



# THE CREST



Crestwood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

*Celebrating a Fifty-Year Journey of Faith*

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**AUGUST 30, 2009**

**Worship**

8:30 & 10:45am

9:30am Church School

**Scripture**

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Sermon**

*"The Danger of Acting Religious"*

By Tim Murtaugh

## **GREAT EXPECTATIONS BY REV. KORY WILCOXSON**

Well, I hope you are doing a better job than I am at being patient! As our time in Illinois draws to a close, my family and I are getting more and more excited about joining the Crestwood family. And from what I've heard, you all are looking forward to the future, as well. It is safe to say we are all living expectantly for what God has in store for us.



## **THE NEXT CHAPTER...NEW HORIZONS**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning... Lamentations 3:21-23

That is why we gather every Sunday – to hear again that we are not alone; God is with us. Our fellow worshipers are here. Our community is here. We are among those we trust, respect, and care deeply about. With hope we look to the horizon, we envision a great future, we look positively at the events of life, because we know the One who is on charge of the past, the present, and the future.

And this is our opportunity to live out such hope by the way we receive, give, use, manage, and share all God has given us. Stewardship revolves around sharing abundance, which in turn brings us into community with others. When we connect that which lies entrenched in our hearts with that which enriches our lives we are led into relationships that nurture and sustain.

The relationships created as we work together mirror that most important relationship of all; God is with us. Through these relationships, we work to fulfill Christ's commandment to love one another. As a church, our shared ministries bind us together, surround those most vulnerable with care, allow us to share burdens, and focus us on something beyond ourselves.

In this, our 50<sup>th</sup> year, as we have celebrated our past, let us look to the horizon and claim our future. On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, Crestwood will celebrate Commitment Sunday. Come and be a part of the next chapter.

Judy Derrickson, Stewardship Committee

As you dream about the future, as you look to this new chapter, as you think about what happens on Nov. 23 and beyond, what are you expecting? I'm sure you are building up expectations for me, and I am doing the same thing for you. It's human nature to envision the best possible future and then hope for that to happen. I have a feeling we are going to expect a lot from each other and that's a sign of the enthusiasm we have for the way God is at work in our lives and in the life of Crestwood.

Is it possible to have too-high expectations of someone? Sure it is. I was a bit worried when, at our dinner with the Board during our visit, a Board member asked me to walk across the Rogers' swimming pool. Talk about a tough interview question! I told him I had just eaten and had to wait at least 30 minutes, which bought me a half hour to get away before he asked again.

We can expect too much of each other, but can God expect too much of us? It feels that way sometimes doesn't it? When we look at the amount of need in the world around us, when we see all the places where a word of love or hope needs to be spoken, we can easily get discouraged. And then when Jesus tells us it's our responsibility to respond ("You give them something to eat" - Matthew 14:16; "Feed my sheep" - John 21:17), it feels as if God is asking for more than we are able to give.

The reality of our faith is that, as believers who have professed belief in Christ, God has expectations of us. I find that a bit incredulous because of all the times we have let God down, but for some reason God has decided that we have the potential to do great things. How does God know that? Because God gave us that potential! As we answer God's call to give more, we recognize that God has already equipped us to respond. We weren't given the gifts we have to hoard them; we were given them to share. As The Message version of Luke 12:48 says, "Great gifts mean great responsibilities. Greater gifts, greater responsibilities!"

One thing I have already learned about Crestwood is that you are a church full of amazing gifts. God has blessed you in so many ways and you are in turn called to be a blessing to others. As I look forward to our partnership together, I am excited about watching how God works through you to help you fulfill your God-given potential and to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. In order for that to happen, we need everyone to join in, to commit to sharing their gifts for God's work in this world. Will you join me in this great adventure? God is expecting great things from us!

