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Dear Friends,

What is your story? Has anyone asked for it recently or have you had the opportunity to share it recently? Our stories are powerful as they allow us to offer the depth behind the events of our lives as well as to include our interpretation of them. Our story invites those listening to enter both private and public space, to catch a glimpse or insight of who we are, how we see ourselves and the world, and how we choose to respond according to our perspectives.

Sometimes stories rally us together by touching a common thread, a shared ethos. At the first of this month we remembered the attacks of 9/11. We heard multiple stories from a variety of people. Some of the more compelling stories that emerged were from those hours inside the World Trade Center of people affirming, "We got out of the towers because we helped each other get out. Once we got in the stairwells we realized that our lives totally depended on the person in front of us making it. We helped each other and forgot about ourselves, and the person behind us took care of us and we made our way down those endless flights and lived. Thousands of us who should have died lived." It made no difference if they were competitors, executives or office temps, or janitorial folks—they worked to save each other (a response I am sure the terrorists did not predict). Their stories became apart of our story describing who we are and what we can be as a nation.

Sometimes stories help us see beyond our preconceptions and prejudices to discover our common humanity. "On Christmas Eve in 1914, two lines of homesick soldiers, one British, one German, were dug into trenches on the Western Front in the midst of World War I. Between them was a fire zone called no-man's land. On this moonlit, snowy night, the Germans lifted army-issued Christmas

trees twinkling with tiny candles over the edge of their trenches and set them in plain sight. The British shouted and cheered in delight. The Germans began to sing "Stille Nacht..." and the British began to sing along with "Silent Night." This encouraged the Germans. They set down their guns in the moonlight and heaved themselves from their trenches carrying candles, cakes, and cigars toward their enemies. The British responded in kind, carrying steamed pudding and cigarettes. The men met in the middle of the killing zone, exchanged gifts, sang carols, and played soccer. This seemingly spontaneous truce extended for hundreds of kilometers among thousands of soldiers. They could no longer shoot each other. The war essentially stopped. Horrified commanders on both sides spent the next couple of weeks transferring thousands of men to new positions until the enemy became faceless and storyless again, something killable, not a brother." (Christina Baldwin's Storycatcher)

How long has it been since you and I have shared our story and invited someone in to know us? When is the last time we made the time, or took the effort, to ask someone for their story? Stories have power to provoke, to transform, to soothe, and to endear. Jesus used them often and referred to ancestral stories regularly. Tell me your story!

In Christ's service together wherever He leads,
David





October Anniversaries

October 5 Karlan & Linda Fairchild
October 7 Edie & Don Slape
October 11 Mic & Tracy Burnett
October 25 Julie & Dean Knecht

October Birthdays

October 1 Cameron Horn
October 5 Karlan Fairchild
October 9 Elaine Demars
October 10 Kevin Horn
 Dick Seawright
October 12 Vera Hall
 Fletcher Horn
October 14 Colleen Wooten
October 15 Theresa Sanchez
October 16 Justin Fairchild
 Tami Jeen Taylor
October 17 Teresa Gafford
October 18 Andrew Martin
 Garrett Martin
October 19 Arthur Roberts
 Leigh Duvall
October 24 Ken Kellam III
October 26 Joanne McKinley
October 28 Geoffrey Fairchild
October 30 Michael Phillip Slaight

Outreach

Marvin Rogers delivered 97 lbs. of food to Network on 9/1/11.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 1

8:00 a.m. Habitat Build

Sunday, October 2

8:00 a.m. Elders' meeting
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:50 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Time
1:00 p.m. Friendship Class Lunch @ Kellams'
5:00 p.m. Education Committee

Monday, October 3

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Wednesday, October 5

1:00 p.m. 55+ meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 6

10:00 a.m. Spiritual Disciplines Prayer Group

Saturday, October 8

8:00 a.m. Habitat Build

Sunday, October 9—Children's Sabbath

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

Wednesday, October 12

6:00 p.m. Stitches meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 13

10:00 a.m. Spiritual Disciplines Prayer Group



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 nursery room down the hall has been designated as another storage area, so please place your items in an orderly manner in this classroom. We especially need hangers. This is an easy way to rid your home of unneeded wire hangers.



