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Dear Friends,

This past Saturday at our church board retreat, I shared with those present that I am currently wrestling spiritually with two invitations or directions for the church to be engaged in the next year or so. One comes from the General Assembly and the other out of the HeartPaths program. I believe both are useful and powerful in their own way for the health and future growth of the church and its members.

The theme for the General Assembly this year was "Tell It!" It comes from Deuteronomy 6:7 where Moses was instructing the Israelites to tell their children (and future generations) the story of God's redeeming work which brought them out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. Most of the Assembly was geared toward helping assembly goers—and their respective congregations—consider the changing needs and concerns of our society and culture and what it will mean for us to engage these shifts in meaningful ways with our ministry and mission. The challenge was for all of us to tell our faith story through our mission and ministry with renewed vitality.

There were many witness moments shared by congregations who are transforming their outlook and programming to meet specific needs in their communities and in doing so were finding themselves revitalized from declining congregations to growing congregations. A frequent thread shared by many of these congregations was trying to find a specific need or interest in their community to target their ministry around. One congregation developed an arts program to coincide with a nearby arts district in their community. Another one found their target to be a safe haven for children living on the streets.

One congregation adopted a school to support in a broader fashion than what we do with our Back-to-School-Bash school supplies. The stories were varied but similar. Congregations had grown stale doing what they had done for years and were experiencing decline. It took reinvesting in a community need or cause to turn them around and bring energy back into their ministry.

While I believe we are on an upswing here at CCC, my question for us is, "Is there a needed ministry around us that we have not seen that we need to invest ourselves in?" We have a history of being on the front of many of our community action groups like Network of Community Ministries, Richardson Habitat and The Hunger Pantry. Is there a need out there where we could further use our building, for community visibility and as another way for us to tell our story through witness and service?

The second direction or invitation I am sensing is to encourage us to make time and space for sharing our experiences with, and around, God in our everyday life. So often in church we talk about God or discuss what we believe about God, but we rarely make room to share how we personally experience God through the week. That kind of sharing is highly sensitive for most of us and usually only done when we feel it is safe to do so. The HeartPaths program has, as part of its process, a time of witnessing that uses some good ground rules and guidelines to help their small groups share their experiences with a high level of trust that I believe would be helpful for us as well.

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Stewardship Time & Talent Questionnaire

The Stewardship Committee has the “Stewardship Time and Talent Questionnaire” in the Communi-K again this week. Your completing the survey and putting it in the offering plate or the church office will be appreciated. Committing your time and talents for His service will be rewarding for CCC and you.

Thank you.

Stewardship Committee

STEWARDSHIP TIME AND TALENT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR OUR CHURCH YEAR JULY 1, 2011 – JUNE 30, 2012

Would you be interested in:	Yes	No
Praying Daily; Setting aside time for a daily devotion with God	_____	_____
Praying daily for Community Christian Church	_____	_____
Attending church regularly at CCC	_____	_____
Attending Sunday school regularly at CCC	_____	_____
Serving as Lay Leader	_____	_____
Serving as Elder	_____	_____
Serving on the Diaconate	_____	_____
Volunteer to work in Church Office	_____	_____
Participating in Monthly Property Work Day	_____	_____
Volunteering for yard work, mowing yard, tending flower beds	_____	_____
Singing in the choir	_____	_____
Serving as Officer of CCC	_____	_____

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- Visiting shut-ins, and those in hospitals _____
- Serving on the Worship Committee at CCC _____
- Serving on the Membership Committee at CCC _____
- Serving on the Property Committee at CCC _____
- Serving on the Education Committee at CCC _____
- Serving on the Stewardship Committee at CCC _____
- Serving on the Outreach Committee at CCC _____
- Serving on the Evangelism Committee at CCC _____
- Greeting on Sunday Mornings at entrance doors _____
- Serving on the Safety Team _____
- Participating in Christian Women's Fellowship _____
- Working with Children and Youth Programs _____
- Developing and participating in Christian Men's Fellowship _____
- Serving in North Texas Area Christian Church Board _____
- Participating in a Weekly Prayer Group _____
- Being a part of the senior ministry _____
- Other: _____
- Other: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____ 2011

Board Officers for the 2011–2012 Church Year

Board Chair: Mark Slaight (Elected as Board Vice-Chair in 2011)

Board Vice-Chair: Julie Knecht (Will serve as Board Chair in 2012-13)

Board Treasurer: Mary Anne Potter

Board Secretary: Amy Taylor

ELDERS

Term Expiring 2012

Mic Burnett
Teresa Gafford (Chair)
Mary Anne Potter

Term Expiring 2013

Larry Fairchild
Linda Fairchild
Lu Sifferd

DIACONATE

Term Expiring 2012

Lee Cole
Cyndy Emmert
Denise Fairchild
Paul Latham (Chair)
Joanne McKinley
Marvin Rogers
Bill Whitley
Mark Slaight

Term Expiring 2013

Leigh Duvall
Greg Hendrickson
Carol Johns
Doris Ricketts
Ruth Rogers
Kristin Slaight
Amy Taylor
Colleen Wooten

JUNIOR DIACONATE

Amelia Latham

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Education	Dani Cartwright & Kristin Slaight
Evangelism	Bill Whitley & Larry Fairchild
Membership	Joan Seawright, Jerre Roseborough, Judy Whitley
Outreach	Carol Johns
Property	Paul Latham
Stewardship	Marvin Rogers
Worship	Greg Hendrickson & Christy Horn
DWM President	Patty Latham

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS NEXT WEEK!!!

