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SPRING CLEANING

(BY NANCY BOYER, MCC COORDINATOR)

During June we are going to do a "Spring Cleaning" project. This is an opportunity to clean out that closet or garage of your good clutter.

We will accept new or slightly used items of clothing or shoes, small appliances, household items (such as tools), non-perishable groceries, cleaning supply products, and baby items-- anything needed to help someone start fresh.

Donations will be received at Blue Valley Christian Church, or if you have items you would like to donate but cannot get them to BVCC, arrangements can be made for someone or myself (Nancy Boyer) to come to your home to pickup your donation items.

Donations received during the month of June will go towards helping with the Joplin tornado relief and the local Crosslines organization.

Please give me a call if you need help with packing or pickup. Contact me by phone 913-681-6905 or email (subject line of "Spring Cleaning") at: boyerbungalow@yahoo.com.

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(BY AARON JAMISON)

Check out the blogs and discussions on the Blue Valley Christian Church website and Facebook pages:

Recent BVCC blog articles include:

- Fear of the Storm (added 6/7/2011)
- Life Without Jesus (added 5/30/2011)
- Link to Pastor Rick Butler's sermon recorded May 22, 2011 (added 5/30/2011)
- Collection for Joplin (6/2/2011)
- June Mission (added 5/28/2011)
- Resurrection Blues (added added 5/17/2011)



The recent "Join the Discussion" questions include:

- If you were writing a letter to God, after "Dear God," what would the opening line be? (added 6/4/2011)
- What fiction or non-fiction piece have you read that for you deals with significant life issues? (added 5/29/2011)
- Name a song or two and the artists singing them that touch you deeply. Think beyond "religious" music. (added 5/22/2011)
- Using the metaphor of computer (or email, twitter) how would you describe God? (added 5/7/2011)
- Of these religious vocabulary words which one(s) are most difficult to understand full: God, Christ, Trinity, salvation, crucifixion, resurrection, faith, forgiveness, justice, peace? (added 4/30/2011)

Aaron Jamison, BVCC Website and Facebook Site Coordinator has set up a new shortcut URL for those who visit the BVCC Facebook site regularly.

Check out <http://www.facebook.com/bluevcc>.

REACHING OUT TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH MISSION

The following pictures were taken by Rick Butler during the May mission outreach. BVCC individuals greeted parents and children of the community who utilize the church parking lot during the school year for the purpose of dropping off and picking up their children who attend the local Blue Valley elementary school and high school located directly across from the church. Those who passed through the church parking lot were each greeted with warm smiles, a breakfast bar and a brown paper sack with a note attached explaining our mission goal of collecting “3000” food items by the end of 2011. The following day, BVCC greeters were met by members of the neighboring community with over 40+ donations of non-perishable food items for the food pantry wagon. Thank you to all the volunteers who served as greeters for this mission project: Jill Bryant, Dixie Fuller, Jan Harris, Rick Hughey, Aaron Jamison, Shari Johnson, Jim Johnson, Kathy Dobbels (Kathy & Mark Dobbels-for the breakfast bar donations) and Rick Butler.

As a follow up activity: Katheryn Graham set up a meet and greet in the parking lot with the neighboring community to pass out bottles of bubbles to elementary children during their last days of school wishing them a “wonderful summer” from BVCC.



2011 GRADUATES

Calling all Graduates.

Did you or someone in your family graduate from high school, college, nursing school, a vocational/technical school this year?

We would like to recognize our BVCC church family graduates and we need your help.

Please contact the church office by email bvccvalleyvoice@gmail.com or call (913-469-8736) with the following information so we may recognize them in the July newsletter.

We need the name of the graduate and the name of their school, degree and any other information you would like us to know about the graduate.

- **WOMEN**
- **OF**
- **FAITH**



The women's group, "Women of Faith" which met during the months of April and May have concluded their study on prayer for the summer.

Pictured above are the group of women who participated throughout the two months: (L-R) Cathy Kayser, Ann Zimmerman, Bart Holcomb, Jill Bryant, Kathy Dobbels-WOF facilitator, Jan Harris, and Dixie Fuller. Missing from the picture but also participating were Karen Slater and Katheryn Graham.

Look for announcements in the Fall for future Women of Faith group gatherings. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thanks to Rick Butler for providing the picture.

NEW BIRTH

We celebrate in the joy and the birth arrival of Finnegan Luke, son of Holly Snyder and Stephen Blair born on May 16.

Finn weighed 7 pounds, and was 18 1/2 inches.

Finn's maternal grandmother is Cathy Kayser.

Blessing on this family as they begin their new life together.

Quiet Sanctuary for Students

Blue Valley Christian Church had the pleasure of providing a "quiet sanctuary" for approximately 100 students from the Blue Valley North High School during their Advanced Placement (AP) college testing.

David Cantwell, BVN Counselor worked out the details with Pastor Rick Butler which included five different test settings for students testing in the subjects of Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, Physics, English Language, and Statistics.

The "quiet sanctuary" of BVCC allowed for a better test setting environment so the students were not distracted by the sites/sounds of the school as it conducted its normal day to day operational activities for the remaining students.

BVCC received a financial donation from BVN for the sanctuary usage.

EMAIL SUBJECT: Christian Church (DOC) of Greater K. C. and Haiti

FROM: Michael Allen, Community in Transformation Chairperson

I want to pass on some wonderful news of which the Christian Churches (DOC) of Greater K. C. are a part. Visible improvements are being made in Haiti through CONASPEH. In case some might not be aware CONASPEH is a Haitian organization supported by the Christian Churches (DOC) of United States. CONASPEH supports over 8000 churches, orphanages and health clinics throughout Haiti. The Christian Churches (DOC) of Greater K. C. are Global Partners with CONASPEH and representatives from our region have made numerous Mission trips to participate in assisting CONASPEH.

In February CONASPEH dedicated its new headquarters building which was largely funded through funds provided through Global Ministries. It has now begun construction of a new educational building at the CONASPEH headquarters complex! Much of this funding came as a result of donations made right after the Haiti earthquake happened in January 2010. You can read more about about this construction project by using the link below.

CONASPEH also has a blog that you can follow to keep up to date as to things happening in which they are involved. That link is also provided below.

Next Phase of Construction at CONASPEH Center in Haiti Begins:

<http://globalministries.org/lac/projects/conaspeh-recovery-1.html>

Follow the CONASPEH blog at <http://conaspeh.blogspot.com/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 16 Board of Church Extension Consultation with the BVCC Leadership
12:00 to 2:00 PM at BVCC
- June 19 Trinity Sunday and Father's Day Recognition
- June 22 Leadership Circle meeting at 6:30 PM
- June 26 5:00 PM CONNECT Worship Experience
- July 4 Fourth of July holiday—church office closed.
- July 10 Valley Voice newsletter deadline. Submit all articles and calendar events to both bvccvalleyvoice@gmail.com and bluevcc@sbcglobal.net
- Continuous mission project: "3000" Food items. A monthly collection of non-perishable food items to provide assistance to local food pantries. Each month the items are counted. As of June 1st, 1,235 items received and 1,765 to go.