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2010

June 1-5	Jr. High Summer Camp
June 2	Summer of Service (Franktown Open Hearts)
June 6-7	Sr. High Lake Day
June 9	Summer of Service (Mercy Children's Clinic)
June 12-19	Sr. High Mission Trip to St. Louis
June 16	Summer of Service (Hard Bargain Mt. Hope Redevelopment)
June 21-24	Family Bible Adventure
Jun 28-July 2	Sr. High Summer Camp

Get Involved

Sunday Morning Services	9:00 and 10:45 a.m.
Student Ministries Sunday Morning Study	10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Fellowship Dinner	5:15-6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Studies	6:30 p.m.
Student Ministries D-Groups	Jr. High 6:30 p.m./ Sr. High 7:15 p.m.

Christ Community Church is called by the God of all grace for the transforming of life in Middle Tennessee—spiritually, socially, and culturally—through the power of the Gospel—from Franklin to the nations of the world—all to the glory of God.

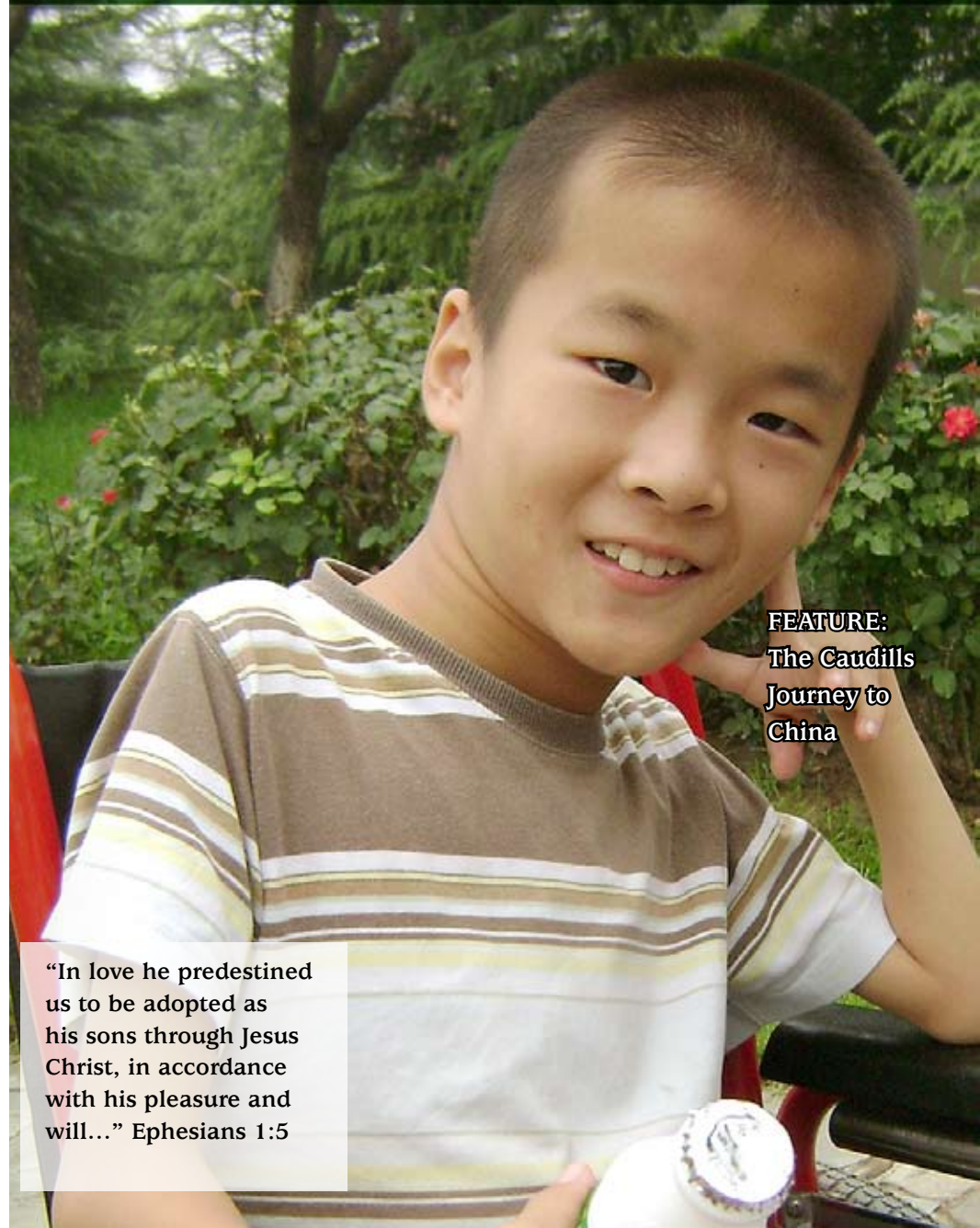
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Chronicles

