



# The Disciple

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## DEALING WITH DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

Where is God when the innocent suffer? Where is God when my prayers go unanswered? Why is God's will so hard to understand?

These are some of the hard questions we will explore at Christ Church during the month of September, through a series of sermons I will preach supported by the 2011 Adam Hamilton book, WHY? MAKING SENSE OF GOD'S WILL.

Perhaps you know someone who is searching for answers. Please invite them to church this month, or bring them to church with you. Here is a summary of the questions we will tackle on September 4th and September 11th.

**SUBJECT:** "Why Do the Innocent Suffer?"

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 1:27-28

GENESIS 1: 27

So God created humankind\* in his image, in the image of God he created them; \*male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'

**ONE-SENTENCE SYNOPSIS:** God, who created us and our world, has set us free to run things; and we find it a struggle to do God's will.

**SUBJECT:** "Why Do My Prayers Go Unanswered?"

**SCRIPTURES:** Psalm 22:1-2; John 15:7; Luke 22:42

PSALM 22: 1

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

JOHN 15: 7

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

LUKE 22: 42

Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

**ONE-SENTENCE SYNOPSIS:** God works in ways that you and I may not fully understand.

In Christ,  
Pastor Nealy

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. 2 Cor. 5:17, NRSV

## Assisting August 28th

Counters:

Grace Breeze, Bob Herring

9:00 Worship Assistant:

Marvin Walling

11:00 Worship Assistant:

Linda Abel

## Assisting September 4th

Counters:

Linda Abel, Jim Temple

9:00 Worship Assistant:

Grace Breeze

11:00 Worship Assistant:

Mikel & Anita McNew

## Seek and Ye Shall Find

Here is the symbol for this week . Search for it in the Newsletter. Have fun!





### WE HAD A WINNER!!

We had a winner in the “Seek and Ye Shall Find” contest. Julia Slocum was our winner this week. Yea Julia!!! I sent out the Newsletter at 1:17 and Julia emailed me the answer ant 1:29. You have to be fast to bet Julia! I did had several email about the symbol. Yes, the symbol was in the “Fall Festival” article. If you are not getting the Newsletter by email and want to, let Sandy Trimble know and make sure we have your email address. You get it quicker that way and maybe you will win.

### Group of Ages Crafts

Bring your crafts on Friday August 26th at 6:00pm to the Fellowship Hall and join the group as each person works on their own craft. Do you have crafts you would like to work on but maybe you have too many distractions at home? This is the place for you. You can also come watch and maybe learn how to do a craft. Or just come for the fellowship. Whatever your reason, it is a wonderful way to share the gifts that God has given us with others and enjoy their friendship at the same time.

See you there!

### *Pardner Says:*

*No matter where you go. There you are!*

*Cowboy Church is coming.*



### Photos

We have had a pretty good response to the photos so far. I want to say a big “THANK YOU!” to those of you that have had your picture taken already or have submitted a photo for me to scan. With this kind of response we should have the photos finished soon. I will be back taking the photos this week so look for me in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour if you have not had your photo taken yet. We need to get this wrapped up so I can start on the directories.

Thanks

Sandy Trimble

## FLOORS

Rich Management will be waxing our floors on **August 29th and 30th**. This is a two day process for them to do the complete church. They will be coming on Sunday afternoon or evening to move furniture so they can start first thing Monday on the floors.

Please join with me in giving them our complete cooperation. We need to stay out of their way these two days and not interfere with their work. The fewer interruptions they have the sooner they will finish. Chauncey and I will be in our offices and not wondering the church while they are here. I am even moving a coffeemaker into my office.

Please **do not** schedule any activities on these two days that would be inside the church. **We ask your cooperation.**

## **NEED BIBLE STUDY?**

The Co-Workers Sunday School Class at Christ Church is recruiting new members. You are invited to join us Sunday morning at 10 a.m. for Adult Bible Study. And how about inviting someone else who needs a place to belong?

