

The Steeple



July 2022

SERVING AT THE TABLE

Elders & Deacons:

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Sheri Lancaster
Chance Lancaster
Scott Sutherland
Vicky Jones
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CADIZ CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2022

The Board of the Cadiz Christian church met June 8, 2022 at 6:30 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, Debbie Clark, Ken Cooley, Kevin Deibert, Vicky Jones, Betty Mae Lancaster, Carey Lancaster, Sheri Lancaster, Stephanie Perry, Scott Sutherland and Chappell Wilson.

The minutes of the May 11, 2022 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Stephanie Perry and seconded by Betty Mae Lancaster. The financial report was delivered by Stephanie and approved on a motion by Debbie Clark and seconded by Vicky Jones. The operating income for the month of May was \$16,965.04 and the operating expenses were \$12,670.11. There were no designated income or expenses, leaving an overall balance in the general fund of \$18,559.61.

Committee Reports:

Fellowship: There will be a Fellowship/Membership Committee meeting June 20th at 2:00pm. On August 7, 2022, our church will have a potluck dinner following church to honor Celebration Sunday, the founding date of our congregation. There will be a Congregational meeting and meal following the October 30 service. Betty Mae reported that the Membership/Fellowship committee will be updating the directory, handling showers, funerals, gifts, flowers, etc. The committee served over 50 guests following the funeral service for Gloria Davis. Gloria was one of the most dedicated servants to others that I have ever met. She will be sincerely missed by our congregation and the community. In the near future, a wedding shower will be hosted for Alex Carr.

Christian Education: Debbie Clark reminded everyone that Vacation Bible School will be held June 27-29, 4:00-6:00pm, at the church.

Property: Stan Bridges reported to the Board concerning the need for painting on our church campus. Danny Jones submitted a bid that was approved on a motion by Stephanie Perry and a second by Scott Sutherland. The bid of \$2,700 will include one coat of paint on the Jefferson House second floor, the ceiling of the elevator room in the Fellowship Hall and the entire basement area of the bottom floor of the Sanctuary, except the nursery, which was recently painted. The bid also includes the repainting of the street-level outside windows of the Sanctuary building.

Minister's report: Kevin's report will be included at the end of the minutes. Kevin also announced he would be conducting a wedding service out in the county on June 11th.

On a motion by Ken Cooley and seconded by Bob Belk, the meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by Kevin Deibert at 7:15.

Submitted by Scott Sutherland

MINISTER'S REPORT: June 3-June 30, 2022

- 70 miles, 4 Sunday services, 2 WABs
- 1 wedding
- 7 Pastoral care visits to members and community and 1 Pastoral counseling
- Trigg Co. Hospital and emergency room chaplain visits and rides for discharged patients during off-hours.
- We provided \$610 of community relief/benevolence funds for various needs.
- Administered Trigg County Ministerial Association Travelers Aid
- Sermons, newsletter, Sunday School materials, bulletins, birthdays, anniversaries
- CWF devotional
- Regional Vision Team meeting and discussions with West Area churches and District meeting
- Facebook, social media administration and posting (ex VBS, Sunday You Tube live stream)

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: June 20, 2022

Members present: Linda Perry, Diane Vlach, Robin Oakley, Mary Belk, Betty Lancaster, Deborah Bridges, Carol Martin, Jean Bryan, Cheri Loose, Gayle Mitchell, Judy King, Joan Mulas

DEVOTIONAL: Pastor Kevin presented a devotional on "Don't Get Hungry". Scripture Psalm 68:19. When you skip a meal, you get "hungry angry". The Lord's Prayer says, "Give us our daily bread". We should also have daily spiritual nourishment from God—for our daily bread. When we take a moment to think deeply about God in silent mediation, God will lead the way for us spiritual.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Linda Perry led the members in CWF Prayer to open the meeting. Linda thanked Cheri Loose and Jean Bryan for providing refreshments for our meeting

MINUTES: A motion was made by Deborah Bridges and seconded by Judy King to accept May 16th minutes. Motion carried. Gayle Mitchell made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Cheri Loose seconded. Motion carried.

CHURCH UPDATES: The basement of the church will get a fresh coat of paint.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A "Sunshine Friends" committee was established to mail get well, and other cards to CWF members. Gayle Mitchell agreed to head this committee. A discussion on memorial for members of CWF was held. It was decided in the future memorial donations would be made to enhancing the church garden.

DATE OF EVENTS: No upcoming events at this time

The hostess for this month was Jean Bryan & Cheri Loose. Hostesses for July will be Betty Lancaster Meeting was adjourned and closed with the CWF Benediction Prayer.

ELDERS' MEETING: NO ELDERS' MEETING IN JULY

The next meeting will be held **Wednesday, August 3rd at 6:30 pm.** *Your Role as Elder* workbook is being used as a guide for the lesson. The workbook will be sent in a separate email. To prepare, August's lesson will be "Gifts Given....(by the Holy Spirit): Making personal growth choices on our spiritual journey."