Details and information on current events/ministries

MAY 2010



FEATURE:
The Caudills
Journey to
China

“In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will...” Ephesians 1:5

The Book of Daniel

Sundays at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Hear sermons on-line at
www.christcommunity.org/
Sunday Sermon Resources

Our Sovereign God, Servant Calling
& Certain Hope

The Arts Guild presents:

Firstlight Art Academy's Annual Student Show

Opening party: Friday, May 21st
6 PM until 10 PM in Fellowship Hall
Continued showing on Saturday, May 22nd
2 PM until 8 PM

Hosted by Dennas Davis, a visual artist and instructor from our CCC family, in conjunction with The Arts Guild. Dennas was one of our featured artists during Advent.

Welcome to the new CCC website!



Find out more about
the new look and layout
for the online home of
Christ Community Church

www.christcommunity.org



The Arts Guild Presents “Fine Friday Film”: Friday, May 7th. Our film will be Paradise Now (PG-13)—a story of two Palestinian friends recruited to be terrorist bombers. John Farkas of Create Nashville and David Perry of BellaVeritas Productions will be your hosts for this entertaining, cinematic journey.

Admission: Free and open to the public.

Where: Christ Community Church Worship Center

When: 7:00 PM

Visit www.finefridayfilm.com

Looking ahead to June 11th: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Community Arts Learning Center offers music lessons of many different genres here at CCC. Please contact Andrew Spikes at calc.nashville@gmail.com for more information.



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“Go and Be” this Summer: On seven Wednesday evenings this summer, the entire CCC family will have the unique opportunity to serve side-by-side in community. Each week, a different missions agency we support will provide service projects for us to participate in. All ages are encouraged to join (childcare will be provided for nursery and preschool). We will kick off the evening together with dinner from 5:15-6:30 and then spend the next hour and a half serving together. Twice we will caravan to work on-site at Mercy Children’s Clinic and Hard Bargain; while the other five weeks, the projects will be brought to us.

Schedule

- May 26th: Kickoff concert with World Music Mission
- June 2nd: Franktown Open Hearts
- June 9th: Mercy Children’s Clinic
- June 16th: Hard Bargain/Mt. Hope Re-development
- June 30th: Forever Families
- July 7th: Stewards Garden
- July 13th: Prison Ministries



Question the Clerk? Ever wondered why Christ Community is part of the PCA? Did you even know our church was Presbyterian? Or, maybe you’ve wondered why we serve the Lord’s Supper on the first Sunday of the month; or what the Elders and Deacons talk about at their meetings. We are inviting you to ask any question, no matter how random, about our church and why we do things the way we do. Please send an email to Session Clerk John Giffen and beginning in June, he will publish a question and answer each week via his blog on our website. Send your curiosities to Session.Clerk@christcommunity.org.

