

THE CORNERSTONE

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VBS "ROAR"

Life is Wild - God is good

August 5th - 9th / 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Join us this Summer for an epic African adventure that engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids (K-5th grade) will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Please join us at the Kick-off Carnival

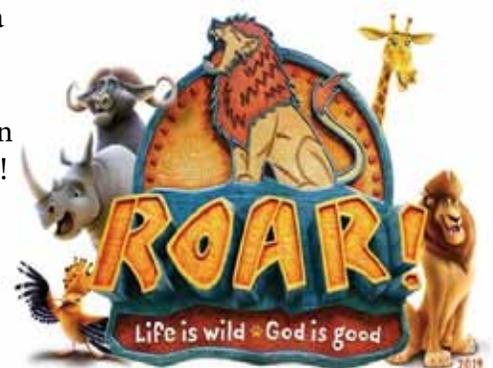
Sunday, August 4th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We'll have hotdogs, carnival games and inflatables! Volunteers are needed to make this event a success! Don't miss out on the fun!

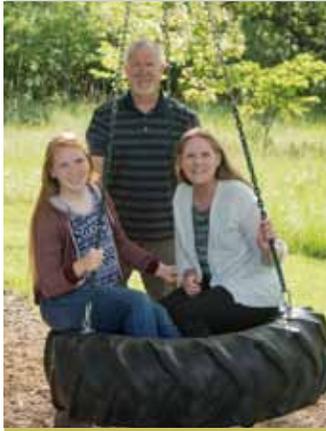
Register your child/children now via the insert in the Sunday bulletin or online at www.centralparkcc.org. Keep an eye out for a sign up board in the church foyer to volunteer to help!

Questions?

**Please call Jeff @ 845-4131
or Miranda @ 250-2707.**



a message from
OUR SENIOR PASTOR



Tim Maddock

What Does It Mean to Be a Church Member?

When you were in school, did you ever give “book reports”? A while back, I came across a little book written by Thomas Rainer that is quite excellent, entitled “I Am a Church Member”. It is so good that we like to give it to folks who are considering becoming a part of our church. In it, he described 6 vital traits that he found, over and over again, in people who loved, served, and enjoyed being a part of their local church family. I have edited things a bit, and given it relevance to our lives together here at CPCC.

How many of these traits describe you?

1. “I will be a functioning church member”
 - I will serve, I will give, I will exercise my God given gifts for the common good
 - As a part of the body, I recognize if I don’t function, the whole body suffers
2. “I will be a unifying church member”
 - I will seek to be a peacemaker. There are no perfect pastors, staff, or members ...and I have issues as well. I will not stir the pot with gossip or dissension. I will pursue unity.
3. “I will not let my church be about my preferences or desires”
 - CPCC was established by God for His glory, not to meet my personal preferences. As long as Jesus is lifted up, I can deal with things that aren’t my preference or style.
4. “I will pray for my church leaders”
 - I will pray for my pastors/leaders every day. They face numerous demands, deal with critics, and have their own families to lead. They cannot meet all these needs in their own strength, so I will pray God gives them strength and wisdom.
5. “I will lead my family to be healthy church members”
 - If I am single, I will encourage my extended family to come to know Jesus. If I am married/have children, I will lead my family to pursue a vital relationship with Jesus – praying together for the church, serving together, supporting the church together.
6. “I will treasure church membership as a gift”
 - Salvation through Jesus made me a part of God’s forever family. While on earth, Jesus desires that I join a church and become a part of that family of faith. I am made for fellowship, and as a member I can serve alongside others and be a part of something much greater than any one person or member.

I am proud to pastor a church family that lives out these traits’ day in and day out! May God continue to lead, equip, and encourage us as we share His life and light in our neighborhood!

Heading for Home,

tim

a message from

OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR



Randy Lesseski

Grace supplies. Love gives. Faith takes.

God's Grace supplies (us), God's Love gives (us).

(Eph. 2:4-7) ⁴But God, who is **rich in mercy**, because of **His great love** with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (**by grace you have been saved**), ⁶and raised us up together, and made *us sit together* in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding **riches** of His grace in *His kindness* toward us **in Christ Jesus**.

