

August 2011

# The Chimes



C O M M U N I T Y P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H



## REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR DENNIS

In sermons and in my daily devotions I've spoken of how easy sharing our faith can be. I'd like to share how God revealed to me how easy it really can be.

When called to Community Presbyterian Church as pastor, I really heard God affirming that He was calling me to be pastor to the members of the church but also pastor to people in the community. So I've made it one of my purposes, or guiding principles, to be out and about in the community. Through this part of my ministry I've met many wonderful people. Truman Persinger was, and is, one of those people I've met and visited with on different occasions. But never in our previous conversations had I brought up anything about Christ or the church. We simply had very nice conversations with each other.

Well, about three months ago or more, I saw that Truman had to move into the nursing home. I decided to stop in his room and say hello. During one of these visits I simply asked him about his church affiliation. He went on to share with me how he'd been raised in the Baptist church as a little child, but that he'd never joined a church, really attended any one church, nor had he ever been baptized. He'd been busy running a store, being postmaster in Kissee Mills, and helping raise a family with his wonderful wife. I then shared with him that because we don't require a person who is being baptized to be immersed, that I could baptize him, even if he couldn't make it to church.

Upon my next visit with him he shared how he wanted to be baptized, but also join the church. But he then asked me, "Can I still call myself a Baptist?" I said, "Sure, what matters is that we all believe in Christ and have been baptized."

I then got four of the elders together and we met with Truman so he could share his wishes and profession of faith with them. They, and then the entire session, concurred that we receive Truman as a member of the church and approve that he be baptized at the church or the nursing home.

This then led to a later conversation with Jeff and Allison Merrell and to their joining the church, and Allison and their boys, Alex and Max, being baptized.

So on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Forsyth Nursing and Rehab, I held a worship service for all who wanted to attend. A majority of Truman and Allison's family was in attendance, along with some of the members of our church and some residents. It was a truly joyous occasion.

Then in July I was privileged, along with Esther Hall, to serve Truman his first communion. All of this taking place with one who is 97 years young!

I share all this to show how simple relational evangelism can be. It's also taught me to inquire as to one's faith, because it can lead to wonderful conversations together and life experiences.

So is there a neighbor or friend, of whom you might ask, "Where do you go to church? What's your faith tradition?" Pretty easy conversation starters and can be life changing questions.

Blessings,

Dennis

## Recent Called Meetings of the Session

If you'll recall from last month's newsletter, the session voted to not hold their regular July meeting, but to meet if something came up needing attention.

Since that time, there have been several called meetings held to approve and accept into membership seven new members: Jeff and Allison Merrell, James & Debra Robbers, Roy & Dixie Green, and Joe Carmack. With the addition of these new members, our active membership has increased to 122. What a blessing to have so many new members!

The next stated meeting will be August 18th, 2011, at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

# BAPTIZED!



Truman Persinger gets baptized.



Allison Merrell baptism.

Community Presbyterian Church  
**Income and Expense Statement (UNAUDITED)**  
 Consolidated - January 2011 - July 2011

	Current Period	Current Budget
<b>INCOME</b>		
BUDGETED	\$68,053.79	\$72,625.00
NON-BUDGETED		
DONOR RESTRICTED	245.00	0.00
Subtotal Non-budgeted	3,144.04	0.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	0.00	0.00
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	3,144.04	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		
<i>Budgeted</i>	71,197.83	72,625.00
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	68,029.27	72,625.00
	3,168.56	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
PASTOR	\$38,499.73	\$40,363.75
STAFF SERVICES	11,347.09	13,212.50
CARE OF PROPERTY	7,641.56	10,966.69
MISSIONS	6,557.31	6,771.24
OTHER	2,881.10	3,908.38
NON-BUDGETED	11,997.13	1,166.69
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		
<i>Budgeted</i>	78,923.92	76,389.25
<i>Non-Budgeted</i>	66,185.57	76,389.25
	12,738.35	

**Benevolence Fund Report**

During July, we helped 7 families/individuals: 1 with a prescription medication, 3 with transportation or car repairs, 2 with utilities and 1 with rent. In addition, we helped several people with gasoline to get them to work or doctor's appointments.

If you would like to make a donation to the Benevolent Fund, please do so by marking your check "special gift - benevolent fund". Those who receive our assistance greatly appreciate your gifts!

Several women in the church recently got together and cleaned out the cabinets in Fellowship Hall.

To say that it was badly needed is an understatement!