Thanks for the Cans CCC! We received 416 lbs. of food during our Food Drive in April. Most of that went toward providing emergency assistance to our Williamson County neighbors. An additional five boxes of canned vegetables, fruits and meat are also being delivered to Rattlesnake Ridge Community Center in Appalachia. And another five boxes of food have been delivered by our deacons to CCC families who have struggled this year. Thanks be to God for your gospel generosity.

Coffee-for-Missions: All proceeds from April and May will support Show Hope - a ministry that enables individuals and communities to change the world for orphans by addressing a child’s need for food, shelter, care, and spiritual nourishment AND by addressing the root issue for orphans: the lack of a family. www.showhope.org.

Barefoot Republic’s Golf Scramble – Battle of the Barefoot Cup: Teams of four will compete for an array of great prizes in support of Barefoot on Monday, May 10 at 1:00 p.m. at Temple Hills Golf Club, 6376 Temple Road, Franklin. The event will include a box lunch and awards reception with appetizers and drinks following the golf. For more information or to register your team, contact Leslie@barefootrepublic.org.

Volunteer with Barefoot Republic this Summer: If you would like to serve as a counselor, support staff, sports or fine arts instructor, musician, A/V worker or graphic designer contact trhodes@barefootrepublic.org. Staff training dates are TBA.

Raise Awareness for IJM here in Franklin: If you are interested in opening your home for a private concert with fresh-roasted coffee and hand-picked musicians to raise money and awareness for IJM, check out www.storyville.com/storyvillelive.

Run with the Nations 5K Charity Run/Walk: Hosted by African Leadership and World Relief, for the refugees of Middle Tennessee, on June 19 at Shelby Bottom Park in East Nashville. \$20 Registration Fee - \$17 Group Special (10 or more). Did you know that thousands of refugees from around the world move to Middle Tennessee each year? World Relief is a resettlement organization that supports recently-arrived refugees, victims of oppression and persecution, from dozens of countries. African Leadership connects with local churches, businesses, and non-profit organizations to embrace African families that still need time to adjust and find employment in the United States. Both organizations work with local volunteers, churches, and businesses to help refugees become self-sufficient. For more information visit www.runwiththenations.com.

Siloam Family Health Center: Administrative Help Needed During the summer. Siloam is actively recruiting volunteers to support our Patient Relations (front desk) area. A regular, weekly shift of service is preferred and there are several volunteers needed. The duties involved would be alphabetizing / filing charts, preparing patient charts for daily appointments, making phone calls and other administrative tasks. Contact Blair McLeod, Volunteer Coordinator, to request a volunteer application.

Invite an Exchange Student into Your Home: Hola! Ni Hao! Bonjour! Share your family and discover the joy of sharing cultures by inviting an exchange student into your home this coming academic year. Host families are needed for students ages 15-18 who will arrive in August and stay for the school year. Students are from all over the world: China, Mongolia, Spain, Germany, Indonesia and more! The program is sponsored by Nacel Open Door. For more information please contact Kristin Thomas, at 615-707-2815 or kristin.n.thomas@gmail.com

World Missions Prayer will not meet in May
Home Missions Prayer: Thursday 20 at 10:00 in the Women's Parlor.

Have you ever been a First Friend to an international student? Over the past 20 years Christ Community Church has been sharing their lives with international students through the First Friends program run by John and Kay Eaves. **If you have been a First Friend we would love to hear your stories about your experience.** Please send an email telling us your story to eavesL@comcast.net. We want to hear how God has used you to reach out to the world. Thank you!

Missional LIFE Roundtable: Start reading *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls for our next meeting on Tuesday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Women's Parlor C-209 to discuss poverty, homelessness, and suffering. This is not a book club – rather a forum for learning, debate, and lively discussion on poverty, homelessness and suffering. We will be meeting every OTHER month (second Tuesday) to discuss various topics – contact Susan Flippin for further information at handsflippin@bellsouth.net. All are welcome!

Barefoot Republic Camp 2010 Summer Season: Go to www.barefootrepublic.org for information on summer camp sessions for 3rd graders-senior high students. Scholarships available.

