

If I Had My Child to Raise Over Again!

Last Sunday between services I walked down to the children's wing and met some of the kids in our church. Visiting with them I realize what a great group of youth we have! I think about Jesus as a kid and remember how, "**He grew in wisdom and favor with God!**" (**Luke 2: 52**). I watch our kids and see them growing in God, too!

Years ago I read a book by Christian writer James Dobson called Hide and Seek. It's a powerful book that says the message parents sometimes unintentionally send their children is, "I will love you **IF!**" I will love you **IF** you behave...I will love you **IF** you make good grades...I will love you **IF** you don't give me any trouble. Dobson says we sometimes send the message that our love comes with "conditions."

Of course, our children need to be disciplined at times and we adults are given the responsibility of "**Raising them up in the way they should go**" (**Proverbs 22:7**), but Dobson says that while we may not always like everything our children do (like me setting the back yard on fire! Don't worry, it was a small, two-alarm blaze), that letting our kids know we love them unconditionally is crucial to their spiritual and emotional development.

I remember this poem written by Diane Loomans:

If I Had My Child to Raise Over Again!

If I had my child to raise all over again...
I'd finger paint more and point my finger less!
I'd do less correcting and more connecting!
I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes!
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites!
I'd stop playing serious and seriously play!
I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars!
I'd do more hugging and less tugging!
I would be firm less often and affirm much more!
I'd build self-esteem first and the house later!
I'd teach less about the love of power and more about the power of love!

Wishing you a week where you celebrate and encourage the children in your midst.

Blessings, Dale

Worship Service Roles – October 9, 2011

October Deacons: 11:00 – Phyllis Duff, Don Bonjour, Coby Dougan, Judy Green, Wendy Lashbrook, Logan Lashbrook & Janay Stone

Communion Prep: Phyllis Duff & Walt Garner

Sacristy Clean-up: Kay Harvey

1st Service Deacon: Damon Stewart

Presiding Elder: David Denig

Serving Elder: Doug Doll

Acolyte: Alana Doll

Greeters: 9:00 – Jerry & Kay Harvey

11:00 – Flagler Family

Shut-in Visits:

Team A – Jeff & Kathi Vandel

Team B – Harrell & Judy Green

Team C – Don & Terri Taylor

Worship Service Host: Janet Crockett

Prayer of Dedication – 2nd Service – Becky Prather

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Glenda Peterson and her family and friends in the death of her step-father, Elonzo Schreckhise, The family & friends of Sherry Renner who passed away in an accident (daughter of past church members, Virginia & Jim Cordenier), Rev Tammy Eaton (hospitalized with pneumonia), Todd Nugent diagnosed with Hairy Cell Leukemia (Close friend of Doug Doll's family), Ryan Burry (co-worker of Jodi Ravenscraft recently diagnosed with cancer), Barbara Geer, Phyllis Duff, Lois Hockensmith, Don McDaniel, Dorothy Opfer, Betty Kimble, Walt & Fleeta Colvin, Lillian Degener, Gladys Lehman (Judy Turpin's mother), Gene Schatzle, Bea Smith, Martha Wheatley, Margie Riddle, Gundi Stone, Marian McPherson, Arlene Carr, Ken Davis, Margaret Carroll & Richard Arms

MILITARY CONCERNS

Amanda Nelson, Air Force (Marc & Cynthia Peterson's daughter) currently stationed in Florida

Sunday Praise Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00a.m.

CROP WALK

CROP WALK is this Sunday October 9th at Loose Park. “We walk because “THEY” walk,” is the motto of the Church World Service CROPWALK. Who are the “THEY” in the motto? They are 840 million people who go to bed hungry every night. They are people just like you, but because of poverty, they must walk to accomplish the most basic tasks. They walk for food and water. They walk to escape violence and to seek shelter. They walk to find employment & to seek medical treatment.

Walkers will be collecting your love gifts in the Narthex before and after both worship services.

WALKERS: CROP WALK is this Sunday, October 9th. The registration begins at 1:00 p.m. and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. The place is Loose Park (52nd and Wornall in Kansas City, MO. When you register, turn in your **YELLOW COPY ONLY**. Your **envelope and money collected** is to be turned into Sandy Shipley by Sunday, October 23rd. **Youth** should turn in their envelopes and money to Pat Kopp.

Others interested in walking: You might like to join us for the fun and fellowship even if you can not walk the full 5 miles. Walk as far as you are able with the group or just walk through the park and gardens.

Let's all gather for a group picture before we walk. See you at Loose Park.

Fall Stewardship Campaign Update

With the price of everything else going up these days, aren't you glad the Lord hasn't increased the tithe to 15%?

