

# North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

...coming up in Worship...

Sermon Series:  
“Detective Stories”  
This week:  
“The Love Strategy”

Check out...  
*Philippians 2:5-8*  
and also... *Hosea 11*

## Join adults in Sunday study: 9:45 a.m.

You're invited to share in study and fellowship with these classes this Sunday:

### Wesleyan Class: Room 215

Lesson: “*Growing in Joy and Peace*”

Ginny Collins

### Good News: Room 206

Lesson: “*Turning Ink Blots into Angels*”

Jim Funk

### Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: “*Growing in Joy and Peace*”

Glenn Whiston

### Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: “*To Be Announced*”

### FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: “*Rain*” video      Becky Batchelor

### Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: “*An Overview of the Book of Resolutions*”      Bishop Fritz Mutti

### Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: “*Sunday Morning Newspaper Discussion*”      Jane Brown

## ***BUILDING on our PAST while CHARTING our FUTURE***

### **Roger Arbuckle and Early North Cross Pastors**

#### ***Dr. Forrest L. Standard      1962 - 1969***

Roger remembers Dr. Standard as being serious and stern. Roger began playing the organ at North Cross during this time ('62). The practice of placing a rose on the altar was begun in July of '62 for Roger's son, Shawn.

A history booklet about the church's history shows that the first parsonage was purchased in 1962 at 4601 N. Chouteau Dr. and an additional parsonage was purchased in 1965 at 4821 N. Cleveland for the Assistant Pastor.

#### ***Dr. C. Shrum Burton      1969-1974***

Dr. Burton walked with a limp. It was a result of a time when he was in a shoe store when a tornado struck and blew in the plate glass window, and Dr. Burton threw himself over a little girl to protect her and was severely cut by the flying glass.

Roger remembers Dr. Burton's great oratorical voice. In addition to leading North Cross, Dr. Burton was well known for having his own radio and television programs on Channel 5. Roger remembered that he could always tell when to be ready to begin playing the next hymn because Dr. Burton would prepare for his concluding remarks by saying “You and I live in a world...”

Roger also remembers Dr. Burton counseling him to try to reduce his work load and spend more time with his family.

#### ***Rev. W. Carlton Knight      1974 - 1982***

Roger recalls that Rev. Knight brought the stories of Hoppy the Frog to the children's sermons and endeared himself to the entire congregation through these profound messages.

Roger also valued Rev. Knight's sermons and remembers that his teen-aged/young adult son, Shawn, was very touched by his sermons. Carlton was also remembered for raising wonderful tomatoes. Rev. Knight's biggest legacy to North Cross may be his son, Carlos Knight, who is still a church member and a long-time choir member.

#### ***Rev. H. L. “Tommy” Thompson      1982 - 1985***

Roger remembers that Rev. Thompson didn't plan or prepare his sermons until Sunday morning. Since Roger liked to tie his prelude into the sermons, he would ask Rev. Thompson, but he told Roger that he liked to be more “spontaneous.” Roger also remembers Rev. Thompson as being an avid sportsman and that he and his sons spent time with Tommy on fishing and hunting trips.

**Transformed by Christ's love to make disciples and serve others.**

## United Methodist Women to hold unit meeting

Our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary articles have been very informative and have made a lot of us start thinking about the past, as well as the future. The North Cross UMW have decided that the article on *Our Legacy of Women* responding to the calling of the ministry calls for a closer and more personal look at the ladies mentioned in the *North Cross Spirit*. We have invited all six ladies mentioned as the *Phenomenon of the 90s* from the July 16<sup>th</sup> newsletter to come back on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. to our UMW Unit meeting in the parlor.

We will have a “meet and greet” prior to letting the honored guests speak regarding this special time. We will have refreshments and lots of reminiscing, so why not put the date on your calendar now so you can enjoy seeing these wonderful and talented past members of North Cross again.

Watch for more information as we get closer to September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Time to sign up for the Duffers Open Golf Tournament

The Duffers Open Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, with a noon tee time. This year we will play at Shoal Creek Golf Course, and we will have a shared tournament with North Star UMC.

The cost is \$55.00, which must be paid to Tom or Patsy Schmutz by September 12<sup>th</sup>. You can enter as a team of four, or we will put you on a team. This is open to men, women, good and bad players!

