



Church Hours are 8:00 a.m. till 12:00, 12:00-1:00 lunch, and from 1:00-3:30 p.m. If you have special needs please call ahead.

*Pastoral Theme for 2007:
"Growing Spiritually Healthy Christians?"*

Dr. Lonnie S. Southern & Rev. Vicki Southern Co-Pastors
Sunday School is 9:00 a.m. Worship is 10:15 a.m. each Sunday.
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Kids' Club Kick-Off **Wednesday, September 26th** **5:15-7:00 p.m.**

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Commissioning Service **this Sunday,** **September 23rd**

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Southern's Stirring

Success is a journey, not a destination.

Wayne W. Dyer

“The dictionary defines success both as a favorable or satisfactory outcome and as the gaining of wealth, fame and rank. Success can come in many ways—for example, graduating from college, winning a football game, getting high scores on a test or going out with someone you like. These are easily measurable ways of charting what the outer world terms as “success.”

There are far more subtle ways as well, that are nonetheless just as spectacular even if they aren't accompanied by social fanfare: Helping a friend who really needs you; keeping a secret you promised to honor; staying on a diet or exercise program; and not giving in to peer pressure because someone whose high opinion you desire wants you to. In fact, honoring the personal commitments you've made with yourself may be a higher form of success than all the fanfare—exactly because it is deeply personal.

It has been said that “Success is a journey, not a destination—half the fun is getting there.” So how do we get there and what makes the difference between a life full of struggle and one that is full of earned pleasure? Two of the most fundamental laws of the universe—the law of attraction and the law of inertia—may help place that question in a clear context.

The law of inertia states: “It is easier for something in motion to stay in motion. Conversely, once an object (or person) is at rest,

it is easier to stay at rest.” This is tantamount to saying that fifty percent of the doing of a task is to begin it. Once it is begun, the law of inertia will tend to propel you to finish it. It is, in fact, harder *not* to finish it—to stop in the middle—than to keep going. On the other hand, when you are at rest—unmotivated or quiet or withdrawn—it is easier to stay there than to make the effort to move ahead.

Once you overcome your initial inertia to stay at rest, you can use the energy of the inertia of motion to succeed at anything you commit to beginning. Thus the law, “success breeds success,” is reflected in your continuing to create what you have created in the past, or what you are creating in the present.

The law of attraction, which also breeds success, states that “like attracts like.” It is a law that functions like a boomerang, bringing back to you that which you project onto others, either for good or ill.

You have three options, then, of things that will be attracted to you in your universe. Two of these are easy: that which you like and that which is like yourself. By becoming the person you most admire—a person of honesty, integrity and compassion—you will in fact attract to you others of similar virtue. Your “inner success” will create your “outer success.” That is why it is important to keep our personal commitments, because the loyalty and honesty reflected in such behavior will return to us from the outside.

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Statistics for September 16, 2007

Attendance: 121

General Fund: \$2174.00

Preschool: \$10.00

Kids' Club: \$50.00

CMF: \$25.00

Miracle Day: \$70.00

(Weekly giving needs to meet expenses-\$3292.72)

***Attention Friends: As of 9/17, our bank balance was approx. \$900. We have outstanding bills of \$2938.83, plus payroll, that will need to be paid by 9/30.**



KEEP THE FLAME
ALIVE: Remember
the church in your will.

Thought for the Day

The trouble with stretching the truth is
that it's apt to snap back.



Serving Sunday, September 23, 2007

Greeters—Jerry Chance, Anna Chance

Candlelighters—Jordan Keel, David Gardner

Elders— Mary Dooley, Ruth Sullivan

Diaconate— Sandy Hendricks, Matt Morrison, Angie Morrison, Nancy Honn, Charlotte Davis, Steve Craggs

Jr. Diaconate— Elyse Hendricks, Erynn Hendricks

Comm. Prep.— Carol Daugherty

Comm. Clean-up— Ethel Steele, Jean Steele

Sound Tech— Chris Miller



Sandy Montgomery, Roger Jones, Whitey Griffiths, Maddie Tucker, Emma Mackey, Eileen Wareham, Jim Keel, Wilma Tolle, Allen Scott, Margaret Porter, Kim Craggs, Jim Matthew, Jean Wilson, Shawn White, Bob Shake, Kathy Sullivan, Christy Lowe, Tammy Stockon

Serving our Country: Josh Brummett (Iraq)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Gloria Carter	September 20
Chuck Garner	September 20
Donald Depolo	September 20
Teresa Smith	September 21
Erica Montes'	September 23
Camille Whitney	September 23
Dick Adams	September 23
Mark Satterlee	September 24
Angela Keel	September 24
Joanne Garner	September 24
Janet Cisco	September 24
Charles Roberts	September 24
Marguerite Hendricks	September 26



What is happening at 5:02 on September 23rd?

REMINDER

Remember that the articles for the next "Visitor" will be due at noon on Tuesday, September 25th.



New Opportunities for Volunteers

Media Technician:

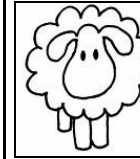
We are in need of a person, young or old, male or female, member or not, to work as our Media Technician. This person needs to have some background in computer use, particularly power point slides and a willingness to be present at worship each week. Training is available in the use of our sound board in addition to the computer work.