Caring for the Poor Sunday: Thanks to everyone who helped make April 18th a special day to thank our congregation for caring for the poor. A crowd of about 150 enjoyed our luncheon where we heard how your tithes and offerings are helping care for the least and the lost in our communities.



Left to Right: Dr. Jim Henderson (Siloam Family Health Clinic); **Charles Robinson** (The Red Road) and **Brant Bousquet** (Hard Bargain/Mt. Hope Redevelopment) were among the eight missions agency representatives who shared stories and prayer needs with our luncheon crowd.

What's for lunch Sunday after church?

Brothers' Take-&-Bake Pizza

Come pick up a Brothers' Take-&-Bake Pizza in the Narthex

World Music Mission

Proceeds will go to help send a World Music Mission team to Athens Greece in June to serve with over 300 World Harvest missionaries



Mission: Possible is Coming June 21-24

For four days in June, the campus of Christ Community Church is transformed. Our FBA stretches the imagination by providing experiential learning for elementary children, as well as drama and singing. FBA is intergenerational and encourages all ages to be a part of the week either as a participant or a volunteer. This year, we will be focusing on missionaries past and present as well as discussing ways that we can be a missionary in our own families, neighborhoods or schools. We will travel to India/China; the Americas; Europe and Africa. Come join us! It'll be beyond your wildest imagination!

FBA FAQs

How old does my child have to be? FBA is for rising Kindergartners through rising 6th graders.

How do I sign up? You can register on Sundays under the breezeway or on our website.

How much does it cost? \$15 per child with a \$40 family cap.

How can I help? There are a multitude of ways you can participate in FBA. You can sign up on Sundays or contact Lou Beasley at 468-2240 or Susan Pobst at 468-2241.



Kingdom Kids Spring Concert: Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Jr. High and Sr. High D-Group Night Out: Wednesday, May 5th

- Jr. High D-Groups meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.
- Sr. High D-Groups meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Worship Center.

CCC Student Missions
YARD SALE

May 15th
8 AM- 2PM @CCC
1215 Hillsboro Rd. Franklin, TN

Mission Trip Yard Sale:

May 15th from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at CCC. All money goes to support the Student Ministry mission trips this summer to Jamaica, St. Louis and Chattanooga.

Donate items for the sale on Friday, May 14th from 6-9 p.m. Contact Sherman Bucher at 468-2225 for more details.

Senior Recognition:

On May 9th, we will recognize our graduating seniors during the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. If you have not done so already, please submit your senior's name and post-high school plans to kim.lynch@christ-community.org.

Jamaica Mission Trip Dinner and Silent Auction:

Wednesday May 12th from 5:15-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy Jamaican fare and bid on great prizes—all to benefit the students' trip to Jamaica this summer. If you have a prize to donate for the auction, we would love to have it. Please contact Kim Lynch at 468-2270.

Jr. High Swim & Study and Sr. High Wednesday Night Live Kick-off:

Wednesday, May 26th. For details, check the website in May.



Men's Summer Bible Study: Our current study concludes May 18th and 19th. Beginning June 1st, we will begin a new study on Tuesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. in B-111. Jerry Bowen will lead *Transforming the Heart of a Man*, based on John Eldredge's book, *Wild at Heart*.

Summer of Service: Please see page 4 for details on a great opportunity for you to serve together as families this summer on Wednesday nights.

Stewards Garden Dedication: Faithful gardeners gathered on April 25 in the back of the church to dedicate Stewards Garden. The crowd celebrated the coming gardening season, giving thanks for the land and enjoying fried vegetables.

Make a Memory
in Stewards Garden

Jon Schupp and Hayden Gilreath, members of the CCC Senior High Ministry, each led a group of volunteers within Stewards Garden to fulfill a major requirement for the rank of Eagle Scout

Jon oversaw the construction of the Storage Shed at the rear of the Stewards Garden. The building is designed to store tools and other items needed by families working on their patches.

