



*Community Christian Church  
Lincolnshire, Illinois*

## August 2011 Newsletter

### The Miracle on Riverwoods Road

Char Schwan often refers to CCC's Annual Garage Sale as "The Miracle on Riverwoods Road". If you've never worked the garage sale, you might wonder why the name. It happens every year! Set Up Sunday comes and goes and we all look at each other and count our blessings. "It looks good this year for this early in the game" someone says. By Tuesday of some years we are scratching our heads and whispering "maybe we should send out an e-mail to get more donations". Miracles do happen, you know. By Thursday we are wondering how we'll ever get everything priced. But do we have enough workers for Saturday? Will all the slots be filled? And, will Nelson's prayers for the weather work once again? And then it begins to happen again. People who have been asked to help show up and put their shoulders to that proverbial wheel. People we've not seen since last year come to spend the morning with us. The line of customers starts to grow. Praise the Lord, we will be OK! But who is going to fix lunch for this hungry hoard? Amazingly, one area slows down and we have a set of free hands! The dollars start to roll in - but will it be as good as last year? By noon we start asking if anyone knows the current total. Are we doing OK or is the economy going to defeat us this year? Then the numbers look good and we're all amazed! By the time 3 o'clock comes we're all tired, ready to head for something cold and an easy chair. But the work - and the Miracle - hasn't ended! A swarm of worker bees descend upon Friendship Hall and begin to work their magic. Tables are folded and toted, boxes are loaded, the truck is filled and within an hour, the casual observer would never guess what had just happened! As the vacuum picks up the last piece of dust, those putting the final touches on the sale smile tiredly and congratulate each other on another great week. The camaraderie and fellowship of the week has been unique and plentiful and oh, so good.

If you haven't experienced this Miracle...  
...won't you join us?

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**ALIVE!**

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**SAVE THESE DATES**

**October 1**  
**Garage Sale**

**Setup begins Sept. 25**

# Bryan's Bits

Where has the summer gone?? Here it is August and school starts in just a couple of weeks! I do not know where the time goes, it seems to fly by at a frantic pace that leaves me reeling, how about you? It is times like these that I take appraisal of the final days of summer and start my list of things I want to see done - Teresa and I's list include: Nephew Brien's wedding in mid August (I will be gone on August 14th and Jim Foubister, our new Associate Minister will be preaching - yeah Jim); we then come back for a couple of weeks and then have our 30th Wedding Anniversary on a plane going out West where we will get ready for our daughter, Samantha's wedding scheduled for September 3. Two big events in the lives of people we love. How about you, what do the last few days of summer hold for you, what is on your list?

For the Youth there will be a bonfire, Lock-in, Christian Concert and other things these last few days of summer. For parents there are last minute vacations, shopping for school, prepping for the coming of fall. For our church there is the coming of Kick Off Sunday on September 11, 2011! The sermon that Sunday will be themed around "Re-Forming Lives" based on Jeremiah 18:1-11 where Jeremiah talks about our lives being shaped and fashioned by God for use in His Kingdom. That thought causes me to stop and think - "what am I doing for God's Kingdom with the remaining days of summer and how am I allowing myself to be shaped for His use?" I don't often think upon such things while time is short and I am running from point A to point B (I have that list that needs to get done!!) but I need to, because how I use my time is important, because I only have so much of it, and thus it is precious.

So in these last few days of summer, I will make it my priority to love my wife deeply, show my children how I value them by loving them with my time, and finally loving the rest of my family as well as my friends with extravagant love that shows them how important they are to me. I think this is what Jesus would like me to do - grow deeper relationships. What will you do with the remaining days of summer? Blessings and see you soon . . .

