

The Steeple



November 2022

SERVING AT THE TABLE

Elders & Deacons:

*Judy Davis
Sheri Lancaster
Scott Sutherland
Betty Mae Lancaster
Harriet Clark
Nick Woodruff

Communion Steward:

Ronnie & Connie Cook

CADIZ CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING

The Board of the Cadiz Christian Church met October 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Chairman, Carey Lancaster, called the meeting to order with an opening prayer. Those in attendance were Bob Belk, Stan Bridges, Ken Cooley, Judy Davis, Mike Davis, Kevin Deibert, Vicky Jones, Betty May Lancaster, Carey Lancaster, Sheri Lancaster, Stephanie Perry, Scott Sutherland and Chappell Wilson.

The minutes of the September 2022 board meeting were approved as read on a motion by Betty Mae Lancaster and a second by Stephanie Perry.

The financial report for August and September was presented by Stephanie Perry and approved on a motion by Vicky Jones and seconded by Judy Davis. The operating income for September was \$15,853.27 and the operating expenses were \$14,461.74. There were no designated income and designated expenses for September, leaving an overall balance in the general fund of \$17,028.33.

Proposed Budget Report: With very few changes from last year, the proposed budget was approved by the Board on a motion by Sheri Lancaster and a second by Ken Cooley, to be presented to the Congregation for final approval at the Congregational potluck following the service on October 30th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership / Fellowship: Betty Mae Lancaster reviewed the list of upcoming events within the church community. On Sunday October 30, the church will host a Congregational meeting and potluck after the church service. Garrett Clark and Madeline Wolfs will be getting married November 12th in Rochester, N.Y. Anyone wishing to send a gift may visit HoneyFund.com and search their names under the wedding guest link. On Sunday night at 7pm, November 20th, the Hanging of the Green service will be held. This is the case because the Advent season begins earlier than usual this year, on November 27th. On December 4th, the church will host a wedding shower for Ellie Jolly and Justin Hageman.

Outreach: Vicky Jones announced that the church would be participating in Halloween Safe Night, October 31st, from 4:00-6:00 pm. Anyone wishing to assist can call Vicky or the church office.

Property: Stan Bridges reported that the water softener had stopped working properly and there was consideration for not replacing it. Because the new water plant has come on line, the water pH was going to be tested and a decision was going to be finalized after those test results were evaluated. The gutter repair and fascia board replacement on the Main Street side of the Sanctuary were discussed. Additionally, it is being planned for the windows to be cleaned by the individual who has undertaken that task over the past few years.

Special Report: Chappell Wilson reported on the area activities of the Christian Church Fellowship for Men. The Men's groups from the Christian churches in Christian, Trigg and Todd have been holding a unified fellowship event once a month on a Thursday night. They have visited, as a group, the Cadiz Museum, Hopkinsville Milling, Tommy Porter's farm, the Trail of Tears, Cayce Mill and an



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Amish gathering in Crofton, among others. Chappell and other attendees have spoken very highly of this type get together and if anyone would like additional information, please contact Chappell or Kevin. There were over 60 attendees at the last fellowship meeting.

Minister's Report: Kevin's report will be attached at the end of this month's minutes.

Old Business: It was announced that the Safety Committee would be re-engaged. Anyone else interested in participating, please let Carey or Kevin know.

New Business: Several items were discussed in the New Business session. Helping Hands and their food assistance program and electricity assistance programs were discussed. The consideration of holding a safety class for the women of the church was going to be investigated. Duncan Wiggins was going to be consulted as to how best address this issue. The possibility of a free community home health supplies lending program, to be centrally located in the church, was discussed. This program would make available, at no cost, wheel chairs, walkers, etc.

AA has asked to be allowed to additionally meet at the church on Thursday as well as the current Tuesday. It was approved on a motion by Sheri Lancaster and a second by Judy Davis. It is understood that if there were a major conflict to arise with church activities, that things would be worked out between the church and AA. On a motion by Vicky Jones and seconded by Sheri Lancaster, the Board voted to donate the most recent 5th Sunday donations to Beta Nu, in memory of Gloria Davis. It was noted that there are 4 5th Sundays in 2023 and 2024.

The Board has agreed to hire a part time youth and children's director. Three job descriptions were handed out. The personnel committee will review them and make a CCC specific job description available to the board in Dec. to begin the search in 2023.

On a motion by Ken Cooley and seconded by Judy Davis, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Kevin at 8:14.

