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We have a new Pianist!

The church is pleased to announce we have a new chancel choir accompanist. Sheri Dacon (rhymes with "bacon") will be with us this Sunday. She will continue to be with us on Sundays through July 7, with the except of June 9 & 16. If all goes well, hopefully Sheri will join us again after our summer break in September for the long haul.



Jenny and I wish to thank you from the deepest places our hearts for your kindness and generosity this past Sunday on the occasion of my doctoral completion! The robe, the stole, the reception (complete with healthy-wise vegetables), the wonderful cards, the larger-than life banner, the choir's singing of "Be Thou My Vision," the chancel flowers and all the kind words, were greatly

appreciated and deeply moving. What a gift to have a church family with which to share the joys of life. Early on in the final project phase I was pressed by faculty to pick a subject that would be of service to the Church's ongoing ministry. I trust that the Hope project does this--honoring not only the seven souls in this church who helped put life substance to my theological/theoretical assumptions by agreeing to meet with me in small group discussion over several weeks, and to you in your present and future faith journey struggles to experience hope.

Later this summer, I'll place a copy of my doctoral project in our church's library. That book will be a token of my appreciation to you. I suspect that some of you will be interested to read portions of it. Today, however, I wish to share with each of you the heart-felt words of acknowledgement that are found on the inside cover. The acknowledgement reads: *"I wish to acknowledge all the participants in my Hope Study during the fall of 2011. They trusted the sacred stories of their life journeys with me in the hope that I might learn and others might be helped. I also wish to acknowledge the people of my congregation who have walked the long road of my family's recovery. From the beginning they have understood the depth of a parent's grief and have extended great grace to me in not only struggling with the experience of the unimaginable, but in giving me the time and space to make meaning of it. Without their charitable spirit, this project would never have been possible."*

church office.

Dan & Jenny Jones



Wednesday, June 12th Movie Night 7pm Wednesday, July 3rd Family Game Night 7pm Wednesday, July 17th Movie Night 7pm Wednesday, July 31st Family Game Night 7pm Wednesday, August 14th Movie Night 7pm



served. If you will need a nursery please contact the

The Church Office will be Closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day

Disciples Crossing

Growing Future

Want to know what is going on at Disciples Crossing and its exciting future? Come to an informational session on June 2nd during Sunday School in the Sanctuary to learn about the new building projects and the capital campaign to support the build. Matt Chandler, the director of Disciples Crossing, is coming

to tell us all about it. Disciples Crossing is a wonderful place that has impacted many of our congregants! Be sure to come and see how we are growing into the future.



STAFF HOURS

Custodian, James Hodges

4:30am-5:00am Monday-Friday & leaves each day at 12pm noon

Church Secretary, Holly Coughlin Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm & Friday 9am-12pm noon Allison Ray, Youth Minister-Fridays Off Ray Owens, Associate Minister-Thursdays Off Dan Jones, Senior Minister-Fridays Off

PRAYERS, JOYS, & CONCERNS... FOR THE FOLLOWING: KEITH BIFFLE

LYNDA SIMPSON WAYNE SMITH DON BLAKE **BERNICE WALLACE ELOISE LYONS KENNY KIRKER**

OUR PRAYERS GO OUT FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE TORNADO IN OKLAHOMA ON MONDAY, MAY **20TH**

Youth Ministry News



Sunday, May 26th

CYF & College Bible Study 6pm on Wednesday nights

2013 VBS Registration Can be found on our website www.fccgarland.org

Act FAST

Pledged Offering Recap		
	5/19/13	YTD
Budgeted	\$9,345	\$186,897
Received	\$9,638	\$178,587
Overage/ <mark>(Shortage)</mark>	\$293	(\$8,310)

NATIONAL APHASIA ASSOCIATION ational 25 Years STROKE of Service Stroke and ociation" Aphasia Awareness Wednesday, June 12th 6:30 at FCCG

- Learn What Aphasia is
- Learn how to communicate with people who have Aphasia
- Learn what you can do to help
- Learn the signs of a stroke
- Learn the effects of a stroke
- Learn what you can do to help fight stroke

June 16th-20th Ages 4 - 5th grade

2013 VBS







If you would like to donate individually wrapped snacks, Gatorade, or water to our 25 youth and adults going to Joplin, MO from June 23–28th please place them in the bin in Fellowship Hall. We would love things like granola bars, snack pack chips, fruit snacks, Gatorade. We are not asking for water this year.

The VBS Decorating Committee will meet weekly on **Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-8pm** Anyone who is able to help please join us at the activity center.

The VBS Staff would like to request used/empty water bottles with lids for use with VBS projects. There will be a container in Fellowship Hall tO

collect the bottles.