~ Bryan

## Upcoming Sermons

- August 7 - "High Noon at the Jerusalem Corral" - Galatians 2:1-10
- August 14 - We will be blessed with Jim Foubister's preaching
- August 21 - "The Power of Promise" - Galatians 3:15-25
- August 28 - "The Power of Loving Memories" - Galatians 3:26-4:7

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## Upcoming Events

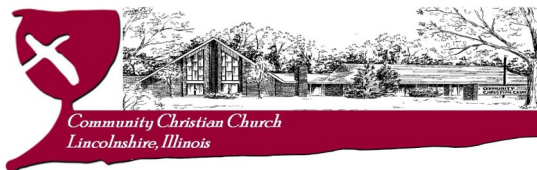
- 8/5&6 Youth Lock-in
- 8/7 YLT Meeting, 9:15am
- 8/10 Soup Kitchen, 4pm
- 8/13 Women's Coffee Break, 8am
- 8/13 Men's Breakfast, 8am
- 8/14 TnT Meeting, 9am
- 8/21 Youth Group Begins

## Ongoing Events

- Worship Services - Sundays, 8 & 10am
- Youth Group Meetings - Sundays, 11:30am  
*Beginning on August 21*
- Sermon in the Round - Tuesdays, 10am  
*September through June*
- Soup Kitchen - 2nd Wednesday, 4pm
- Choir Practice - Wednesdays, 7pm  
*September through May*
- Men's Breakfast - 1st Saturday, 8am  
*2nd Saturday in August, September & October*
- Women's Coffee Break - 2nd Saturday, 8am

Keep up with CCC events on the website.  
Bookmark this page:

<http://4355.webmedley2.com/ChurchLife/UpcomingEvents/GoogleCalendar/tabid/63105/Default.aspx>



## Soup Kitchen

Please prayerfully consider serving at the Soup Kitchen this month and every month - it's just once a month! Other than the months of November and December, the Soup Kitchen always needs more volunteers. This month, in particular, CCC will need your help to serve on July 13 because most of the "regulars" will be on the Mission Trip. It is a rewarding experience and only takes a few hours, meeting at church to car pool at 4pm, returning at 7:30pm. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Pip Gledhill or the church office.

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Like being with other Christian people? Then TnT is the group for you. Please come to an organizational meeting on Sunday, August 14 at 9am in the church office.

Contact Jim Foubister for more. 224 241-2025.



## **Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate**



Please come join the women of CCC Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 8am. We meet at Einstein Brothers Bagels on Milwaukee Road to relax, talk, laugh, and get to know each other a little better. All you have to do is show up. We are usually there until at least 9:30. Come when you can and leave when you need to. There is no agenda or schedule. We are a free-flowing group and we'd love to see you there!

## *Welcome to CCC*

Bryan and Teresa Elliott joined our church on July 24. Bryan and Teresa have been a part of our church since May, but now it's official! Bryan is planning to be installed here at CCC in October.

Please congratulate them for making their commitment of faith and dedication to CCC.



## ACT Prep Course at CCC

Hi, my name is Devika Ghosh and I am teaching an ACT preparation course at Community Christian Church on Mondays and Wednesdays (5-8pm) and Saturday mornings from 10-2pm. The course is designed by a company called Revolution Prep and on average we are able to increase score on the ACT about 4.4 points. The course is only 6 classes long and there are also 5 practice tests that the students must take to prepare for the real ACT that they will take starting Junior year. I really recommend this course to incoming juniors in high school who want a head start on the college application process and also to seniors who wish to improve their score. I am currently a student at Northwestern University and have lots of experience in tutoring and teaching. Since the course begins on Saturday, August 6th, it is best to sign up soon and I am offering a \$100 discount to anyone who signs up before next Tuesday (August 2nd). The website is RevolutionPrep.com and please contact me with any questions/concerns and if you wish to use the discount code for the course. Thank you!

Devika Ghosh  
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## 2011-2012 CCC Directory Now Available

Be sure to pick up a new directory at church this Sunday. It is a current listing of our active members and friends and even includes the most recent contact information for our new ministers! Since our church ministries are on the July - June calendar, our directory will follow suit. This directory supersedes the one you may have picked up in Jan or Feb. Directories are also available by visiting the church office.