## **Church Conference**

Church Conference is scheduled this year for Sunday, October 2nd at 2:00pm. It will be done a little differently this year than in the past. We will meet at Arlington Heights UMC. There will be three churches meeting at the same time at this neutral location. The three churches are Christ UMC, Ridglea UMC and University UMC. From what we have been told the format will be that we will have a brief order of worship all together, then divide out into charge groups, then come back together for a time of celebration of ministry.

Please mark this date and location on your calendar. If you are a member of the church council you are required to attend.

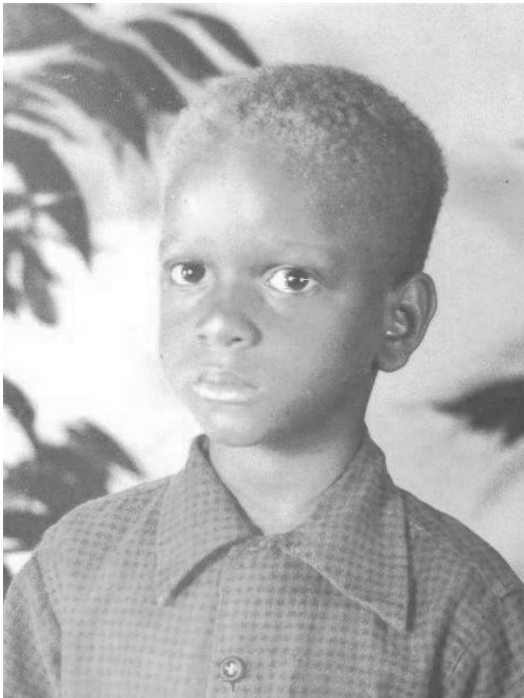
## **Fall Festival**

Fall Festival is coming Saturday October 8th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. This benefits the mission and ministry of Christ UMC. We need volunteers and donations of every kind to make this a success. Be thinking about what you would like to donate. We will have a country store, bake sale, silent auction, live auction, children’s activities and games, cake walk and more. Remember that this is a church wide fundraiser!! Lets make this as good as it gets. Along with your donations, be thinking how you would like to help. We will need many volunteer so make this venture a success.

**You don’t need to be part** of the Wednesday Night activities to enjoy Wednesday Night Meals! Everyone is invited to come eat and fellowship.

This week we’ll be serving up Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, Ice Cream & Cake.

All of this is only \$6 per adult! What a bargain! The buffet opens at 6:00 and we serve until about 6:45. Hope to see you there.



### Who Is This??

Ok here is the picture for you to identify the person. You can NOT be a family member to identify the picture. Anyone outside of this person’s family can call or email me to let me know who it is. The first one to identify them will be recognized in next weeks newsletter.

OK, lets keep this going and fun. **Submit pictures** to me of when you were much younger for this article and let’s see if we can stump the congregation. Just email your picture to me OR bring it to me and I will scan it into my computer and give it back. They can be funny or serious pictures.

**DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS PERSON IS??**

### **WE HAD A WINNER!!!**

There was a winner in the “Who Is This” photo contest. Barbara Fletcher guessed it. Who was that Cute little baby girl? Well..... It was Christa Poole!! I guess this one was kinda hard this week. I did not have but one guess until I sent out the hint. Well, they can’t all be easy. PLEASE keep the guesses coming. You are in for some treats over the next couple of weeks. I hope you are having fun with this. Keep guessing and keep sending the pictures for the article. We need more pictures. I am running out of pictures for this article. Please submit pictures.



