

## "Time for the Doxology"



J. D. Browning remembered Lee's Summit Christian Church in his estate planning; and because of his generosity, we have now paid in full our building debt! His gift to our church totaled \$875,221.54. Four other recipients also received an amount equal to that: Children's Mercy Hospital, Salvation Army, Kansas City Hospice, and Truman Heartland Community Foundation.

What a blessing! Let me try to explain something of what this gift has meant to Lee's Summit Christian Church. We had been paying on the building debt for eleven years. Our budget throughout these years reflected \$110,000 annually in building payments. Refinancing was necessary a couple of times in order to manage the payments.

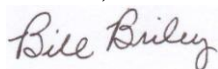
With the economic recession of the past couple of years, our congregation like most others has felt the crunch. We created annual budgets carefully considering the signs of reduced giving. In 2008 our budget was \$810,682; in 2009 our budget was \$793,060; and in 2010 our budget is \$733,200. Furthermore, giving fell short of projected budgets, and we attempted to live within our means. We tightened our belts, deferred maintenance at times, froze salaries and earlier this year reduced our staff by two positions (evening custodian and Director of Communications). Such decisions were difficult but were deemed necessary as good stewards.

With giving dropping over time by about the same amount as our annual building payments, we would have been faced with more difficult decisions had Mr. Browning's gift not been made. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Mr. Browning chose us to be a recipient of his faithful stewardship of accumulated resources! On Monday, June 28, our debt was paid in full!

We will plan some public recognition of this gift to coincide with our 140th anniversary, but we wanted the congregation to share in the celebration of this good news now. In addition to our debt retirement, approximately \$50,000 from the Browning gift remained to create a Capital Reserve Fund from which we will begin to address some of the deferred maintenance needs within our facility. Our MLT will hear proposals for addressing some of these needs at our July 11 meeting.

In the meantime, let us give thanks for this wonderful gift! Let us stay strong in our giving that we might continue in our "recovery" financially as a congregation. Let us rejoice that we are weathering the recession, that by God's grace and Mr. Browning's generosity, we will come out of this struggling economy with our building debt eliminated! It's a great time to sing the Doxology!

Shalom,



Rev. Bill Briley



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR HOPE HOUSE

**NEED:** Backpacks, money for clothes, underwear is an extreme need at this time  
**DUE:** August 10 - place items in the bin by the office door.

**WAYS TO HELP:** 1) Donate filled backpacks

2) Donate cash

3) Donate supplies

4) Donate \$15 and the committee will fill a backpack for you

### SUPPLIES:

Backpack

12 #2 pencils

Large eraser

2 wide-lined spirals

2 100 sheet pkg wide lined paper

Colored pencils

Box of 24 crayons

2 pocket folders

Pointed scissors

8 Classic Color markers

12" wooden ruler

8 count water colors

School box

2 4oz. Elmer's glue bottles

For older students, we also need:

3 ring binders

Protractor

Red ink pens

Pkg of multi-color construction paper

Divider sheets

Compass

Highlighters

Combination locks

Black ink pens

Calculators

3X5 and 4X6 lined index cards

QUESTIONS?? CALL Jan Cantrell 246-1984.

### CALENDAR

**July 10 - Backyard Camp for 1-3 year olds.** Come from 11am - 1pm for stories, songs, crafts and a cook-out. Be prepared to get a little wet and sandy.

**July 11 - Denver Mission Trip meeting at 4:30 pm.**

**July 11 - MLT meeting in the parlor at 6 pm.**

**July 12 - Hannah Circle meeting at 9:30 am in the church parlor.**

**July 14-August 18 - Wednesday evenings from 7-7:30 - 6-week no-impact exercise program on dvd and stretch to classical music. No equipment needed. Helpful to adults & kids. Contact Lois Belser with questions 524-1170.**

**July 22 at 7 pm - Career Networking.** Join us for our next meeting when we'll discuss "Resume Review: Bring your resume and get some tips on ways to improve."

**July 30 - Intergenerational Movie Night at 6:30pm.** Tonight's movie will be *Monster's Inc.*

**August 9 - Hope House backpacks and school supplies due** so children will receive in time for school to begin.

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### CHILDREN

**Friday Family Flicks** - intergenerational movie nights aimed at entertaining and educating! During these two-hour events, we'll watch a movie, share a snack, play games, and learn about being nicer, better people! Kids, bring your parents, brothers and sisters, and grandparents!