## CCC Men's Breakfast

All CCC men are cordially invited to the monthly men's breakfast, held the first Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m to 9:00 a.m. in Thompson Hall. Please note, due to the youth lock-in, the August breakfast will be held on the second Saturday, August 13.

A special invitation goes out to those who haven't previously attended - please stop by for some food and fellowship. We hope to see you there. Any questions, please contact the church office.



**Euchre**  
Do you play Euchre or would you like to learn?  
Contact the church office  
**. Open to all .**



# CCC Youth Page

**CCC Youth Vision:**

**"To gather as friends in a fun, safe environment to share stories and learn how to center our lives on Christ."**



**ALIVE!**

**5<sup>TH</sup> ~ 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

**REVIVE!**

**9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Graders**

*Many thanks for your generous support of the Youth Mission Trip!*



Your donations helped fund an amazing journey of faith and service to many that will last a lifetime!

*Thank You!*



**HELLO CHURCH FAMILY,**

**OUR YOUTH GROUP HAS RECOVERED FROM THE PHYSICAL EXHAUSTION OF OUR MISSION TRIP JUST IN TIME FOR THE AMAZING TIME IN STORE FOR US AT THE LOCK-IN. AT THE LOCK-IN ON AUGUST 5TH & 6TH WE WILL EAT, RUN AROUND, PLAY VIDEO GAMES, NON-VIDEOGAMES, AND ALL THE WHILE CREATE MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST. THEN ON AUGUST 14TH WE WILL END OUR SUMMER FESTIVITIES WITH ANOTHER CAMPFIRE. THERE WILL BE AS MUCH EATING, BUT PROBABLY LESS RUNNING/JUMPING. THEN YOUTH GROUP STARTS UP AGAIN ON AUGUST 17TH THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY! I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO LEADING THE YOUTH IN WORSHIP AND PREACHING. WE WILL BE MEETING AT THE SAME TIME AND PLACE, BUT WILL BE STARTING A WHOLE NEW YEAR IN A NEW WAY. HERE'S TO A GREAT START!**

**JIM FOUBISTER - CCC STUDENT PASTOR**

## CCC YOUTH ADVENTURES

**SOME GREAT EVENTS FOR CCC YOUTH AND FRIENDS HAVE BEEN PLANNED AND WE REALLY WANT YOU TO BE THERE!**

<b>AUG 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>5PM - 9AM</b>	<b>YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN</b>
<b>AUG 7</b>	<b>9:15AM</b>	<b>YIT MEETING</b>
<b>AUG 10</b>	<b>4-7:30PM</b>	<b>SOUP KITCHEN</b>
<b>AUG 14</b>	<b>7PM</b>	<b>YOUTH CAMPFIRE</b>
<b>AUG 21</b>	<b>AFTER CHURCH</b>	<b>YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF</b>
<b>SEPT 25 - OCT 1</b>	<b>PLAN SOME TIME TO HELP</b>	<b>CCC GARAGE SALE</b>

### Men's Golf Outing

On Saturday, July 16, 15 CCC men enjoyed good fellowship and played golf at Countryside Golf Club in Mundelein. Nelson was in charge of the weather, and even though it did not rain, he could have done better on the heat and humidity. Nelson also was the official photographer, at which he excelled as evidenced below.

We had some father-son combinations - Jim & Mike and Charlie, Alex & Kevin, pictured below. Prize winners were:

David - Low Gross

Longest Drive - Steve and Charlie

Closest to the Pin - John and John

A grand time was had by all. Thanks to and Perry for making the arrangements.



Dave and John



Charlie, Kevin and Alex

### **Summer Sunday School... ...It's in the Bag!!**

Summer Sunday School is in the Bag. Please consider spending a Sunday with our CCC children. It is fun and easy, all the lessons are ready for you to pick up in the Story Room in a dated bag, filled with every thing you need to teach a lesson. Video Sundays are a breeze, even the snacks will be provided. Contact Sue or Kendra if you have any questions. Sign-up is on the Christian Education Board in Friendship Hall.