After we play, we will have a cookout at the home of Diane and Ian Weintraub, who live near the course. Directions will be provided. If you have any questions, call Tom at 455.2951.

## Chancel Choir FAQs, Part 2



Last week, we looked at some questions people ask about Chancel Choir. This week, a few more:

**Is child care available?** The church provides free child care every Wednesday evening when the choir is rehearsing, but we need to know ahead of time if you need this service. Handily, the children’s room is right next door to the Choir Room.

**Why is the Chancel Choir always seeking new members?** North Cross has a long history of having an outstanding choral program. Singers move away, retire, and drop out, just like in any other organization. We need new members constantly, typically high-school age and up, or frankly, the Choir will die.

**Why do people sing in Chancel Choir?** Current members respond with: 1) To serve my church, and 2) To share my love of and faith in God. Christians have long believed that the worship experience is enhanced through the power of music and words. Well, music makes worship more powerful for the singers, as well as for the listener. Perhaps even more so! We work hard on Wednesday nights. We also laugh a lot. Any member of the choir will tell you a rehearsal just isn’t a rehearsal without Jerry’s awesomely funny jokes. Service, sharing, camaraderie, and caring are very special to our group. It’s also a great mid-week change of pace.

**If I have more questions, whom can I call or email?** Jerry Valet, Music Director. Days: 816/802-3307; home: 816/587-4623; email: [gvalet@aol.com](mailto:gvalet@aol.com) or [gvalet@kcai.edu](mailto:gvalet@kcai.edu). Or any member of the choir. Chancel Choir Potluck Dinner and first rehearsal: Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## Tuesday Women’s Bible Study Uppity Women of the Bible

In seven engaging sessions, Rev. Dr. Lisa Wolfe takes you on an enlightening journey through the Book of Ruth in a lively and thoughtful examination. Dr. Wolfe considers the vulnerability of widows and the difficult situation of foreigners in biblical times. She explores themes of loyalty, bitterness, courage, poverty and seduction. Combining humor and careful scholarship, this study invites you to re-read the book with new insight and understanding for all its characters, especially the intelligent, confident, uppity heroine, Ruth.

The study will be lead by Patsy Schmutz and will begin on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. Call the church office at 452.2939 or let Patsy know you are interested.



## Handbell Choir Rehearsals to start

Do you want to be an active member of the North Cross music program? We have a spot for you in the Handbell Choir! The Sanctuary Bells practice on Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsals start on the Sunday after Labor Day.

**WE NEED YOU!!** Anyone from youth group age and up is invited to give us a try. We have several faithful members, but need several more in order for the Sanctuary Bells to really reach their potential. You don't need experience. All you need is a willingness to follow directions and the desire to have a little fun!

It only takes one hour per week for practice and one Sunday morning each month (you'll probably be there anyway) of your time. The Sanctuary Bells need YOU!! Please contact any bell choir member, Steve Lindsay, or the church office with any questions.

## Job Club update

We have a person with 15+ years of customer service experience in the Life Insurance industry and a Bachelor's degree from William Jewell College. He is interested in a customer service or IT position. Please contact David at 816.584.8544. Full-time employment is preferred, but he will consider part time.

John has management skills, can do data entry, has excellent customer service skills and is a quick learner. He is looking for full-time work. You may contact him at 816.454.5857 if you have any possible leads that he may be able to follow up on.

Eric, 816.516.4620, is interested in a position as a Project/Design Engineer. Eric has a Master of Science degree from KU and many years of engineering experience.

All three of these men are Christians and would be a positive influence wherever they find work.

Thank you to everyone who sends job leads for Job Club. Keep them coming! You may e-mail leads to [slindsay48@yahoo.com](mailto:slindsay48@yahoo.com) or call Steve Lindsay at 816.682.4304 with any information you may have.

## Person to person:

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Hospitalized:** Leonard Cochran, NKC; Robert Taylor, VA Hospital

- The September/October issues of *The Upper Room* will be available this coming Sunday. Please check the wall-rack by the office. \$1 per copy.
- The next meeting of the XYZs will be held on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. More details will follow in future newsletters.

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