This is just one of many anecdotes shared in our “40 Day Spiritual Journey to a More Generous Life” booklet handed out October 2nd. It is serving as a guide to help us learn how to live and give generously based on the truth of God's Word. And we hope it will help you not just in your consideration of your commitment to Park Hill Christian Church for 2012, but in your lifetime as a Christian.

What does it mean to live generously? You'll have to read the book to find out. But I will share that Day 3's scripture verse from Colossians 3:17, 23-24 reminded me to “work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.” Wow! I wish I had been reminded of this little gem years ago.

Isn't it easier to work hard for the Lord rather than a big company, or annoying boss or with complaining co-workers? The Lord loves a cheerful giver – we all know that. But he's not just referring to giving our money – he also wants us to be joyful in giving our time, a listening ear, and our talents – each and every part of us.

If you missed out on receiving your copy of The Journey, please email the church office and we'll get a copy out to you right away. And if you would like to be included on a daily email reminder with a selected scripture verse, send your address to dturpin@rivercitystudio.com.

Cheerfully yours! Deb Turpin, Stewardship Finance Chair

PLEASE NOTE: Rev. Walling will be in the office Monday through Thursday. Usually, Dale is at his desk in the morning and making hospital and home visits in the afternoon. Friday will be his day off. Stop by for a visit or send him a word of welcome at: dwalling@parkhillcc.com

Dale Who? Dale Walling, that's Who!

Everyone join in on Sunday, October 16th at noon for a fellowship meal to meet and greet Rev. Dale Walling and his wife Linda. We'll be in the life center for this casual event. Drinks will be the only provisions, so bring a bucket of chicken, casserole, or whatever is your favorite covered dish, along with your own table service. Come on out and you early birds come back to show a warm welcome to Dale and Linda.

October Church Meetings

The October Church meetings will be held on Thursday, October 20th. The Cabinet will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Pathfinders Classroom and the Committees will meet at 7:00 p.m. The Cabinet is made up of Executive Committee & Ministry Chairs.

Trunk or Treat - October 30th

Time to get your spooky inspirations working for the 2nd Annual Park Hill Christian Church Trunk or Treat! This event was a blast last year for church members and we had great community participation too. Keep a look-out in the narthex for the sign-up for car decorating as well as the basket for all to contribute candy to distribute to the little goblins who come out for a safe holiday event. Exact time will be communicated shortly, but mark the date, get the creative juices flowing, and embrace the excuse to purchase those little candy bars you've been wanting! Need more details, contact Jane Hoover or Julie Kloepfel

All Church Turkey Dinner

The Membership Committee couldn't stand to see our turkey dinner go away and thought that having a turkey dinner for our church family would keep the 56 year tradition going. So save the date, Sunday, November 13th. Watch the weekly newsletter for more information to come.

Membership Committee, Julie Kloepfel - Chair

COMMUNION SHUT-IN TRAINING is October 25th!

A training session will be held **October 25 @ 6:30 PM** for all persons involved and interested in taking communion to our shut-ins.

One of the most significant responsibilities PHCC has is to take communion to the shut-ins of the church. Because of health problems there are members confined to their homes or care-facilities for long periods of time. Shut-ins, because they cannot come to church regularly can also be easily forgotten by the church. In the best tradition of ministry, when such a person cannot come to the church, then the church goes to them!

Each person attending will be given communion resources, prayers and an order for a short communion service. See you there!

Elders Meeting

There will be an Elders Meeting this Sunday, October 9th at 8:30 a.m. in the Pathfinders Classroom. It is very important for you to attend these monthly meetings. Thank you, Doug

CWF Mary Martha Circle

Please note that this month the CWF Mary Martha Circle will not meet on Wednesday, Oct. 12th.

Rev. Walling Out of Office for Seminar

Rev. Walling will be attending a 2 ½ day workshop at the Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City next week (Oct. 10-12). The seminar, sponsored by the Organization for Healthy Congregations, will focus on "Church Disciplines and Responses in an Age of Urgency." Please contact Susan in the church office if you need to make contact with Rev. Walling.

Internet Apologies to our Online Attendees

Sunday, October 2nd we experienced a technology failure on the sanctuary computer that prohibited the service broadcast. We hope to get the defective part replaced this week and be back online next week.

New Website Now Live!

Park Hill Christian Church has a new updated website and we need your help! We're looking for good photos we can add to the new site in nearly all areas. Visit www.parkhillcc.com and as you visit the various sections of the site, you will see where additional photos are needed. We'd love some photos of weddings in our sanctuary, sports in the Life Center, youth mission trips, CWF and CMF activities, special events, etc. If you have photos to share, please email them to Deb Turpin or drop off a print to the church office. We'll make sure you get your print back.