"Thank You" to the following people who helped with this task:



Evie Cleveringa  
 Cheryl Cleveringa  
 Nancy Czerniak

Gerri DeBres  
 CJ Gailey  
 Bonnie Hawkins

## **"One Message From Joplin to Us All".**

People are always passing through our lives on a daily basis. Some stay with us for a short while and others, a long time and become our friends to whom we look to for comfort, support and friendship. And there are those rare few that while passing through make a change in our lives and leave a "foot print" (if you will) on our hearts and minds that last forever.

Such a case happened on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> on a mission trip to Joplin, MO.

It was a busy day as many hundreds of people were coming into the Joplin distribution center to pick-up much needed toiletries, cleaning supplies, food, shoes, clothing and other items. The job I was given was to greet people, help them find what they needed and as they shopped, literally become their personal shopping cart as there were no shopping carts to put supplies in.

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unaware. (Hebrews 13:2)

One lady stood out above the rest. In the morning, a gal from Ohio name Kathy who was here on a mission trip with her church and I teamed up to help a lady that came in with a mentally and physically challenged son who appeared to be in his early 40s. When she was done shopping we carried her many boxes and bags of supplies she had selected to her car. After her car was loaded, I hugged her and told her how our Lord will always be there for her and her son, how grateful we are to help a fellow sister in this very small way and while we all do not know what tomorrow will bring, Kathy and I were glad that our paths crossed, as your sparkle and smile are so ever present within you.

To which she replied, "This is my analogy of all that has happened to us here in Joplin. Our country is but a big puzzle with a few pieces missing here and there due to special circumstances but the outer edges of the puzzle are intact as they are the easiest pieces to find when putting a puzzle together. But as earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes and other major events happen like that, the puzzle gets broken apart and tossed in the air and is all jumbled up together. For the first time ever, the right side of the puzzle meets the left side. By that I mean, otherwise we never would have met. People have come from all over this country to help us in our need and none of our paths would have ever crossed had the puzzle not been broken. We thank YOU for coming, sharing, helping and most importantly taking the time to help us. And look at all of you, as total strangers from all parts of the puzzle, you are now meeting and working together also."

But Kathy and I looked at her and each other and we choked back tears. In that parking lot on that hot Tuesday morning, the three of us shared our own experiences and what brought us here today. What better plan could our Lord have to try and unite us all together in His love!

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They are so grateful for any help they can get or receive and are constantly thanking us volunteers for our time and caring. Their stories shared are many and in some, the healing will take long. We must go back to give our support, it is so very much needed.

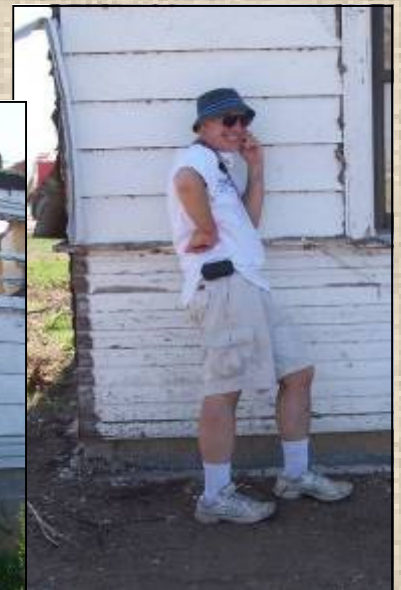
“Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought to love one another.” (1 John 4:11)

In Christ’s love, and Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Werner – just one of God’s clay vessels.

(The pictures below and on page 6 are from this recent Mission trip to Joplin.)



Cindy Werner on a break.



Pastor Dennis found the only spot of shade!

### ***The power of invitation***

I asked one of our church members how he came to Christ. He said, “For 10 years I was in a searching mode. I was trying to find out what life was all about and what was worth pursuing. I wondered about Christianity. I wondered about Eastern religions. But I didn’t know where to turn, and nobody during that 10-year period offered me any help. Then one day I was out jogging. A man from our neighborhood started jogging with me, and when he learned I was new to the area and didn’t attend church, he invited me to visit church with him. I did, and I met Christ. I don’t know where I’d be if that man hadn’t invited me.”

-Bill Hybels, in *Honest to God*



The Mission team approaching the disaster area.



A house destroyed by the May 22nd tornado.



Ed Hawkins takes a break.

# J O P P L I N I N



A toy truck amid the rubble.



The clean up continues.



Phyllis on a water break.

# Update from Dave & Pat Seals

Sorry, David and I cannot be in Church today, but wanted to Thank everyone for their prayers, cards and calls.

We could actually feel the prayers and in this negative situation, so many positive things have happened.

First- we were in Omaha, when diagnosed, had the best hospital at University of Nebraska Medical Center. We went to UNMC ER center thinking he has appendix or gall bladder problem, definitely not cancer.

