Jeanette for keeping me informed of all the church services and printed prayer list during my hospital stay. It's been slow, but I am getting along better now and feel I am on the road to recovery.

Henry Eave

People like you are a wonderful reflection of God's special love. Thank you for all your prayers and cards. We are blessed to have such wonderful friends to "love" on us! We are doing great and know God's grace has been showered on us!

We appreciate all of you!

Tim, Sheryl & Kelsey Bubniak

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Ben and Carri (Speicher) Johnson on the birth of a daughter Eliza Anne. She was born on July 28, 2010 and weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 inches long. She is welcomed by her grandparents Bob and Jill Speicher.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Gene and Kathy Fickas and Shirley McGrew on the death of their brother-in-law Orville Parnell, 76, who passed away on Saturday, July 31, 2010. Services were held on Wednesday, August 4, with burial at Roselawn Memorial Park.



SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups continue to be an important and integral part of life at CPC and our sustained effort to 'grow in Christ.' Small Groups offer fellowship, care and support, Bible study, and a chance to see faith in action through others in the church. All our groups welcome new members. Below is a list of Small Group opportunities, or you may contact CPC at 483-4204 for suggestions on which Small Group may best fit your needs.

Men's Small Group

Meets at: Housel Library, CPC
Phone: Jim Thurston, 483-4574

Monday Morning Small Group **starting Sept. 12**

Meets at: **Mondays, 9:00 am**
Phone: **(not meeting until fall)**
Donna Thurston, 483-4574

Women's Small Group

Dorothy Wiley Circle **Every 4th Monday, 7:00 pm**

Meets at: Housel Library-CPC
Phone: Wendy Housel, 483-3203

Women's Small Group

N.U.T.S. Small Group

Meets at: Bob & Sandy Steimel's, 124 Manor Hill
Phone: Kathy Kerr, 726-8776

Adults, Couples, Singles

On the Way Small Group **Wednesdays, 7:15 pm**

Meets at: CPC, Grand Central
Phone: Sarah VanProyen, 622-7236

Trash Clean-up Crew **Last Sat. of month, 8:30 am**

Meets at: CPC
Phone: Scott Kaiser, 483-5909

Ephesians 6:10 Small Group **Tuesdays, 6:30 am**

Meets at: Capital City Panera
Phone: Rev. Joe Eby, 483-4204

Men's Small Group

Sunday Night Bible Study **Sundays, 6:00 pm**

Meets at: CPC Parlor
Phone: Al Murphy, 801-7778

Men, Women, Teens

Acts 6 Ministry Small Group **Sundays, 6:00 pm**

1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday's **(not meeting until fall)**
Meets at: The Cooley's, 1824 Mayfield, Chatham
Phone: Tracy Cooley, 836-3813



CPC MILITARY MEMBERS

Continue to pray for our leaders, troops, and especially for CPC members in the military. Pray for peace in the region and for the protection of the troops and the innocent civilians. Pray that God may deliver His will to call all nations together in understanding and direction of what He wants and not what humans desire. Please continue to pray for:

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APO, AE 09333-3396

Seth Baker
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93955

LT Siemer, Margaret E.
101 N. Roaring Springs Rd
5302
Fort Worth, TX 76114

PFC William Miller
P. O. Box 33043
Ft. Lewis, WA 98433

CAPT Gary Kirchner
US NSE
Communications Directorate
HQ ISAF
APO AR 09365



There are times in all our lives when we need help finding our way...

crossroads counseling center

a ministry of Chatham Presbyterian Church

1835 East Walnut, Chatham

217-483-1224

Providing individual, couples & family therapy to adults & children.

Donna Thurston, M.S., L.C.P.C.

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

August 12, 2010

The Youth Director Search Team recommended hiring Brian Durbin as Youth Director. The Session met with Brian who shared his faith journey and previous experience with youth. The Session approved the recommendation. Pastor Eby will meet with Brian regarding a start date.

The Sacrament of Baptism was approved for Ingrid, Liesel and Roger Uhe, children of members Rob and Gretchen Uhe.

The Administrative Team presented a new building use policy. The policy was approved by the Session with a January 1, 2011 effective date. Tracy Cooley and Bill Yattoni will meet with groups that regularly use the church to explain the new policy.

July Financial Reports were reviewed. While expenses ran over budget, this was due to several major building repairs that were needed during the month.

A new organizational system has been approved and is being implemented by the Session. Rev. Eby provided a revised diagram and explanatory narrative. He is meeting with Elders who are being asked to take leadership roles. Staff members have been updated as well.

Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of Richwoods Christian Church will be preaching on October 24, 2010 at all three services. Rev. Powell has been consulting with the Session on what is needed to grow the congregation beyond the 200-300 active member barrier.

Crossroads Counseling Center will have a new counselor soon. The Session approved hiring Darcy Lovett on a part-time basis. She will be able to take additional clients as well as new therapy groups.

The new playground continues to make progress. Rev. Eby has signed the final paperwork on the next phase of the project. Three Boy Scouts from CPC's Troop #48 are working on this as their Eagle Scout projects.

A New Members Dinner will be held with the Session at 6:00 PM on September 9, 2010 in Olsen Hall.

Home Communion Ministry needs additional Elders and Deacons. Contacts will be made with those who have been ordained, but may not currently be serving on Session or as Caregivers to solicit additional volunteers.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Firm Foundations Adult Sunday School Class in September: God Reveals.

You are personally invited to come explore *Exodus* in September as we learn about how and what God reveals. On **September 5th**, we will study Exodus 3: *God Calls Moses*. **September 12** will be Exodus 20 and *God Makes a Covenant With Israel*. **September 19** will cover Exodus 32: *God Rejects Idol Worship*. **September 26** will be in Exodus 34: *God Promises An Awesome Thing*. Come join us in the Housel Library, across from the church office, at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Questions? Contact Julie Kaiser at 483-5909 or jsjkaiser@msn.com.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year-To-Date July, 2010

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Offering Income	232,034	263,081
Other Income	<u>71,962</u>	<u>54,500</u>
TOTAL INCOME	303,996	317,581
Operating Expenses	244,421	224,299
Mortgage Payment	<u>118,043</u>	<u>118,043</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	362,464	342,342
Net Income (Loss)	(58,468)	(24,761)

Bill Yattoni

wyattoni@chathampresbyterian.org



SEPTEMBER YOUTH NEWS

Chatham Presbyterian Youth Ministry

September 2010 Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 am Sunday School 6 pm youth group	30 7:45 am McDonald's breakfast before school	31	1 5:00 pm dinner and homework time	2	3	4
5 9:30 am Sunday School <i>How to Train Your Dragon</i> at Rochester Park—meet at CPC at 6:30 pm	6 7:45 am McDonald's breakfast before school	7	8 5:00 pm dinner and homework time	9	10	11
12 9:30 am Sunday School Back to School Bash! 4-8 pm	13 7:45 am McDonald's breakfast before school	14	15 5:00 pm dinner and homework time	16	17	18
19 9:30 am Sunday School 6-8 pm Youth Group Open House for Parents and Youth	20 7:45 am McDonald's breakfast before school	21	22 5:00 pm dinner and homework time	23	24	25 Scene-it? Night! 6:30 pm @ CPC
26 9:30 am Sunday School 6 pm youth group	27 7:45 am McDonald's breakfast before school	28	29 5:00 pm dinner and homework time	30	Questions? Contact Sara Metzger 430-7374 smetzger@juno.com	

Back-to-School BASH!



Chatham Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 12th, 4 to 8 p.m.
Games, Bouncy House, Food & Fun for All Ages!



Featuring music from "The Difference," 6 to 8 p.m.

Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Chips/Drinks Provided/Please Bring Dessert or Fruit
Sign-up at the Information Desk Today!

Chatham Food Pantry Donations Being Accepted



YOUTH GROUP OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 19th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

All students in 6th grade and older along with their parents are invited to attend a Youth Group Open House at the church in The Well. The open house will be an opportunity for parents and students to meet Brian Durbin, our new Youth Director. In addition, information on plans for youth ministry at CPC, including Sunday school and youth events, will be provided. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Yattoni at 498-0227 or j.yattoni@comcast.net.

SESSION MEMBERSHIP

DINNER & CONVERSATIONS

Interested in joining Chatham Presbyterian as a member, or just want to find out more about the Presbyterian Church (USA)? Come to dinner and conversations with Joe and the Session (our church board) on Thursday, September 9 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in Olsen Hall. Have an opportunity to meet others, learn something new, and ask questions. Childcare provided for nursery – Kindergarten. Supervised homework room provided for grade school – Jr. Highs. Please RSVP to the church office at 483-4204 by Tuesday, September 7.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Senior Moments will meet on Thursday, September 16, 2010, at 12:00 noon at O'Charley's at Prairie Crossing (by Meijer's). If you need a ride or have questions, please call Barb Eby, 899-5613.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

If you have a child who will be in the third grade this fall, please call the church at 483-4204. We will be presenting third graders their Bibles on Sunday, September 12, 2010.

