

CHRONICLER

“God is still speaking” in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

March 2006



Seekers & Searchers
Adult Bible Class
9:15 AM

Sunday School
9:30 AM

Sunday Worship
10:35 AM

“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”



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Spirituality is Fundamental

“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.” —John 5:24

Way back in the twentieth century a well respected pastor taught that true spirituality manifests certain dominant desires in a person. He said, for example, that a spiritual person would rather be holy than happy. A spiritual person will want to see the honor of God advanced through his/her life even at the expense of suffering temporary dishonor or loss. The spiritual person sees everything from God’s point of view; is willing to carry his/her cross; desires to see others advance at his/her expense; and makes eternity judgments rather than time judgments. A spiritual person would rather die right than live wrong. By this definition are you a spiritual person?

Our task as the body of Christ is to help people grow spiritually. In the recent leadership training workshop conducted by Sheldon Culver we learned that spirituality is fundamental to everything that we do in the life of the church. Without the life-giving breath of God’s Holy Spirit, we easily fall into confusion. A poverty of spirit can also evolve into meanness and withdrawal from the community. But Jesus says that whoever hears his word and believes in God has crossed over from death to life! And as Paul has said, we did not receive the Spirit to give it away again [Romans 8:15]. Spirituality is fundamental.

I am confident that God has great love for us, and a grand purpose. Yet conversation at the leadership training event also revealed that more than a few of us are confused about that purpose. We’re not clear how our various boards, fellowship groups, and council are designed to interact with one another; or who has authority for making decisions.

Fortunately, remedies for this confusion also emerged from the training event. It was proposed that we design and agree to a membership covenant. The covenant will define appropriate Christian behavior expected of brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. This will empower us to treat one another with respect and Christian love. Spirituality is fundamental!

Secondly, we are encouraged to revisit/refine/rewrite the various position descriptions of our boards, council, and fellowship groups. Then we can enter into dialogue with one another to consider responsibilities, lines of authority and communication. Where some ministries are not being attended, we can create new groups to handle them. A new Board of Worship is just waiting to happen.

Let’s press ahead together. Spirituality is fundamental.

—Pastor Randy Heckman

Prayer & Ministry

All Church Ham Supper

March 26
4:00-7:00 pm
Adults-\$7.00
Children-\$3.00

Proceeds go to the General Fund
Sponsored by the Church Council

Lenten Service Schedule

Ash Wednesday Communion, March 1-7:00 pm
[Evening meal sponsored by the Diaconate
begins at 6:00 pm]

Midweek Lenten Services, Thursdays-7:15 pm
March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6
[No meals are planned]

Mauddy Thursday Communion, April 13-7:00 pm
[Evening meal sponsored by the Diaconate
begins at 6:00 pm]

Good Friday Ecumenical Way of the Cross,
April 14-Noon to 2:00 pm in Downtown Cape

Meal-a-Month For March 19

dried beans
instant potatoes
canned fruit
cereal
spaghetti & spaghetti sauce
gravy mix

[Yellow tote bags are located at the main
entrance Information Table]

Expression of Thanks

Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, and
concerns following my ear surgery in January.
Please continue to pray for me as I
have had a second ear surgery on February
17th. Hopefully this will help my dizziness.

—Bob Roloff

Prayer Requests

In case of hospitalization or surgery please notify our church office. When being admitted to a hospital be sure to tell them that you are affiliated with this congregation.

Irene Amos; 12-05
Maj. Tim Beck; 01-06
Connie Blattner; 02-06
Jonie Adams Bliss; 01-06
Loyd Bollinger; 08-05
Helen Jo Brown; 01-06
Donna Buckley
William Buellis; 10-05
Brenda Burris; 11-05
Brooke Cantwell
Sgt. Scott Caldwell; 09-05
Tammy & Bobby Carlyle
Matt Davidson; 10-05
James Dickison
Bill Dunham; 08-05
Carolyn Fiedler; 01-06
Roger & Vera Fredericks
Cindy Glueck; 08-05

Rick Goad; 02-06
Natalie Goyette; 02-06
Joan Hope; 09-05
Jacob Huelsing; 01-06
Cindy Jaeger; 01-06
Matthew Johnson; 10-05
Ida Mae Jordan; 01-06
Julie Jordan; 01-06
Debbie Juergens; 10-05
Jeannie Kies in Iraq
Lillian Kies; 09-05
Paul Kipper; 01-06
Joyce Koester
Markie Knupp; 11-05
Kenny Mehrle
Barbara Oberbeck
Cora Oberbeck
Irene Orlando; 12-05