## Prayer Requests

### Week of August 7, 2011

**Sarah Abel-Pray for Sarah’s push toward health and contentment.**

**Joy Zeigler-Biopsy report on leg came back benign. Praise God. She is slowly regaining strength from pneumonia and pleurisy she had this last winter and spring.**

**Preston Priest-21 month old child being treated for stage 3 cancer.**

**Lyle Herring-Had a heart attack at work Thursday and a co-worker who is an EMT revived him. The placed a difibilater in his chest and he is back home recovering.**

**All teachers and staff in all schools.**

**Leland Benefield family-Leland passed away early Tuesday morning after a long fight with cancer. He is a very good friend of Sandy and Rick Trimble. Please keep the Benefield family in your prayers as they deal with this loss.**

*Please remember to turn in your prayer request forms with it marked to share and/or for long term.*

## Penny Race

The penny race is in progress. How is your classroom doing? Are you filling up your jar? Remember you can put pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, dollar bills. Yes it doesn't have to be just pennies. You could even put a hundred dollar bill in the jar if you wanted to. (and I bet your class would win) Now let's get going good on this contest. Who will win. Remember the contest is between the Adult Sunday School classes and between the under 18 Sunday School Classes. Parents, your children are NOT competing against you so GIVE THEM MONEY for their jars. Or let them earn money to put in their jars. Wouldn't it be great if your Sunday School class won and you had earned the money you put in!!

Remember the funds raised will be placed in the general budget-but there WILL be a prize awarded. We would like to help boost us into a fruitful fall.

Two children in Indiana were able to raise \$1300 in one month for hot school lunches in Haiti-even before the earthquake. They asked their friends to help them but together their efforts were blessed for their willingness to keep at the task until they reached their goal date.

Go! Lets have some fun and raise money!!

