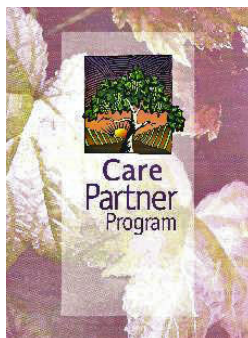




UPCOMING EVENTS



**There will be a Care Partner Meeting
Monday, September 14th at 6:00 pm.**



Coming...

THIS WEEK!

Wednesday, September 9

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 13

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Sunday School

Monday, September 14

- 9:00 am Men's Fellowship
- 1:00 pm Domino's & More
- 3:00 pm Culture Club
- 6:00 pm Care Partner Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

- 9:00 am Quilters
- 9:30 am CWF Service Day

Wednesday, September 16

- 6:00 pm Fellowship Dinner
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

It's that time of year again!

Culture Club begins Monday, September 14th.
Culture Club meets Mondays, Tuesdays, and
Thursdays from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

If you would like to volunteer it's not too late to
sign up!



September 13, 2009
Mark 8:27-38
The Value of Life

Agape House is asking for help. It is having a very hard time making ends meet. This organization takes in friends and family (including children) of the Medical Center, the correctional center at Fordland and the Greene County Jail.

Besides financial help, items such as toilet paper, cleaning supplies, paper towels, full and half paged sheets, and children's toys (trucks, dolls, coloring books and crayons would be very much appreciated).

Manager, Vicky Kerthley is there everyday except for Tuesdays and Wednesdays when the Medical Center is not open.

Agape house is located at 1225 N. Grant, phone number is 865-5408.

Rev. Sue and Don Brown give thanks for the congregation and community friends who supported them with calls, cards, and caring words of sympathy at the death of Sue's sister Billie in Mattoon, Illinois. We love you for your attention and response.

Sue & Don



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



We extend our sincere sympathies to the family of **Nina Hoover** who passed away.

Visitation will be at 10:00 am at Central Christian Church on Friday, September 11th. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 am at C.C.C. with interment at 1:00 pm at the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery. A reception will follow at C.C.C.

Congregational Concerns

Kay Walton - Updates at:
www.caringbridge.org/visit/kaywalton

Don Fesperman
 Jo & Sam Gardner
 Debra Gleghorn
 Sue Brown
 Eurith Stover
 Caleb Lipscomb
 Charlie Lynch



*Please keep the office informed of those who need our prayers.
 Thank you!*



We extend our sincere sympathies to Rev. Sue & Don Brown at the loss of their sister **Billie Groniger** who passed away.

Visitation was Tuesday, September 1st at the Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home in Mattoon, IL.

Funeral services was held Wednesday, September 2nd at the Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home in Mattoon, IL.



We extend our sincere sympathies to the family of **Dr. Donald Farrior** who passed away.

Visitation was Monday, August 31st at the Speaks Suburban Chapel.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 11:30 am, Saturday, September 12, 2009, at the Raymore Christian Church in Raymore, MO.



We extend our sincere sympathies to the family of **Bill Quigg** who passed away.

Visitation and a memorial service was held Friday, September 4th at the Gorman-Scharpf Funeral Home.

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN

From the children...

Thanks to all who came to breakfast with us for the Sunday School kickoff. It was nice to see so many faces there. Children's Church gained a preschool class that will be taught by Joyce Thomas. We are very excited about this new class. It will be available for children 3 - 5 years of age. This month we will be focusing on the Creation Story. We have so much planned that your kids and grandkids would love to be a part of.

Love in Christ,
 Liz Cook

September 8, 2009

Pastor Speaks...

As many of you know I recently had surgery. On Friday, September 4, I underwent the implantation of a defibrillator in my chest. A defibrillator is a device that works only when it detects that someone is having heart failure. Most people who have them never use them. This was a problem for me. Why was I earmarked for one? It appears that my heart just isn't working like a 30 year old any more, matter of fact it isn't working like a 57 year old. After prayers and consultations with family, colleagues, and cardiologists I decided I would go ahead with the procedure. I spent the night in the hospital and had hoped to be in the service at the Lord's Table on Sunday morning. My body did not respect my wishes. I want to thank Geoff for his fine work under the pressure of having to secure backup and Don Brown for providing that backup. I was able to come to the service and heard an outstanding sermon delivered by our own Youth Director, Geoff Weinman.

This was not emergency surgery. To dispel a rumor I heard, I did not have a problem in Texas that had to be fixed upon my return home. It is turning out however, that I will need to cut back a bit on my work because I did not realize that I was going to be restricted for the next two weeks on driving (my daughter Beth is my chauffeur), the next month on lifting and other activities I find helpful. I can read, plan, listen, and pray. I am however a bit "weak in the knees" and feeling sidelined for the moment. After this time of recovery, I will be better off than I was before the treatment.

My recent experience did however tweak my interest in health reform. The task is difficult. A lot of interests are involved, some for the good and some the not so good. I have insurance, but good insurance in our country only gets you so far. I had to wait almost four months to see a doctor to continue my cardiac care that I have had for the last twenty years. Even then I was not able to go directly to a Cardiologist. First, I had to be seen by an Internist. This was not cheap with co-pays. Without an Internist I was unable to get an appointment with a Cardiologist or a Dermatologist. These appointments took another two months. I understand the protocol but having been in the system in several places I sometimes wonder if it is an efficient one. Oh, I had to be at the Hospital at 5:30 a.m. on Friday for a procedure that was to be done at 8:00 a.m. (I had pre-registered). I arrived on time and then waited in line. Why the early hour? I had to go to the billing office and make a down payment on my \$2000.00 co-pay. I felt like I was buying a car (A very small car that fits in my chest but gets great mileage). Thank God I have insurance. Now, understand, all of the people along the way were and have been competent and caring. I just wonder about those folks who aren't as lucky as me.

My prayers are with them.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Andrews

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9/6/2009

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Attendance:
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Serving September 13, 2009

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Greg Walton

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