Webmaster:

We are looking for someone who would like to re-design our website and keep it updated with all of the weekly information from our different congregational ministries. If you are interested in either volunteer position, please contact Vicki or Lonnie

Childcare Provider:

Search is on for a Wednesday night childcare provider. We are in need of a responsible teen or adult to sit with a few children for an hour during choir practice. Please contact Sheryl Nagle, our office manager, if interested in the paid position.



"Flock Talk"

Congratulations to Bob Shake for receiving a Certificate of Recognition from the leaders and members of DMCC for his many hours of work on our website, the Media Center and as our lead media technician.

Thanks to Jerry Chance and Bob Shake for the construction of the frame for our countertops in the Creation Station room.

Thanks also to Stu Parsons for reinstalling the lights in the Narthex.

Congratulations Andrew Lamb! Andrew graduated from St. Louis University in May and passed his bar exam last week (9/12). He will be sworn in this week (9/20) in Jefferson City, Mo. Andrew is currently working for a law firm in St. Louis called Carmody & McDonald. Andrew is the son of Margie Lamb.

5:02 Youth Meeting

The youth (6-12 Grades) are starting their fall program at the church this Sunday, September 23 at...you guessed it...5:02 p.m.! There will be refreshments, games and a lesson entitled "Couch Potato Christians." Bring a friend and see you then at 5:02.



What's happening at 5:02 on September 23rd?

Regional Worship Service and Farewell Reception

*Members and friends of CCIW congregations
are invited to gather at
First Christian Church, Bloomington, IL
on Sunday, October 21, at 3:00 pm
for a worship celebration service
and farewell reception
for Herb & Duff Knudsen*

Dr. Herb Knudsen has served as Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois & Wisconsin since May 1, 1998. He has given vital leadership in the mission of *growing Disciples congregations for healthy, vital ministry*. His ministry has also included Illinois pastorates at Edinburg Christian Church; Davis Memorial Christian Church, Taylorville; First Christian Church, Downers Grove; and First Christian Church, Bloomington. Effective October 1, 2007, Dr. Knudsen will begin as the Intentional Interim Minister for National Avenue Christian Church in Springfield, MO.

Wiener Roast Sunday, September 30th



Summer is almost over and it's time to be thinking about the cooler days of fall...and hot dogs, chili, toasted marshmallows, campfire songs, and fellowship with our DMCC family. So mark your calendars for Sunday, September 30th at 5:00 p.m. as that is the day the Membership Committee is planning a wiener roast to be held by the parking lot and garage. The church will provide the hot dogs, buns, drinks, plates, napkins, and forks. Please be sure to bring a lawn chair, and if you have a covered dish to bring along or some sticks for roasting hot dogs that would be great. Come and join us, it's going to be a good time!

Commissioning Service

36 Workers Signed Up for Miracle Day!



Prayers please keep up your promise to pray for good weather, safety and the Holy Spirit for Miracle Day Saturday, September 29th. Workers will gather at the church at 6:15 am for a prayer and photo (and ride sharing) as we'll caravan to Camp Walter Scott. A light breakfast is provided in conjunction with our morning worship service/blessing and final instructions for work.

If you registered before September 2, you should have received your work assignment in the mail (Vicki will be painting, I'll be fence building). Those who registered after September 2, may receive assignments yet or may have them given at the camp on Miracle Day. Bring your favorite tools.

Remember our watch words: Flexibility — jobs assigned may suddenly change-go gladly with the Spirit of Christ to wherever directed, Safety — stop any unsafe action or activity immediately & focus on doing things safely, Spirit — Colossians 3:23 "Whatever your task, put yourself into it, as done for the Lord Jesus Christ..."

Those bringing cookies, cakes or other food, please have them to the church no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, September 28th. —Lonnie

Thank-You!!!

Thank you to everyone that helped in any way with the bereavement dinner for the Gene White family. Thanks for the donations of food, the set-up, serving, and clean-up. Without your help, this ministry would not be possible.



Thanks



Thanks Chris Wilson and helpers for cleaning, sanitizing, painting and decorating the nursery area. Good job!

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However, from time to time you will also attract that which you dislike. That is the portion of the law of attraction that gets tricky and can create stress. No one wants to attract those qualities they hate. Yet, by assuming a non-judgmental attitude, you can neutralize those negative experiences. Whenever we resist something, it persists. By refraining from judgment, it is possible to dissipate the energy that attracts it to you.

By focusing on the good in yourself and in others, people will love to be in your presence. They will treat you as a successful person because you make them feel good about themselves.

Success is indeed a journey. It is not a destination, for a destination means the journey is over.”

I found this article by Wayne Dyer to be effective. It comes from the book Discovering the Laws of Life by John Marks Templeton. Just how we are a congregation on the move, and to keep moving into God’s good future, we need your support. Thank you for being so generous with the church in your offerings of both resources and volunteer labor. We are succeeding because so many of you are stepping forward to help make this a stronger, more exciting ministry as we respond to God’s call. (*Please see Page 11).
God’s Peace, Lonnie



**What is happening at 5:02 on
September 23rd?**



Many Thanks

Many thanks for the stew from Vicki and Lonnie, the soup from Shelley, and the prayers and care from the other members. I would’ve preferred more stew. Take care and God Bless!