Second- our daughter-in-law's sister is a home-health nurse and she directed us to the best doctors, that take months to get into. Dr. Sasson and Dr. Grem have such prestige, everything was immediately available to us. All other doctors were amazed and kept saying "Wow" you got them. They must have thought we were super stars, and we are thanks to this congregation. While we were there, she was our home-health nurse and she really took special care of him.

Third- Being with family and all the care and love we received from them. The four granddaughter's, ages 13 to 3, antics kept up our spirits.

His diagnoses is stage 4 pancreatic and liver cancer, life span is 3 to 6 months and 15% live for a year, this does not deter us, as we all know David and he is very positive. He had a chemo treatment in hospital in Omaha and will continue them in Branson. The chemo is to shrink the liver tumors to keep the bile draining from the liver. They have put in a stent for the liver duct as the pancreatic mass is pressing on the duct and blocking it. A golf ball size tumor is on the pancreas and nothing can be done for that. He has had five surgeries and developed blood clots in the lungs, this is the reason for the oxygen and I give him two injections a day of blood thinner.

The chemo treatment laid him low for 4 days. Have no information at this time about his further chemo, Gayle at Dr. Clicks office is working on getting a home-health person here.

Debra, oldest daughter from Houston, visited us in Omaha and the youngest one is coming Aug. 8th. I had her delay trip for a week in order to be able to clean house and get ready. What a surprise we had at home to see the house, deck, and yard, cleaned and mowed. Thanks to our wonderful friends and neighbor. This is such a load off of our shoulders and never ever can repay friends for their concern. What an example they set. Thanks again to Jim and Kathy, Jim and Nancy, Don and Dana Ehrhardt. Much love was received from our favorite Pastor-Dennis and church friends (you know who you are) plus Lyla Girth and Judy Meither. Charlie has been a sounding board for my questions, since he has been there, along with Ginger and Cliff.

I have always said this church is love and you all have proved it once again. At this point, David will be ready for visitors next week. We hope to be in Church soon.

Sending all your love, right back at you. Pat

### **Synod of Mid-America welcomes new Executive**

On Monday, August 1st, the new Synod Executive-Stated Clerk begins serving the good Presbyterians of Kansas, Missouri, and southwest Illinois.

You can expect to find the Reverend Landon Whitsitt in the Synod office at 9:00 a.m. on Monday morning, August 1st.

Landon is a minister member of Heartland Presbytery and Vice-Moderator of the 219th General Assembly. We welcome him and promise him our prayers!



### **Yoga, anyone?**

The next series of Senior/Limited Mobility/ Restorative Yoga classes will begin on Tuesday, August 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

The 8 week session costs \$50. Classes are held on Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall. The dates for this series will be August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and September 13, 20, and 27. (There is no class September 6th.)

If you'd like to drop in and try a class to see if it's right for you, you can do so for a fee of \$15, which can then be applied to the cost of the series if you decide to join.

For more information, or to sign up, please call the instructor, Robyn Hurst, at 417-231-1826. Or if you prefer, you can email her at [vesselsofclayyoga@yahoo.com](mailto:vesselsofclayyoga@yahoo.com).

### **Diabetes Focus Group Meeting**

The August meeting of the Diabetes Focus Group will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 1st.

The guest speaker this month will be Dr. Doug Jordan, Optometrist.

If you or someone you love is affected by diabetes, please plan to attend the Focus Group meetings.



### **Would you prefer a digital version?**

This is just a reminder that the newsletter is available as a PDF that can be emailed to you monthly instead of sent through the mail.

There are several advantages to the digital version of the newsletter:

- \* All graphics and pictures are in full color.
- \* References to websites and email addresses are clickable "hotlinks".
- \* PDF documents can be sized up or sized down to whatever you prefer.
- \* It's easy to save or print the entire digital version or just a page or 2, for future reference.
- \* Save paper, ink, and space in your mailbox!

Of course, if you would prefer to be removed from the mailing list entirely, let us know that too. Although we'd be sad to see you go, we'd rather not be "junk mail" that you just add to the recycle bin!

