

# VALLEY VOICE

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## CITY UNION MISSION CLOTHES SORT OCTOBER 8 (BY AARON JAMISON)

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 8 at 12:00 PM

**WHY:** City Union Mission is the largest rescue mission in a six state area. With two shelters located in the downtown KC area they provide beds to over 400 homeless every night. To help support their mission we will be volunteering at one of their thrift stores. The thrift stores provide low cost items to the community and are a source of revenue for CUM.

<http://www.cityunionmission.org/>

**WHERE:** 2nd Chance Thrift Store and Receiving Center  
1229 E. 63rd St.  
Kansas City, MO

**WHO'S HOSTING:** Aaron Jamison

**HOW TO FIND US:** We'll gather at the front of the thrift store.

**DETAILS:** Space has been reserved for us from 12 to 2 PM at City Union Mission's 2nd Chance thrift store and receiving center on 63rd. Potential job duties could include: Sorter/Receiving Clerk, Cashier, Clothes Displayer, Sales Clerk, Store Attendant, Sign-Maker, Merchandiser.

Please dress casual for this event. (Continued on page 4)

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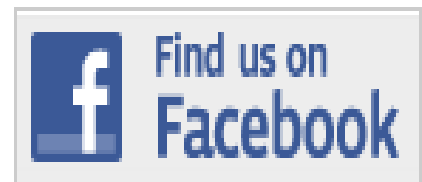


(BY AARON JAMISON, BVCC WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK SITE COORDINATOR)

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

Recent BVCC blog articles and post dates include:

- “On Your Knees” (9/13/11)
- “What in the ‘Lo’ Are We Doing?” (9/17/11)



The recent “Join the Discussion” questions include:

- Who is Jesus in your life? (9/4/11)
- Where have you found peace or hope since 9/11? (9/10/11)
- City Union Mission Clothes Sort (9/28/11)
- What need in Johnson County could our faith address? (10/2/11)

The shortcut URL for the BVCC Facebook site is: <http://www.facebook.com/bluevcc>.

**Celebrating Fifty Years**  
**50 Solid Gold – Tall Oaks Gala 2011**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2011 @ THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL**  
**ON THE COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA**

**Silent Auction & Fellowship.....6:00 PM**  
**Dinner..... 7:45 PM**  
**Live Auction.....9:00 PM**

Cost per individual is \$90.00 (Reservation deadline is 10/16/11 in the BVCC office)  
 Proceeds benefit Tall Oaks Conference Center,  
 A ministry of the Greater Kansas City Disciples of Christ

## OCTOBER IS THANKS AND GRATITUDE MONTH!

(BY KATHY DOBBELS)

Isn't autumn a beautiful time to live in Kansas City? The leaves are changing colors and the days and nights are cooler; "blessed are we" is the phrase that comes to mind.

If we really think about it, we experience blessings every day of our lives.

- Did someone make you laugh or smile this week?
- Are you thankful for an answered prayer or a loving and helpful person in your life?
- Do you admire an individual who works hard and willingly shares his inner-Jesus?
- Were you able to do a good deed for someone else, and did this good deed give you a sense of well-being and happiness?

So often our troubles consume us. This month we ask you to take time to reflect on blessings ... events, persons, places ... and especially yourself. Bring that which makes you feel blessed to the Communion Table. Write it down on the prayer request cards, place it in the offering basket, and share the good news with the rest of us. Help us fill the basket each week with thanks and gratitude! We will do this through the month of October as we praise God for all the many blessings brought into our lives.



### 90th Birthday Celebrated

Congratulations to Catherine Bird who celebrated her 90th birthday

on September 13, 2011.

To obtain Catherine's new mailing address—contact the church office.

### Welcome New Members



Blue Valley Christian Church welcomed Anne and Kelly Ingersoll as new members during the August 28th CONNECT worship service.

The Ingersoll Family came to BVCC through transfer of membership.

Take time to welcome Anne & Kelly.

## WOMEN OF FAITH (BY KATHY DOBBELS)

Women of Faith (WOF) is a warm and supportive group of women who willingly journey together spiritually, inspiring and helping each other along the way. WOF is open to all BVCC women and friends. We meet at noon in the education wing on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

This fall the group is discussing Philip Gulley's "IF THE CHURCH WERE CHRISTIAN". It is a very timely book as "the church" is in the process of redefining its place in the world. The group anticipates both interesting and troubling conversations on tough topics as they progress one chapter at a time. Our goal is to reflect on "church" in general and BVCC in particular over the next couple of months.

Even if you don't have a book, consider joining the conversation at any time. Your feelings and thoughts are respected and appreciated. Sharing and listening are important steps for all of us in our spiritual lives and in preparing ourselves for the future.

We want to thank Rick for his willingness to remain a part of this group as he continues to help us focus on our prayer lives. His offering is reason enough to break from busy lives and spend the hour together!

### 2012 Operating Fund Pledges (By Mark Dobbels, Steward of Financial Gifts)

October is now upon us. Time to think about Oktoberfest and Operating Fund Campaign celebrations. For Oktoberfest celebrations you are on your own. However, for 2012 Operating Fund Campaign celebrations we begin now. As noted in our Walking Faithfully Together meetings, our 2011 budget expenses use up most of our reserve funds. In order to maintain our current operations, we need to generate more resources.

If you pledged for 2011, prayerfully consider matching or raising your level of pledge. If you did not pledge for 2011, prayerfully consider pledging for 2012. The Leadership Circle needs to know what resources we will have available going forward into next year.

More information will be forthcoming.



## CITY UNION MISSION CLOTHES SORT

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There will be someone on staff at the store to show/instruct us on what they need done for that day. Children ages 6 and older are welcome to attend.