Submitted by Scott Sutherland

Minister's Report: Sept 15- Oct. 12, 2022

- 128 miles
- 3 Sunday services, 1 Blessing of the animal's service
- Provide information for Rev. Dee Wells pulpit fill on Oct. 9th
- 1 funeral, 4 Pastoral care visits to members and community, 1 Pastoral counseling, Trigg Co. Hospital and emergency room chaplain visits (1)
- We provided community relief/benevolence funds/ petfood for various people/pets, Administered Trigg County Ministerial Association Travelers Aid
- Sermons, newsletter, Sunday School materials, bulletins, birthdays, anniversaries, CWF devotional
- Regional Vision Team meeting wrap up and material preparation for regional board approval
- District meeting
- Facebook, YouTube, social media administration and posting including church events

No Elders' Meeting held in November

DMF (CMF)

November's unified CMF event will be held on Thursday, Nov 10th at 6pm at the Christian County Sheriff's Office. This event will feature a panel on law enforcement and includes the Sheriff, Chief of Police, Jailer, 2 judges and a surprise guest followed by a free gourmet dinner! Please contact Chappell Wilson for a head-count if you would like to attend.

October's event was a meeting with a men's Amish group followed by a dinner provided by the Amish. This was reported to be an especially informative and interesting fellowship.

Please read the above 'Special Report' in the Board Meeting Minutes or contact Chappell for more information regarding these events.

CFW Monthly Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2022

Members present: Linda Perry, Mary Belk, Betty Lancaster, Dianne Vlach, Robin Oakley, Jean Bryan, Gayle Mitchell, Judy King, Carol Martin, Joanna Mulas

Devotional : Lindy Perry gave a devotional reading on "Guard Your Time" by Elizabeth George. It is important to guard your day and protect it. Ask God to give you wisdom in planning your day. Our lives are so busy sometimes, we forget to be mindful of God. In the mist of everything we have going on in our lives, stop and give thanks to God for our day.

Meeting called to order Linda Perry led the members in CFW Prayer to open the meeting. Linda thanked Mary Belk for providing refreshments for our meeting.

Minutes: Minutes were distributed. Mary Belk made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Judy King seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The balance in the treasurer is \$4,682.49. Robin Oakley made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Joan Mulas seconded. Motion carried.

Church Updates: None

Old Business: The CFW will reimburse Mary Belk for purchasing a new rug for the kitchen and 2 new bus pans. She and Bob donated a new trash can for the kitchen.

New Business: It was discussed if CFW wanted to continue with the Chili Supper fund raiser at the Christmas Parade. We will not have the Chili Supper this year. A letter was read from Linda Reed to CFW with a donation of \$250.00 for use as needed. A motion was made by Carol Martin and seconded by Gayle Mitchell to use Linda's money and funds donated by Charlotte Wilson's Family to purchase new decorations for Hanging of Greens.

Date of Events: Oct 30- Potluck Luncheon after Church to approve Budget for 2023, Oct 31-Safe Night Halloween, Nov. 12-Garret Clark and Malinda Wolfs Wedding, Nov. 20-refreshments after Hanging of Green, December 4- Wedding Shower-Reception for Ellie Jolly and Justin Hageman after church services in fellowship hall.

The hostess for this month was Mary Belk. Hostesses for November will be Jean Bryan. Meeting was adjourned. The meeting was closed with the CFW Benediction Prayer.

Congratulations! Lilly Turner, granddaughter of Harriet Clark, will be baptized at CCC on Sunday, November 6th.



**Warmest Wishes
& Congratulations...
To the Calhoun's**

More Wedding Bells!

Garret Clark & Madeline Wolfs will be married in Rochester, NY on November 12th! Due to the distance, an in-person wedding shower can't be held but you can still "shower" them with congratulations & gifts (monetary gifts preferred)! Their wedding info can be found here:

<https://www.honeyfund.com/site/clark-wolfs-11-12-2022>



Alexandra Carr & Austin Calhoun were married on October 22nd at the family's farm!



And Even More Wedding Bells!

Join CCC for a Wedding Shower-Reception to be held in honor of Ellie Jolly and her fiancé Justin Hageman after the church service on December 4th.

Light lunch will be provided.. The couple are registered at "Gracious Me" in Hopkinsville or would appreciate gift cards.



It's Almost Here.....

**Hanging of the Greens!
Sunday Evening, Nov 20th
7pm
Refreshments following**



Halloween Safe Night 2022! Thanks to all who came out to give Halloween treats to the kiddos of Cadiz!



