

OFFICIAL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS September 2013

There are many ways we can serve our church, and one way is to hold a leadership position such as serving on a Functional Committee, being an Elder, Deacon, Deaconess, etc. It is the time of year when we will be asking our members to serve in the various church positions for the 2014 year. If you are interested in serving the church in a particular area, or if you would like more information about the various positions, please contact Board Chairman Lee Crabtree, Board Vice-Chairman Debbie Haller, or Pastor Basye.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee is planning our Fall Stewardship Campaign to give our members an opportunity to make their financial pledges for 2014 for the work of our church. Stewardship letters will be mailed out in October. A Celebration Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 10, at the close of the Campaign. The meat and drinks will be furnished, and our members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee is asking all departments to submit their 2014 Budget by October.

Our Building Fund giving for August was \$3,174.75, and we had Memorial Gifts in the amount of \$25.00.

Through the Christian Action and Community Service Committee, our church will donate \$50.00 to New Beginnings for the month of September.

The Food Center needs help with food and hygiene supplies or monetary donations. The Clothes Closet appreciates clothing and household donations. Items for The Food Center and The Clothes Closet may be left in the lobby of the Christian Life Center.

Our thanks to all who donate Best Choice, Swanson, and Campbell's bar codes. These are prepared and sent to Woodhaven in Columbia, Missouri, and are used to purchase items for their residents.

The K-5th grade Sunday School class is studying a 50's theme.

The Christian Women's Fellowship Annual Rummage Sale is in process; it will continue on September 13 – 14 and September 20 – 21.

The Membership and Evangelism Committee is finalizing plans for our Fall Harvest Festival to celebrate the harvest of The Food Resource Bank. An old-fashioned church potluck, with hot dogs and drinks provided, will be held on Sunday, September 29, at 5:00 p.m. on the lot north of the church. There will be games, fun and fellowship for all. Hope to see you there!

We continue to have a water leak in the Christian Life Center lobby on the ramp area going to the elevator and the steps. Septagon has been contacted, but they cannot seem to find a leak. We are planning to try to repair the leak problem ourselves.

Our World Outreach giving for August was disbursed as follows:

BMF Disciples Mission Fund	\$ 668.88
Ozark Lakes Area	334.44
The Food Center	<u>111.48</u>
Total Outreach Giving for August	\$1,114.80

Pastor Basye reported he recently attended the first Cluster Meeting of the year which includes several of the churches in our Area. Finances for the Area, Region, and at Rickman Center were discussed. Our church does a good job of sending financial support, especially to the Area, but some of the churches struggle with finances. It is not known, at this time, what will happen with the Rickman Center; there were camps held at the Center during summer, but we have no paid staff there at this time. Our Area Minister, Mike Weinman, is a great resource when there is a need at any of the Area churches even though his time is stretched since he recently inherited one-fourth of the Regional Minister's duties when he retired.

We will be hosting two of our Disciples' missionaries in October. We will have a presentation at our church on Monday morning, October 7. It should last about one hour as the missionaries will go on to Holden in the afternoon. When our missionaries are back in the states, they like to visit as many local churches as they can. The presentation will offer a great opportunity to learn more of the work of our missionaries, and we hope many will plan to attend. The time will be announced later as we receive more information.

We have purchased a weather radio for the church, and it is located in the Christian Life Center lobby.

The fall Youth Group meetings will start on September 15 with the Chi-Rho and CYF meeting at 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., and the Junior Youth Fellowship will meet from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with supper served to all at 5:00 p.m.

As a point of interest about our Church history, our Christian Education Wing was 50 years old on September 8, 2013.

Our next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

Donna Elliott, Board Secretary