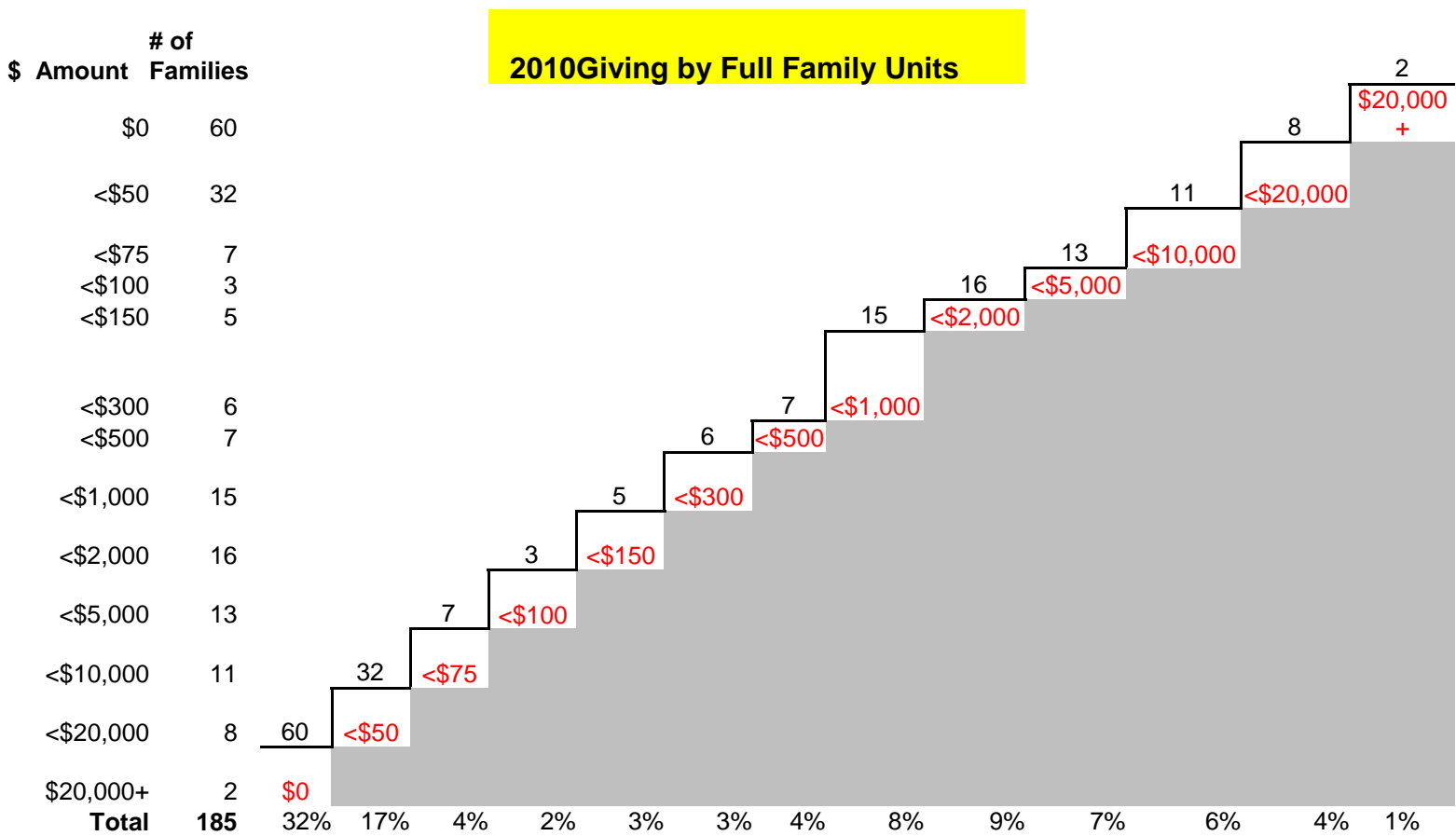
Missions Chair of the Church Council

## Report from Finance

### Where do you fall on the chart below?

### Could you be one step higher?

How does your Giving measure up to your Blessings?



**Average Giving per Week**

\$0/wk	\$1.5/wk	\$2/wk	\$3/wk	\$5.75/wk	\$9.5/wk	\$19.25/wk	\$38.5/wk	\$96/wk	\$192/wk	\$384/wk	\$385+/wk
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**Finance Committee:** Are we giving fully or partially to the Lord? Let us all take a step higher in faith in our giving so we can bless abundantly.

**Malachi 3:10** "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*"



## Wednesday Night Meals

**Special Thanks** to Grace, Martha and Winona for keeping this ministry going throughout the summer months. Also, thanks to Barb Fletcher for re-stocking the paper and plastic products in the kitchen.

After several groups of house guests and visits to the grandkids, I am ready to cook again!!

The menu for **Wednesday, September 7th** will be:

Pork Tenderloin with Orange Rosemary Glaze  
Brown Rice Pilaf  
Mixed Veggies  
Crispy Rolls  
Trifle

Price will remain the same:

Adults: \$6.00

Students: \$5.00

Children under 10: \$4.00

Dinner is served from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!!

Michele Baker

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SANDY TRIMBLE, Office Manager



## For Your Information

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Wednesday, August 24th

6:00 pm - Wednesday evening meal  
6:30 pm - Children's Bible Study  
7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study  
7:00 pm - *Focus on the Psalms* Study  
7:00 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 pm - Praise Band Rehearsal

#### Friday, August 26th

6:00 pm - Group of Ages Craft

#### Saturday, August 27th

6:30 am - BSF Meeting

#### Sunday, August 28th

9:00 am - Contemporary Worship  
10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 am - Traditional Worship  
12:00 pm - College/Young Adults Bible Study  
5:30 pm - Youth Fellowship  
5:30 pm - Revive Prayer Group

#### August 29th and 30th

**Rich Management Waxing Floors**

#### Wednesday, August 31st

6:00 pm - Wednesday evening meal  
6:30 pm - Children's Bible Study  
7:00 pm - Youth Bible Study  
7:00 pm - *Focus on the Psalms* Study  
7:00 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 pm - Praise Band Rehearsal

#### Monday, September 5th

Office Closed-Labor Day



#### **August 14, 2011**

General Budget Offering	\$4,037
General Budget Expenses	\$4,909
Designated Fund Expenses	\$0
This week's difference	-\$872
Year to date difference	\$5,170
General Funds Available	\$11,164

***CUMC needs an income of \$6,030.00  
per week in order to meet our 2011 budget.***