# Parish News

## BIRTHDAYS

SEPT 1- Jean Aspley, Mike Bales, Bob Kennedy  
 2- Tracy Paden, Mickey Padgett  
 3- John McIntyre 4- David Blondell, Michael Leone  
 5- Beth Cooper

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Members-** Betty Dickey & Ann Haynes & Family, Stan Doerting, Barbara Estes & Family, Berkeley & Patty Hollingsworth & Family, Rick Jouett, Joel & Tracy Lovan & Family, \*Mike & Heather McColl & Family, Jean Walters, \*Tom & Becky Williams & Family,

**Family of Members-** Nancy Bradshaw, \*Mike DeVore, \*Mindy Kruger, Jim Summerlin, Barbara Leet Teeter, \*Christine Wheeler

**Friends of Members-** Rick Adams & Family, \*Paxton Bloyd, \*Don Brumley, Joaquin Canizal, Teresa Elkins, Letitia Gilliland, Bob Hackett & Family, Dean Henderson, \*Colleen Hull & Family, Nancy Juliano, Shaun Kern, Greg Keegan, Pat Mattern, Beth Mercer, Pat Owen, Family of Chase Province, Steve Reese, Duncan Riddle, \*Connie Sawyer, Family of Eelin Scott, Family of Chris Showalter, Joy Swofford, Family of Richard & Karen Ward

**Armed Forces-** Austin Cheek, Patrick Ritter, Michael Robinson, Rocky Shapla, Stewart Spragens

**Our Global Mission Partners-** Carla Giger, Johannesburg, South Africa

**Our World Community-** The conflict in Afghanistan

## ACOLYTE

August 30: Tyler Guilfoil

## STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

August 23, 2009

Contributions:

Pledges & Offering \$12,880.25

Attendance:

Church School 50

Worship & Wonder 14

8:30 am Worship 71

10:45 am Worship 270

Total Worship 341



## CYD'S CHAT ROOM

by Cyd Cowgill

*His steadfast love endures forever.* God's love. That was the theme of Sarah McColl's funeral this week, a powerful, moving expression of faith in the goodness of our God. God, the giver of life, gave us Sarah, whose beautiful life spoke - and still speaks - to us so eloquently about the truth and treasure of love. Love is what brought so many together to stand with the McColl and Woodruff

families, and love is what will lead us all into God's future. I thank God everyday for the church, the earthly instrument of the amazing power of God. You have responded to Heather and Mike so well with your prayers, your expressions of love and concern, and with your volunteerism at Crestwood. The spirit of Christ is moving in this place in so many ways - a spirit of compassion, and of a love and gives and gives. YOU are the church, and I am so proud to be one of your ministers.

Blessings on the McColls, and thanks to God who holds us in our grief,  
 Cyd

## SYMPATHY



We extend our deepest sympathy to: Barbara Estes & Family at the death of her mother; Barbara Dickey, Ann Haynes & Families at the death of Frank Dickey Sr.; Steve & Martha Seithers & Family at the death of Martha's cousin; Tom & Becky Williams & Family at the death of Becky's mother; and to Mike & Heather McColl at the death of their daughter, Sarah. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

## COMMITMENT SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 13



This will be the day that we turn in our commitment card for time, talent and resources. We will have guests who will provide special music at both worship services. Following the 10:45 service, there will be a reception in the garden. The Winchester Journeymen will be in concert during the reception. Come. Enjoy the beautiful garden, delicious refreshments and good music.

## WORSHIP VISITORS

Kelly Alford, Gene Flynn, Barbara Hatton, Johnny Long, Vanessa Naso, John O'Donnell, Leslie Royse, Dylan & Kathryn Ryman

*If you know someone who visited this week, please give them a call and invite them back to Crestwood.*

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY

### Deacons

**8:30 Service:** Rob McGoodwin, Leslie Hammond-Ferguson

**10:45 Service:** Taylor Friesz, Pam Sigler, Tim Fulkerson, Chuck McLendon, Allyson Jones, Beth Jones, Jason Taylor III, Mike Lovell, Marian Keesy

**Saturday Set-Up:** Leslie Hammond-Ferguson

**Sunday Clean-Up:** Chuck McLendon, Jason Taylor III, Taylor Friesz, Tim Fulkerson

### Elders

**8:30 Service:** John Royse

**10:45 Service:** Ed & Mary Ann Miller

### Ushers

**8:30 Service:** Doug Damm, Winn Turney

**10:45 Service:** Tom Arnold, Chris Chaffin, Billie Arnold, Wayne Lollis

# Sarah's Story



Sarah Ann McColl was born on Christmas Eve at 2:57 PM. She came into the world screaming as she was taken out of the warm confines of Heather's womb. Sarah was a beautiful creature that lit up each room that she entered or every time you walked into see her. She wrapped this dad around her finger the first time her tiny hand grasped my finger. Sarah had this striking beauty that drew you to stop and linger with her and to stare into her beautiful blue eyes.

