

Church of Christ Update

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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10th Tom Vedbraaten

14th Tom & Sheryl Vedbraaten

14th Dylan Enget

15th Roger Flaten

21st Marvin & Francis Chandler

29th Audrie Perina

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CROOKSTON CIVIC MUSIC LEAGUE PRESENTING ANNUAL FALL CHORAL FESTIVAL ON NOVEMBER 1ST

On Sunday, November 1st, the Crookston Civic Music League is presenting their Third Annual Fall Choral Festival, at 3:00 PM in the afternoon at Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston. Choirs from several local and surrounding area churches will take part in this festival. Each group will sing one or two numbers. The festival will culminate with the presentation of two numbers by all the participants forming a Mass Choir under the direction of Don Danielson of East Grand Forks. During the free will offering Max Wolpert will perform a violin number. Coffee and goodies will be served in the Fellowship Hall located downstairs at Trinity Lutheran Church

SET YOUR CLOCKS



BACK

*Set your clocks back
before you go to bed
Saturday night!*

November Schedule

November 2nd - Board of Men meeting at 7 p.m.

November 8th - Thanksgiving meal following worship. Sign up sheet is on table in the Fellowship Hall

November 26th - Happy Thanksgiving!



THANKSGIVING

Church of Christ Board Meeting October 5th, 2009

Board Members Present

Brian Christensen, Tom Vedbraaten, Bob Prudhomme, Duane Trostad. Guests: Sue Sele

Opened

Meeting opened at 7:18 pm with a prayer by Duane

Treasurer's Report

Treasury report accepted

Missions Report

Report accepted

Old Business

- We continue to look into new hymnals for the church.
- The church needs to be audited for 2008. Duane and Tom have volunteered.
- The church is in need of a new laptop computer. Dave will look into it.
- Tom will check on getting another rack for the extra folding chairs. Funds have been approved.
- The building key list needs to be updated.
- The board is looking at and reviewing the monthly newsletter mailing list.
- Tom motioned to invest the savings account money for the church into higher interest CD's proposed by Bob. Motion passed.

New Business

- The office needs to be painted and cleaned.
- The church will look into purchasing a new wireless microphone for sermon use.
- We would like to set up an open house for the community to meet our new minister. Please contact a board member for more information if you would like to help plan. Sunday Nov. 22 will be a tentative date.
- Reminder- if you would like to make changes to the by-laws they need to be submitted to the board for their meeting in December. Current by-laws are posted on our church website. Some possible topics may include: Election of elders, percentages of votes needed, and women as board members or any other idea you may want to propose to change.

Adjourned

Meeting closed with a word of prayer from Tom at 8:24 p.m.



IDES PROJECTS

International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES), in partnership with individuals, and churches of God's people....like us, dispense aid to people in many nations. Where there is poverty, disease, natural disasters, persecution and armed conflict causing tremendous suffering - through IDES, we as independent Christian Churches/Churches of Christ, can help those in need.

Every year more than 200 various projects are carried out throughout the world. Below, you can read about just a few of those projects that have been undertaken in recent months.

*Drilling and outfitting wells to serve four drought-afflicted communities in Kenya.

*Providing food to sustain 7 villages in Burma (Myanmar) for 3 months during a time of famine.

*Partnering with a Kentucky church as they minister to flood victims in their own community.

*Shipping a used school bus filled with supplies to a mission partner in Haiti. (cont. on page 3)

OCTOBER 2009 MISSIONS REPORT

By Monica Beauchane



Income: \$478.31
 130.00 (Special Giving)
\$608.31 Total

IDES	\$75.00
Care and Share Center	70.00
Crossroads College	50.00
Pine Haven Christian Assembly	50.00
Mission to Russia (Orphanage)	50.00
North Burma Christian Mission (sponsoring two females)	40.00
Rapha House (sponsoring two females)	60.00
American Indian Christian Mission	50.00
MSA	75.00
MCEA	50.00
Key Communications	<u>100.00</u>
 Total Monthly Contributions:	 \$670.00
 Net income (Loss):	 \$ (61.69)

(Focus on Missions continued from page 2))

*Assisting victims of persecution against Christians in India and Pakistan.

