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Countryside Christian Church's Mission:
Know Jesus' love
Grow in Christ's compassion
Go and make lighthouse disciples
 (A lighthouse disciple is one who shines out the love of Jesus)

913-262-1000

THE COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN

SPRUCE UP AND REFURBISHMENT

A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES

Creating a clean and welcoming church is the first step in practicing hospitality. Many have noticed the stained and yellowed wall covering in the church entryway and the crumbling plaster in the Fireside Room. We can rejoice that through the careful thoughtfulness of the Thelma Sappington Fund, (a special bequest fund overseen by the trustees), and the foresight and patience of our Facilities Team, along with the Crusaders Class and several others, we have managed to have a beautifully refurbished entryway, hallway, parlor and south sanctuary wall.

Some of you may ask how could we have funded this project when we are facing a budget deficit in our General Ministry fund. As we have mentioned, the refurbishing project was financed by a fund under the jurisdiction of the Trustees of Countryside, not by the General Ministry fund of the church.

In fact, as we face into the next fiscal year, the Council on Ministries has made the recommendation that our budget for next year be equal to the expenses of our ministries. Douglas Grant, the Moderator of our Church Council, has given us an opportunity to make a "\$6.87 sacrifice". He has invited each family to sacrifice the cost of one fast food meal each week to help close the gap between our anticipated expenses and our anticipated offerings. The General Ministries Fund budget, before the congregational meeting on Sunday, June 28, 2009 is expected to be \$473,806.42. With some new sources of offerings and with a very frugal facilities budget along with other areas that will be invited to trim back their budgets, there is a good possibility that we can anticipate underwriting the budget that is set for next year. We will know more following our congregational meeting on Sunday, June 28, 2009.



Chuck Wagon BBQ and Cowboy Show

Saturday, August 22, 2009 6:00 pm—8:30 pm
 Dinner at 6:00 pm, Cowboy Show 7:00-8:30 pm featuring 3 Trails West

BBQ Brisket, beans, applesauce, cornbread, iced tea, lemonade, or coffee, and cookie for dessert.

"Twofer" Ticket	<i>Tear ticket in half and give to your guest</i>	\$25
Family Ticket	<i>Two adults, two children, 12 and under</i>	\$35
Buckaroo Buddy	<i>One buckaroo and one buckaroo buddy</i>	\$15
Extra Buckaroo Ticket	<i>Children 12 and under</i>	\$5
Extra Adult Ticket		\$15

SERMON SERIES

Lessons from the Hard Life of Joseph

July 5, 2009	Trapped	Genesis 39:20b-23
July 12, 2009	Pardoned	Genesis 39:15-21

Romans, Friends and Christians

July 19, 2009	1-800-GOT-JUNK	Romans 1:16-17, 3:22b-28
July 26, 2009	Faith, Not Fakery	Romans 4:1-5;13-17
August 2, 2009	Ring This Bell	Romans 5:1-5
August 9, 2009	Fatal Fixation	Romans 6:1(b)-11
August 16, 2009	The Best Things in Life...	Romans 7:15-25(a)
August 23, 2009	God Spotting	Romans 8:26-29
August 30, 2009	The Church of Beautiful Feet	Romans 10:5-15



IN THE LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

The following Countrysiders are in special need of

prayer: Betty Cole; Vera Coyle; Marcella Drake; Melba Ellis; Judy Hopkins; Virginia Hutton; Esther Lockwood; Liz McKay; Helen Miller; Freida Miner; Betty Moore; Amy Nickerson; Helen Reyes; Allison Sanders; Pat Scott; Helen Stevens; Frances Whitfill, Chris Williams.

Pray for these family members of Countrysiders: Tom Angle, son-in-law of Cathy and Den Mertz; Curtis Bowman, father of Don Bowman; Marie Carson, step-sister of Ceci Raab; Debbie Frame, daughter-in-law of Paul and Shirley Frame; Merv Haeberle, step-father of Karen Lee; Hannah Huckfeldt, family of Megan Helvering; Albert Hyde, brother-in-law of Otis Sanders; Sandya Jonnala; John Markham, father of Kyle Markham; Keaton Metcalf, grandson of Pam Metcalf; Sarah Landers; Bob Smallwood, brother of Donna Enloe; Jean Ralston, daughter of Virginia Hutton; Lois Withrow, sister-in-law of Charlotte Withrow.

