

The Journal

Keeping you connected to things that matter!

October 2008

Roebin's Notes...

When the Indiana version of Hurricane Ike hit, I was rather impressed with all the wind. It was blowing this way. Then it would blow the opposite way. One time I got this gust of wind pushing *down* on me. *That* was strange!

Rose, Rebekah and I ate lunch at El Nopal that Sunday; and their electricity went out two minutes *after* we got our food. I'm glad it wasn't the other way around.

After lunch, Rose and Rebekah went home in Rose's car. I followed in the van. Large, downed tree limbs prevented our usual route past the county garage. We turned around and chose option two.

Option two didn't work either as a power line was blocking our path. We made it home with option three.

By this time I was wondering if I was going to find trees down at my house. I *knew* that my heavy-laden persimmon trees were going to lose limbs, and I was not particularly thrilled about that likelihood.

Tree damage turned out to be minimal. But I did lose several persimmon tree limbs that were just *covered* with unripened fruit.

Man, I hated dragging all those limbs with persimmons into the little woods at my house. I had been anticipating getting all that persimmon pulp and having Rose make some pudding. Yumm! (I gather the persimmons and make the pulp. She creates the finished product; lest you think I make her do the whole deal. Now *that's* funny!)

Fast-forward two days when I've finished removing all the billion little branches from my yard (in preparation for mowing) and I notice in my woods the persimmon limbs. And on them are these persimmons that are beginning to ripen! Whoa! What's this?!

Sure enough, persimmons are ripening on these detached limbs. Do you know how easy it is to gather persimmons from downed tree limbs? Do you know how far ripe persimmons have to fall (and not get smushed) when the limb is on the ground?! What I thought was a persimmon disaster turned out to be a persimmon bonanza!

Now I know this persimmon business is not a big deal. I know that. But I thought of the following:

Sometimes. Sometimes; not always. Sometimes when we

experience a loss (great or small) in this life, there will follow a silver lining in that nasty cloud. The silver lining will perhaps not negate the loss; but occasionally the silver lining will be totally unexpected, and we appreciate it.

But other times when we experience a loss, there seems to be a thickening of the dark clouds, with absolutely *no* silver lining in sight. The clouds definitely obscure the sun. We wonder not just *when* the clouds will go away; we wonder *if* they will go away.

I don't have all the answers to the unpleasant and painful things that happen to us in this life. But one thing I *do* know: regardless of what happens to us in the here and now; no matter what our problems are, we have a God who, though he may feel distant, is not distant. He is not unaware. He is not detached. He is not complacent.

Perhaps your silver lining is just around the corner. Perhaps your silver lining will show up in the distant future. Perhaps your silver lining will not show up till you see Jesus on the other side.

So, when storms and winds

strike, how are Christ-followers supposed to be?

Faithful. Looking to Jesus. Moving forward, perhaps only one shuffled foot in front of the other. Trusting when we don't feel like it. Knowing that God cares for me *way* more than I even care for my sorry self.

He knows. He sees. He cares. He is moving behind the scenes.

And he is *still* working in your life if you'll let him.

Let him.

Hebrews 2:10 *"In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering."*

Hebrews 4:14-16, *"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in*

Ministry News - The Food Pantry

Open each Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the GCC Food Pantry provides food and toiletries to local families in need of a little extra help.

Because it is a "self-sufficient" ministry, the Food Pantry can only give out what you donate. So if donations are low, what we give out can also get minimized. There is a \$1000 reserve designated each budget year for the Pantry, but it is for emergency purposes only.

Twice a year the Pantry shelves

fill up. The Scouts bring in their November collections from "Scouting for Food" and Vacation Bible School kids in June bring in thousands of items for their week-long mission project.

Having an abundance twice per year is a great blessing, but since folks come in each week there is always a need for more food.

If you would like to donate non-perishable food items, please bring them any Sunday and place them in the receptacles in

either lobby. Chances are it will go right back out on the next Wednesday to help a family in need.

Thanks for your support of the GCC food pantry. If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Bezy (951-2725) or Paula Neff (366-3663).