—Jack George

“Attention” - C.M.F. “Fish Fry” — “Attention”

The C.M.F. (Disciples Men) will be hosting their annual “Fish Fry”, October 12, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Fish, potato wedges, green beans, cole slaw, roll, drink and homemade dessert will be featured on the menu. Tickets will be on sale, before and after church, September 30 and October 7 in the Narthex. Tickets can also be purchased from any C.M.F. member. This is our “main fundraiser” of the year. Your support would be deeply appreciated.



We need people to buy and sell tickets, set-up, clean-up, serve in the food line, cook, and bake desserts. Donations of cakes and pies can be brought to the church Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m. (October 11) or Friday morning from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon (October 12).

Many worthwhile causes are supported with the proceeds from this event such as: Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets, church camp scholarships, Food Pantry, mission projects, Bible School, and “Camp Care-A-lot.”

Once again, we’ll be counting on your generous support and helping hands.

“Fish Fry Work Schedule”

Sunday — October 7 — 2:00 p.m. — Set up tent

Thursday — October 11 — 7:00 p.m. — Set up tables

Friday — October 12 — 5:00-7:00 p.m. — “Fish Fry”

A) Food servers need to be there at 4:15 p.m.

B) Fish cooks & breaders need to be there at 3:00 p.m.

— October 12 — 7:00-8:30 p.m. — Clean up kitchen and fellowship hall

Saturday — October 13 — Clean cookers and store equipment in the garage

Sunday — October 14 — Take down tent and store in garage

Thank you, Christian Education Committee and Congregation!

We appreciate very much everyone who contributed to the Kids' Club "Radical Renovation" with donations and by purchasing shower items to furnish the new Kids' Club rooms. We received really beautiful items that will work perfectly in our newly decorated rooms!

A special 'thank you' to Kari & Andy Beyers who provided the cake and punch for the Kids' Club Shower this past Sunday in the narthex. And we thank you, again, Kari, for registering Kids' Club at Wal-Mart!

Update: Since the DMCC board approved the Kids' Club request for funding the renovation, Jerry Chance, along with Bob Shake, has built the countertop supports in Creation Station and we have ordered the art stools! Thank you, DMCC board!

Kids' Club will officially begin on Wednesday, September 26th, at 5:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Kids' Club Sunday Morning begins the following Sunday, September 30th, at 9:00 a.m.

Kids' Club is DMCC's fellowship program for children in K-5th grades. Kids' Club provides lessons designed to help children learn and retain important Biblical teachings so that they may apply them in their everyday lives.

Taught in a stimulating, interesting environment, Kids' Club lessons use creative methods such as art, drama, science, audiovisuals, storytelling, cooking, games, and puppetry. Each lesson subject will be taught for six sessions using a different workshop session for each age group. The lesson is reiterated and learned in a different setting each time so that children have a great learning opportunity.

These creative workshops allow hands-on, interactive learning and participation to accommodate different learning styles and to help provide memorable spiritual experiences. These lessons and experiences will be a strong foundation for children as they grow in their spirituality and gain Biblical knowledge.

Our goal is that these experiences will provide the spiritual groundwork for making important decisions with which children are faced and that can impact the rest of their lives.

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September 26, 2007—Wednesday meetings begin at 5:15 p.m. with a light dinner, followed by the lesson workshop, and parent pick-up at 7 p.m. The Wednesday meetings adjourn for the summer on May 7, 2008.

September 30, 2007—Sunday morning meetings begin from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and continue through the 2008 summer.

The DMCC congregation has generously donated Wednesday evening dinners for Kids' Club. If you are interested in blessing us with your cooking, a sign-up sheet is located in the Kids' Corridor (children's area).

Wednesday, Dinner Schedule

Sept. 26 — Nancy Honn	Nov. 21 — No meeting: Thanksgiving
Oct. 3 — ?	Nov. 28 — ?
Oct. 10 — Stephanie Harris	Dec. 5 — ?
Oct. 17 — ?	Dec. 12 — ?
Oct. 24 — ?	Dec. 19 — Friends & Family Potluck
Oct. 31 — Friends & Family Potluck	Dec. 26 — No meeting: Christmas
Nov. 7 — Laura & John Gardner	Jan. 2 — No meeting: New Year
Nov. 14 — ?	

Dear Parents/Guardians of our Kids' Club,

You are invited to attend a brief meeting on Wednesday evening, September 26, 2007 at 6:30 pm in our narthex (room next to sanctuary). Our purpose is to talk about the mission and purpose of DMCC. We are eager for inputs from young adults-single and married-and thought that this would be a convenient way.

Come at 6:30 pm, we'll take 25 minutes and you'll be able to pick up your child/children at 7:00 p.m.

Thank You,
Dr. Lonnie S. Southern
Rev. Vicki L. Southern