

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

July 20, 2009

...coming up in Worship... "Trouble Dead Ahead?"

Can Pastor Neal navigate the troubled waters found in 1 Timothy 2 and find the timeless truths for today?

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2, 8-15
...then come and see what happens in worship on Sunday!

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: "God Calls People to Jubilee"
Ginnie Collins

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: "Spirit and Truth" Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: "God Calls People to Jubilee"
Marcia Browning

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "'We Can Have Peace in the Holy Land...A Plan that will Work" by Jimmy Carter
Susie Watson

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: "God Calls People to Jubilee"
Deborah Mason

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: "God is Better Than His Plans"
Bob Diehl

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: "Mission Trip to the House of Liberty, Sikeston, Mo."
North Cross Youth

Camp E.D.G.E. Review

Stupendous, awesome, fantastic, way-to-go, incredible, out of this world, grand, tremendous, remarkable, awe-inspiring, astounding, spirit-filled, and every great word you can think of describes VBS this last week! The following is a list of people who have volunteered their time to create this experience for our church children and the community:

VBS Leaders

Kitchen Team
Prayer Chapel & Appreciation
Decorations
Storytelling
Recreation
Arts & Crafts
Music

Meredith Bentson
Marj Strong
Jaccy Stehle
Patsy Schmutz
Ron & Mindy Winans
Selina & Kerry Meier
Ken & Lenora Remmert

Youth Helpers

Renée Baharaeen
Amanda Winans
Collin Winans
Jaron Winans
Breahanna Grosko
Maggie Nolan
Jenny Nolan
Kyle Whiston
Alex Marx
Erika Jackson

Kitchen Team

Assistants

Susan Young
Butch Ebright
Ron Pettit
Jeneva Myers
Cindy Cain
Joyce Ranes
Collin Winans
Bev Frazier
Pat Kuehn
Helen Wills
Deborah Mason
Bette Walden

Special Projects

Ron & Sue Berry (Martha LaFite)
Henry Linch
Steve Jackson
Brant Linch
Paula O'Hara
Parkville Nature Sanctuary

Prayers at Home

Bev Martin
Bev Frazier
Barbara Van Ausdall
Margaret Owen

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

Camp E.D.G.E. Review

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Decorations and Sets

Stephanie Gray
Megan Robertson
Marj Strong
Barbara Bennett
Judi O'Donnell
Melanie Hurst
Stephanie Marx
Henry & Vickie Linch
Brant Linch
Children of Workers

Storytelling

George O'Donnell
Deborah Mason
Tom Schmutz
Mike Young
Barbara Bennett
Dennis Stone
Meredith Bentson
Faye Moore
Alex Marx

Registration

Roberta Richey
Glenda Kinder
LaDonna Ebright
Dennis Stone
Judi O'Donnell
Elaine Henderson
Bette Walden

Camp Counselors

Stephanie Gray
Renee Burns
Vickie Linch
Blaine Kauk
Rachel Helm
Glennetta Miller
Stephanie Marx
Shirley Klopfenstein

Wanda Jackson
Tommy Stehle
Jan Kauk
Chandra Howard
Pam Pettit
Kenneth Miller
Brian Klopfenstein

Mission

Sign Language Sound

PowerPoint

Slide Show

Photographers

Scripture Tags

Joyce Singley
Judi O'Donnell
Henry Linch
Steve Jackson
Patsy Schmutz
Megan Robertson
Sarah Linch
Henry Linch
Barbara Bennett
Vickie Linch

Please accept my apology if your name is not on the list. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! It truly takes a village to raise a child.

Joyfully,
Glenda Callicott
Children's Ministries

United Methodist Men hold 10th national conference at Belmont University

North Cross represented
by Mel Strong and Bob Whitaker

Mel Strong and Bob Whitaker represented North Cross UMC at the 10th National Gathering of United Methodist Men, which was held at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee from July 10th to July 12th.

Meeting every four years, the previous nine gatherings were held at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, where attendance sometimes reached 5,000 people. This year approximately 1,400 attended, with Missouri's delegation of 55 being second only to Tennessee's. The Missouri Conference chartered a bus from Kansas city, with pickups in Columbia and St. Louis. Meetings were held at the Curb Events Center on the beautiful Belmont campus. Most of us stayed in a dormitory and ate in the school cafeteria.

The theme of the conference was "*God to Man, Man to Boy.*" An emphasis at the conference was that men's ministry should serve all men in the church, not just those who come to meetings.

Saturday afternoon we had options from a long list of workshops, each person attending two. Saturday night featured country music singer, Vince Gill, in an hour-long concert, into which he injected testimony about life experiences shared with his wife, Amy Grant.

Speakers included Bishop Hee-Soo Jung of Chicago; Dr. Patrick Morley, author of *Man in the Mirror*; and Bishop William Wesley Morris of Nashville, who preached the closing sermon on Sunday morning.