Ministry News - "Coffee In Hands...Christ in Hearts"

Each Sunday morning, you and your kids, our guests, and most of our volunteers find their way down to the lobby area outside the gym to enjoy a delicious cup of coffee and a tasty donut or two.

Nancy Riley and team get here early to set things up and get the coffee brewing so you can spend a few minutes of fellow-

ship with old and new friends.

If you've been enjoying the treats and the fellowship that this ministry is providing, be sure to let them know. And be sure to drop a dollar or so in the basket to help support this delicious ministry!

If you're looking for a place to help out, call Nancy at 944-2304

or catch her by e-mail at NBDM@Juno.com.

"The morning cup of coffee has an exhilaration about it which the cheering influence of the afternoon or evening cup of tea cannot be expected to reproduce."

~Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr., "Over the Teacups," 1891

From the Church Office...

Bulletin deadline is Wednesday at noon.

Journal deadline is on the 15th of each month. Sending you The Journal by e-mail would save the Church a lot of money. If interested, call 951-2240.

Making copies? If you make *personal* copies, be sure to include 10 cents in the envelope

provided at the copier. If copies are *for your ministry*, please let a staff member know. If you make a significant number of copies, the cost will need to be charged to your budget.

Volunteers are needed to answer phones, run copies, fold bulletin pages, etc. If you can help, call 951-2240.

October 2008

Get off the sidelines and get on the field - the mission field!

EVENTS THIS MONTH

- 1,8,15 Sports Shorts-Soccer (6:00 - 7:30 p.m.)
2-4 KCU Road Trip for High School Students
4 GCC Hosts the Emmaus Community for a "Hoedown"
5,12,19,26 "Discovering Spiritual Maturity" (class #201)
10-11 Fall Access for Middle/High School
12 Clergy Appreciation Day
17-18 Overnight Pig Roast & Family Brunch
25 Seniors on the Go! - Bonfire & Weenie Roast
31 Community Carnival

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EACH MONTH:

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| Sundays | Worship Services (9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.) | Any Staff Member |
| | Bible Classes for all ages (10:15-11:00 a.m.) | Any Staff Member |
| 2nd/4th Sun. | AMP'D for Middle/High School Students | Chris Tanner |
| Last Monday | "Holy Scrappers" Scrapbooking Team | Stephanie Deaton |
| Tuesdays | Women's Bible Study (morning & evening classes) | Cindy Short |
| Wednesdays | Food Pantry (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) | Carolyn Bezy/Paula Neff |
| | Senior Adult Bible Study (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) | Paul Rhodes |

DON'T FORGET!

**Information for The Journal
is due by the 15th of the
prior month. Thanks.**

Volunteers for October

Thanks to everyone who contributes to the ministry and mission of the Church. You are a vital part of His Kingdom work!

Communion Visitation:

5th Doug Melton
12th John Pettit
19th Bud Schneider
26th Paul Rhodes

To volunteer for this ministry to our shut-ins, contact Bob Fogg at 923-7257.

Communion Preparation:

5th Regina Pettit
12th Mary Martin
19th Bob & Brenda Jones
26th Evelyn Houser

To volunteer, contact John Pettit at 951-2952.

Greeters:

(you'll be contacted by Kim Mitchell).

To volunteer to greet on Sunday mornings, call Kim at 951-3677.

Christian Life Development Class - "201-Discovering Spiritual Maturity"

We all need to be reminded (or to find out for the first time) how we can grow - spiritually.

We eat food and take vitamins for physical health - but how can we ensure that our spiritual life keeps up?

Join Robin Huntley for "Discovering Spiritual Maturity", a four-part class on devel-

oping spiritually-healthy habits.

The class will be held on four consecutive Sundays - October 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th - from 10:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in room #404.

You can sign up on the lobby bulletin board or call Robin at 951-2240 and leave a message.

Bring the notebook that you re-

*"let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance..." - Proverbs 1:5*

ceived at the 101 Membership class.

Seniors on the Go! - Bonfire & Weenie Roast

If you (*or your spouse*) is over 50 years old you've not been participating with *Seniors on the Go!*, then you're missing a real treat.

