



A Body of Believers

In First Corinthians 12, we read:

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free — and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.

Our church body is made up of many parts working together to achieve the goal of reaching more souls for Christ; of supporting and sustaining our church family people in our community and around the world; and of being the example of Jesus' love in our lives.

God does not expect us to be perfect and to be able to do all things. However, He does want us, and expect us, to use our talents that He has given us; and maybe stretch ourselves to do a little more than we think we're capable of, if we rely upon Him.

Think of how many stories in the Bible are of ordinary people like Moses, Peter, and John who were capable of doing extraordinary things because they relied upon God. As we go forward, I urge each of us to pull together as a body of believers to rely more on God and less on ourselves to accomplish the great things He has set before us.

Imagine the possibilities when we work together, study together, pray together, laugh together, cry together, and forgive one another! If we do these things together, then it will be evident that "God is really among us" 1 Corinthians 14:25

- Gregg G, Elder at the Cleveland Church

WELCOME RANDY!



We are blessed to have Randy Hardy as our interim pastor. Randy will be working part time with our congregation with his Sunday duties of leading a Bible Class and preaching for the Worship Service. Randy will be here one additional time per week to serve by either leading a Bible study, attending search committee meetings, board meetings, elders meetings, or other duties that may arise. He will also be available to preside at funerals and weddings.

Randy and his wife Laura live in Faribault, Minnesota. Randy works full time as a teacher at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Faribault. He recently completed an interim ministry with St. Lukes Church in Faribault. His educational credits include that of Minnesota Bible College (now named Crossroads College) in Rochester, MN and Lincoln Christian Seminary in Lincoln, IL.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2008

All events are at the church building unless otherwise noted. * Indicates a full announcement is posted elsewhere in this newsletter.

- Choir practice – Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.
- Youth Group Kick-Off - Students in grades 7-12 come on Sunday, November 2 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- Pine Haven Christian Assembly Annual Mtg – Saturday, November 8 at 10:00 a.m. at Valley Christian Church
- International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is Sunday, November 9
- Building Offering – Sunday, November 9 *
- New adult Sunday Bible Class Back to Basics” begins on Sunday, November 9 *
- Movie Night – Sunday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. *
- Community Choir Practice (for November 26 Community Thanksgiving Service) at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church on the following Mondays – November 10, 17, and 24 at 7:00 p.m.
- Dorcas Fellowship – Tuesday, November 11 at 1:30 p.m. *
- Church Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. Dan C, host.
- Crossroads College presents *GODSPELL* on November 14-16 in Rochester, MN *
- Filled OCC shoeboxes need to be returned to our church building by Sunday, November 16 *
- December newsletter articles due in office – Thursday, November 20 by 8:30 a.m. *
- Ladies Nite Out – Thursday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. at The Boat Landing in Madison Lake *
- National Missionary Convention – November 20-23 at Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Thanksgiving Service & Thanksgiving Meal – Sunday, November 23 *
- Cleveland Community Thanksgiving Service – Wed, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cleveland School Gym
- Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 27
- Praise & Prayer – Sunday, November 30 at 5 p.m.*

COMING IN DECEMBER

- Drive-Through Live Nativity – December 5-6 at Crossroads College, Rochester, MN
- Movie Night – Sunday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW...?

- Tony S was baptized on October 19, 2008!
- 22 ladies attended our October Ladies Nite Out
- On Sunday, November 2, Brian & Kelly E committed themselves before the congregation to raising their son Riley in the Lord Jesus. With them, were Riley’s big brother, Brody, and Brian’s brother, Pete, and Kelly’s sister, Heather.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Our church leadership has formed a committee to search for a new minister for our congregation. The search committee members are Wayne F, Graydon D, Mark H, Jolene C, Sandy K and Laura D. Randy Hardy, Interim Minister, will serve as committee advisor. Be in prayer for them.

BUILDING OFFERING

Our monthly building offering will be received on Sunday, November 9. Thanks to all who have faithfully given to the building fund.

“BACK TO BASICS CLASS”

For Men & Women starts November 9 at 9:00AM

Randy Hardy will lead a class for adults that will help us understand what kind of church the Cleveland Church of Christ is. We will discuss who we are, as well as what and why we believe. This class is for anyone interested in learning more about the Bible and the New Testament Church. We will also highlight some of the biblical characters foundational to Christianity. This class is for adults who may be new to the Cleveland Church, and it is for those who have been here for some time and want to know more about us. This class will begin on Sunday, November 9 at 9:00 a.m.

MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK

After a break, we will begin a new round of family friendly movies to watch at church with friends and family. Sunday, November 9, we will feature the movie "LUTHER" with show time at 6:30 p.m. Bring popcorn or a snack to share and set back to watch the "big screen."

DORCAS FELLOWSHIP

Dorcas Fellowship is open for all women. It meets monthly, typically on the second Tuesday of the month, in the afternoon. The Dorcas Fellowship offers a time to get together to visit but also it is a time to minister. The main focus of their ministry is praying for needs they are aware of and sending cards of encouragement. Dorcas Fellowship will meet Tuesday, November 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the church.

CROSSROADS COLLEGE presents the musical

GODSPELL

Friday, Nov 14 – 7:00 p.m. / Saturday, Nov 15 – 7:00 p.m. / Sunday, Nov 16 – 4:00 p.m.

At the Community Presbyterian Church, 3705 – 55th Street NW, Rochester, MN

Tickets \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door;
Seating is limited so advance tickets are highly recommended.

Call 800-456-7651 for tickets or information,
or email bmeltz@crossroadscollege.edu

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are down to the finish line for Operation Christmas Child from our Cleveland congregation. We need your filled shoeboxes returned to the church building no later than Sunday, November 16. From here, the boxes go to Mankato, then to the Samaritan Purse headquarters, then to locations around the globe. If you hurry, you can still pack a shoebox or two. See our display at church for information and instructions.

LADIES NITE OUT

Once a month, on the third Thursday of each month, ladies of all ages gather in one of the area eating establishments at 6:00 p.m. for a meal and fellowship. We pick a different restaurant each month to eat at. Ladies from outside our congregation join with us in this activity and it's a fun time of visiting. Someone else fixing our meal is a real treat. On Thursday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m., we will be at The Boat Landing in Madison Lake. Come and enjoy!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 – A SPECIAL DAY IS BEING PLANNED

This will be a Sunday that you will want to invite your friends to come to church with you and stay for a Thanksgiving dinner after the service. More details will be available in the near future.

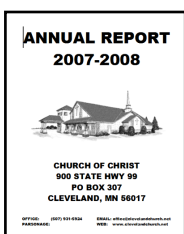
PRAISE AND PRAYER

Please join us on Sunday, November 30 at 5:00 p.m. as we praise God. We will sing your favorite song, read your favorite verse from scripture, and pray together. It is rumored that a trip to the DQ may follow our gathering. ☺

FREE BOOKS

If you are interested in adding to your personal library, there are "FREE" books for you to have. Please stop by Classroom 1 to look at, and help yourself to, a variety of books.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT



If you were not able to attend our congregational annual meeting, please pick up a copy of our annual report found on our foyer table. They include information from most all of our yearly activities and functions. They serve as a nice record of our church year which runs from October 1 to September 30 each year.

At our congregational annual meeting in October, the following men were approved by vote to serve our congregation: Elders – 3 yr terms: Graydon D and Mark H; Deacons – 3 yr terms: Mel L, Russ L, and David P; Church Treasurer – 1 yr term: Mel L; and Trustees – 3 yr terms: Graydon D and Lowen R.

WHAT KIDS REALLY NEED

By Roxanne G, Sunday School Superintendent

The battle for a child's heart is fought early on. Parents and teachers who fail to gain a firm control of young children lose what influence they have as the children get older and smarter. Statistics warn us that eight out of every ten Christian children are drifting in the world's value system and that 80% of our children leave the church by the time they complete high school.

In Deuteronomy, chapter six, we are told, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up."

And Jesus' Great Commission is "Make disciples of all the nations." This is the church's primary mandate.

George Barna wrote, "...ministry to children is the most strategic ministry in God's kingdom" Jesus commissioned the church with only one task - "make disciples." Disciple-making is the most pivotal ministry that church can provide.

Help us to encourage and equip our children to be disciples of Christ by volunteering as a helper in our Sunday School program. And you, parents of children, help us help you by requiring Sunday school attendance each and every Sunday.

HEY, GROWN-UPS !!! (#1)

By Betty L, A Grown-Up at the Cleveland Church

Do you remember when you were a kid? Do you remember going to school? (Years back, uh?) Well, I'm wondering if you remember the particular lessons you learned in 2nd grade, or the ones from 5th grade? Do you remember your 2nd grade teacher? 5th grade teacher? If you are like me, and most folks I know, you remember specific people and not specific lessons.



