



Lee's Summit Christian Church

Being Disciples ~ Growing Disciples



Lee's Summit Christian Church . . . where love is served

This Sunday, January 8, we begin a fresh, long-awaited look at the vision of our congregation. Nearly a year and a half ago, the congregation voted to begin a vision clarification journey with the guidance of a unique consulting firm named Auxano (*Greek meaning "to cause to grow"*). The actual work began in October, 2010 and a full year was spent by some eighteen representatives of our congregation meeting monthly with Jim Randall, lead navigator for Auxano. On several occasions the entire MLT was invited to evening sessions for input and advancement of the work in progress.

In this first sermon series of 2012, the Ministry Team is anxious to roll out some of what we feel God has guided us to consider on this journey. What we will be sharing is not so much the "results" of our work but the perspective we have been gaining and how we think God will continue to guide our growing efforts to live out the vision God keeps giving us.

We are a unique congregation. Amongst the hundreds of thousands of congregations in the world, we are unique (as is every other congregation). No other congregation is planted on the corner of Highway 291 and Tudor Road. No other congregation is made up of the personalities found here, the history that is ours, and the neighborhoods where we live. So, it seems reasonable, at least to many of us, that God might have something unique for us to be about. That was one primary reason for securing Auxano to assist us. This concept is at the heart of their approach to guidance.

Over the next seven weeks, your pastors will be sharing some of the key concepts that we believe will guide us to new kinds of growth as a congregation. I will introduce the series this Sunday and then we will share over the next six weeks the marks or standards by which our mission can be measured with respect to an individual's development through the ministry of our congregation.

This is a fresh way of approaching our mission. Every church feels the gravitational pull to measure only what Will Mancini (founder of Auxano and author of *Church Unique*) calls the ABC's (attendance, buildings, and cash). By defining new "Marks" as our measures, we can focus our congregation on the Spirit's work of soul formation and Jesus' encouragement for multiplication.

What are the six ideas our Vision Pathway Team and MLT hope to use to describe the missional life at the heart of LSCC? Our calling as your pastors is to do our best to articulate these ideas in this series. It is our sincere hope and prayer that we have journeyed close to God so that we might sense our unique vision. How the folk who make up this congregation work together to fulfill our mission will be the focus of our worship time together between Epiphany and the start of Lent.

LSCC . . . where love is served! We think that has a nice ring! We hope you can meet with us at the Table this Sunday to begin the next leg of our journey together.

Shalom!

Bill Bailey

CHILDREN'S NEWS



Regular Sunday night activities for Kids Club, JYF and children's choirs will resume Sunday, January 15th at 4:00pm.

Attention children, youth and families! Please join us for tubing at Snow Creek in Westin, MO on Sunday, January 29th. The cost to tube is \$26 per person for 2 hours. If you're coming but not tubing, you can sit by the fire pit and socialize for free! Please meet at the church at 1:30 to caravan to Westin. **(PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A TIME CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS)** Tubing will be for two hours, starting at the time of ticket purchase. Youth are welcome to come without parents (there will be sponsors). Children (up through 6th grade) must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or approved adult. Please contact Suzanne Kerr or Jennifer Parson if you plan to go **OR IF YOU CHAPERONE**, so we can help arrange transportation for everyone.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES: Classes will begin in February for youth sixth grade and older who decide with their families that they are ready to explore church membership and baptism. Current sixth graders will receive a letter in the mail with more information. If your child is older, but has not participated in membership classes, please call the church office to sign up for the classes. There will be a parent information meeting Sunday, February 12th at 3:00 pm. Classes will begin Sunday, February 19th and will continue throughout Lent. More schedule details will be available at the information meeting or by contacting Jennifer Parson.

JYF LOCK-IN: There will be a lock-in for JYF (grades 3-6) on Friday, January 13th. We will gather at the church at 7pm, and kids may be picked up between 8:30 and 9:00am on Saturday the 14th. We will not have dinner at the church, but please bring a snack and/or a drink to share. We will have breakfast in the morning.