(Eph. 2:8) For by **grace** you have been saved **through faith**, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift* of God.

(John 3:35) The Father loves the Son and has given **all things** into His hand.

I want you to carefully read the next few verses and find the difference in wording:

- **(Galatians 2:16) King James Version (KJV)**

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

- **(Galatians 2:16) New International Version (NIV)**

Know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

- **(Galatians 2:20) KJV**

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

- **(Galatians 2:20) NIV**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

I don't know about you but, it gives me great relief to know that everything is given to me including my faith and all supply comes from the Father through the finished work of Jesus. Why was Jesus so confident? Because He knew that all He had was given to Him by the Father, so He took that supply and used it to save us. And we in turn can put our faith in the faith (of) Jesus Christ who is the supplier of everything.

(Matt. 26:26-28) ²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and **gave it** to his disciples, saying, "**Take** and eat; this is my body." ²⁷Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, **he gave it to them**, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

So, does it **take faith** to receive from God? Or does our faith, (in the faith of Jesus), **take from** what He has already supplied through Jesus?

(2 Peter 1:3) His divine power has **given us everything** we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

AMEN!!!

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Jeff Martens



Miranda Bohlender

Sunday Mornings:

Sunday School classes

9:15 to 10:15 for all students from

Preschool-12th grade.

K-motion - 10:45 a.m.

Kids attend church during opening worship, offering & communion and are released to go across street with Jeff or Miranda during the sermon.

Preschool Classes and a Nursery are available during Sunday School & Worship.

Good old Summertime!

Well the first month of summer is complete. We have enjoyed being able to do some fun activities with our students. We had a fun Wednesday night on the 12th of June when we took the middle school students out to lake Shawnee for a cook out and to play games. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Even though we didn't have any camps in June we have done a lot of preparation for the upcoming trips, camps, and VBS in July and August. We would like to thank everyone who has had an odd job for the students to do to earn money for camp. These jobs have helped tremendously to bring the cost down for a lot of students.

Also, a huge thank you to everyone for their donations on Generosity Sunday. We collected a total of \$5,358! Without your donations and odd jobs, camp would not be possible for many of our students - so thank you, thank you, thank you!

The month of July is pretty busy, so we would like to ask for your prayers as we embark on two camps: one to Arlington, TX for our high school camp the week of July 8th-13th, and the second one to Florence, KS for our preteen and middle schoolers July 25th-27th. Please pray the students will grow closer to Jesus during camp, patience for us and for our sponsors, and for travel mercies.

Thank you CPCC family for your continued support of our Youth Ministry!!

CAMPS/CONFERENCES

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP

(CIY MOVE IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS)

COST IS \$400 - JULY 8TH-13TH

FOR YOUTH GOING INTO 9TH-12TH GRADE & RECENTLY GRADUATED SENIORS

MIDDLE SCHOOL & PRETEEN CAMP

(MORNING STAR RANCH, FLORENCE, KS)

COST IS \$125 - JULY 25TH-27TH

FOR YOUTH GOING INTO 4TH-8TH GRADE

Final payments for both camps are due to Miranda now! Thank You!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

During the Week:

Monday After School Program

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This program will resume on August 19th.

Kids T.N.T.

Every Thursday Evening

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

In the CPCC Fellowship Hall

Dinner is served to all

kids and helpers at 6:00 p.m.

This is an evening of

dinner, worship,

small groups, games,

crafts & more!

Jr. High Youth

Sunday School Classes

9:15 to 10:15 AM

Class meets in the

South Balcony Classroom

Wednesday Youth Group

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

In the CPCC

Fellowship Hall

Sr. High Youth

Sunday School Classes

9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Class meets in the

Community Center

Sunday Youth Group

Meets every Sunday afternoon

from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

In the CPCC Fellowship hall.

Lunch is provided!

Odds & Ends & Important Info

Students looking for Odd Jobs

We still have students looking for odd jobs to help raise money for CIY. Students should be paid with checks only and checks should be made out to the church. Please contact Jeff or Miranda for more details.

Vehicles Needed

We are in need of vehicles for our Preteen/Middle School camp to Florence, KS on July 25th-27th. If you are willing to loan us your van, SUV or suburban for the trip or if you are willing to drive your vehicle down to drop us off on the 25th and then pick us up on Saturday the 27th, please let us know. Contact Miranda @ 785-250-2707.

Monday Afterschool Program

Our Monday afterschool Program will resume up August 19th.

If you would like to volunteer or would like more more information contact Jeff or Miranda.

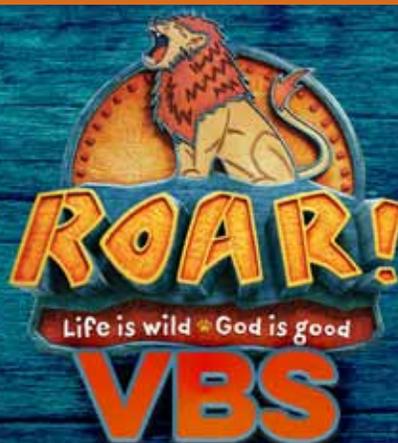
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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Our Carnival kickoff will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 4th. VBS will be held in the evenings August 5th - 9th!

REGISTER YOUR CHILD ONLINE AT WWW.CENTRALPARKCC.ORG
or via the inserts in the Sunday bulletins.

VBS Kickoff
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Sunday, August 4th



VBS
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
August 5th - 9th

a message from
OUR WORSHIP LEADER



Dayme Green

Glorious Day

The past few months we have frequently made the Passion Worship song “Glorious Day” a part of our weekly service. It is an amazing, powerful, upbeat song with an incredible message. As I sit and write this article, I am reminded of how we sang it in church just this past Sunday. As a matter of fact, ever since this past weekend, I have woken up with song on my heart and in my head. I gotta tell ya, it has been a fantastic sound track to the beginning of my week and has kept me inspired and filled with the love and joy of Christ throughout each day.

It was especially fitting this morning. I woke up singing Glorious Day, as I have all week, and got ready to face the world. I was still singing the chorus as I drove to work and while I drove, I rolled down the window. It was a perfect summer morning, 70 degrees, the morning sun shining through the trees, and a cool breeze blowing as I happily sang my way to work. It really was a Glorious Day.

That got me thinking about the real meaning of the lyrics of this song though. It isn’t a song about reveling in God’s creation, it’s a song about reveling in God’s salvation. The Glorious Day in question refers to the moment that you give yourself over to His hands, the day you accept the Lord’s eternal salvation. That led me to start thinking about the day that we will eventually finally stand before Him. If I can be so taken with something as simple as a pleasant summer morning, how incredible will it be to stand face to face with my Creator and Heavenly Father...

Now that will be a Glorious Day.

Women's Ministry



Ladies Bible Studies

Wednesdays

6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

"Breaking Free from Fear"

Led by Barb Gray

Group meets in the CPCC Parlor

Thursdays

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The Book of Judges

*Group meets at the home
of Stacey Kemper*

**contact church for address*

Childcare is provided.



Deaconess **Meeting**

The next Deaconess meeting is
Saturday, July 6th
from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the church.

The next Prayer Shawl meeting is
Thursday, July 18th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

We will meet at
Judi Cox's home,
3511 SE Island Circle
(Please call Judi for
directions at 272-9803.)



Monthly Bible Verse

It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.

~ Psalm 74:17

Voice of the Martyrs



Pray

for North Korea

- Pray that Bibles will be able to enter North Korea undetected by authorities.
- Praise God for the Christians in North Korea! Ask the Lord to encourage and strengthen them through His Word and the Holy spirit, and to give them creative ways of meeting in secret.
- Pray that front-line workers will be led to North Koreans whose hearts are ready to receive the seed of the Word and that those new believers will grow to full maturity in Christ.
- Pray that North Korean workers laboring in other countries will take the gospel back to their country, resulting in a great harvest for the kingdom.

- Reprinted from Voice of the Martyrs Magazine

MISSIONS

"Therefore go and make disciples..."

MISSION SPOTLIGHT - The Urban Ministry Institute of Topeka



The Church, particularly the urban Church, has a desperate need for a new army of trained leaders who have experienced the kinds of challenges that occur in poverty-stricken neighborhoods, jails, prisons and missions. God faithfully calls men and women, every day to follow him in sacrificial ministry, but many of those called are unable to afford or do not choose traditional Christian colleges and seminaries.

World Impact began The Urban Ministry Institute as a response to the need of the Church for a way to equip these emerging urban leaders. In 2011, Central Park Christian Church, the Topeka Rescue Mission and other partners began our local training site, The Urban Ministry Institute of Topeka (TUMI Topeka). We were the 80th satellite in a growing network that now includes 296 locations. TUMI Topeka helped Topeka Rescue Mission launch their own satellite a few years ago. This past quarter our satellite enrolled 125 students, 97 of whom were in Topeka Correctional Facility. A growing number of private schools, such as Tabor University, accept our graduates' TUMI credits into their traditional degrees. Tabor accepts 24 of our 30 credits, with no transfer fees, saving students several thousand dollars as they continue their education.

In addition to our seminary classes, we look for ways to offer additional training and encouragement to churches who serve in urban neighborhoods. It is a delight to offer preaching conferences, free weekend classes, and trauma healing training that can help strengthen the ministries of the Church. On August 10th, we will host our first Urban Sunday School and Christian Education Summit.



Recently, while leading one of our classes of amazing women in prison, I said something to them that I also say to our community students. "Don't think that we offer this program because you are needy," I told them. "It's just the opposite. We offer this program because the Church is needs you." It is true. It is an honor, a privilege, and a worthy investment to find those the world considers the least likely but who are called of God and help equip them to serve. Thank you for your prayers and support. To enroll in

The Urban Ministry Institute of Topeka or ask about volunteer opportunities, please contact Mary Flin at 785-431-6000 or maryflin@tumitopeka.org.

~ Mary Flin, TUMI Topeka Director and Dean

Community & World Outreach



JULY NURSING HOME SCHEDULE

July 3rd

Team #3

*Ray DeMoss
Steve Horton
Helen Horton
Judi Cox*

July 13th

Team #4

*Bill White
Kim White
Veronica Hercules
Barb Gray*

July 20th

Team #5

*Charles Rightmeier
Rujira Rightmeier
Sherry Reser
Trish Greer*

July 27th

Team #1

*Randy Lesseski
Lynda Buchanan
Sharon Chandler
Barb Heston
Liz Murray
Ann Uhl*



Last December Doorstep assisted 260 households involving 822 individuals with Christmas gifts and food. Each year we celebrate “Christmas in July” to get a jump start on collecting items for our annual Christmas adoption! Our goal is to help alleviate some of the strain during the holidays by also collecting items mid-year. Doorstep will adopt 260 households with 750+ individuals in December through the Christmas Bureau. Christmas in July, helps our Christmas Store Chair, Judy Neher, know what items we need by November.

Our focus for Christmas in July is household items, health kit items, toys, school supplies, gifts for men and women, sheet sets, and blankets. The families we adopt are in need of basic items. They are so happy to receive a new set of dishes, new sheets, pots and pan, or a crockpot! We give every family a blanket or quilt. Last year we were short 100 blankets, and had to purchase them the week of the Store.

Each school aged child we adopt receives school supplies and a backpack. Also, each of the 260 households receives a health kit filled with hygiene products, and wrapped with a new bath towel, hand towel and washcloth!

Each child receives one bigger toy, and other smaller items are available along with games, books, stuffed animals, stocking stuffers etc. Typically, we are lacking in the main gift area. If you can help with toys for children ages 2-12 and gifts for the teenagers (make up and nail kits) we would be grateful.

Please look over the Christmas in July flyer in the Sunday bulletins and see how you can help. Doorstep continues to be successful helping people in need because of our member congregations. If everyone pitches in just a little, big things will happen!

Please bring your Christmas donations to worship in July or to Doorstep, Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm.

Saturday, July 27th
fellowship
TABLES
CPCF Fellowship Hall, 5:30 p.m.
Contact Eric Cook at ecook2@cox.net
or (785) 220-2740 to sign up today!