## August 2011 Daily Lectionary

### **Monday August 1**

Ps. 62  
2 Sam. 7:1–17  
Acts 18:1–11  
Mark 8:11–21

### **Tuesday August 2**

Ps. 12  
2 Sam. 7:18–29  
Acts 18:12–28  
Mark 8:22–33

### **Wednesday August 3**

Ps. 96  
2 Sam. 9:1–13  
Acts 19:1–10  
Mark 8:34–9:1

### **Thursday August 4**

Ps. 116  
2 Sam. 11:1–27  
Acts 19:11–20  
Mark 9:2–13

### **Friday August 5**

Ps. 84  
2 Sam. 12:1–14  
Acts 19:21–41  
Mark 9:14–29

### **Saturday August 6**

Ps. 63  
2 Sam. 12:15–31  
Acts 20:1–16  
Mark 9:30–41

### **Sunday August 7**

Ps. 103  
2 Sam. 13:1–22  
Rom. 15:1–13  
John 3:22–36

### **Monday August 8**

Ps. 5  
2 Sam. 13:23–39  
Acts 20:17–38  
Mark 9:42–50

### **Tuesday August 9**

Ps. 42  
2 Sam. 14:1–20  
Acts 21:1–14  
Mark 10:1–16

### **Wednesday August 10**

Ps. 89:1–18  
2 Sam. 14:21–33  
Acts 21:15–26  
Mark 10:17–31

### **Thursday August 11**

Ps. 97  
2 Sam. 15:1–18  
Acts 21:27–36  
Mark 10:32–45

### **Friday August 12**

Ps. 51  
2 Sam. 15:19–37  
Acts 21:37–22:16  
Mark 10:46–52

### **Saturday August 13**

Ps. 104  
2 Sam. 16:1–23  
Acts 22:17–29  
Mark 11:1–11

### **Sunday August 14**

Ps. 19  
2 Sam. 17:1–23  
Gal. 3:6–14  
John 5:30–47

### **Monday August 15**

Ps. 135  
2 Sam. 17:24–18:8  
Acts 22:30–23:11  
Mark 11:12–26

### **Tuesday August 16**

Ps. 123  
2 Sam. 18:9–18  
Acts 23:12–24  
Mark 11:27–12:12

### **Wednesday August 17**

Ps. 15  
2 Sam. 18:19–33  
Acts 23:23–35  
Mark 12:13–27

### **Thursday August 18**

Ps. 36  
2 Sam. 19:1–23  
Acts 24:1–23  
Mark 12:28–34

### **Friday August 19**

Ps. 130  
2 Sam. 19:24–43  
Acts 24:24–25:12  
Mark 12:35–44

### **Saturday August 20**

Ps. 56  
2 Sam. 23:1–7, 13–17  
Acts 25:13–27  
Mark 13:1–13

### **Sunday August 21**

Ps. 67  
2 Sam. 24:1–2, 10–25  
Gal. 3:23–4:7  
John 8:12–20

### **Monday August 22**

Ps. 57  
1 Kings 1:(1–4) 5–31  
Acts 26:1–23  
Mark 13:14–27

### **Tuesday August 23**

Ps. 54  
1 Kings 1:32–2:4 (5–46a) 46b  
Acts 26:24–27:8  
Mark 13:28–37

### **Wednesday August 24**

Ps. 65  
1 Kings 3:1–15  
Acts 27:9–26  
Mark 14:1–11

### **Thursday August 25**

Ps. 143  
1 Kings 3:16–28  
Acts 27:27–44  
Mark 14:12–26

### **Friday August 26**

Ps. 88  
1 Kings 5:1–6:1, 7  
Acts 28:1–16  
Mark 14:27–42

### **Saturday August 27**

Ps. 122  
1 Kings 7:51–8:21  
Acts 28:17–31  
Mark 14:43–52

### **Sunday August 28**

Ps. 108  
1 Kings 8:22–30 (31–40)  
1 Tim. 4:7b–16  
John 8:47–59

### **Monday August 29**

Ps. 62  
2 Chron. 6:32–7:7  
James 2:1–13  
Mark 14:53–65

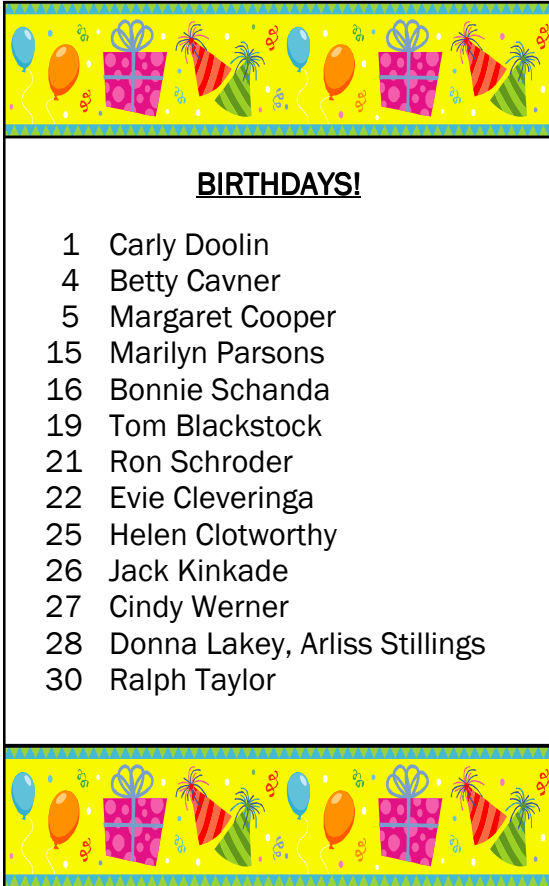
### **Tuesday August 30**

Ps. 12  
1 Kings 8:65–9:9  
James 2:14–26  
Mark 14:66–72

### **Wednesday August 31**

Ps. 96  
1 Kings 9:24–10:13  
James 3:1–12  
Mark 15:1–11

# AUGUST CELEBRATIONS!



## BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Carly Doolin
- 4 Betty Caver
- 5 Margaret Cooper
- 15 Marilyn Parsons
- 16 Bonnie Schanda
- 19 Tom Blackstock
- 21 Ron Schroder
- 22 Evie Cleveringa
- 25 Helen Clotworthy
- 26 Jack Kinkade
- 27 Cindy Werner
- 28 Donna Lakey, Arliss Stillings
- 30 Ralph Taylor



## ANNIVERSARIES!

- 8 Sam & CJ Gailey 1951
- 16 Rod & Marilyn Parsons 1964
