

# Wonderful Words

There are some words and phrases that are wonderful. Winnie the Pooh says that his favorite phrase is, "How about lunch?" I like that one too!

Vacation is a wonderful word. An elementary class was meeting on the first day after summer vacation. The teacher asked a boy about his trip. "We visited my grandmother in Minneapolis, Minnesota." The teacher asked, "Good, can you tell the class how you spell that?" After careful thought, he said, "Actually, we went to Ohio."

I have wonderful memories of summers with my family. I have a picture on my desk of my wife and son coming down the hill on the Log Ride at Six Flags. We lived near Six Flags and had a Season Pass. We didn't go far but we had fun.

Some vacations can be stressful. White water rapids. Camping. But those can be times when a family grows closer together. It can be a time when we grow closer to God. But for many, it's a time for vacation from Church and maybe...maybe from God. I know that the Church is not God but God says, "Don't forsake assembling together as is the habit of some but encourage each other as we see the day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:25)

David wrote, "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

Is worship a "Wonderful Word" to you? How about prayer? Fellowship? Church? More importantly, is our relationship with God something we cherish and even enjoy? One of our members gave a Children's Message recently. She asked the kids if they were "excited" to come to Church. Gaither wrote a song that says, "Get all excited, go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is King." Churches and Pastors need to take a humble look at ourselves and our worship. Is it joyful? Meaningful? We should not judge each other. But we can ask ourselves, "Is God first in my life?" And, "Am I a part of a Church family? Am I encouraging others to serve God?"

Before going on vacation, a woman decided on the spur of the moment to have her very long, permed hair cut to a very short style shaved to the neck. Her first day back, she passed her boss in the hallway. "Did you miss me?" she asked. "Miss you?" he echoed. "Who are you?"

I hope this summer is a time when we all grow closer to God and to each other. Let's have a great summer worshipping God together.

*Rick Williams*, Interim Pastor



## MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

Our mother-daughter banquet this year will be a Hat Party on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at noon. Start digging in your closets for the perfect hat!

### SECRETARY'S SUMMER HOURS

Shana Condill's office hours will be changing for the summer. Her hours will most often be 3:30—6 pm, Mon–Fri until mid-August.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE JUNE 6-10

The theme this year is surfing, beach towels and flip flops! Vacation Bible School will be from **9:00-11:30 am each morning, Monday through Friday, June 6-10 at the Arthur Mennonite Church.** Our church, Arthur Methodist, and the First Baptist Church are the other three sponsors. Last year we had 140 kids attend and we're planning on another record turn-out!

It is for children from ages 4 through Jr. High. Registration forms are available on the L-table outside the sanctuary and also at our website [www.vinestreetcc.com](http://www.vinestreetcc.com). Filling out the form before-hand will save you some time at check-in Monday morning.

Thank you so much for your donations for Vacation Bible School! Please join us Friday at 11 am for the closing program—the kids work very hard learning songs all week and this is when they get the chance to perform them. Come experience what 140 sweet voices sound like singing for God!

### SUMMER QUARTER OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>!

We're continuing the beach theme all summer for Sunday School! We'll move through stations for worship, music, story, crafts and games with a fantastic team of teachers—**Mac & Ginny Condill, Ruth Ann Lowder, Kevin & Carol Huffman, Cheryl Conlin, Pastor Rick, Jeannene Yantis** and **Marie Norvell** in the nursery. **Jr. High/High School class**—we'll use your help guiding the kids from station to station and lending the younger ones a hand when they need it.

*AND TO CELEBRATE...*

### SANDAL SUNDAY JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>!

Come to church in your flip flops, sandals, sunglasses, Hawaiian shirts, board shorts—whatever you would wear to the beach. Kids *and* grown-ups—we want to see a sanctuary full of beach goers!