Monday – Thursday
6:00 pm – 8:00 p.m.

We're starting with a Snack Supper each evening! Then fun, fun, fun!!

If you have not registered your children....please DO SO TODAY!

<http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/shake-it-up-cafe/vbs-cccrichardson>

Here are still some things we need:

FOR OUR MANNA BAGS: (bags that families can give to homeless persons on the street)

A case of water (bottles)
Travel-size soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste
Single serving crackers, tuna, fruit snacks, applesauce, etc.
Plastic silverware
Napkins

FOR OUR CRAFTS:

Fabric scraps

Rick rack, beads, decorative stuff to glue for our crafts projects

Fabric paint markers

FOR GAMES:

Any "unusual" kitchen tools... (for use in a game! – Please mark your name on them!)

Looking forward to seeing YOU at Vacation Bible School next week!

Monday – Thursday – 6:00- 8:00 p.m.





August Anniversaries

August 20 Bill & Jane Keene
 August 27 Paul & Patty Latham

August Birthdays

August 2 Douglass A. Cartwright
 Carolyn Straw
 August 6 Wesley Long
 August 7 Jim Carpenter
 Jimmie Wooten
 August 9 Norwood Heinley
 Nolan Burke Taylor
 August 11 Hogan Robert Frieling
 Mary Ann Kellam
 August 13 Amy Taylor
 August 15 Larry Fairchild
 August 18 Jim Benton
 Austin DeLay
 Bill Keene
 Pooh Plummer
 August 20 Jason Fairchild
 August 21 Hop Chu
 Liz Metrik
 August 25 Charlene Pierce
 August 30 Drew Kowalski

Disciples Women's Ministry

Garage Sale—November 5. You are encouraged to continue bringing your garage sale items for our annual church garage sale. The storage room behind the stage is FULL. The classroom across the hall has been designated as another storage area, so please place your items in an orderly manner in this classroom.

Thank you,
 Patty Latham, Chair

Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 23

8:30 a.m. Property Workday

Sunday, July 24

9:30 a.m. Sunday school
 10:50 a.m. Worship
 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Time

Monday, July 25–Thursday, July 28

6:00–8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 28

10:00 a.m. Spiritual Disciplines Prayer Group

Sunday, July 30

9:30 a.m. Sunday school
 10:50 a.m. Worship
 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Time

Wednesday, August 3

1:00 p.m. 55+ meeting

Thursday, August 4

10:00 a.m. Spiritual Disciplines Prayer Group

Sunday, August 7

8:00 a.m. Elders' meeting
 8:30 a.m. Elders' Book Study
 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
 10:50 a.m. Worship
 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Time

Wednesday, August 10

6:00 p.m. Stitches meeting

Thursday, August 11

10:00 a.m. Spiritual Disciplines Prayer Group

Sunday, August 14

9:30 a.m. Sunday school
 10:50 a.m. Worship
 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Time
 4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing
 5:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social

Worship Attendance 07/10/11 63

Visitors 6

Michael Baker Debb Faulk
Wayne & Mary Quick Chuck & Sally Turner

Worship Attendance 07/17/11 68

Visitors 12

Debb Faulk Shauna Karstetter
David Kellam Audrey Plummer
Arthur Roberts Gary Sparks
Wayne & Mary Quick Chuck & Sally Turner
Erik Wheat

Financial Report

(Budgeted weekly revenue: \$2,788.46)

Receipts for 7/10/11 \$2,425.00
Receipts for 7/17/11 \$2,229.00

Mary Anne will distribute January—June giving statements this month.

Dear Friends

I believe that we all understand that God is working through us here at CCC. Yet one of the underlying parts of our witness, that we don't share, is how God and God's spirit is experienced by us individually through the week. Would it strengthen your story to learn about your neighbor in the pew's experience with God or to hear that they might be listening and waiting for some movement or discernment from God? How might your own story change to learn that your dear friend is experiencing a long dry spell from any experience with God? We are and have been a congregation with a strong fellowship bond. Would being able to share our personal experiences of God's presence deepen that fellowship or possibly make it stronger?

As I said at the beginning of this article, I am in a discernment mode myself about these two possibilities. I see that both could be very useful for us and that both have their risks. I am seeking your input on this and could share further information with you if you would like. Please keep this in your own prayers and visit with me some time soon.

In Christ's service together wherever He leads,
David

Deacon Serving Schedule

The following deacons signed up to serve during the month of **August**:

Marvin Rogers, Proctor
Leigh Duvall Carol Johns
Joanne McKinley Ruth Rogers
Paul Latham, Deacon Chair



Sunday, July 24

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15–28
Romans 8:26–39

Sermon:

“Faithfully Done”

Worship Participants

Preacher: David Cartwright
Lay Leader: Caroline Kellam
Acolyte: Whitley Taylor

Sunday, July 31

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 17:1–7
Genesis 32:22–31

Sermon:

“AND IN THIS CORNER...”

Worship Participants

Preacher: David Cartwright
Lay Leader: Julie Frieling
Acolyte: Holland Frieling

Leading Worship for August

Elders: Teresa Gafford
Deacons: Marvin Rogers Proctor
Leigh Duvall Carol Johns
Joanne McKinley Ruth Rogers

Join Us on Sundays

9:30 a.m. *Sunday School*
10:50 a.m. *Worship Service*
12:15 p.m. *Fellowship Time*

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Calendar Updates

For updates to the CCC calendar, check with the church office or the bulletin board across from the church office.

The next issue will be Wednesday, August 3, 2011

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