Please call the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.”
Philippians 4:6*

THANKS

Dear Friends,

Barbara and I would like to express our gratitude for the prayers, cards and visits we received during my recent surgery and stay at the hospital. A special thanks to Suzi, Gary and Wendy for their spiritual support before and after the surgery. My entire family is grateful to Gale and Beverly Bushnell for staying with them during the surgery. I've known the healing strength of prayer and now I'm aware of the healing strength of people. Each visit, card, and phone call served as a "pick me up" and helped us through this. Thank you all and God bless each and everyone of you.

Dale and Barb Warman



BENEFIT FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Thursday, July 9, 2009
from 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Friday, July 10, 2009
from 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Please bring your unwanted "treasures" (CLEAN and in SALABLE CONDITION) to Church by July 7. And, of course, come to shop for a new treasure! With the proceeds from the sale, Rev. Wendy Scraggs hopes to enhance children's programs through these top priority items: outdoor storage unit for children's riding toys; security camera system; intercom/locking system for the exterior doors of the Children's wing. Please contact Janice (913-677-1714) for questions, to volunteer with set up and take down, and for pickup of items from your home. Thank you!

SERIOUS ANSWERS TO HARD QUESTIONS

This is a class for those who want to drop in for one week or several, depending upon your schedule. All ages from high school on up are welcome!

The video based course is led by Mark Harmon and Rev. Suzi Goldt.

Course Dates

July 5
July 12 and 19
July 26 and August 2*
August 9 and 16
August 23 and 30

Topics

No class
Forgiveness
Evil
Religion and Science
Other Religions

*First Sundays class will be held in the Cornerstone Classroom. All other Sundays in the Balcony Classroom.

IGNITE MEN'S CONFERENCE

August 14-15, 2009

An ecumenical conference to help men stand firm and gain ground in uncertain times.

College Church of the Nazarene
2020 E. Sheridan, Olathe, Kansas

Mark Baltzley is looking for 10-15 men from Countryside to participate in this event that is uplifting, challenging, and entertaining with high energy music, fast paced videos, irresistible humor, moving testimonies, new leadership and speakers and profound truth of the Gospel Message.

Friday, August 14, 2009, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm
Saturday, August 15, 8:00 am—3:30 pm

Register by calling 888-244-2178 or go to their web site www.ignitemen.org. or let Mark Baltzley at mkbaltzley@aol.com or Pastor Gary know you are interested.

Note: Scholarships available for men who are out of a job or who are struggling financially.

Early Bird ends Friday, July 31, 2009
1-9 men—\$59 10 or more—\$49

Regular price, Saturday, August 1, 2009
1-9 men—\$69 10 or more—\$59

August 2009 newsletter articles are due on Sunday, July 19, 2009

Due to changes with the Post Office, articles will now be due on the third Sunday of each month.



JULY FOOD PANTRY

July food donations from Countryside's pantry will be donated to Roeland Park Community Food Pantry. Bring your non-perishable items and place them on the shelves across from the elevator on the upper level.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Parents of children, infant through 5th grade can enjoy a night out on July 24, 2009 from 6:00 pm—9:00 pm. Please contact Wendy Scraggs at wscraggs@csidechristian.org or the church office at 913-262-1000 by July 21, 2009 with how many children and their ages. Dinner is available from 6:15 pm-6:45 pm. There will be a form to fill out for each child before parents leave. Cost: Freewill donation. Suggested donation is \$10 per child. This event is open to the public. Invite your friends.

Kids Creative Christian Summer Academy For children ages 6 through 5th grade June 1-August 7, 2009 Monday—Friday, 7:00 am—6:00 pm

Cost: \$135 a week. Students will provide their own lunches, however, KCCSA will provide healthy snacks. The Academy is licensed by the State of Kansas. Brochures with registration forms are available online at www.csidechristian.org or in the church office.



Vacation Bible School August 10-14, 2009 9:00 am—11:45 am

for children age 3 and potty trained through 5th grade

Cost: \$10 supply fee

Contact Rev. Wendy Scraggs for more information at 913-262-1000 or wscraggs@csidechristian.org
Registration information to be announced.

C.R.E.W. News

(Christ's Radically Energized Witnesses Gr. 7-12)

**6:30 pm on Wednesdays
and 10:00 am on Sundays!**

Upcoming Activities/Summer Schedule

Regular Wednesday Evening CREW meetings are open for youth who are currently in middle and high School. There will be times where we have age appropriate activities and will notify parents and youth of any restrictions.

CREW meeting times are from 6:30 pm—8:00 pm (Parents please pick up your children no later than 8:15pm) Youth are not allowed back in the church or to stay on church property once youth groups have let out.