### DINNER THEATRE PICS?

Did you happen to get a picture or ten of the Mystery Dinner Theatre our church put on in April? If you did, we'd love to have copies. You can e-mail them to the church office at [vscc@mchsi.com](mailto:vscc@mchsi.com) or just drop them off next time you're here.

### MAX'S MAGNETS

**Max & Tosha Duzan** left this week to get another bone-marrow check for Max at St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN with a big bag full of magnets! Max got great news—he is still cancer free! And they were so grateful to everyone for donating that they decided that there's really no reason not to keep collecting them since Max will be periodically going there for check-ups. So, the collection box is still in the foyer—and the next time you're at the store, pick up a pack or 2 of clip magnets and Max will keep taking them with him to help raise the spirits of other patients at St. Jude's.

### MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Mark your calendars and invite your friends for this fun, free, popular event. Movies will start at dusk and the rain dates will be on the following Saturday. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets—drinks and popcorn will be provided.

**Fri, June 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fri, Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Fri, July 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fri, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**

### PLUGGING IN...

Our church currently has two important ways you can plug in:

#### ➤ NURSERY HELPERS WANTED!

If you haven't noticed, we have a *lot* of kids in our church—what a blessing! What that means, though, is that we have a lot of kids in the nursery during worship. Our Nursery Coordinators do a fantastic job, but they can use a hand. We have started a Nursery Helper Program—and we're going to re-vamp how we schedule these helpers.

If you are 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older sign-up on the sheet on the stairs leading to the sanctuary. We'd also love to have 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, if they can come down with a parent. **If you'd like us to just schedule you, let a nursery coordinator or Shana Condill know how many Sundays you'd like to sign up for.**

There will always be a Nursery Coordinator with you. This is a great way to get to know our kids—c'mon down and read a

book, color, or play blocks (and maybe get a hug or snuggle as well!). Any questions? Just ask any of our Nursery Coordinators—Ginny Condill, Randa Carson, Jill Hohlbauch & Jessica Vanausdoll.

#### ➤ LOCKING THE CHURCH

If you would be willing to lock the church at night for a month, contact Bruce Condill (543-2394). You would simply come any time after 7 and lock the 3 outside doors.



### PENTECOST OFFERING

Our Pentecost Special Day offering will be collected this month. Half of this offering goes to help start new churches in our Illinois and Wisconsin region and the other half goes to new church efforts worldwide.

One of the most powerful forms of evangelism is putting new churches where people are moving to. We're doing that well! We set a goal of 1000 new churches by 2020. We are now, in 2011, just over half-way to that goal with 692 new churches.

**CHURCH CAMP**

## REGISTRATIONS DUE SOON

The dates of church camp this summer are listed on the bulletin boards and sheets on the L-Table that you are free to take. Also on the sheet are:

- 1) Early bird deadlines: you can register at the discounted rate by registering **5 weeks** before the deadline.
- 2) Final deadlines - Registrations **must** be in by **2 weeks** before the start of the camp.

Go to [www.cciwdisciples.org](http://www.cciwdisciples.org) and click on "Camps" near the bottom of the left side **to access registration forms** and other camp related items.



### “LIKE”ING VINE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

With more and more of our congregation staying connected on-line, we've just added to our internet presence by joining Facebook. Search for Vine Street Christian Church, then click on the “Like” box to the right of our name.

In addition to our fantastic website at [www.vinestreetcc.com](http://www.vinestreetcc.com) (bookmark it!) the Facebook site is another place our members, visitors, and anyone who is curious can check out all the exciting things going on at our church.

### SUMMER “SECRET PLACE” DEVOTIONALS HERE

Copies of “The Secret Place” devotional quarterlies for June-August are in the literature rack by the sanctuary entrance, both regular hand-size and large-print editions. There is no charge—feel free to take one for your daily devotions.

*You are invited*

*to the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Open House Celebration for  
CHARLES & RITA GOODMAN*

*Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>*

*1-3:00 p.m.*

*at the Arthur Community Building.*

*Hosted by the Goodman children.*

## Congratulations

... to **EMILY KAUFFMAN**, who placed 1st in shot put at the state track meet in Peoria with a throw of 32' .5”!