Please remember to bring: bedding and pillows, changes of clothes, pjs, toiletries, etc. We will allow iPods (with headphones) for a short time at bedtime. Cell phones, texting, or ANY sort of personal game device will be confiscated until morning. Please remind your children to leave them at home. If parents need to contact their children, Jennifer's cell phone number will be available.

****We are still in need of another male chaperone to help host the lock in and spend the night. Please contact Jennifer Parson if you are available to help.**

SICK POLICY It is that time of year again— time for colds and flu! It seems there have been a lot of nasty bugs going around this year. As a reminder, LSCC has a sickness policy for all children's programs. *Children who are ill (fever, vomiting, etc) may not participate in any activities, Sunday school, or childcare. They must be free of illness or fever for 24 hours (48 hours from vomiting) before returning to participation.* I hope you will care for yourselves by allowing your family time to heal after illness, and that you will care for your church family by reducing the spread of illness to others. Blessings to you all! ~Jennifer Parson

Resource Room: **THANK YOU JULIE NIXON** for volunteering a full day of your time and beginning (in a big way) to organize the resource room. We are in need of volunteers to help KEEP the resource room organized. If you have a gift for organization and a few hours a month you could contribute, please call the church office to volunteer! We are also looking for someone with a gift of purging to help go through items left in the resource room and get rid of what is no longer needed.

YOUTH NEWS



Mark your calendars!

Jan. 8th (Sun) Youth Groups- 4-6 PM. It's a new year! Let's begin 2012 having fun and growing in your faith!

Jan. 22nd (Sun) Parent Meeting- 3 PM.

Jan. 29th (Sun) Tubing at Snow Creek in Westin, MO. Meet at the church at 1:30 and we'll leave from here. Cost is \$26 per person for two hours of tubing. PARENTS, IF YOU CAN CHAPERONE/ DRIVE, PLEASE LET ME OR JENNIFER PARSON KNOW.

Casting Crowns March 22nd (Thurs)- Christian artists, Casting Crowns will be in concert at the Independence Events Center. All are welcome! Group rate tickets are \$22.50 (with 15 or more). Tickets will be ordered in early January. Let me know if you'd like to go. Ticket money will be due **Jan. 8th. ALL ARE WELCOME. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A YOUTH TO JOIN THIS GROUP!**

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS! *Mark your calendars now*

Mission Trips can be life-changing experiences, many of our youth and adults have shared with me the differences these trips have made in their lives. We prepare all year for our summer mission trips—learning about needs in the world, reading scripture and learning how our faith calls us to respond, working to raise funds to go, and building relationships with each other.

Middle School Mission (current 7th-8th graders)- June 10-15 (Sun-Fri).

High School Mission (current 9th-12th graders)- July 24-July 31 (Tues-Tues).

More information & registration forms will be available soon. Non-refundable Deposits (usually about \$75) will be due in February. Scholarships are available from the Mary Rosebrough Scholarship Fund, please ask about it.

CALENDAR

January 8: Young Adults (18-24ish) meet in the social at 10am for fellowship and breakfast. Look in the announcements section for more information.

January 8: UN-DECORATE the sanctuary after the 11am service. Lunch will be served.

January 9: The Hannah circle will meet at 9:30am in the church parlor.

January 9: The Women's Ministry Board will meet at 1:00pm in room 104.

January 9: The Deborah circle will meet at 6:45pm in the church parlor.

January 11: University of Missouri Singers are on tour and will be in concert in our sanctuary on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:30pm. The Chancel Choir is sponsoring the concert; a love-offering will be received that evening for the U Singers. Come and bring your friends!

January 15: Community Center Blood Drive from 8am-12noon in the social hall.

January 15: Elder/Deacon Training. 10am in the sanctuary. All Elders and Deacons are encouraged to attend, even if you have served previously.



January 15: Grace Prayer Circle. Centering prayer at 10am in the Chapel.

January 16: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

January 21: MLT Retreat at LSCC at 8:30am

January 21: Habitat for Humanity work day (indoors). We will leave the church at 7:45am. Please sign up at the communication center.