*Framing a house for an Arkansas widow who lost her home in a tornado.

*Providing relief supplies to Christian refugees displaced by fighting in the international war on terror.

*Delivering medicine, and food for infants, to aid refugees who have fled the conflict in Darfur.

Submitted By: Sheryl Vedbraaten, Mission Team



November Serving Schedule

November 1st

Preaching David Johnson
Worship Leader Paul McWaters
Piano/Keyboard Jessica Christensen
Communion Focus Brian Christensen
Offering Prayer Tom Vedbraaten

Ushers:
Marvin Chandler
Roger Flaten
Doug Carey

November 8th

Preaching David Johnson
Worship Leader Paul McWaters
Piano/Keyboard June Schipper
Communion Focus Duane Trostad
Offering Prayer Brian Christensen

Ushers:
Gerry Enget
Norman Hanson
Brett Brown

November 15th

Preaching David Johnson
Worship Leader Paul McWaters
Piano/Keyboard Jessica Christensen
Communion Focus Brian Christensen
Offering Prayer Doug Carey

Ushers:
Norman Hanson
Marvin Chandler
Mike Fredrickson

November 22nd

Preaching David Johnson
Worship Leader Paul McWaters
Piano/Keyboard June Schipper
Communion Focus Paul McWaters
Offering Prayer Tom Vedbraaten

Ushers:
Norman Hanson
Mike Fredrickson
Jerry Enget

November 29th-

Preaching David Johnson
Worship Leader Paul McWaters
Piano/Keyboard Jessica Christensen
Communion Focus Paul McWaters
Offering Prayer Tom Vedbraaten

Ushers:
Doug Carey
Roger Flaten
Brian Christensen

Communion Preparation: Deanna Patenaude
Greeter: Tom & Sheryl Vedbraaten



**Pastor's
Corner**



Warm greetings to each of you at a time when fall seems about to turn to winter. My wife Brenda and I would like to thank each of you for making us feel so welcome and a part of your church family. There have been so many precious expressions of love. Thank you all so very much!

We are living in a time when there is much uncertainty, and as a result, many people are struggling with fear. Some people have seen the loss of their investments while others have seen their jobs cut back or lost completely. The stress level has been elevated to the point that people are beginning to have serious health issues along with struggles in their relationships. The financial problems together with the world problems are bringing about the fulfillment of what Jesus said would happen in Luke's Gospel 21:26 when He speaks of "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth' for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

In light of all the bad news, let me lead you to some good news! The apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians, and I believe that this is a word from the Lord to all of us. Phil. 4:4-7 "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men, The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, (don't worry about anything!) but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

We must always remember to continually look to our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ who is still able to still the storms of life. He can still provide a way in the desert and part the water if need be. God knows that fear has torment, and our Father doesn't want any of us to suffer the torments that anxiety, fear, or terror brings. There are over 365 times where God's Word instructs us to fear not. There is a fear not for every day of the year. We need to trust Him and learn to rest in Him. John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Jesus is saying that even if your heart is tempted to fear, don't let it! You have a choice. Remember He said in His word that He would never allow us to go through more than we could bear. He said that He would never leave us or forsake us.

When your faith begins to grow weak, and the fears of everyday life seem to overtake you, and give you a feeling of hopelessness, anxiety and depression. Take an inventory of the amount of time that you are spending with God in prayer and in His word. Faith does come by hearing or reading the Word of God. Also, don't ever be afraid to ask for prayer.

Let's do our best to please the Lord by trusting Him for today and all of our tomorrows! May God richly bless you all.

In Christian love,

Pastor Dave

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Children's Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday morning worship 10:30 a.m.

Loving Our Neighbor

Jesus, you know what it is to be human and that it is not easy to love our neighbor as ourselves.

When we do not understand our neighbor, nor they us, help us to think more about how we could understand them and less about how they could understand us. May we never let fear keep us from speaking or acting in love, nor thoughtlessness spoil the impulse of the heart. May we do all that we do in gratitude to You, rather than in desire for praise, and when our time, energy or talent are at an end, may we quietly ask Your help and remember that You love and care for them much more than we do.

~ Avery Brooke

From Plain Prayers For a Complicated World