Hayden oversaw the design and construction of the 'Information Kiosk' near the entrance of the Garden. It has a layout of each family name with their patch assignment (so everyone will know who's around them), a 'Seed Bank' so they can swap seeds if needed, and a bulletin board for information updates on activities.

Jon and Hayden are working on a 'Memory Wall'. Donations of \$25 are being accepted to have a brass plaque. All money raised by the plaques will be used to cover the cost of the shed and kiosk. Email memorywall@sgtv.tv.

Hayden Gilreath, Marion Seaton and Jon Schupp



Celebrating Nancy: Thanks to everyone who helped celebrate Nancy's final weeks as Women's Ministry Director. Conversations from the Heart (April 22) and the Church-wide Reception (April 25) were precious times for Nancy and all of us.

Women's Ministry Director Search Update: The Discipleship and Equipping committee, under the leadership of Pastor John Patton and Elder Taylor Morris, are meeting to finalize the members of the search committee. The committee will then complete an updated job description and publicize the position opening. In the meantime, if you have any kind of question or need related to Women's Ministry, please contact Marilyn Seites in the Women's Ministry office (468-2271). She and John will work to accommodate you as quickly as possible.



A Mom's HEART: Monday,

May 10th at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker for May is Jill Gullahorn. To register yourself and/or your preschooler, please contact Kelly Pinkley at 661-7725 or amhregistration@yahoo.com.

Cottage Readers Book Club: Thursday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m. at Marlene's Cottage (431 Church St. in Franklin). Our book for May is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer.

Baby Greeters: If you have recently had a baby and would like to receive a meal from our Baby Greeters ministry, contact Beverly White at bywhite@bellsouth.net.



Beth Bartlett, volunteer for the Meal Ministry

Meal Ministry

About one year ago, Becca McBride transformed a burden for people in crisis into a Meal Ministry. She and her husband, Adam, who is a deacon, had been thinking about how people in our congregation who are going through a hard time, but are not connected to small group, might fall through the cracks.

"When people are going through struggles, the simple things that we all take for granted, like being able to prepare meals, falls by the wayside," Becca says. "We have supported church members in all sorts of situations from pregnancy bed rest, divorce/abandonment, sick children, debilitating injuries and financial crisis."

There are about 25 volunteers who cook and deliver the meals. It takes at least five volunteers to support a family for a month at the very lowest level. Becca tries to shift the provision based on the needs, so the level of support changes depending on the struggles of the families. There are some

months, however, when there are so many needs, that it is difficult to have enough volunteers for adequate support.

Becca recalls a particularly precious time of providing meals for a family whose infant son passed away shortly after birth.

"Probably 10 different volunteers provided different parts of a potluck that came together to be a large catered meal that we were able to have waiting at the home when the family returned from the funeral. I cannot imagine a more vulnerable time, so our volunteers were able to coordinate and transport the meal, set it up and make it so the family just walked in and didn't even have to interact with us. There was so much food that we were able to stock their refrigerator and freezer with food as well."

The Meal Ministry falls under the oversight of the diaconate and they are always looking for more helpers. If you would like to be involved, contact Becca at becanya@hotmail.com

New to CCC and Need to Know About Membership? Contact Melinda Youngs in the Congregational Care Office at 468-2256.

Join a Community Group: Discover fellowship, study, sharing and service in community. Contact Cindy Blom, Director of Community Life (468-2224), if you would like to join a group or just learn more about the possibility.

A Forever Family, A Reunited Friendship

The Caudills journey to China

God chose Shane and Anna Caudill and a chain of miraculous events to create a forever family for Yo Yo and Fu Xia, two little boys who were born with critical health issues and deemed “unadoptable.”



The Caudills knew from the start that they were being called to adopt from China. They had several Chinese friends and had even talked about going to China to teach. “I guess you could say we had a crush on China,” Anna says.