January 22: Grace Prayer Circle. Intercessory prayer at 10am in the Chapel.

January 30: Micah Ministries. Because the need is so great to help feed and clothe the needy in our area, LSCC will be going to Micah at Independence Boulevard Christian Church on the 5th Sun. this month (Jan. 30). They will also go on our regular 1st Mon. in Feb. (2/6). Sign up at the communication center.

March 22: Casting Crowns Concert. Christian artists, Casting Crowns will be in concert at the Independence Events Center. All are welcome! Group rate tickets are \$22.50 (with 15 or more). Tickets will be ordered in early January. Let me know if you'd like to go. Ticket money will be due Jan. 8th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

College age to young adults (ages 18-24ish): Let's meet for coffee, breakfast and discussion at 10am in the social hall on Sunday, January 8th. Suzanne will bring bagels (or other breakfast items). Catch up with old friends, meet new ones and discuss questions of faith.

Micah Ministries needs Volunteers: The Micah Ministry of Independence Boulevard Christian Church needs DAYTIME volunteers from 10am-4pm to help sort and stock the adult clothing pantry. If you can volunteer for some period of time or can only volunteer on some Mondays, please still volunteer! They would be so grateful! Please contact Elke at 816-231-0016.

Pro Deo Youth Center in LS Immediate Needs: New or used: Teen clothing (especially skinny jeans, teen girl sizes 13+), Food for pantry. Monetary donations are always welcome. Call Hope Davis at 916-8377 or Kylie Ewing at 226-6806. [Click here](#) to visit the Pro-Deo Youth Center website.

Cart Missing from Church: Did you borrow the large cart with a flat wooden bottom from the church? It typically lives in the social hall closet, but is missing. If have borrowed or know where it is, please return it to the church.

Paper Recycling: You've probably gotten your fair share of store ads and catalogs this season, right?!? Once you have leafed through them and all your mail, don't forget to bring them to the church's paper recycling bins (located in the parking lot). Each piece of paper equals funds for the youth mission trips - and it helps reduce waste & will make new paper. It's a win WIN!

Lee's Summit Social Services Needs: Peanut Butter and Jelly, toilet tissue, paper towels, pasta, canned meat, muffin mixes, hot or cold cereal, dry beans and rice, dishwashing detergent, laundry soap, canned fruits and veggies

URGENT Needs for Micah Ministry: The Micah Ministry has immediate need for the following items:

Diapers - sizes 4, 5 and 6

Girls' Underwear - sizes 3-16

Boys' Underwear - 5-8

Childrens' Socks - size SMALL

Boys and Girls Shoes - 6-10 1/2 (Toddler up to about age 6)



To our church family, Gene and I want to thank you for the prayers the compassion dinners and our Christmas basket. The visits the prayers we had with Bill were so comforting. You have helped us through a difficult time when we all need that extra care from others. We are seeing God's healing and continue to pray with all your help that Gene will walk again. WE look forward to that day when he will be able to walk back in to our church.

Bill thank you so much. We hope you know how much you have helped us. We have been blessed to have you with us.

God Bless You All, Gene and Esther Waight

Dear Christian Friends, thank you for the wonderful "goodies" basket and the lovely poinsettia. I feel so blessed to have such caring people in my church family. May God bless you. Ruth Shobe

Thank you very much for the goodie basket, it was lovely. Thank you! Anita Geritz

Lee's Summit Christian Church, We at Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity wanted to thank your church for having such a great couple of volunteers! Lois Belser and Steve Shockey come pretty regularly to our affiliate every month; and Lois always comes every month. Their dedication and hard work helps keep our affiliate running! We depend on volunteers like them for their work ethic and fellowship! So, thank you for partnering with Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity in our mission of seeking to put God's love into action to bring people together to build affordable homes, communities and hope!

Copies of anniversary/birthday lists, thank you notes and the monthly serving schedule are located in the narthex; or view these lists on our [home page](#).

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9am: Casual/Contemporary Worship
10am: Education and Fellowship

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