Heather and I have known for a while that Sarah was considered a "floppy baby" and was later diagnosed with a general term called Hypotonia, which means that she had low muscle tone. So we started working with an amazing program called First Steps, thanks to a friend's suggestion. Sarah had two amazing Therapists, Gina and April. They taught her to turn her head to the right and left, to hold her head in the middle of her body, to reach out and grasp things with both hands, and to roll over with assistance. In the couple of months that they worked with Sarah, she made great progress and loved her time with them.

Heather, Sarah and I got to do a few trips together in her time with us. We got to go to Pittsburgh for Julie and Jonathan's wedding in April where we went to the Zoo and Aquarium and she escorted me into the reception. Then in May we travelled to North Carolina to see family and to watch me and Aunt Laura, along with Jon and Julie to run a Tri at White Lake, while there she got to dip her toes into White Lake. She also got to travel to Christmount, Grandparents Houses in North Carolina and Indiana. She also attended her first General Assembly in Indianapolis where she met her Cousin Amanda.

Sarah went to the neurologist two weeks ago and was tested for various things including a genetic disorder called Spinal Muscular Atrophy. SMA is a degenerative disease that has different types. Sadly, we are still waiting on the results from this test and Heather and I will be tested as carriers of this also. Sarah was tested for Type 1, which is for infants and is fatal. One of the issues, with babies with Low Tone is that they are not able to get a good cough and to get stuff out of their throat.

Last Friday, August 14, Sarah had a cold and was struggling to breath so Heather took her to the emergency room at UK Hospital and she was admitted to the Pediatric ICU. She was on oxygen and an IV drip and Antibiotics for possible Pneumonia. Saturday and Sunday she was doing better and we were working to bring her home. On Monday, she had a set back and the middle lobe of her right lung had collapsed. She was put back on High Flow oxygen to help re-inflate her lung. At this point we started to talk about keeping Sarah comfortable and not in pain. So on Wednesday morning we met with the UK Palliative Care Team and Daniel's Care, a part of Hospice for children. At this point, our doctors were pretty sure that she had SMA and we were looking for the best care possible for Sarah.

Yesterday afternoon, around 12:15 PM she went into Cardiac Arrest. The PICU team did CPR and brought her back to life. At that point we knew that it was time to make her as comfortable as possible. We removed her oxygen and her NG tube and we got to hold her and talk to her and she was passed from family member to family member. Heather and I got to lay down with her and talk with her and she slept on my chest all night long. This morning about 7AM we made the decision to bring her home and she calmed right down. Heather and I got to walk with her out of the hospital and feel the breeze blowing across her face and brought her home where we were able to give her a bath, put on an outfit from Costa Rica and a Lady Bug Dress, she loved her Lady Bugs. We also got to put her in her swing and to see her dog Jake and some of our cats. Daniels Care came to our house and started the process of her care. Sarah was hungry and so we offered her some milk and after that small taste she quietly and quickly with no struggle and no pain walked over to sit in God's Arms where she can sit up, crawl and run.

Our little Sarah bear, left this world to God's world at 12:50 PM.

Heather and I and our family are eternally grateful for the love, support, prayers, thoughts, tears, and food that so many of you have offered.



Mike McColl (written Thursday, August 20)

## PROMOTION SUNDAY - A FANTASTIC MORNING!



Promotion Sunday was a huge hit thanks to all the many volunteers. Over 50 children and youth participated in breakfast with their parents and Sunday School teachers. We had six 3rd grade boys receive their bibles; Clay Brumley, Griffin Coates, Jay Reese, Christopher Richard, Maxwell Napier, Aidan Sturgill, and Owen Reese. Thank you to all the church members who helped in this event:

Rebecca Napier, Tracy Day, Meg Shake, Carolyn Miller, Carol Rogers, Carol Royse, Mary Beth Richardson, Candace Chaffin, Suzanne Truitt, Melissa McDonald, Jen Brown, Whitney Sparks and Connie Guilfoil. Thanks also to the Youth Ministry Team for cleaning up the morning mess! What a celebration. We hope to see all the children and youth this Sunday for Sunday School.

## DO YOU LOVE PLAYING VOLLEYBALL? DO YOU WANT TO HELP WITH CANCER RESEARCH?

Then we have the perfect event for you. On Saturday, September 12, Crestwood will be hosting an 8 team volleyball tournament for the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Cancer Research. The team fee is \$200 for teams of 8-10. You will also receive a Tee Shirt, Tickets to the September 25<sup>th</sup> UK vs. Ole Miss Volleyball game, and a chance to attend a picnic at Central Baptist Church, following the championship game. If you are interested in playing, please talk to Casey McDonald.

If you would like to volunteer for this event or help serve refreshments or even greet teams when they arrive, please contact the church office.



## DAVID LYN HENSLEY CONCERT SERIES SEPTEMBER 13, 2009



The Winchester Journeymen Quartet will perform immediately following 10:45am worship on Sunday, September 13. They are special guests in our worship services that day for Commitment Sunday and have graciously agreed to stay for a brief concert in the garden. A reception will be served. You are invited to step outside, visit with friends and enjoy the variety of music that will be provided. Our own Letitia Knapp will accompany the group. Members are Mike Sheffield, tenor; David Rogers, lead; Bob Cowen, baritone; and Miller Guance, bass. Linda Koppelman will play electric bass and accompany with Letitia.

The David Lyn Hensley concert series is funded with gifts to the Hensley Music Fund at Crestwood.

## KRM NEEDS YOU

KY Refugee Ministries is in need of folks who are willing to help set up apartments next week for newly arriving refugees. If you can help, please call 226-5661. Let them know you are from Crestwood and are willing to work in an apartment to get it ready. KRM also needs transportation for folks to various appointments. Please let them know if you are able to assist in that as well. Questions? Please call Dabney Parker (266-2704 or 608-4655). There are many ways that we can "welcome the stranger." Thanks for giving this consideration!

## MISSION CENTER LOAN

Original construction loan	\$1,150,000.00
Loan balance as of 08/12/2009:	\$657,239.02

## LIBRARY WORK DAY

September 4 @ 10am. All Ministry Team members are encouraged to attend!

## EIGHT CORE STORIES CLASS

Core Story # 6: *Jesus' Family Tree*. This Sunday, we'll discuss why Israel split into two kingdoms. Read as much about the schism as you can in 1 Kings 12 and 13. See you at 9:30am in the Bradford room.

## CHI-RHO & CYF COOKOUT

Sunday, September 6  
Exact time TBA  
Home of Mike & Heather McColl  
More details to come!

## JERRY SUMNEY TO TEACH AT CRESTWOOD

Dr. Jerry Sumney, Professor of Biblical Studies at Lexington Theological Seminary, will be our guest teacher for the September Sunday Study Series for Adults. This evening series will take place on Sundays, September 13, 20 and 27, 7 - 8:30pm, in the Bradford room.

Dr. Sumney will talk about the thought and spirituality of the Apostle Paul, as revealed through the book of First Corinthians. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about Paul, a revered and influential biblical figure, but sometimes mysterious and often misunderstood.

Please take advantage of this outstanding Adult Education offering. This is the third year for the September Sunday Series, the first two having been very successful. Mark your calendar now for this great class, led by one of our highly thought of LTS professors, Jerry Sumney.

## CRESTWOOD CLEANING & WORK DAY 2009



It's that time of year again, time for our annual Crestwood cleaning and work day. This is the time we get the sanctuary and hallways cleaned and polished for the upcoming important church events, i.e.: Commitment Sunday, all the holiday happenings, etc. It will be on Saturday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, starting around 8:30am. We will congregate in the Administration wing lobby so as not to interfere with the volley ball tournament going on in the Mission Center all day. We will have plenty of cleaners but will need extra vacuums, swiffers, dusters, etc.

This year's work day emphasis will be on cleaning and straightening up the basement, which has become junk pile lately with lots of stuff just dumped there. If anyone has anything stored in there and wants to keep it, please go to the basement and label it or it's likely to get pitched out.

