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One Another Meals In Homes: While 200 of us enjoyed a meal with each other, 37 kids were at church being cared for by Richard and Carol Ritter and their crew: Darien DeVary, Maddie Morrison, Shelby Edwards, Aiden Palmer, Alec Ihlenfeldt, Nick Parkhouse, Maty Wenger, Gracie Schultz, Addison Benedict, Tanner Benedict. *Photo credit: Carol Ritter*



It was a Messy Kick-Off designed for Jr. High kids by their whacky leaders! Twenty-seven kids showed up to kick off the new school year. Jordan & Alissa McKinsey, Seth Foor, Bri Sanders, and Jonna Strauch led the action.

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Matt Baxter shared his testimony and was baptized on August 30. Family and friends surrounded him with prayers following the baptism.



VBS Offering: The children gave \$1022.96 during VBS. The Missions team matched their offering.

We sent **\$2045.92** to Orphan Outreach for the Good Shepherd School in Guatemala. It has been used to buy 36 desks, a classroom projector.

In addition to helping the school, the project employed Guatemalan carpenters who built the desks.

Pastor Diego with Good Shepherd School is shown holding the new projector presented by missionary, **Dan Ucherek**.

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Dear Church Family,

I was particularly affected by a verse while in my Bible reading plan this past week. Near the end of the book of Job, the LORD told Job's friend Eliphaz, "My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right" (Job 42:7). This also made me think of another passage in Isaiah, which says, "Therefore my people go into exile for lack of knowledge" (Isa. 5:13). These verses remind me of the importance of thinking rightly about God. I don't believe that God is ready to pour out His wrath upon anyone who cannot parse the Greek and Hebrew text, but we are called to grow in knowledge of who He is and what He has done. It honors the Lord when we strive to grow in our understanding of Him. In this way, our relationship with God is like a relationship with another person—in order to get to know others you have to study who they are and attempt to understand them more. I would not call someone a friend if they didn't know anything about me.

Sunday School is one of the ways that we seek to understand the nature of God and think rightly about His world. This fall, for Sunday School, we are introducing a curriculum called The Gospel Project, which will take our children through the entire Bible in a five-year plan. I encourage you to learn more about this curriculum at www.gospelproject.com.

We are also revamping adult Sunday school classes by trying an alternate schedule. In the fall semester, we will have two sessions of six-week classes with a one-week break in between (the break is only for adult classes—children will still meet). In the spring semester we first offer shorter four-week courses in January, followed by our annual book groups in February. After book groups, a twelve-week session will round out the school year. During each of these sessions, we will have two Sunday School classes running simultaneously on different topics. This will allow us to cover eight different topics throughout the year plus book groups. Imagine how much you could grow in your knowledge and understanding of the Lord!

I am excited about these new classes that we will be offering. I would encourage all adults to make it a priority to go to Sunday School. Even if you feel like you already have an understanding of the topic, I would challenge you to come

and get better acquainted with your church family. In addition, speaking from the perspective of a Sunday School teacher, it is wonderful to have knowledgeable people engaging in class who are willing to share and help spur others on toward more understanding. The Lord is pleased when we actively seek to know Him more and use our minds to glorify Him. I look forward to seeing you in Sunday School and growing together as followers of Christ!

May we continue to grow in the knowledge of the Lord.

Growing with you,
Pastor Grant Stauter

Adult Sunday School Schedule

Fall Semester

Sept- Oct (1st 6 weeks)

Two Ways to Live

What is Conversion?

One-week break (Oct 25)

Nov- Dec (2nd 6 weeks)

Christians in the Workplace

Biblical Theology: Tracing Themes in the Bible

Spring Semester (2016)

Jan (4 weeks)

Money

Meeting with God

February

Book groups

Mar-May (12 weeks)

Suffering

Parenthood

Sunday School starts

September 13.

Class time is

10:30-11:15 a.m.

More Sunday School details inside.

Sunday Worship Services

Morning Worship 9 am-10 am

J.A.M. (ages 3 - PreK) every Sunday

K-3 Children's Church; 4-5th grades 1st & 3rd Sundays

Communion served 4th Sunday

Sunday School 10:30-11:15 am

Youth Groups

Wednesdays

Jr. High 6:00 pm Jordan McKinsey, leader

Sr. High 7:30 pm Danny Kaupp, leader

Pastoral Staff

Andy Huette, Sr. Pastor

Grant Stauter, Associate Pastor

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Sunday School 2015-2016

This year we have a new and exciting memory verse program for our Pre-K thru 5th grade kids. It is important for our kids to not only be able to say a verse from the Bible but to really know and live out these verses. We'll use the *Seeds Family Worship Bible Verse* CD's. Each verse has a tune for easier memorization. This year, we're using the "Seeds of Courage" CD. All the verses deal with being courageous. Our hope is for the kids to know and be ready to use these verses when they need to be courageous.

There will only be one verse to learn each month. We ask that you practice these verses at home with the kids. We will also practice the verses in JAM, Children's Church, and Sunday School. The verse will be printed in the bulletin each week.

As an incentive, the kids will have a chance to earn Bible Bucks by attending Sunday School (1 buck), bring a Bible with them (2 bucks), and memorizing the verse of the month (5 bucks). They will get a chance to tell their Sunday School teacher the memory verse on the 3rd or 4th week of the month. The Bible Buck store will be open the first Sunday of the month after Sunday School. They will be able to spend their bucks on prizes or even save them for a bigger prize another month. Any donations to the Bible Buck store will be appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me. —Becky Roth



Becky Roth serves as our Sunday School Superintendent.