JoAnn Petzoldt
Diana Rhodes
Bob Roloff; 01-06
Fred Schmucker; 02-06
Millicent Schneider
Bill Seabaugh; 02-06
Willis Segraves; 01-06
Diane Simpher
Charlie Smith; 09-05
Randy Sneathen; 10-05
Jennifer Stahlman; 11-05
Tom Taylor; 01-06
James Trickey
Macey York; 09-05
Tim Wiggins
Dee Dee Wilson; 08-05
Mary Ziegler; 02-06

Memorial & Finance

Memorial Gifts

In Loving Memory of Hulda Moore

To the Memorial Fund:

M&M David Kies	Gary & Clodine Metje
Leonard Moore	Bob & Velma Roloff
Allen Schott	Dan Vogel
Carl Pease	Calvin & Verla Sailer
John Meier	

To the Memorial General Fund:

Marvin & Carolyn Best	S.G. & Grace Coy
M&M Marvin Best, Sr.	Ramona Brinkopf

In Loving Memory of Edna Steimle

To the Memorial Fund:

Robert & Clara Feldmeier	Bob & Velma Roloff
Terry & Dorinda Abbott	M&M David Kies
Gary & Clodine Metje	M&M Kenneth Mehrle
Bill Winkler	Ruth Boxdorfer
Herb Morie	Alan Boxdorfer
David Turner	Olive Keller
Michael Bartinck	Shirley Heise
Stephen Bodine	Edward Daume
Leon Ainsworth	Charles Farrar
From Kinhdoerfer	Robert James
A. Wendel	Barb Wehner
Tom Nocen	Ronny Bertrand
Margaret Puchbauer	Douglas Turner
Albert Job	Mike Prevallet
Lurlyne Snider	Vic Graden
Ruth Meier	Earl Seimers
Marie Haupt	Cora Oberbeck
Barbara Oberbeck	
John Meier	

To the Memorial General Fund:

[No name]	Connie Blattner
S.G. & Grace Coy	Ruby Doughty
M&M Leonard Graden	Marian Kramer
Helen Owens	Calvin & Verla Sailer
Gordon & Andrea Walton	Carolyn Taylor
Brian & Bonnie Stahlman	Betty Metcalfe
Art & Meta Siemers	

To the Salem Cemetery Fund:

Marvin & Carolyn Best	Wilbert Best
M&M Marvin Best, Sr.	

In Loving Memory of Kay Sander

To the Memorial Fund:

Al Schoen	Calvin & Verla Sailer
Olive Keller	

In Loving Memory of Della Stoops

To the Memorial General Fund:

Brad & Jane Stoops [Given in December 05]

In Loving Memory of George Schweer

To the Memorial General Fund

[No name]

In Loving Memory of Anne Wiethop

To the Memorial General Fund:

Marvin & Carolyn Best

In Loving Memory of Margaret Worthen

To the Memorial General Fund:

Art & Meta Siemers

In Honor of Ida Mae Jordan

To the Memorial General Fund:

The Friendship Circle

Financial Report

Through February 19, 2006

General Fund Monthly Goal: \$10,731.66 General Fund January Giving: \$8,053.85 Total January Giving: \$9,131.18		
General Fund February Giving: \$6,008.25 February Total Giving: \$6,855.25		
Calendar YTD Month 2	2006 [GF] Goal \$128,780	2006 YTD [GF] Actual \$14,062.10

Giving opportunities left this year: 44 weeks

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

Proverbs 3:9-10

"See what love the Father has given us,



that we should be called children of God."

1 John 3:1

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Fellowship & Mission

Mary Martha Circle

NEXT MEETING: March 2, 1:30 PM

TOPIC: "Contentment"

HOSTESSES: Ida Mae Jordan & Mary Ann Jordan

The Circle has purchased a new table for the multi-purpose room. Ten lap throws are being sewn for the elderly homebound of our community.

World Day of Prayer

Church Women United invites the ladies of our congregation to celebrate World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 3. This gathering will take place at Evangelical UCC in the multi-purpose room beginning at 9:00 AM. Our two women's circles will provide morning refreshments. The worship service will begin at 9:30 AM. The projected theme is "Signs of the Times."

Branson Trip

The A.S.A.P. Youth Fellowship will journey to Branson Missouri for the Young Christian Weekend scheduled to take place at Silver Dollar City, March 31st - April 2. There's still time to get your reservation. Adult sponsors are welcome. Contact Carolyn Best for updated information, and make plans to join the fun!

Jamaica Presentation

Lisa Elfrink will present the March 14 program for the Friendship Circle. She will share stories of her trip to Jamaica with the Medical Mission team. The evening event begins at 7:00 PM. Grace Coy and Dorothy Klein will serve as hostesses, and Grace will offer the evening devotion. Guests are encouraged to come!