July 30th – *Monsters, Inc.*

August 13th – *A Bug's Life*

August 27th – *Toy Story*

**Backyard Camp** - a party **just for our one, two, and three-year-olds!** If you're between ages 1 and 3, come join us in the backyard July 10th from 11am to 1pm for stories, songs, crafts, and a cookout! Be prepared to get a little wet and sandy, and don't forget to bring a parent!

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## YOUTH

**Sun July 11** - 4:30 PM—Denver Mission Trip meeting for Parents & Youth. We will meet to discuss details of our trip & I will have forms and other info for you as well. This is going to be great Mission Trip!

**Mon July 12** - 6:30-8 PM—Games & fun @ church! Invite your friends. We had so much fun with the water games (Wed 6/30), we may do some more—so wear clothes that can get wet! We'll also share a small devotional time.

**Wed July 21** - Frisbee Golf at Legacy (evening, time TBD)

**July 20-25** - LSCC will be housing a group from Spencer, Iowa. They will be here on Mission Trip. We will want to welcome them & share great hospitality with them! The minister is Rick & Pat Huskey's son-in-law. Please let me know if you would like to help welcome them. Maybe you'd like to write a note, make a poster, make some brownies or share some other treats!

**July 24-31** - Mission Trip to Denver. See below for your opportunity to "Adopt a Mission-Tripper"!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

You're invited to the wedding between **Steve Keisker and Brenda Henson on Saturday, July 10, 2010**. Brenda Henson and Steve Keisker request the honor of your presence at their wedding Saturday, the tenth of July at 4:00 pm at LSCC. \*Reception is to follow at Lakewood Oaks Country Club.

### **SHARE THE LOVE WITH A MISSION TRIPPER (2 DIFFERENT ways to participate, DO 1 OR both)!**

We have 30 people going to Denver, CO for Mission Trip in July! There are several ways for the whole church to pray with and support these folks as they travel and share God's love. Thanks to everyone who wrote notes & adopted someone for our Costa Rica trip. These offerings of love meant so much to all of us. It is definitely nice to have words of encouragement from home—and we definitely enjoyed the snacks!

**1. Adopt a Mission Tripper as a Prayer Partner**--If you sign up to be a Prayer Partner you covenant to fill a 1 gallon zipper bag with goodies, write notes/send cards to your Prayer Partner, and pray for that person by name as they prepare for and travel on this mission trip. Contact Suzanne ([skerr@lschristian.com](mailto:skerr@lschristian.com)) or the church office if interested, & we'll match you with a participant and get you a few ideas of fav. snacks.

**2. Notes for Mission Trippers**-- Write a note of encouragement, support, and prayer to a participant. A mailbox will be located in the foyer along with envelopes with participant names.

Contact Suzanne ([skerr@lschristian.com](mailto:skerr@lschristian.com)) with any questions or interest

## MARRIAGE BLESSINGS

Congratulations to Rachel Lammers and Thomas Brownfield who were united in marriage on June 12th at LSCC.

Congratulations to Whitney McBride (daughter of Rodney and Barbara McBride) and Brandon Ford who were united in marriage on June 12th in Oklahoma City.

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome New Members Paul and Jill O'Donnell as well as their son Aiden who joined in membership with LSCC on June 13th.

Welcome New Members Larry and Carol Johns who joined in membership with LSCC on June 23rd.

## SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 12, 18 & 19: LSCC 140th Birthday Celebration - special recognition of our past, our present and our future. Visit the [LSCC website](#) for more details. Call Kathy Moore (537-7827) to volunteer.

## AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS

### June 20, 2010

In Worship: 432 Actual Giving: \$ 10,723 Actual Year-to-Date: \$332,034  
In Study: 133 Needed Weekly: \$13,608 Needed Year-to-Date: \$340,200

### June 27, 2010

In Worship: 431 Actual Giving: \$ 13,704 Actual Year-to-Date: \$343,968  
In Study: 86 Needed Weekly: \$13,608 Needed Year-to-Date: \$353,808

## COMMUNICATION CENTER



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](#).

Need to reach a pastor or staff member? Go [here ...](#)

Next Enewsletter: July 22nd... Content Deadline: 5 pm, July 20th to [Jennifer Holbert](#)

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