



HYGIENE KIT MISSION APRIL - MAY - JUNE



In the face of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty, Hygiene Kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. We have the opportunity to provide these kits through the Church World Services.

This mission will be a do-it-yourself project for the months of April, May and June. One-gallon plastic bags with a list of needed items inside will be available on the mission table in the gathering area. After you have purchased the items, put them in the bags, remove the excess air in the bags and seal them. **DO NOT ADD TOOTHPASTE AS THAT WILL BE ADDED TO THE KITS PRIOR TO SHIPMENT.** Take as many as you like.

When you have assembled your kits you may place them in the wagon in the hallway. This little wagon has been filled in the past with food and clothing to assist those in need. It is our hope that we can show our love and concern for others by filling the wagon with these kits.

If you wish the Church World Services also has a need for cash gifts for shipment of the kits to where they are needed the most. Checks should be made out to Church World Service.

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Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meeting every Wednesday morning at 6:30 am at BVCC in the educational wing. If you would like more information please contact Rick Butler.

Women of Faith meeting every first and third Wednesday at noon. If you are interested in more information contact Kathy Dobbels.

Welcome Jackson Wallace

Congratulations to Kristen (Holcomb) and Scott Wallace on the birth of their son, Jackson. He was born today, March 5, 2013 at 1:40 PM, weighing 9 lbs. 2oz.



Jackson's maternal grandparents are Mark and Bart Holcomb.

We pray blessing, joy, and peace on this family's new life together.

Jump
for JOY!



Children Worship and Wonder

Pastor Lisa Engelken of Family of Faith CC will be providing the Children Worship and Wonder story on April 14th & 28th during the 9:30 AM worship service at BVCC.

Ken Heim

Our Church family was saddened to learn of the death of a former member Ken Heim. Ken died Sunday afternoon March 10th. We surround Stella and Ken's family with prayers of comfort and hope. The memorial service took place at Shawnee Park Christian Church, 16500 Midland Drive on Friday March 15th .

COPIER

As BVCC prepares for a move BVCC has sold the Ricoh Copier to Peace Church. Within the next couple weeks the Ricoh Copier will be moved from BVCC office. If you have copying needs please let Rick or Amy Jo so we can work on a solution.

Along with the copier sales Rick and Amy Jo will be purchasing labtop Computers to start their "Work from Home" transition. The church will also be purchasing a small printer for Amy Jo to print Bulletins and other Church Documentation.

WOMEN'S SEMINAR

The Christian Church of Greater K.C. is sponsoring a Women's Seminar "God With Us" on April 27, 2013 at Tall Oaks Conference Center in Linwood, Kansas.

The cost is \$7 which includes a meal and materials. Reservations should be made by April 15th. If you are interested information sheets are provided on the mission table in the gathering area.

SERMON SERIES IN ANTICIPATION OF NESTING

As we move into the future knowing that we will sell the property and our building, and nest with a sister congregation, we have opportunity to reflect on who we are and what we will do.

During April and into May I will be preaching a sermon series on the intentions of church. The idea came to me from a newsletter article written by Trish Winters, Pastor of Discernment at the Cherokee Christian Church. (Some will remember Trish from her time last January and February when she lead worship and preached during my absence.)

Following a brief review of the primary intention of many mainline churches in the United States from the 1960s on Trish provides several scripture stories that invite reflection on our intention as church. As you might well know and believe there is not just one intention but also several.

I will use the texts Trish lifts up. I will provide the location of the texts prior to each week's sermon inviting your discernment. Following the sermon we will have a time of congregational reflection when we can share one another's discernment,

I'm going to work diligently at being specific in relation to where we are and in our future of nesting. I do not want these sermons to be abstract, general notions. When we move, as the journey with the Spirit of Love and Life continues, what will our intentions be? And how best and most faithfully can we live them out?

Grace and peace,

Rick Butler

TALL OAKS BUCKET LIST RETREAT

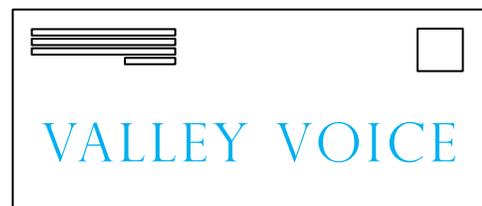
Directed by Brett Winters

May 7 & 8, Cost: \$98.00

(Includes 4 meals, overnight, bedding and towels, all activities, and meeting space)

Arrival: May 7 at 10 am
Departure: May 8 at 3:30 pm

A camp for people who are retired, around that age & beyond, to come to Tall Oaks & try some of the things you have always wanted to do.



The deadline for the May newsletter is
Wednesday, May 1st by 5:00 PM.