**CCC Kids Are Generous!**

Through July 24, 2009, the Sunday School offering since kick-off Sunday, September 12, 2010 is:

\$ 238.14

**The General Operating Budget data for June 2011 is as follows:**

<b>June income</b>	<b>\$14,875</b>
<b>June expenses</b>	<b>\$19,496</b>
<b>YTD income</b>	<b>\$135,383</b>
<b>YTD expenses</b>	<b>\$121,656</b>

### **BAR SUES CHURCH OVER LIGHTNING STRIKE**

Drummond's Bar began construction on an expansion of their building to increase their business. In response, the local Baptist church started a campaign to block the bar from expanding with petitions and prayers. Work progressed right up until the week before the grand reopening when lightning struck the bar and it burned to the ground.

After the bar burned to the ground as a result of the lightning strike, the church folks were rather smug in their outlook, bragging about "the power of prayer," until the bar owner sued the church on the grounds that the church "was ultimately responsible for the demise of his building, either through direct or indirect actions or means."

In its reply to the court, the church vehemently denied all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise. The judge read through the plaintiff's complaint and the defendant's reply, and at the opening hearing he commented, "I don't know how I'm going to decide this, but it appears from the paperwork that we have a bar owner who believes in the power of prayer and an entire church congregation that now does not."



## Long Term Prayer List

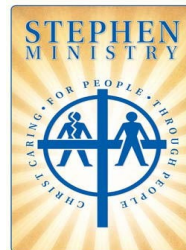
Names on the long term prayer list are posted on the prayer board in Friendship Hall and included in the newsletter each month. When a name is put on the long term prayer list, it will remain there for six months. At the end of that time period, it will be removed. If you feel a name needs to stay on the list beyond six months, simply resubmit the name when it is removed and it will gladly be added. You may also submit a name to the long term prayer list by writing the name on a cross and posting it on the prayer board in Friendship Hall.

Alan  
Ann Irving  
Brent  
Chris  
Danielle  
Dianica  
Doug's family  
George  
Grady  
Harold  
Jane  
Jim & family  
John and family  
Kay  
Kenlay  
Kris  
Lesli & Bunny  
Lily & family  
Logan  
Maureen and David  
Nancy  
National & World Leaders  
Our Stephen Ministry  
Our Troops  
Pat  
Penny  
Rosie  
Ross  
Sheldon's family  
Sue, Carol & families  
Tracy

## Short Term Prayer List

Names added to the short term prayer list will appear for three consecutive weeks, after which, if there is need to continue, they will be moved to the long term prayer list.

Alison  
Joe  
Lin  
Rev. Eleanore  
Sherry



## Summer Reunions

Aside from Christmas and Thanksgiving summer time seems to be the very best time to reunite with friends and family. Travel is generally not affected by weather and vacations tend to allow for longer visits. The joy of having time with those who have touched our lives makes for happy times and great new memories.

Since summer time is a vacation from the school schedule some think it's also time to take a "vacation" from church attendance. Fortunately, our loving Lord doesn't take the summer off. If you feel that you need your own personal "reunion" with our Heavenly Father you might need a little time with a Stephen Minister. Please call the church office to make the arrangements.

# AUGUST 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		■ 7p Commissioners			■ Lock-in	■ Lock-in ■ 10a ACT Class ■ 10a Kindermusik
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 9:15a YLT Meeting	■ 5p ACT Class		■ 4p Soup Kitchen ■ 5p ACT Class			■ 8a Women's Coffee Break ■ 8a Men's Breakfast ■ 10a ACT Class ■ 10a Kindermusik
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 9:15a TnT Meeting ■ 7p Campfire	■ 5p ACT Class	■ 7p Roundtable ■ 8p Court of Honor	■ 5p ACT Class		■ 6:30p Elders	■ 10a ACT Class ■ 10a Kindermusik
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Youth Group Kick-off	■ 5p ACT Class		■ 5p ACT Class			■ 10a ACT Class ■ 10a Kindermusik
28	29	30	31			
■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship	■ 5p ACT Class		■ 5p ACT Class			