September Bible Buck Verse

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12

Teachers

Pre-K class

Marqui Krone
Darien DeVary

K-1st grade

Jennifer Morrison
Bri Sanders

2nd-3rd grades

Jonna Strauch
Cari Schultz

4th-5th grades

Todd Morrison
Suzie Johnson

Jr. High

Jordan McKinsey
Seth Foot
Tim Kaupp

Sr. High

Danny Kaupp
Jake Foot
Wes Crump

Adult classes will start the year with the following classes:

Sept-Oct *Two Ways to Live*

Taught by Grant Stauter (sanctuary)

What is Conversion?

Taught by Steve Barnhart,
Tim Johnson (Family Center)

Nov/Dec *Christians in the Workplace*

Taught by Steve Barnhart,
Tim Johnson (Family Center)

Biblical Theology: Tracing Themes through the Bible

Taught by Grant Stauter (sanctuary)

The Ministry of Little Lambs

The Little Lambs Board exists to encourage and assist the staff and oversee the happenings of Little Lambs Preschool, which has been operating since 2010.

The current board members are: Abby Huette (chair), Stacy Ludy, Jil Stauter, Becky Roth, Jeff Porzelius, Bob Wettstein and Grant Stauter (CLC liaison).

We meet quarterly to receive updates from Stacy Ludy, to pray for the school as well as approve decisions and changes as needed under the shepherding of the Church Leadership Council.

Little Lambs will begin their school year on September 8. Stacy Ludy is assisted by Stephanie Deckard.

We have seen God's faithfulness to this ministry of our church and are so thankful for the staff, who are training these little ones in the ways of the Lord.

The Board's vision is that the hope of Christ will not just touch the students, but the families as well. To that end, every year we host a Family Night, and this year Susan Laiming will again lead a Wednesday morning Bible study for Little Lambs moms.

We invite you to join us in praying for the staff, students, and families of Little Lambs. —Abby Huette

Christ Community's Finance & Stewardship Team

Our Finance Team exists to serve the church by developing and implementing plans for informed and faithful stewardship of church finances and property. They put in extra hours meeting with contractors, completing repairs on their own, clearing rooms when painting or cleaning is needed, and regularly touring the building for needed repairs. They oversee maintenance of all church property including the parsonage. They strive to ensure that funds are available for church ministry with an eye on costs so that nothing is spent unwisely or needlessly.

Their responsibilities as outlined in the Policy Handbook are:

1. Oversee and execute the maintenance of the church building.
2. Work with the Elders and Church Treasurer to prepare an annual budget.
3. Work with the Deacons and Church Treasurer to ensure that expenditures are in accordance with the annual budget.
4. Oversee the collection, counting, and deposit of offerings.
5. Execute financial procedures defined in the handbook.



Photo by Doug Nelson



Finance team L-R: Chris Gentes, Phil Hartzler, Bob Wettstein, Larry Hoyt, Derek Meiss (chairman), Doug Nelson.



Top left: The Finance team, along with talented volunteers plant and maintain the flowers around the building.

Middle left: Larry Hoyt, Silas Huette, and Chris Gentes spruced up the Little Lambs entry.

Bottom left: This summer, the team took bids and had the parking lots resealed and striped. Elly and Mercy Huette posed—but did not ride!—on the new asphalt.

Surplus Giving 2015: investing in the global kingdom

Our surplus giving in 2015 totals \$44,154.33: \$18,029.57 in the first quarter and \$26,124.76 in the second quarter.

These numbers actually represent 50% of the surplus. In the first two quarters of the year, we disburse 50% of the surplus in case unforeseen expenses must be paid later in the year. In the 3rd quarter, we disburse 75% of surplus and at year-end, we disburse 100%.

The Surplus Giving Plan was put in place in 2010 so that we would not accumulate growing bank accounts for ourselves but rather give the money to gospel-centered ministries that would put the money to immediate use. We keep three months of operating budget in reserve along with funds set aside for future capital expenses. Anything above that is considered surplus.

To whom much is given, of him much will be required. from Luke 12:48

September Birthdays

- 1 Shelby Edwards
- 1 Emily Wenger
- 2 Danielle Mallory
- 3 Lisa Barnhart
- 4 Mandy Barth
- 4 Adrian Carrion
- 5 Hattie Meiss
- 6 Connor Stoller
- 7 John McKey
- 9 James Albritton
- 9 Pat McKey
- 9 Doug Nelson
- 10 Charles Albritton
- 10 Aiden Jeffreys
- 11 Feebe Finck
- 11 Carlee Stoller
- 12 Nickie Moulton
- 13 Adam Carrion
- 13 Thad Mool
- 13 Tim Sanders
- 14 Tom Hany
- 15 Jason Albritton
- 15 Luke Ihlenfeldt
- 15 Peggy Poppen
- 15 Jeffrey Porzelius
- 18 Dianne Weer
- 21 Susan Johnson
- 23 Jacob Carls
- 24 Tim Kaupp
- 28 Kate Kelly
- 29 Silas Huette
- 30 Stephanie Finck
- 30 Al Hany
- 30 Michaela Kelly

Anniversaries

- 2 Matt & Emily Wenger
- 11 Thad & Kelly Mool
- 13 Bill & Becky Roth
- 18 Hadley & Heidi Welsch
- 25 Jeff & Denise Benedict
- 26 Scott & Kim Edwards
- 28 Jeffrey & Teresa Porzelius
- 28 John & Tonya Krone
- 30 Jim & Danielle Mallory

Attendance & Offering

8/2	323	\$ 7,453
8/9	298	\$ 7,682
8/16	267	\$ 9,611
8/23	338	\$ 7,543
8/30	370	\$ 8,500

Surplus Disbursed in 2015

Lifesong/Ukraine	\$34,128.11
Salem4Youth	\$6,026.22
Held in reserve*	\$4,000.00

*waiting on requested info before disbursing