The new site has a CMS (Content Management System) so we'll be able to keep it updated and current more easily than in the past. And if you have suggestions for the site, we'd like those as well. There are also areas that need more copy, so if you are involved in a ministry or group where the content is brief, please pass your ideas on to Deb or Susan in the office. dturpin@rivercitystudio.com or office@parkhillcc.com

p.s. from the church office: Please join us in thanking Deb Turpin and her staff in updating our website!!!

Quarterly Offering Statements

Please pick up your latest quarterly offering statement! Help save postage fees!

Children's Sunday School Teachers Needed

We need volunteers to teach the children K-5 in Sunday School for the following dates. I will provide you with a detailed lesson and materials as soon as you sign up for one or more of the dates! Thank you, Melanie Doll

Oct. 2

Nov. 13

Oct. 9

Nov. 27

Oct. 23

Dec. 4

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP PREPARE THE LORD'S SUPPER?

Preparing the Lord's Supper and setting our altar table offers a unique opportunity for individuals, couples, Sunday School Classes, or families to serve our Congregation, either on an occasional, or on a regular basis.

Participating in the preparation process gives a special deeper meaning as you partake during Worship. Families with children who partake, (or will begin partaking soon), may find that the preparation offers a special time for a discussion of our faith – it becomes a spiritual activity and not a chore or a duty.

If you would like to volunteer, I will show you, and your family or class, the steps involved. The process is simple, and meaningful in its simplicity! Please call me at 587-5534 and volunteer your time today. Or, see me this coming Sunday morning and let me know which weeks you can help. Blessings! Janet Crockett – Deacon Chairman

Thank You

We would like to express sincere appreciation to our church family for your prayers, cards and phone calls during the very difficult days prior to and after our great grandson's death. To all of those who attended the services for Jayse, it meant more than we can express. God's blessings to all of you. Jim & Bernice Brown

OUR WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER 2011

DATE	1 ST SERVICE	2 ND SERVICE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	SPECIAL EVENTS
09/04/11	100	46	42	<u>Labor Day Weekend.</u> Guest Seminary Student Monica Lewis was in the pulpit today. Dr. Brian Campbell is our new interim organist & choir director starting today.
09/11/11	79	54	65	<u>*10th Anniversary of 9/11 Today*</u> "God Bless the USA" is performed. And <u>**Fall Season Youth Kick-Off Event Held at Noon Today!**</u> And Guest Minister Kelly Ingersoll was in the pulpit today.
09/18/11	88	58	66	Guest Minister Trish Winters was in the pulpit today.
09/25/11	88	63	72	<u>First day in the pulpit for our new Interim Minister Dale Walling.</u> Special handbell music performed. Benefit BBQ Dinner for Fuller Center Housing held in evening.
TOTALS	355	221	245	
AVERAGE	88.75	55.25	61.25	

Viewers Watch Our Worship Services on UStream

Sept 4th - Nobody tuned in during First Service. One person tuned in during Second.
 Sept 11th - Three persons tuned in during First Service and four during Second.
 Sept 18th - Could not be determined due to technical difficulties.
 Sept 25th - Two persons tuned in during First Service and none during Second.

TALL OAKS 50th YEAR GALA

The Tall Oaks Gala will be held on Friday, October 28th. This is a very important fundraiser to support all of the children's activities at Tall Oaks. If anyone is interested in attending this year, please contact Rev. Walling in the church office. He would love to get enough people from PHCC to attend to fill one of the tables.

A circular logo with a gold background and black text. It features a large number '5' on the left, 'Tall Oaks' at the top, 'SOLID GOLD' in the center, 'gala 2011' at the bottom, and 'Celebrating Fifty Years' around the bottom edge.

Make Your Reservations NOW!

Friday, October 28, 2011
InterContinental Hotel
On the Country Club Plaza

Silent Auction & Fellowship.....6:00 p.m.
Dinner7:45 p.m.
Live Auction..... 9:00 p.m.

Individual \$90 Table Host \$900 Table Sponsor \$1,200
Or, this year we are instituting a new level of giving by inviting you or your church to become a **SOLID GOLD** Sponsor at \$1,500 for a table of 10.

(Reservation deadline October 17, 2011)

To make a reservation contact:
Your Gala Ambassador, or
Ken Mohler, 816-444-1553 or George Saller, 913-381-7038,
Or Sharon Bracken, Tall Oaks, 913-301-3004

Proceeds benefit Tall Oaks Conference Center,
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