They've always got fun things planned and have a great time together. Why don't you join them for their next event:

Bonfire & Weenie Roast
Saturday, October 25th
6:00 p.m.

GCC Shelter House

Participants don't need to R.S.V.P., just bring hotdogs, buns, drinks, or marshmallows. Side dishes and condiments will be provided.

If you have any questions, you

can contact Evelyn Houser at 923-9318. See you at the bonfire!

October 17th & 18th - Gentlemen's Pig Roast & Family Brunch

The GCC Men's Ministry is hosting their 2nd annual "Gentleman's Pig Roast" at 6:00 p.m. on October 17th. The guys will hang out and do lots of fun things all night and prepare the pig for the

FAMILY PIG BRUNCH!

Saturday, October 18th

10:30 a.m.

Bring the whole family out for this portion of the event and en-

joy a lot of fun and food! Last year was a blast and this year is shaping up to provide another great time.

The Men's Ministry also offers a men's Bible Study and other activities throughout the year.

For more information about this event or the Men's Ministry in general, Contact Doug Melton at 951-1029.

GCC Collects Items for Our Troops

Terri Goodwin and Pat Wolf are coordinating a collection of items to be sent to soldiers in the field. Terri has a nephew in Iraq and is a well-practiced "good-box-packer"!

If you would like to donate, please bring items to Ministry Room #103 (*under the bell tower*). And please consider some of these suggestions:

- Snacks & candies that won't melt
- Beef jerky
- Crunchy granola bars
- 12 or 24 oz. Big Red in plastic bottles
- Microwavable, non-perishables such as ravioli, beef stew, or spaghetti
- New movies on DVD

To help with postage or dona-

tions to purchase items, please contact Terri (952-3546) or Pat (944-6807).

IT'S SOCCER TIME!

Sports Shorts is here and Soccer is on the line up! Be sure to sign your K-5th graders up for this exciting camp. It takes place over three Wednesdays: October 1st, 8th, and 15th, from 6:00p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The kids will learn the fundamentals of the game and also

learn how to work together on a team. No special gear is needed, just have them dress appropriately for outdoor running and kicking.

Registration forms are in the lobby and the cost is \$10 per child.

If you would like more informa-

tion about Sports Shorts or would be willing to help out on one (or all) of the nights, please call Marci Myrick at 812-207-4251.

Why is GCC hosting a “Community Carnival”?

There are many ways to look at Halloween these days. Some view it as the devil’s night - others see it as harmless fun with candy for kids.

Regardless of how “we” see it, the world makes up its own mind. As the tradition stands in our country, it is one of the most anticipated evenings for children - second only probably to Christmas Eve. It is what it is.

On this night children from every walk of life will dress up and go into their community and gather treats from their neighbors.

So GCC decided some time ago to be

the “fun neighbors” who do more than just hand out candy. We want to interact with our neighbors. We want to see their faces - not in a quick passing by our front door on a dimly-lit porch - but in a fun atmosphere where we can spend a little time conversing while the kids are playing fun and safe games.

What GCC offers is an alternative to what can be a night of dangerous or mischievous behavior.

GCC is creating an opportunity - a time for Christians to meet non-Christians and show them that we

are just like them - but a little different too.

So maybe this October we shouldn’t ask, “Why are we doing this again?” Maybe we should ask, “Why isn’t every person getting involved?”

I’d love to have your help at this year’s event. Openings are on the lobby bulletin board. - Robin Huntley

Our 1967 Boiler is Gone!

Each year, just after the October 31st Carnival, we usually call the heating and air company to come out and “switch” our system over from cool to heat. This year it’s going to be a little trickier. You see - the boiler is gone!

It was determined earlier this year that the boiler could no longer run with just minor repairs - it had to be replaced.

Estimates were reviewed and the final decision was made to go with an energy efficient model that is going to cost us a whopping \$30,000! Thanks, Jim Galbreath, for all of your homework and for helping us understand our choices.

So now arrangements are underway and the “boiler room” is being prepped for its new tenant.