Blessing of the Animals 2022!



Caring for others here at CCC comes in many forms and that includes taking care of our church building so we all can worship in a comfortable, beautiful setting. Come here any day of the year and you may see Debbie Clark watering the flowers, Stan and Bob making sure the air conditioner or elevator are in working order along with other members of the Property Committee who take care of the various maintenance issues, the Education Committee cleaning and updating the classrooms, the Worship Committee decorating for the holidays, CCC men beautifying the property on Tuesday workdays, Vinson Farms' crews landscaping and helping to keep the parking lots shoveled and safe in the winter, CWF and the many other CCC women cleaning the kitchen and fellowship hall after CCC celebrations and events, or the Green Committee collecting the church recycling. Some kind of caring can always be found in some form here at CCC. This Thanksgiving season, CCC thanks you all for the many blessings you bring in so many different forms!



As the holidays draw closer, here are some eco-friendly holiday ideas:

-Got kiddos? Have your little ones decorate recyclable paper, paper bags, newspaper, or comics you already have at home and use instead of wrapping paper as not all wrapping paper is recyclable. Or make the wrapping part of the gift and use tea towels, scarves or bandanas.

-Make a fun pact with family and friends to buy only gently used gifts for each other from thrift and consignment stores. Or agree to buy only gently used stocking stuffers.

-Give a donation to your loved ones' favorite charity or food instead of a material gift.

-Putting up a lot of Christmas lights? Unplug appliances that aren't used frequently (even when appliances aren't turned on they still draw electricity if plugged in) and turn off lights you usually have on but don't need to make up for the extra electricity use.

Lost and Found

I've questioned whether Jesus picked an appropriate example when he told people to bring him the children. Children can be self-centered and a handful. However, I know he means that children aren't encumbered by "the world" and are still very much their original selves. They haven't conformed themselves to the world around them yet. They don't have "baggage." They are who they are even if sometimes they're self-centered handfuls. As we "grow up" if we're not diligent, we become affected more and more by our environment and experiences. We develop opinions, likes, dislikes, etc. We might join political parties or social clubs. We acquire things like cars, houses, jobs, family, friends, etc. Those aren't necessarily bad things. However, if we're not careful we become them and build up a sort of façade and lose our authentic selves beneath them. The baggage we've collected takes priority in our lives and ultimately takes priority over God.

These things can range from the obvious to the insidious. One example is the violent language being casually thrown about today. Don't become part of it like so many have. I know more than a few people who have told me they no longer know their friends or family anymore because they've become part of the violence. People tell me their lifelong friends aren't the people they grew up with and that creates inner conflict. Another example is work. Some people become their jobs. When they retire, they become lost because the job was their identity. Whatever it was that consumed them was not reality.

Our eternal reality is God. If we don't watch out for our genuine selves and protect the divine inside of us; we lose sight of the divinely created self, and subsequently lose sight of the divine creator. As we go through life, we need to stop, sometimes frequently, and look at our reality and get rid of what isn't part of our eternal reality. Some of it material, and mental, and some of it spiritual. I think most will find that what they thought they needed wasn't what they needed but was what they wanted. I'm talking about losing our "lives" to gain life as Jesus taught. There's a Sufi saying that I think relates to losing ourselves to find ourselves;

When the heart weeps for what it has lost,
the spirit laughs for what it has found.

You are God's prized possession (James 1:18 NLT). You're God's special treasure (Deuteronomy 26:18 NLT).

With Love, Kevin



NOVEMBER 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 AA Meeting 7PM	2 Choir 5pm Elders' Mtg 6:30PM-cancelled	3	4	5
6 Baptism of Lilly Turner	7	8 AA Meeting 7PM	9 Choir 5pm Board Mtg 6:30PM	10 DMF (CMF) 6PM	11 Veterans Day	12
13	14	15 AA Meeting 7PM	16 Choir 5pm	17	18	19
20 Hanging of the Greens 7 PM/ Refreshments following	21 CWF Monthly Mtg 12:30 PM	22 AA Meeting 7PM	23 Choir 5pm	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26 Small Business Saturday
27	28	29 AA Meeting 7PM	30 Choir 5pm			

Birthdays:

Nov 7 Melanie Want
 8 Deborah Bridges
 11 Donna Jo Perry
 13 Robin Oakley
 28 Jessica Siegmund
 29 Lee Ellen Naghtin



Colossians 3:15

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.”