God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out when you have faith that God is speaking through you. If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, do a good job teaching. If your gift is to encourage others, do it! If you have money, share it generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have the gift of showing kindness to others, do it gladly. Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

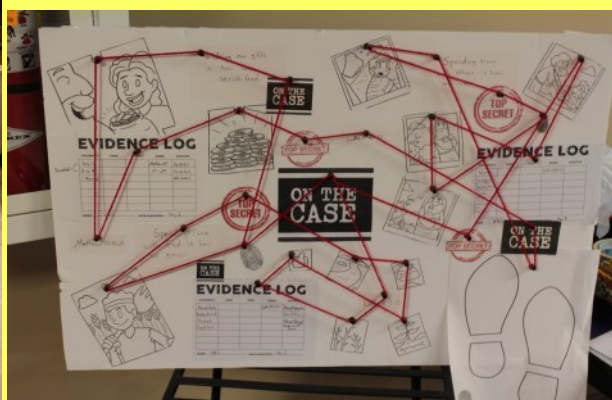
It is so important for Elders to find time to pray, study, learn and reflect together. I hope to see you in August!

~Sheri



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Good Times at VBS! A big thanks to Debbie Clark for organizing this year's VBS and to the many CCC women who helped put this event together and make it the successful event it was! The little detectives investigated their case and learned how to serve God and care for others. More pictures can be viewed on CCC's Facebook page.



We are updating the church directory. If you would like to be added or update your contact information (phone, address, email), please send your info to cadizsteeple@gmail.com or call the church office. If you do not have a photo or would like a new one, please contact membership. We will have a master pictorial directory in the back of the church but due to the frequency of changes necessary and cost, we will not be distributing pictorial directories to members. We will, however, also have an updated list of members and their contact information in the form of an excel spreadsheet that can be sent to you via email and saved to your computer or printed out or you can request a hard copy of this document. We will let you know once both the master pictorial directory and the membership document list have been fully updated.

CCC has a new website. It is still under construction at this time so changes will continue to be made. The new website can be viewed at cadizchristianchurch.com.

DISCIPLES'S MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: June 9, 2022

From FCC-Hopkinsville: "Last night about 50 men from 5 churches gathered at Randy Arnold's farm on Everett Lane for fellowship and to learn about modern farming on a large scale. It was an absolute success. Randy and team discussed everything from amazing new seeds to huge equipment that almost operates by its self. For the non-farmers in the group it was mind boggling to hear about the new methods. We shared a great meal provided by Billy Campbell of Knockum Hill BBQ." **Thank you to Chappell Wilson for organizing on the CCC end.**

On July 21st the DMF will tour the Birdcage and have lunch with the troops. This event required early sign-up. To see if there are any slots open, call FCC-Hopkinsville at 270. 886.0197 or maryb@fchoptown.org.

July's Eco-tip: Using Fireworks this July? Be sure to:

- Obey local laws.
- Use far from any dry leaves or foliage and dead plants or grass.
- Keep water (a bucket or hose) handy.
- Use with care near children and people with asthma or respiratory disease.
- Remove and dispose of any visible debris or litter from shell materials.
- Keep all pets inside and do not use near areas where there are fledgling birds or other wildlife.
- Be sure to submerge any unused, misfired, or 'dud' fireworks in water and soak them before disposing. Wrap them in plastic so they do not dry out.
- Follow local disposal ordinances.



Blind Spots

We're watering our lawn as it gets hotter. It's most efficient to water morning or the evening when it's cooled down. I also "spot" water the dry spots in between. Sometimes I find new spots, except they're not new. They didn't dry up overnight. They're spots I didn't see. I call them blind spots. We have spiritual blind spots.

We're blind to them because we've created them. Our judgments, biases, agendas, and life influences create our spiritual dry spots. They move from the outside in and dry us up from the inside out. We need to find them and get rid of them as part of our walk with Christ. Getting rid of them isn't easy. It takes rigorous honesty and continual spot watering. Our blind spots might need more water than we're willing to give by ourselves or that we can even see. This isn't something we should do alone. We need to find spiritual mentors and guides who can show us our blind spots. We mustn't look for a mentor or guide who is an echo chamber. We need a mentor or guide who is honest and isn't judgmental. Perhaps they have a different theology or are from a different place. They could be pastors or therapists or someone we trust with our innermost secrets. Someone who won't judge us.

Take the time to find the right guide. We must find someone who isn't afraid to let us know about our blind spots. Like those blind spots on the lawn, our spiritual blind spots didn't get there overnight. They won't go away with just one watering. They require a lifetime commitment to maintaining a healthy spiritual heart. Keeping our blind spots watered isn't a fun thing to do. It reveals our shortcomings and weaknesses but it's part of being a Christ-follower. Then he said to them all, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. Luke 9.23

With Love, Kevin



JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 4th of July	5 TC Founda- tion Brd Mtg AA 6:30PM	6 Choir Prac- tice 5 PM No Elders' Mtg	7	8	9
10	11	12 AA 6:30PM	13 Choir Prac- tice 5 PM Board Mtg 6:30pm	14	15	16
17	18 CFW Monthly Meeting 12:30PM	19 AA 6:30PM	20 Choir Prac- tice 5 PM	21 FH Reserved 4 -9 PM	22	23
24	25	26 AA 6:30PM	27 Choir Prac- tice 5 PM	28	29	30 FH Reserved 8AM-1PM
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Birthdays:

1 Mary Ann Sutherland
2 Billy Kennedy
7 Wade Kadel
8 Sam Cossey
9 Dee Eggers
10 Sam Cooley
Patty Jones
Becky Want

16 Mary Lynn Belk
17 Kaelyn Hughes
18 Rachel Futrell
19 Briley Woodruff
24 Allison Edwards
26 Craig Perry



Anniversaries:

6 Craig & Stephanie Perry
20 Sam and Mary Van Naghtin
20 Scott & Ellen Jolly
29 Scott & Mary Ann Sutherland