.... to **COURTNEY GUTIERREZ**, who received a First Division rating in this year's Solo/Ensemble contest.

... to **LINDSEY & JANICE DAUGHERTY**, whose granddaughter, **Sabrina Gustafson**, graduated from Western State University of California College of Law with the degree of Juris Doctor with a certificate in Criminal Law. She is to take the Bar in July.

... and to **SUSAN BURSA** who celebrates her newest grandbaby born to Kristianna & Michael Myus. **Helena Noelle Myus** was born April 14<sup>th</sup> and weighed 9 lbs, 5 oz. and was 21” long. She joins sisters, Elise & Olivia and brothers, Zachary and Ian. Their address is PO Box 1223, Lyman, SC 29365.

### ELDERS—SAVE THE DATE

The next elders meeting will be Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, following worship.

## THANK-YOU'S

Thanks to all the teachers who taught Sunday School in the Spring Quarter: **Bruce Condill, Buck & Shana Condill, Laury & Tracy Scott, Ginny & Mac Condill, and Shirley Edwards** in the nursery. Thank you for sharing your gifts.

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, cards and help any way needed when I was sick. It sure was appreciated. You sure are a wonderful church family.

**--Glendal Dalton**

Thank you to everyone for the cards & prayers while I was in the hospital & since returning home. A special Thank You to Pastor Rick for his visits & prayers.

Sincerely,  
**George Wells**

Dear Vine St. Christian Church,

As many of you know, I have begun a new chapter in my life. After graduating from the University of Illinois (I-L-L!), I accepted a job with the Boeing Company. It has long been a dream of mine to be involved in human spaceflight and helping design the next generation of rocket with Boeing is a huge step toward that dream. You may

know I am also engaged to be married. I am truly blessed and by God's grace, I am achieving all that I set out to do.

Through all of my recent successes in life, it is important to reflect on how I got here. It is important to remember the church family that helped to shape and mold the values that I hold at my core. Through this church family, I learned of God and that all things in life come from him. The teachings of Christ and using his life as a model for my own were ingrained in me. For all of these things, I would like to thank Vine St. Christian Church, my church family. May my words find you well and God Bless.

**--Zach Hopkins**

## *JUNE 2011 BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES*

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| 2 - Gale & Janice Pearce (A)   | Kyle Yoder   |
| 3 - Natalie Kroll<br>Jeff Yantis   | Kirby & Angela Davis (A)   |
| 4 - Jonathan Yoder<br>Corrie Drum  | 15 - Abby Taylor   |
| 6 - Ella Mae Artis<br>Cassidy Drum<br>Jim & Carol Yoder (A)                    | 17 - Kai Owen Turner Condill<br>Adam & Kristy Jones (A)          |
| 7 - Sandra Dolan<br>Marvin Sanders<br>Dan & Sara Abercrombie (A)               | 18 - Kerry & Anne Pate (A)<br>Gary & Kristi Alexander (A)        |
| 8 - Dana Tinkle  | 19 - John & Carol Harrer (A)<br>Glendal Dalton                   |
| 9 - Carol Crist  | 21 - Gary Nebergall  |
| 10 - Steven Singer<br>Barry & Sue Williams (A)                                 | 22 - Kent & Janice Schmidt (A)<br>Eric & Stephanie Alexander (A) |
| 11 - Kirby Davis<br>Charles & Rita Goodman (A)<br>Richard & Sharon Buckler (A) | 23 - Bruce Condill   |
| 13 - Gwen Ray<br>Mike Schmidt  | 24 - John Watkins<br>Vernon Stutzman                             |
|  | 26 - Ann Huffman<br>Cindy Johnson                                |
|  | 28 - Janice Schmidt<br>Jerry & Gwen Ray (A)                      |