Prayers & Notables

JULY CROSSING GUARD

Sunday School
9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

July 7th - Lynden Landholm

July 14th - Rodney Barrand

July 21st - Brian Stovall

July 28th - Gary Winslow

Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m. - Noon

July 7th - Gary Burks & Randy Spilker

July 14th - Tim Cunningham & Bill Lesser

July 21st - Chuck Shockey & Bob Ward

July 28th - Mike Thomas & Nick Ward

BABY DEDICATION & NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to Jared & Michelle Wilson, who dedicated their daughter, Alma, on Sunday, June 16th.

Welcome to Phil and Jennifer McCrory who placed their membership with us on Sunday, June 23rd.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Cleaners Needed

We are looking for volunteers willing to clean the pews and sills in the church sanctuary approximately once a month.

Please contact Cheryl Wathen at 785-235-1290 if you are willing to help with this ministry.



*Our Thoughts & Prayers
are with these
Nursing Home Residents...*

Topeka Presbyterian Manor

Marilyn Barnes

Mother of Vicki Lesser & Terry Barnes

Robert & Agnes Cox

Operation Rolling Thunder

Please take some time on

Saturday, July 6th

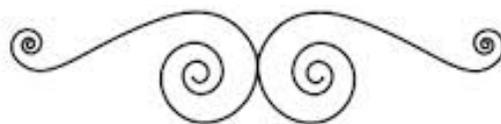
and commit to prayer regarding:

**church, education, military, government,
entertainment, health, family and business.**

Prayer is Powerful

Join others to start off your Sunday morning in a great way! At 8:30, a group meets in the middle classroom off the Fellowship Hall for 30 minutes to spend time praising the Lord, praying for His leading and blessing, and asking Him to move powerfully in our classes and worship time.

Come join us!



The next Cornerstone newsletter will print Saturday, July 27th.
Please have all items to the office by 5 p.m., Saturday, July 20th.

IS THE LORD CALLING YOU
TO SERVE IN HIS MISSION
FIELD RIGHT HERE IN
TOPEKA?

The Topeka Rescue Mission Children's Palace is looking for individuals wanting to serve some of the most vulnerable families in our area with Christ's love.

We are a KDHE licensed childcare facility serving homeless or formerly homeless families in our community.

The Children's Palace is looking for lead teachers, assistant teachers, floaters, interns and volunteers. Experience is not required for some of these positions. Full and part time positions available. Our hours of operation are M-F, 8:00 – 4:30.

Please prayerfully consider joining our team in loving these families and bringing them help and hope by sharing the love of Jesus Christ and showing children they are royalty in God's eyes and ours.

We are a trauma informed facility utilizing **Trust Based Relational Interventions (TBRI)** as developed by Drs. Purvis and Cross from Texas Christian University.



Pajama Day at the Palace!

Lead Teacher Tena with one of our babies!



If interested in joining our team. Please contact our Program Director **Pat Mahoney** at 785-730-8810 or email your letter of interest to pmahoney@trmonline.org.

Monthly Events at CPGC...

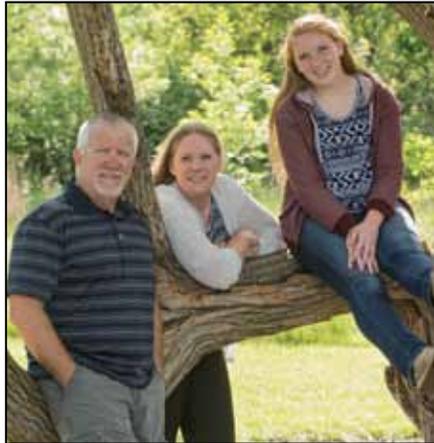
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JOIN US DURING THE WEEK

Prayer Time - Sundays at 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School - Sundays at 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship Time - Sundays at 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service & K-motion - Sundays at 10:45 a.m.
SIAFU - Sundays at 12:30 p.m.
Sr. High Youth Group - Sundays 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
T.N.T. - Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Jr. High Youth Group - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Kid's T.N.T. - Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.