They shared a desire to open their home and grow their family. “When we started the adoption process, it was long before a lot of people were adopting from China. It took us four years to afford a house so that we would have the assets necessary to qualify for a Chinese adoption,” Anna explains.

Over the next three years, the Caudills faced challenge after challenge in their adoption journey

and were tempted to give up. “Shane and I just took turns picking each other up,” Anna says. In addition to other challenges, they had financial barriers and needed God to provide in an incredible way.

The doors for adoption began to open when Anna and Shane traveled to China with Tim and Phemie Tan and Mike and Rinda Smith. While there, they visited the Hope Healing Home in Beijing, a medical foster home. Anna’s attachment to the Hope Healing Home and the children within the facility grew stronger. Despite financial obstacles, the Caudills remained focused on fulfilling their calling.

After returning from the trip, Shane and Anna

continued looking through their second list of potential children for adoption. They came across a boy named Yo Yo who suffered from the same condition as another child they had gotten to know at Hope Home in China. Drawn to Yo Yo, they began to read more about his condition and contacted the foster home to inquire about him. They did not know that it is unacceptable to make direct contact in the adoption process. However, they received a reply that included the name and phone number of a U.S. physician who had treated Yo Yo. As they were about to call the physician, he called Shane and Anna.

“That was confirma-

tion, plus some,” says Anna. “In fact, I knew God was telling me there was a reason this little boy had been born with this horrible condition and that we were now part of his story.”

On May 1, 2008, Shane and Anna traveled to China to bring Yo Yo home. They were allowed to go to the foster home and spend a week learning how to take care of Yo Yo who was three years old.

The American nurse who was teaching the Caudills how to care of Yo Yo was part-time. So, the home provided one its very bright foster children named Fu Xia to interpret for the family. Fu Xia, who suffered from a severe curved joint disease, was also a close friend of Yo Yo’s and was known for his charming personality. At the week’s end, Fu Xia was sad to say goodbye to his friend and as the Caudills were leaving he said, “I love you, but you haven’t come for me.”

Fu Xia left a deep imprint on the hearts of the Caudills. After returning to the states, Shane and Anna worked tirelessly to see if they could find the agency that had Fu Xia’s paperwork. They fell in love with him and were determined to find someone to adopt him. “We kept saying that

if people could know him and his huge personality, they could see past his special need,” Anna explains. “God showed us that WE were those people and that Fu Xia was part of our family.”

Fu Xia will be reuniting with Yo Yo and become part of the Caudill forever family later this year. God has provided through an anonymous donor, and the



Yo-Yo



Fu Xia

Caudills are now the first recipients of the CCC Adoption Grant that has been established through Forever Families. They are also planning a workday with Both Hands, an organization that pairs widows and couples who are adopting. “We get people to sponsor us and 10 couples to work on a widow’s home. The sponsorship goes toward our adoption costs and the widow receives much needed work,” Anna explains.

As Anna describes their long journey and the fear that goes with the prospect of adopting not one, but two special needs children, she reflects on how dead set she was against adopting ANY child with

special needs, even one who needed glasses. “You have to be honest about your fears, doubts and concerns. If you are meant to have a special needs child, then God will get you to the place you need to be. If you ever do it just because you think you should, then you are pushing there on your own,” Anna shares.

“I had no idea how many decisions I used to make out of fear and thinking I had to take care of things myself. To anyone who might think, ‘It takes a special person to adopt a child like that,’ I say, ‘Yes’, but only in the sense that we’re all

made in God’s image and THAT is special. In a way, to think of us as special is to deny the power of the Gospel at work in us, the power that freed us from the fear of giving a child made in God’s own image a home because we were worried the money would run out.”

To read more about Shane and Anna’s journey over the past several years, visit their blogs at: waitingchild.blogspot.com and flossiemae.blogspot.com.

You can also partner with them in their Both Hands “Big Build” on May 22nd. They are still looking for volunteers to help build and send support letters. Their fundraising goal is \$10,000.