Saturday night's message was delivered by Rev. Kevass Harding of Wichita. He was raised without a father and mentored by the Big Brother/Big Sister program. He stressed the need for young men to have role models, citing Timothy in the Bible. Son of a Jewish mother and a Greek father, Timothy is an example of one whose father had little influence on his son's life. This message was particularly inspiring because it emphasized the need for men to reach out to youth.

- Report submitted by Bob Whitaker



Coming This Week...

Thursday, July 23

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi
11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
6:00 p.m. Finance

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

Sunday, July 26

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
Coffee time in
Kitchen 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 27

11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
7:00 p.m. Republican Women
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 28

9:00 a.m. TOPS
10:00 a.m. Paint for Fun
10:30 a.m. Old Pike Bridge
Group
6:30 p.m. Financial Peace Class
6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 a.m. Golf

Thursday, July 30

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi

Thank you Harvester Volunteers

The Outreach Committee would like to thank Faye Moore, Mary Fern Wood, Don McCandless, Sandra Nunn, Grant Colvin, Meredith Bentson, Julee Ost, Joyce Singley, Patsy Schmutz, Charles and Donna Maysent, Robert Lynch, Bill and Sherry Goucher, Genny Hauck and Diana Thomas for volunteering. 2,100 pounds of pasta were packed into 2 pound bags. Wow, what a great job!

Do you need child care?

North Cross Parent's Day Out can help

Who: Our nurturing care-givers and your children

What: Flexible care for your children

Where: North Cross United Methodist Church
1321 NE Vivion Road
Kansas City, MO 64118
Phone: 816.452.0443

When: 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Why: To provide a safe, Christian environment to meet your childcare needs.

Fees:	Half-day	Full-day
1 child	\$14	\$21
2 children*	\$26	\$38
3 children*	\$38	\$57

*Multiple children discount is given for siblings only.
Half-day is from 9 a.m. until noon, *or* noon until 3 p.m.

Openings are presently available in all rooms for summer 2009.

Have you read *The Shack*?

Several people have suggested a one-time meeting to discuss *The Shack* by William P. Young. In the novel you meet God in person. If you would like to participate, please call the office (452.2939) and let Patsy know if you want a morning or evening time. She will then set a day and time (in August) for this discussion.

Sermons now on Web Site

Our Sunday sermons are now on the web site. Go to www.northcrossumc.org and look along the left side for Audio Sermons. Click and listen. Also, on the left side the Upper Room is listed. Just click and read your daily Upper Room devotional. Check out our website for lots of information!

The Pastor's Corner

Two thoughts for the week...

First—Thank you! Lori & I want to say a special thank you for the Ice Cream Social last night. We were impressed with the large turn out, but even more impressed as we enjoyed our conversations with one person after another, while nearly two and a half hours flew by. Special thanks to all those from Staff Parish, Family Life and others who made this event a joyous reality.

Second—Prayer! Once in a while over the past couple of weeks, someone has quietly mentioned to us how they have been praying for us. Some have confided that they have been doing so for some time. Last night, several more people mentioned this as well, and even took the time to tell me more specifically how they had been praying.

I want you to know that I believe in the power of prayer. I believe that God's power is released when God's people pray. And when God's power is released in our midst, we are empowered to do God's work.

I have experienced an incredible sense of peace and calm about coming to North Cross. I was asked several times if I felt nervous or had any anxiety about the first couple of Sundays. Remarkably, I could honestly say, "No, it just feels right and I know that God is in this."

Today, I realized that the reason for all of this has a lot to do with all those prayers. For this I want to say, "Thank you and keep it up!"

I mentioned in the sermon on Sunday that we have some work to do. I also suggested that when we do the work to align ourselves and our church with God's will for our future, then we will have the joy and thrill of having the wind of the Holy Spirit filling our sails.

Prayer is a foundational part of the work we need to do. So keep on praying... pray for our future, pray for our leadership, pray for the new people who will come, pray for discernment, and pray that we will be open to God's vision for our future. I covet your prayers!

In Christ,

Pastor Neal

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: No known at time of publication.

- Thank you to everyone for the cards, thoughts, and prayers. Especially to Keith Jackson, Meredith Benson, Tom Schmutz and Carl West for their help in recent months. It's really meant a lot to us!

Don and LaVeta Crowley

- A great big THANK YOU to North Cross Camp Edge VBS! The total items of clothing collected from your mission project is as follows: 175 pieces of underwear (briefs & panties); 58 t-shirts/tops; and 257 pairs of socks. This will all be given to children in Clay County who might otherwise have to go without. Sadly, volunteers at the Clothes Closet have seen numerous children come in who have none of these items. It is with a grateful heart that I will deliver this wonderful gift of love.

Joyce Singley

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