If you are a grown-up, you can make a huge impact on the life of a kid, or maybe several kids. You can show them about Jesus by loving them... enjoying them... interacting with them. That's the point of why we want grown-ups to interact with the kids of our church at church. We are asking you to build up their love and trust in the Lord Jesus by seeing that in your life. By rubbing shoulders with you, they have additional means to learn kindness, gentleness, love, self-control, and all that is pure and good. If you give them a bit of your time, they will see in real life that they matter – which is exactly what Jesus did and lived and gave his life to show.

This is not too tough really. And the good news is that you don't even have to have kids of your own to do this. I don't have kids, or grandkids, or anybody's kids, but I can still make a difference in the life of a kid. **YOU CAN TOO!**

HEY, GROWN-UPS !!! (#2)

By Betty L, A Grown-Up at the Cleveland Church

You may have noticed that signs around the church building and on our website have put in the thing "Pre-JAM" at 8:45AM for our Sunday schedule.

What is Pre-JAM and what is its purpose??? It is 15 easy minutes, once a week, to interact with the kids of our church at church. It's doing a board game or other activity with them. Pre-JAM goes back to the article I wrote called *HEY, GROWN-UPS!!! (#1)* which is in this same newsletter. Go back and read that if you haven't already.

Oh, and what is "JAM?" JAM is really an acronym (J.A.M.) standing for "Jesus and Me." How great is that!!! You can show the kids Jesus in your life by interacting with them! You don't have to be a professor, or Bible scholar, or child development expert to show them how Jesus loves them. Just come, for 15 easy minutes on Sunday morning at 8:45 AM.

OR, if you are really inspired, volunteer to help with the kids in a bigger way. They need helpers in the Sunday School program time. (See Roxanne's article in this newsletter titled *WHAT KIDS REALLY NEED.*)

They need volunteers come along side our teens, too. (Talk to Deb or Gary Guentzel to find a place for you in our Teen Youth program.)

OR, if you only want to give the 15 easy minutes at Pre-Jam, come to one of our 9:00 AM adult Bible classes and learn a little more for you. Get encouraged in the Word of God and learn the love of Jesus for your own life. Class attendees are finding that the Sunday Bible classes are a great resource time to be encouraged and refreshed from the drag of day-to-day life.

YEAH... GO GROWN-UPS!!! We can do this!

CHRISTMAS

YIKES, only 2 weeks!?!

With your attention gotten, read on. If you are thinking you will submit something for the December newsletter, you've got 2 weeks to get it to Lisa, our secretary. Lisa likes to have the monthly newsletter information by the 3rd Thursday of the month for the next month's newsletter. Think, "Think Ahead!" November 20 is the number for this month. With Thanksgiving coming the last week in November this year, there is greater reason to be on time with your submissions.

Breathe deep. Maybe you can think of it as a small gift to Lisa... she gets your article on time, without asking or emailing you for it, and it is right there for her to begin her job!

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SNACKS ARE NEEDED for the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Fellowship Time. Bring 6-8 dozen snack items. Volunteers are responsible for setting up, serving, and cleaning up on your service day. Sign up on the list on the kitchen serving counter at church.

ABOUT OUR PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer is an important ministry of the church. We have many people who have volunteered to pray for you and yours as special needs arise. As of this print, nearly 50 family units are involved in our prayer chain.

TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST: By calling: Carrie 507-261-0279 (try her first); Betty 507-931-5947 (leave a message). By emailing: both Carrie and Betty in one email: prayerchain@clevelandchurch.net

BIRTHDAYS: November 02 – Brian E; 04 – Nancy W; 14 – Brian P; 15 – Lislie Dr; 18 – Mary Lou G, Becky K; 19 – Roxanne T; 22 – Pat H, Betty L, Jeff O; 23 – Cole W; 24 – Don L; 25 – Graydon D; 26 – Deb G; 27 – Lisa K

ANNIVERSARIES: November 09 – Ann & Curt J; 26 – Dayton & Joann H

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ALL SUNDAYS unless noted otherwise
 8:45am Pre-JAM Fun for all ages
 9:00am JAM Sessions = Bible Classes
 10:00am Fellowship Time
 10:30am Worship Service

Website: www.clevelandchurch.net
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Thank you,
 Church of Christ meeting at Cleveland, Minnesota