One (not so small) problem remains...paying the bill. Our Maintenance Reserve Fund which is set aside annually for just such a purchase, was depleted last year

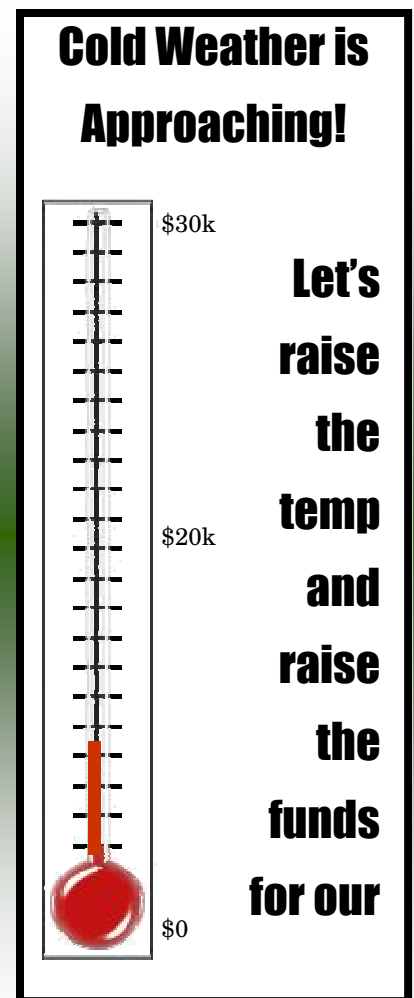
when we had major leakage and structural damage from our 1967 flat roof.

So here we are with a boiler on order and funds needed to cover the expense. To date, \$8610 has been donated.

We do not want to add to our existing Christian Life Center (CLC) debt of \$212,635 (as of 8/1/08). This debt was incurred (and has been steadily decreasing) since 2000 when we expanded our campus with much needed space.

Would you please join the Church leaders and others who are continually praying over this matter. And if the Lord prompts you to do so, please give generously. Checks can be made payable to GCC and marked “boiler”. Cash can be put in an envelope marked “boiler”.

God is bigger than our financial shortfalls...let’s call on him to help us during this season of need. He is always faithful to us!



\$8610 raised for boiler as of 9/21/08

“SuperStart” - for 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade

SuperStart is a two-day event put on by Christ In Youth (*the same organization who puts on CIY:MOVE for senior high students*) that is specifically for 3rd-5th graders.

During the event, SuperStart provides age-appropriate worship, relevant teaching, drama and fun. You can expect the weekend to be filled with Biblical teaching, worship, enthusiasm, small group opportunities and off-site recreation.

Northside Christian Church is hosting our area SuperStart this November 14th & 15th. GCC will be staying at and playing with Eastside Christian Church in Jeffersonville, IN.

Register by dropping \$30 in an envelope, sealing it, and writing your name and SuperStart on it. Place that envelope in the clear box beside the Student Ministries Bulletin Board.

Register by 10/19 for the \$30 rate. \$35 for any registrations following that. A sample schedule and info sheet is available on the Student Ministries Bulletin Board.

College Road Trip - for High School Students

St Louis Christian College & Ozark Christian College Road Trip: Nov. 6-9 High School Only

Register by dropping \$30 in an envelope with your name on it into the clear box by the Student Ministries Bulletin Board by Wednesday 10/29. Late registrations are \$40 and are payable anytime before November 2nd.

This is the Road Trip to end all Road Trips! We stay with the Tanner family & Grandma Pat in Illinois Thursday night.

Then we'll visit Saint Louis Christian College on Friday. SLCC still offers **free tuition** to students who stay on campus for their programs! We'll head on

down to Ozark Christian College Friday and enjoy the Ambassadors Rally with nearly another thousand students there for the same reason, to learn more about going to college @ OCC. We'll stay on campus there Friday and Saturday night. Sunday morning we'll attend College Heights Christian Church in Joplin and then head home.

You will need another \$20 for 3 meals that are not covered by the \$30 registration fee.

If you're considering a full time vocation in children's, youth, adult, or other ministries or missions and want a degree in that

area this is the perfect trip for you.

