

# CROSSROADS COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

CONGREGATIONAL NEWSLETTER: Fourth Quarter 2008

## **BOB MILLER HAS EYE SURGERY**

July 2, 2008, Bob Miller had the first of two cataract surgeries. It has been a long drawn out process to get both eyes done. He had the second eye done on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Soon, he will be able to get new lenses for his glasses and he will be back in business.

## **KARAN NUGENT DEPLOYED TO IOWA.**

It was in July when Karan Nugent was deployed to Iowa with FEMA. She will be back briefly the last week in September but then after a week's vacation to Hawaii, she will return for another month. This is a three month deployment. We miss Karan and her ministry.

## **BROOKS BUILD NEW HOME**

John and Leslie Brooks are in the process of building a new home. The progress is keeping them excited. The new home is just north and east of their present home. Congratulations to the Brooks! They probably won't be into their new home until February

or so because of the weather slowing down the construction. But I imagine they will have a housewarming when that day finally comes.

## **ANOTHER MEMBER MOVES INTO THE AREA**

Recently another member moved to Independence and has joined us several times already. His name is Mike Norris. Mike is married and we are anxious to fellowship with them. A little birdie told me that Mike has a lovely singing voice. Perhaps we could get him to sing for us.

We are so happy to have him with us.

As a footnote: We have had three families move into our area recently and that has brought nine new people into our fellowship and with that move, all their gifts.

## **SUE ROWDEN FINALLY MENDING**

Several months ago Sue Rowden slipped on her driveway and broke her ankle and her wrist. She is just

now getting through her therapy and is back to church. We are all so happy to have John and her back.

### **GERRY HOLLER CONTINUES TO STRUGGLE**

We were hoping that Gerry would be able to get back with us after her hip healed but she has had so much trouble with dizziness and just general malaise that she has only been able to be back with us a few times. We keep Gerry on our prayer list at church and encourage all our readers to remember her in their home prayers. She has had such a struggle.

### **KATHY CLARK, MISSION CENTER PRESIDENT, HAS RESIGNED**

Kathy Clark was with us in September as a guest minister. We thoroughly enjoyed her ministry. Then recently we had a letter from our apostle, Linda Booth, explaining that Kathy had resigned. As Apostle Booth looks to the future her perspective is "Kathy's resignation provides a unique opportunity for us to consider an alternative leadership model which will provide closer interaction with and support for congregations in signal communities of justice and peace development and empower them for God's mission." Our prayers go out to Kathy and the leaders in this time of planning.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

We have moved Operation Christmas Child to the first Sunday in November. Sue Rowden will be in charge of the service that day with Karan Nugent speaking. They are both so creative that I am sure they can together develop the service to include both emphases.

### **JON ENGLEBRECHT TO BE BAPTIZED**

On November 9<sup>th</sup> we will hold a service of baptism for Jon Englebrecht, whose family has just recently joined our congregation. Carletta Denny, Leslie Brooks, and Karin Stoner, as the Worship Commission will be planning the service. Jack Christy from Wichita will do the baptism and Retta Christy and R.J. Miller, the Englebrecht's former pastor will confirm. We will plan to have a basket dinner that day as a part of the baptismal celebration.

We invite any others who would like to join with us in baptism to contact me or the other members of the leadership team, John Rowden or Karan Nugent.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Our business meeting for our election of officers is scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> just prior to the 11:00 worship hour. We need to be

thinking about the people we want to serve us next year.

**LESLIE BROOKS NEW  
MISSIONARY  
COORDINATOR**

The Mission Center thought we should have a Missionary Coordinator and Leslie Brooks volunteered. She and I attended a Worship Workshop at Pittsburg in August with Jane Gardner. It was excellent.

**SUE ROWDEN HOLDS  
PREBAPTISMAL CLASS**

Sue is holding a pre-baptismal class in her home in Neodesha for Emma Stoner. Any other children or adults who might be interested are encouraged to contact Sue. We will be holding a baptismal service November 9<sup>th</sup>

**DELMA CONTINUES TO  
COMMUNICATE**

I send Delma Leedy the church bulletin and notes each week and she has been faithful to stay in touch with us. As you recall, Delma was not able to pass her driver's test last spring and had to give up driving her car. So she lost her ability to get to our church independently. We will continue to stay in touch with her during this difficult time. She is a long time member.

**JEFF CARR AND CYNDI  
CARTER WILL MARRY**

On October 25, Jeff and Cyndi Carr, who attend our congregation plan to marry at Cedar Bluff Campgrounds located just north of Coffeyville on Cline Road. Leslie Brooks and I will both have a part in their ceremony. I am sure the congregation will learn more of the details at a later date.

**A BUSY TIME FOR ALL**

With Christmas in the next quarter, we will be very busy. The Worship Commission will be in charge of the planning for this service which is usually a children's Christmas program. You are free to share any program ideas with the Worship Commission.

As you can see, we have a lot of activity planned in this fall and winter. It is my wish that each of you be blessed as God's Spirit continues to work with you.

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