Schedule

July 1	No C.R.E.W.
July 8	Regular C.R.E.W.
July 15	Regular C.R.E.W.
July 17-24	Mission Trip to New Orleans*
July 22	No C.R.E.W.
July 29	Regular C.R.E.W.
August 2	Youth Sunday
August 5	No C.R.E.W.
August 7	Pool Party—TBA
August 12	Regular C.R.E.W.
August 19	No C.R.E.W.
August 26	Regular C.R.E.W.

*Mission Trip meetings will be announced.

Summer Sunday School "Road to Baptism"

Explore the Bible and the locations that Jesus actually served in His ministry. Learn what history tells us. How do these areas speak to us today? How does our own walk speak to others and where is it leading us. There will be an opportunity for those exploring baptism to go through a five week pastor's class.

Volunteer Opportunities with the Youth Program:

If you have a true desire to minister to youth, have a willingness to teach, share testimony, participate in activities either a few hours a month or a few hours a week, you just might be a youth sponsor. Contact Jim Hornbostel so he can place where you have an interest.

Drivers to activities are also needed.

Camp

There is still time to sign up for Camp. Forms are available from Jim Hornbostel, in the church office or at the display on the lower level by the elevator.

Join us during the summer as C.R.E.W. will continue to meet on Wednesday and Sundays

Watch Facebook and snail mail for more information.

A WORD FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER

It is so hard to believe that a year has gone by already since I began serving Countryside. It has been a year filled with fellowship, bible study, service projects and Christian growth. I started my ministry with an intentional plan of getting to know the youth and earning their respect as a leader, mentor and friend. Along the way I have come to appreciate a diverse group of talented individuals with hearts to serve and a willingness to learn about the abundant grace of God.

I am so thankful for the loving support of the congregation and the trust that has been given to work with so many wonderful kids. I will continue to prayerfully work on building a solid foundation of young leaders for the work of God.

Blessings in Christ,
Jim Hornbostel

Year in Review...

My personal approach to youth ministry is to provide a three pronged experience for the youth as they participate in youth activities and Sunday school.

1. Instill a passion for service
2. Provide opportunity for true community with in our own walls, with each other and with in our neighborhood, city and country.
3. Encourage a deep Christian Spirituality – where we strive to seek the Holy Spirit through prayer, devotion, music and bible study.

2008/2009 Activities- Service Projects- Events

- Tall Oaks Summer camp
- ICYF youth Conference
- Mission Trips
- VBS Help
- Micah Ministry
- Crop Walk
- Work with the City of Mission-neighborhood painting/clean up
- Restoration of a mid-town park
- Children's Christmas store – Bread of Life Church
- Fellowship dinners
- Easter breakfast
- Tall Oaks- fall retreat
- Youth Sunday
- Various church projects-playground clean up/dinner set ups/ Trunk or Treat
- Young Christians Day at Worlds of Fun
- Bowling
- Scavenger Hunts
- Young Christians Weekend-Branson
- Lock in



The combined efforts of the Kettle Keepers, Facilities Ministry, office and ministerial staff, and Green Team, have opened greater opportunities to Countryside to reduce, reuse, and recycle (the Three R's)!

The large Deffenbaugh Recycle Bin in our Church parking lot is available for your recyclables from home (drop them directly from your car into this outside bin) and for those generated within the Church (bulletins, soda bottles, etc). A list of what IS ALLOWED (and not allowed) by Deffenbaugh is available in the Church Office, on recycle containers in the Church, and on the Church website: www.csidechristian.org. Please look for and use the recycle bins that are in several locations around the Church (kitchens, classrooms, sanctuary, chapel).

Countryside will receive small quarterly payments from Deffenbaugh based on the accumulated tonnage. (Be sure to bring your "heavy" stuff - newspapers, phone books, office paper). Per long standing arrangements with the Christian Women's Fellowship, their Service group will receive 50% of the revenue generated from our recycled materials. The other 50% supports our Children's Ministry So, please, "pitch into the bin" to help CWF Service and the Children's Ministry continue their fruitful works.

May the Spirit move our community of believers to care for God's creation by practicing the Three R's!!

"Let not care and humdrum deaden us to the wonders and the mysteries amid which we live, nor to the splendors and the glories."

John Burroughs

TALL OAKS GALA

This year's Tall Oaks Gala will be Friday, October 9, 2009 at the Intercontinental Hotel on the Country Club Plaza. Be thinking of ways YOU can contribute your time, talents, and resources to support the beautiful 350-acre retreat center and youth campground which is owned and operated by the Christian Church Disciples of Christ of Greater Kansas City.