All articles/calendar events need to be sent to
both of the following emails:

bvccvalleyvoice@gmail.com and

bluevcc@sbcglobal.net

HYMNAL SENT TO CHURCH

A number of sources, including our Regional Center and a Katheryn Graham email, alerted our congregations to a tragedy and a request. From the website of our Week of Compassion we learned about the incident:

Early in the morning on March 18th, First Christian Church in Owensboro, Kentucky was struck by lightning, setting fire to the sanctuary and subsequently destroying the building. Though no injuries were reported, historic pieces of this beautiful church--including its pipe organ and stained glass window--are beyond repair. Assessments for plans for recovery are still in development.

The pastor of the congregation, Jake Caldwell, later made a request via Facebook:

So many of our Disciples colleagues have been asking how they might help First Christian Church in Owensboro in the wake of our recent tragedy. Now I have a request. The church we're moving into has some old Baptist Hymnals in the pews which we would like to replace with the most recent version of the Chalice Hymnal, which is no longer available. Would you consider donating one (or a few) from your collection so that we can sing some of our favorites on Easter Sunday? Please sign them so we know where they came from. It would mean a great deal to us to have a new set (roughly 300) collected within a few days from across the country...Thank you so much for all the love and support you have showed us over the last few days.

We sent a copy by express mail (overnight) so it would arrive by Sunday. It was a copy of the hymnal commemorating the 1995 General Assembly held in Pittsburg, PA.

The note written on the inside cover page reads:

To our sisters and brothers in Christ at the First Christian Church in Owensboro, KY.
Hope and love from the community of faith at the Blue Valley Christian Church in Overland Park, KS.

We hope the joy of the resurrection hymns will cause even the rafters to sing on Easter morning.

(We will contact the church when we are near to nesting to see if they can use more of our hymnals.)

TALL OAKS SUMMER KICK OFF

Featuring the Annual ACORN DASH 5K

- 5K and other festivities will begin at 2 pm and continue until 5 pm
- Registration for event: \$20.00
 Registration includes entry into the 5k run/walk, outdoor games, snacks, and entry for a chance to win fabulous raffle prizes!
- Horseback riding and Archery will be available by sign up

Plus, register by April 14 and receive a FREE T-SHIRT!

For more information visit: <http://talloaks.org/WP/tall-oaks-summer-kick-off-2/>

5K Acorn Dash



Join us on May 5th for the Annual 5K Acorn Dash at Tall Oaks!
First place Men and Women winners get a special prize!
Hot dog picnic will be provided by Tall Oaks from 3-5!

20 dollar Registration* includes full access to all activities**
Free T-shirt with early registration!

Sand Volleyball Horseback Riding Frisbee Golf
 Outdoor Games Tetherball Horse Shoes

Hosted by KC Regional Youth Cabinet

*\$15 for youth 6-18 Free for 5 and under
 **Horseback Riding and Archery on a first come first serve basis




**KENNY THOMAS' OLATHE TOYOTA AND LEE JEANS PRESENT
"TEE IT UP FOR SAFEHOME" 20TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

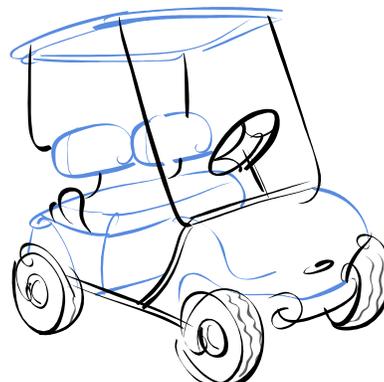
This four-person scramble offers a great day of golf.

Time: Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.; Shotgun Start at 9:30 a.m.



Day: Monday, April 29, 2013

Place: Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate
14225 Dearborn Ave.
Overland Park, KS 66223



Registration Fee:

Early Bird (prior to April 5)

\$160 per player
\$640 per foursome

After April 5

\$185 per player
\$740 per foursome

Fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, beverages, snacks, lunch, prizes and gifts.

For more information visit:

<https://app.etapestry.com/cart/SAFEHOME/default/index.php>

BVCC Calendar Events

April	3, 10, 17, & 24		Men's Bible Study @ 6:30 AM
April	3	12:00 PM (NOON)	Women of Faith Meeting
April	7	9:30 AM Worship	2nd Sunday of Easter
April	14	9:30 AM Worship	3rd Sunday of Easter
April	14	9:45 AM	Children's Worship & Wonder
April	17	12:00 PM (NOON)	Women of Faith Meeting
April	21	9:30 AM Worship	4th Sunday of Easter
April	28	9:30 AM Worship	5th Sunday of Easter
April	28	9:45 AM	Children's Worship & Wonder