There will be sign-up sheets with the Sunday bulletins on August 30<sup>th</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions contact: John Gretz at [jsg708@windstream.net](mailto:jsg708@windstream.net) or John Royse at [j.royse@insightbb.com](mailto:j.royse@insightbb.com)



## YOUR MONEY COUNTS

In these challenging times, would you like to know what God's Word says about handling your money? If so, the Crown Biblical Financial Study is just for you! This fall, Crestwood will be offering a 10 week in-depth study of what scripture teaches about money and possessions. The study will be led by Sarah Adams. Please call Sarah at (859)608-4666 or e-mail her at [sarahadams37@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahadams37@yahoo.com) if you are interested. She will be happy to share more details about the study and answer any questions.

## WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOD'S STEWARDS

The Stewardship of Creation Task Force is hosting a Green Retreat for KY Disciples. We hope to have as many churches represented as possible. It is a 24 hour retreat that will include relaxation/rejuvenation as well as biblical and theological equipping and environmental education. **When:** Friday, November 20- Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

**Where:** Rough River State Park

*For more information, call  
Dabney Parker, 266-2704*

## ARLINGTON CHRISTIAN FALL FESTIVAL

1206 North Limestone

Saturday, September 19

9am - 2pm in Fellowship Hall

*A home cooked lunch will be available as well as home baked goodies, hand made crafts, a quilt raffle, a white elephant sale and FREE automobile inspection.*

Please Join Us!

## WORSHIP AND WONDER

We are excited to start a new year with our Worship and Wonder program! Worship and Wonder is a worship provided for children age 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Crestwood.

### Lambs (age 3 - Pre-K)

This year, the age 3 - Pre-K will be in the **Lamb** Worship and Wonder Center. This is the center room in the Education Wing (children's Sunday School classroom area). Each Sunday there is a Storyteller and two Greeters that worship with the children.

### Lions (Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

This year, the kindergartners, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be in our new **Lion** Worship and Wonder Center. This is the back corner classroom next to the nursery and across from the age 3 - Pre-K Sunday School classroom. The older children's room has new stories to further expand their learning of the stories in the Bible in a hands-on environment. The Lions will have a Storyteller and a Greeter each Sunday to worship with them.

**Orientation** will be for the next three weeks, in each Worship and Wonder Center. During Orientation the children will review what the Worship Center is, how we can talk more softly and walk more slowly, how to use the materials, and learn some of the songs and responses that we use during worship. **Parents are welcome** to visit any of the next 3 weeks of Orientation to see the rooms, experience Worship and Wonder, and ask any questions you might have.

**Strategies for Separation Anxiety** are available. If your child is new to the Worship and Wonder program and/or is going through a difficult time with separating from you, please let us know! We are very happy to help in any way we can.

### Worship Schedule

Worship and Wonder allows the children to experience worshipping God on a child's level. Most of what we do uses their senses, especially the sense of touch, to connect them with the Bible stories and God. We will also light our Christ candle, hear some scripture, pray, share a feast (communion), and - if we have time - sing some more.

Blessings,

Jen Brown, Elizabeth Richardson, Christy Harris, Mike McColl

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This is a reminder that August 30 is a Fifth Sunday. This support is truly a blessing. Together we serve over 2,300 individuals and

their families each year. Your gifts help make possible:

- *Seven chaplains who provide worship services, Bible studies and assist our residents with the many spiritual questions associated with aging.*
- *Activity directors, at each facility, who enrich the lives of our residents and help transform our seven care communities into warm and friendly places to live.*
- *Transportation for shopping and entertainment trips.*
- *Our ability to continue providing care for individuals who have exhausted all of their financial resources.*

During 2008, Christian Care provided \$1,272,000 in uncompensated support and services like those above.

Crestwood's partnership and support is greatly valued and appreciated in these ministries to older adults. Crestwood continues to be one of the top 3 supporters of Christian Care Communities.

## CHURCH VAN INFO

Both Church Vans now have gas caps that are locked in place. Keys for the caps are on the key ring with the ignition key. Please be sure to lock the caps back on when you fill the gas tanks. Thank you for your help!

### CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Church School — 9:30 AM  
Worship — 8:30 & 10:45 AM  
Youth Programs — 12:15PM

#### CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Tim Murtaugh, Senior Minister  
Rev. Cyd Cowgill, Minister of Adult Ministries  
Rev. Colette Hensley, Minister of Nurture  
Rev. Mike McColl, Minister  
of Children & Youth  
Kelli Whalen, Administrative Asst.  
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