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

Sundays at 7:00 am in Room 205 or
Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the Chapel

Be a part of this prayer team for covering worship with prayer at 7:00 am on Sundays. Reading the scripture for the sermon for that Sunday, reading some of the songs and hymns that will be sung and prayer for God's inspiration and presence are a part of the discipline of the prayer time. All are welcome. Come and pray to make our hearts and the hearts of God's people open to hear God's message of hope for a hurting world.

Each Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Chapel, join others as we pray for discernment for God to lead Countryside in "Unbinding Our Future" as a congregation and other prayer request. Everyone is welcome. Carve out an hour to pray for Countryside.

DO YOU HAVE 30 MINUTES TO SHARE?

Have we got a special opportunity for you! Worship and Wonder needs your smiling face and outgoing personality to greet parents and children in the Children's area on Sunday mornings. Interested in learning more, call Marie Graham at 913-831-4221.

F.U.N. AGERS NEWS

(*Fellowship, United in Christ, Nutrition—physical, spiritual and social)

A ministry for those 55 years young and older

Coming FUN Events in 2009

- June 30, 2009** Breakfast at Pegah's Restaurant on Johnson Drive in Shawnee at 9:00 am.
- July 16, 2009** 5:00 pm Bugs—Be—Gone Indoor Picnic and Hootenanny (featuring music that springs from the soles of your feet) \$8 per person for hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw and great entertainment.
- July 28, 2009** Breakfast at Pegah's Restaurant on Johnson Drive in Shawnee at 9:00 am.
- August 25, 2009** Breakfast at Pegah's Restaurant on Johnson Drive in Shawnee at 9:00 am.
- August 27, 2009** 5:30 pm Hawaiian luau on the mainland and using your imagination, from the movie "South Pacific," picture the hula girls from Atchison, Kansas and the fire eating jugglers from Strawberry Hill. Beachwear and flip flops permitted along with your boogie board and wind surfing outfit so dress accordingly! Cost: \$8 per person. Location: the beachhead of Countryside (better known as the Fellowship Hall)

OFFICE MANAGER COMPLETES COURSE

WITH VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

We celebrate Nancy Stainbrook's completion of the training provided by the Volunteer Management Institute. This was an eight session course taught by the Johnson County Volunteer Center. She was in a class of 15 students which was the 20th class they have taught. Organizations that have sent staff through the course include Hospice, Catholic Charities, Jewish Family Services, St. Luke's Hospital, and Habitat for Humanity. Nancy is bringing to our staff meetings "training nuggets" or summaries of what she learned about recruiting, equipping, supporting, encouraging and building a strong volunteer ministry for Countryside. We will then be passing along to our ministry leaders and church council ways to enhance and build energy with our congregation. Although the secular world calls people who serve "volunteers", Jesus calls us disciples! And part of following Jesus is to find the right place and the right way to serve Christ that is fulfilling and purposeful. We know the principles Nancy brings will be helpful to us as we allow Christ to "make lighthouse disciples" through us!

PRAYERS AND MUSICIANS

The River, a new church plant in Kansas City, needs your prayers as they move forward to begin a worship service this fall. This summer Rev. Kelli Driscoll is looking for a musician basis to compliment the worship service.

Join Rev. Driscoll on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm for prayer either from your home or at The River as the prayer group asks for guidance from God in establishing this new church. For more information contact Rev. Driscoll at kelli@theriverkc.org



CONNECT ONLINE

Want to know what's happening at Countryside and can't find your newsletter? The Countryside Christian, the newsletter of Countryside Christian Church is now available online. Just go to the website: www.csidechristian.org and click on the link on the homepage.



Greater Kansas City Regional SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2009

*Sharing the Feast
Growing Leaders
Feeding Others*

Saturday, October 2009

8:30 am-4:00 pm

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Keynote addresses by Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian will be "Your Story is Hisstory: What do you have to give to a hungry, hurting world?" and "Peter, Paul or Mary? The Sower sowed the Word..."