GCC believes in building the Kingdom by sending out people equipped to make disciples. Because of that, GCC reimburses tuition up to 100 percent, depending on your grade, for ministry degrees at approved Christian Colleges. For more information on this policy contact Chris.

Fall Access - for Middle & High School Students

October 10 & 11

Late registrations are \$30 and are still accepted until the day of Fall Access.

For more information see www.fallaccess.info

Pray for our loved ones in the military

Anthony Allen
Harold Carver
Eric Ciarlante
Mickey Gibson
Jeff Greenwood
Scott Ham
Dan Hauck
George Hency
Mike Hood
Clark Jenny
Joshua Kelley

Sean Matthews
D.J. Maxwell
Jeff McMahan
Donald Mercer
Darryl Morehead
Mark Mostsinger
Rick Poff, Jr.
Jason Rhodes
Mike Riggle
Jacob Samons
Michael Sherrard

Brent Sturgeon
Luis Vera
Donnie Wayne
Dale Griesinger

To have someone's name added or deleted to this list, please call the church office at 951-2240.

Pray and contact those who are unable to join us each weekend

- Judy Farnsley, Jonna Frakes & Maureen Byrn's stepmom, fighting cancer
- Viola Jones, Phyllis Allen's mother, Providence Retirement home
- Jean LeBeda, Pat Mitchell's mother, Wesley Manor Retirement Village
- Elizabeth Matthews, Betty Lee's mother, Wedgewood Nursing Home
- Ed Mosier, Cedar Court Apartment
- Edith Percefull, Regina Pettit's mother, Harrison Health & Rehab
- Elnora Purcell, Robert E. Lee Healthplex
- Jewell Sparrow, Norma Flock's mother, at home
- Norma Taylor, Westminster Health Care Center
- Doug Tilford, Lou & Frances' son, at home
- Thelma Walts, at home
- Claire White, Katrina's Elderly Care

***Opal Hatfield has moved
and would love
to hear from you:
7713 Ahwenasa Lane
Cincinnati, Ohio 45243***

Prayer Partners Needed

It is our desire to have several praying each Sunday morning (during each service and during our Bible Class time) as a part of our Prayer Partners Ministry.

There are several spots that are open and you are needed. You do not have to remain in the Prayer Partner's room (Ministry Room #101); you can walk through the halls, visit a classroom, or stand in the back of the worship center. We don't care where you pray - we just want more of you praying. We don't care if you pray out loud or in

silence either. We just want more of you to pray.

If you are interested in joining this army of prayer warriors, contact Norma Flock at 951-0228.

We're seeing a great number of prayers being answered. Come and join us as we praise Him for all He's doing!

September Info

	8/31	9/7	9/14	9/21
1st Worship Service		189	147	174
2nd Worship Service		<u>154</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>163</u>
total attendance		343	278	337
Bible Class Attendance		155	124	172
Tithes & Offerings	5,328.91	10,563.50	4,787.50	8,068.60
Offerings for CLC Debt	100.00	420.00	60.00	85.00
Offerings for New Boiler	1,180.00	1,100.00	1,000.00	900.00

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to all of you who are celebrating a birthday in October. If we missed your birthday - we're sorry! Please call the office at 951-2240 and we'll add you to our data base.

1-Tim Wolf

5-Ian Bridges, Phil Myrick

6-Jeff Norris

7-Jacob Huntley, Martha Owen

9-Barbara Pullen

11-James Kron

15-Paige Lawrence, Lance Youtsey

17-Chase Ferguson

20-Brenda Jones, Heather Melton

21-Yvonne Harris

23-Marci Myrick

24-Pat Randolph

26-Maddex Miller

27-Jacob Cash, Doug Ferguson,
Don Vanover Sr.

29-Selina Siafa

30-Ethan Lane, Carrie McMahan

31-John Reas

**Someone you know needs to know the One you know.
Invite them to join you this month
to one of our weekend services.**

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*Georgetown Christian Church exists to
turn everyday people into fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ!*

**We look forward to seeing you
this weekend!**

How can we help you?

Please let us know!

9:00 a.m. 1st Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Bible Classes (for all ages)

11:15 a.m. 2nd Worship Service

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