- 18 John & Frances Harmon 1945
- 23 John & Gretchen Keith 1959

### ***Dear Church Members***

On behalf of Pastor Dave Burgess, the Session and the members of First Presbyterian Church of First Presbyterian Church of Joplin, we herby acknowledge and thank you for your gift of \$161.18 to our Disaster Fund.

The outpouring of concern, love and contributions since the 22nd of May has been a blessing to all of us in Joplin.

(A special collection was taken after the Joplin tornado of May 22nd, and that money was divided equally among The Red Cross, Convoy of Hope, and First Presbyterian of Joplin.)

# WELCOME

## TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

**(How exciting to have a whole list of new members!)**

**James & Debra Robbers**

**Jeff & Allison Merrell**

**Roy & Dixie Green**

**Joe Carmack**

### ***Words of Wisdom***

Rely more on the power of God and less on the power of money.

- J. C. Penney

I want to thank all of my dear Presbyterian friends for all of the beautiful cards and the prayers. I know that has helped me get well and back to church where I belong. God Bless all of you and I love each and every one of you.

Vera Taylor

**Ushers/Greetings**

Liz Rogers  
Mary Jane Wallahan  
Cindy Werner  
Marilyn Parsons

**Liturgist**

Jack Kinkade

# AUGUST 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am	<b>1</b> Diabetic Group 10:00 am	<b>2</b> Vessels of Clay Yoga 9:00 am Prayer Group 10:00 am  AA 7:00 pm	<b>3</b> Men's Breakfast 8:30am  Choir 7:00 pm	<b>4</b> Small Group 10:00 am Bar Assoc Lunch 11:30 am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>   AA 7:00 pm
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Vessels of Clay Yoga 9:00 am Prayer Group 10:00 am  AA 7:00 pm	<b>10</b> Men's Breakfast 8:30am Calico Cutups 10:00 am Chamber Lunch 11:30 am Choir 7:00 pm	<b>11</b> Small Group 10:00 am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>   AA 7:00 pm
<b>14</b> Dinner with Friends 11:30 am White River Grill (Rockaway Beach)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Vessels of Clay Yoga 9:00 am Prayer Group 10:00 am  AA 7:00 pm	<b>17</b> Men's Breakfast 8:30am  Choir 7:00 pm	<b>18</b> Small Group 10:00 am  Session Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>CHIMES Deadline</i>  AA 7:00 pm
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Vessels of Clay Yoga 9:00 am Prayer Group 10:00 am  AA 7:00 pm	<b>24</b> Men's Breakfast 8:30am  Choir 7:00 pm	<b>25</b> Small Group 10:00 am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>   AA 7:00 pm
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Vessels of Clay Yoga 9:00 am Prayer Group 10:00 am  AA 7:00 pm	<b>31</b> Men's Breakfast 8:30am  Choir 7:00 pm			



***In other words...***

"What dreadful hot weather we have!  
It keeps me in a continual state of inelegance."

- Jane Austen



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## Community Presbyterian Church



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Choir Director.....Arliss Stillings  
Organist.....Linda Stillings  
Custodian.....Paul Weeks

Sunday School                    9:00 am  
Sunday Worship Service    10:30 am