Workshop Choices:

- #1 Eucharistic Leadership with Dr. Mike Graves
- #2 Leadership and Technology with Clif Guy
- #3 Crisis and Care for Leaders with Rev. Barbara Jones
- #4 Signature Leadership Skill Development with Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian

UNBINDING THE SENIOR PASTOR

By Gary Armour

In times that are tough, it would be easy to moan and groan and be grumpy about what is happening in our world. And how the economy is impacting our church and ministry. But instead, I want to share my enthusiasm for a new thing God is doing at Countryside. So I want to tell you about the purpose and vision for the

Chuck Wagon BBQ and Cowboy Show

Featuring the Cowboy band, 3 Trails West

Premier performance – Saturday, August 22,, 2009

Dinner at 6:00 pm with show from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Sometimes God inspires us in some amazing ways. For example, Roger Eilts, who (along with his family) has been a part of Countryside for nearly 30 years, shared the vision for the “Chuck Wagon BBQ and Cowboy Show” at our Unbinding the Future planning event. As many of you know, we were meeting to seek God’s direction on one or two big ideas that would help us reach beyond the walls of Cside so we could share our faith with others in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

The idea that God placed on Roger’s heart was the Chuck Wagon BBQ and Cowboy Show—developed as an **evangelism** strategy to invite people who would not otherwise show up in a church and may have no experience in a Christian community. Therefore, we have to built into the way we promote and encourage Cside’s to attend, by naturally inviting someone who is not a part of our community of faith. This is the purpose of the “Twofer” Tickets and the “Buckaroo buddy” tickets. You may purchase these tickets through the church office. (The price list is on the front of this newsletter) Remember, there is only enough room to comfortably seat 125 people. Don’t wait, get your “twofer” tickets today (the best price)!

You can count on the music being excellent in the tradition of Roy Rogers and Sons of the Pioneers. If you have enjoyed our annual “Christmas Eve Cowboy Christmas Candlelight Service” you will love this event.

The goal is to try to encourage both adults and children to invite guests who are not members of Countryside. The first goal is inviting guests. And provide a warm and welcoming place for new folks to get acquainted. Roger will build into the show, a faith/witness perspective that will naturally happen as part of their cowboy music.

(It is interesting to note that the most popular radio stations and the largest number of stations in the Midwest are country/western music stations.) This means there is a large part of our culture with whom we may be able to connect and share the Gospel!

Yes we hope to be able to pay for the food and provide a little stipend to some of the members of the band whose full time job is doing music. (this is not the case for Roger and Leo, however)

We also need the help of the congregation in making this event happen. Please pray about how you might be a part of the team and sign up through the church office.

1. We need a **Wrangler Team** to herd up all the tables and set them up and then herd them back into the corral after the meal.
2. We need a **Chuck Wagon Crew** who will help prepare and serve and clean up the “fixins” we enjoyed.
3. The **Kiddie Corral** crew will help to provide some guidance and fun with the children who may be too young to sit through the whole 90 minute performance. So we will have some “get along little doggie” kind of fun for the little ones.

So what are you going to do? Moan and groan about the tough times we are facing? Or join in sharing the joy of the Lord that is our strength and be a part of some of the new things God is doing! The future is open. Will you step through the door?



DID YOU KNOW...

that Countryside is celebrating it’s 70th anniversary this year. A planning team has been formed but is in need of a few more brains in our think tank. If you would like to lend your brain power to this team, contact Nancy in the church office, 913-262-1000 or email csideoffice@csidechristian.org or contact Sarah Armour at 913-722-6120 or sarahcarmour@aol.com.



SUMMER — THE BUSIEST AND BEST TIME OF THE YEAR

I used to think of summer as a time to catch my breath, to sit back in a lawn chair and do some fun reading. But now summer is a three-month, jam-packed series of endless ministry possibilities. The following is just a sample of what this summer means to me:

- **Camp!** I have been lucky enough to counsel and/or direct camps at Tall Oaks for most of the past 10 years. Being at camp is a tremendous mix of exhilaration and exhaustion. The exhilaration of watching the campers connect with God in new ways cannot be matched. They are exposed to God-centered activity 14—18 hours a day (depending upon age) for 3, 4, 5 or 6 days. That equals 42 to 108 hours of intensive “God time”. As a director I add another 48—60 hours for planning, recruiting staff, training and other preparation. Some of my counselors for Junior 2 camp this month are young adults who I’ve known since they were in middle school. They are people who have grown into the best kind of people of the faith in great part due to their experiences as campers.
- **Summer Academy!** As you know this summer we are not only doing a summer Parents Day Out program for 12 months thru preschool age, but also an elementary aged full-time care program. I’ve been blessed to help Wendy get this program off the ground, and in her absence I’m the “go to” person for our excellent staff (*see insert page*). I’m also helping with the scheduling. It’s so rewarding to see the kids each day. Their “chapel” time is fantastic, full of singing and rhythm instruments!
- **General Assembly!** This biennial gathering is always a renewing and growth time for me. Gathering with thousands of Disciples to worship is worth the price of the trip. This year’s business items include suggested changes in the licensing procedures. Since I am on the Greater KC Licensing Commission I’m looking forward to this discussion. I’m also attending a pre-assembly seminar called “Ministry in Hard Times”. I’m hoping to come back with new ideas for congregational energizing.
- **Planning for fall!** There are lots of things to look forward to. We are in the process of interviewing candidates for the Choir Director position being vacated by Doug Helvering. As soon as we know who will be hired, we may be planning another all-church worship and pot luck party (tentatively set for August 30.) Also, a group is gathering to discuss additional education offerings for adults in the fall. We’ll be hosting a large Leadership event in October, as well as a 70th anniversary celebration and Trunk or Treat. If I can help Wendy orchestrate it, we will have a children’s Christmas play this year. Lot’s of things for everyone to get involved in!
- **Preaching!** Of course you know that almost every week I’m doing my best to illuminate the words of scripture. While this is a year-round task, during the summer I plan the fall and Advent messages, and this planning requires quite a bit of study and prayer. I strive to keep the messages relevant to all of our varied lives while also remaining grounded in the text. If you have suggestions for topics or texts that you would like to hear about, e-mail me at sgoldt@csidechristian.org and I’ll try to incorporate your request.

Can you believe that it’s been 3 years next month that we’ve been in ministry together? It’s a privilege to be in ministry with you all. I’m looking forward to year 4!

Blessings!

Rev. Suzi Goldt



JOURNEY TO TRUE FINANCIAL FREEDOM ONE DAY SEMINAR

Saturday, September 19, 2009 at
Yellow Freight World Headquarters:
10990 Roe Ave, Overland Park, KS 66211-1213

Countryside is blessed to be a part of a group of eight congregations who will be co-hosting this great, one day seminar that will be led by Randy Shepherd. This will be an excellent opportunity for anyone. “Journey to True Financial Freedom” is the newest live seminar from Crown Financial Ministries which combines biblical principles of money management with practical applications in a fast-paced format.

Regardless of your age and income, this seminar presents a concise yet comprehensive view of money management based on the Bible. Equipped with wisdom from God’s Word, you’ll learn how to establish and maintain a plan to faithfully serve Jesus Christ with all of your resources.

Pre-registration is required for all Crown seminars. **Register** early to guarantee your reservation. Cost is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. Bring your Bible, pen or pencil, and an open heart.

Check out the video preview at <http://www.crown.org>



General Assembly of the Christian Church July 29- August 2, 2009 Indianapolis, Indiana



The 2009 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will center its work around Revelation 22:2: ...*"And the leaves of the trees shall be for the healing of the nations."* In choosing this verse as the centerpiece and guiding scriptural reference, organizers seek to complement the Disciples' new identity statement (***We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world***) with a theme of relevance, energy, conviction – and healing.

The theme and logo for the Assembly select several key words from the Revelation text, which is expressed simply as...***For the healing of the nations***....The logo was designed by a Disciples layperson and depicts dozens of hands representing the many leaves of the tree. Organizers stress the hands are intentional, to represent hands raised in prayer, hands poised for work, and hands used for healing.

During the five-day event, Assembly participants are invited to examine what it means to strive to be whole and to bring healing – not only for ourselves but for all God's creation. The theme of healing will infuse the entire General Assembly, and will be explored through worship, learning track sessions, resource groups, and mission work. Well informed theologians, clergy, scholars and lay leaders will share their insights on the General Assembly theme and its implications for our work, our witness and our future. In addition, people of all ages will engage in discussions on the Church's future and what it means to be a mission-driven and priority focused church in the 21st Century.

The theme of the Assembly also underscores the Church's desire to create church-wide events that are "green" and ecologically responsible. The emphasis on "greening" the Assembly, means the event will serve as a model for the ways Disciples and other people of faith can create meetings and moments of worship that minimize negative impacts on the environment. Practices learned and shared at the '09 Assembly will assist congregations, regions and individuals in becoming better stewards of the Earth.

Countryside would like to encourage all to attend. We are permitted four voting delegates to go (who are not clergy). Find out more or to register go to the web site www.disciples.org/GeneralAssembly. Contact the church office at 913-262-1000, if you plan to go.



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Inviting the community to be loved, be healed, and be changed.

Worship service times at Countryside are Sundays at 8:00 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am