Thank you,
Patty Latham, Chair

From the Board Chair

The remodeled Junior Church room and Playroom look amazing. If you haven't seen them yet, please go by and take a look. The cost of the remodel was higher than expected so any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please make sure you put "Jr Church Room" on your check.

There will be a safety team meeting on Saturday October 8, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the library. If you are interested in being a part of this very important team please feel free to attend.

CCC is currently reviewing our volunteer policy. We must have a comprehensive volunteer policy for

safety and for liability insurance reasons. We hope to have a final draft to submit to the Board for approval within the next couple of months. One of the items that will be part of the volunteer policy is background checks for those working with our youth. These background checks are conducted by the Area Church Office. They will be kept confidential, and placed in a secure file drawer until disposed. Please see or email Jeannine for a background check permission form.

Thanks,
Mark Slaight

9th CCC Trunk & Treasure
Monday, October 31
5:00-7:00 PM



It is time to get ready for CCC's 9th annual Trunk & Treasure. What a great opportunity it is for everyone to come out and provide a safe alternative to trick or treating for our own children and all the kids in the neighborhood. We need everyone's help to decorate their cars and serve treats, cook hotdogs, pop popcorn, organize games, or tell fortunes. You may dress up or just come as yourself. If you have a talent you haven't shared before, we are always recruiting new talent – balloon artists, jugglers, face painters...

Look for a Trunk & Treasure volunteer sign-up sheet soon on the office window. If you have new ideas for games/activities or want to know how you can be involved, talk to Teresa Gafford, Jerre Roseborough, Lee Cole or Pastor David.

Every year this event grows bigger and reaches more children and their families. Let's make it the best one ever!

Worship Attendance 09/18/11 73

Visitors 8

Jessica Enzor	Debb Faulk
Caroline Kellam	Wayne & Mary Quick
George Tidmore	Khloe Wooten
Alexis Wright	

Worship Attendance 09/25/11 77

Visitors 15

Kristian	Eric
Diana Betz	Susan Betz
Debb Faulk	Gage Hamor
Caroline Kellam	David Lederbord
Wayne & Mark Quick	Arthur Roberts
George Tidmore	Chuck & Sally Turner
Khloe Wooten	

Financial Report

(Budgeted weekly revenue: \$2,788.46)

Receipts for 9/18/11 \$4,527.00

Receipts for 9/25/11 \$3,891.00

Habitat Build Lunch

On Saturday, October 15th, we (Community Christian Church) will be supplying and serving lunch for the volunteers who are helping to build the new home. You can help in one (or more) of 3 ways:

1. **Donate money to Mic for the purchase of food & supplies,**
2. **Prepare or buy food or paper goods (we'll be feeding about 30 people),**
3. **Help serve the lunch at the above address (about 4 people needed).**

E-mail Mic with what you'd like to do. (He will consolidate the names he gets during the week and send them to Jeannine so she can add them onto the list on the window before Sundays. Then folks who don't read email can add their names into any blank spots while at church on Sundays.)

Thanks so much!
Mic

Deacon Serving Schedule

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

Paul Latham, Proctor	Marvin Rogers
Denise Fairchild	Colleen Wooten
Ruth Rogers	
Paul Latham, Deacon Chair	



Sunday, October 2
World Communion Sunday

1 Corinthians 11: 23–32

Matthew 26: 20–25

Sermon:

“Table Words”

Worship Participants

Preacher: David Cartwright
Lay Leader: Mary Anne Potter
Acolyte: Whitley Taylor

Sunday, October 9
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 4: 4–9

Matthew 22: 1–14

Sermon:

“Showing Up Prepared”

Worship Participants

Preacher: David Cartwright
Lay Leader: Lee Cole
Acolyte:

Leading Worship for October

Elders: Lu Sifferd, Jan Loughry, Elaine Kellam
Jerre Roseborough
Deacons: Paul Latham, Proctor
Denise Fairchild Marvin Rogers
Ruth Rogers Colleen Wooten

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, October 12, 2011

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Jeannine Frank	Church Secretary
Rebecca Baker	Choir Director
Anne Speights	Accompanist
Hop Chu	Childcare
Santos Camarillo	Custodian
Mark Slaight	Board Chair
Julie Knecht	Board Vice Chair
Amy Taylor	Board Secretary
Mary Anne Potter	Church Treasurer
Teresa Gafford	Chair of Elders
Paul Latham	Chair of Diaconate

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