To RSVP, simply email Aaron at [aaron@jamisons.net](mailto:aaron@jamisons.net)

P.S. This would also be a good opportunity to clean out your closets and make a donation to City Union Mission!

This event is being hosted in coordination with Serve Kansas City, a volunteer group organized by Aaron on the website [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com). You can find out more about the group and even join here: <http://www.meetup.com/ServeKC>

### **Unique IHN Race On November 6 Features ‘Inside/Out’ Events**

Runners, walkers and competitive racers from Blue Valley Christian Church can register at [www.GreatInsideOutRace.org](http://www.GreatInsideOutRace.org) to participate in the Johnson County Hospitality Network’s (IHN) inaugural race on Nov. 6 to benefit homeless children and their families. Blue Valley Christian is one of IHN’s host churches.

IHN’s unique Great ‘Inside/Out’ fundraiser at the Great Mall of the Great Plains in Olathe is the first race in metropolitan Kansas City where participants can choose from the following indoor or outdoor events: a one-mile run, a one-mile walk either inside or outside the mall or a 5K walk or run. All runs will be timed.

IHN volunteers or individuals who promise to become program volunteers will receive a special registration discount. The number of homeless children in Johnson County has nearly tripled in just two years.

**REMEMBER.....**

**HOPE.....**

**CONNECT.....**



**Singers (L-R: Rhonda Frisbee, Pam Wallace, April Abbott, Dan Conyers)**



**Hospitality Table (L): Jill Bryant**

**Outdoor Flags (R): Mandy Howard**



**Visual Technology: Aaron Jamison & Anthony Frisbie**



**Communion Table: Stephanie Downing**



**Members of the band: (Brian Downing, Steve Abbott, Matt Hale, Mark Wallace, and Rhonda Frisbee)**

**Members of the 9/11 CONNECT Team: Kelly Ingersoll, Jill Bryant, Anthony Frisbie, Aaron Jamison, and (pictured on the right—Mandy Howard and Susie McCart)**



Thank you to the Neighborhood Canvassing Group consisting of Rick Hughey, Chris Niebrugge, Jill Bryant, and Aaron Jamison.

Thank you to the BVCC women who provided cookies for the hospitality table: Karen Slater, Ann Zimmerman, Kathy Dobbels, Anne Ingersoll, and Jill Bryant.

Thank you Rick Butler for providing pictures of the 9/11 CONNECT event.

## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED:

Donations received for the 2011 Reconciliation Special Offering Collection on September 25 and October 2 benefit the following local outreach services:

- Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)—Johnson County
- Heartland Habitat for Humanity
- Micah Ministry—Independence Boulevard CC
- Mother-to-Mother—Johnson County
- Together Center—First CC Kansas City MO
- North Kansas City Hot Dog Ministry—First CC North Kansas City

### 3,000 ITEM GOAL

With joy and thanksgiving we give thanks for everyone at BVCC who participated in our September food wagon mission.

Working with a request from My Father's House in Paola, KS (who requested an emphasis on providing diapers) 401 diapers were donated. In addition there were food items donated, and cash received in the amount of \$335.00 for their children's activity discretionary fund.

If we donate 969 items over the next 3 months we will reach our 3000 item goal!

### **The Benefits of Journaling**

Regular writing is a rewarding, beneficial way to improve your spiritual life. Journaling allows you to:

- Express thoughts and emotions in a safe way,
- Analyze problems and find patterns,
- Face fears by writing them down,
- Record and remember God's work in your life,
- Record prayers and answers,
- Remember life lessons that God is teaching you
- And stay focused on your priorities.

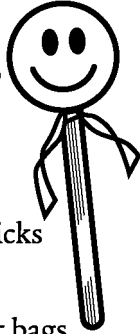
To begin, all you need is a pen, paper and some regular quiet time.

# A COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

## What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



## What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into ¼-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a “face” on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

For Children of All Ages

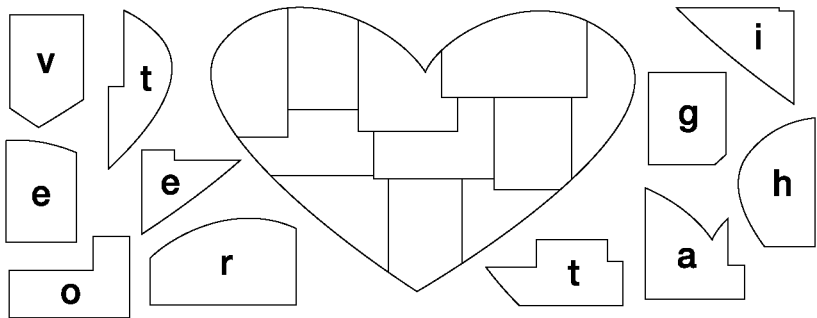


## HOW TO GIVE

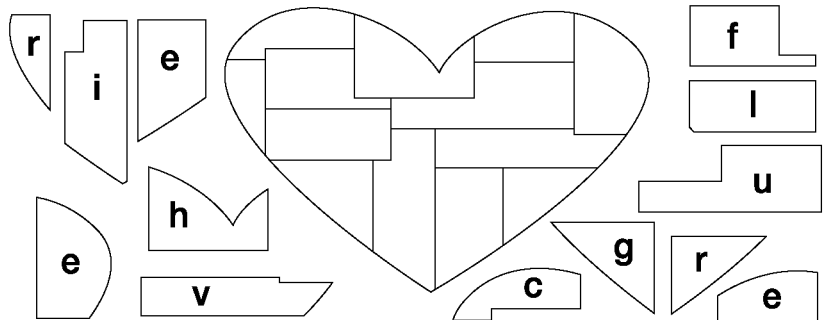
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver