

# North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

...coming up in Worship...

BUILDING on our PAST while  
CHARTING our FUTURE

***“Remembering Who You Are”***

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## Free Tote Bags!



Don't forget to pick up a North Cross tote bag when you attend the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert on Friday night or the Anniversary Celebrations on Sunday morning.

## North Cross Turns 60!

Please join us as we celebrate our church's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Begin the celebration by attending the music concert, featuring all music groups within our church.

The concert will be held on Friday evening, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come hear the Chancel Choir, the Sanctuary Bells, 4 One Praise Band and Singing 4 God, as we celebrate the decades with music.

Sit back and enjoy a walk down memory lane as you hear songs spanning the past six decades. It is sure to be a treat!

On Sunday morning we will have our two worship services. The first service will be held at 8:30 a.m. with the Chancel Choir, and the second service will be held at 11 a.m. with 4 One Praise Band.

In between services, there will be a church-wide Celebration in Fellowship Hall, which will begin following the first worship service and will continue until the 11 a.m. worship service begins.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has been busy going through the archives, and Fellowship Hall will have picture displays and other goodies from the past.

At 9:50 a.m., there will be a brief program in Fellowship Hall commemorating this great birthday, along with cake and punch. Don't miss this historic event in the life of North Cross United Methodist Church. We hope to see all of you there!



Transformed by Christ's love to make disciples and serve others.

## We had a “Galactic Blast” at North Cross



Pastor Neal welcomes “Galactic Blast” participants each evening.



It was hot, but we still had lots of energy when we played outside.



Awaiting the countdown!

## Help needed for Crestview students: backpacks, socks, shoes or gift certificates

It seems only a few days ago that students were out of school for the year. But we need to help Crestview students prepare for the new school year, which starts in August.

Children usually get excited about selecting new things for school - things like cool backpacks or trendy shoes. The parents of some students cannot afford extra things like backpacks, let alone new shoes and socks. Last year most of the Burmese refugee children had only flip-flops to wear. Thanks to North Cross, they were given shoes to wear.

Again this year we will be asking you to donate a backpack, socks, gift certificate from Payless for shoes, or money which will be used for shoes and other needs at the school. Other groups donate school supplies.



The Christmas tree will be up July 4<sup>th</sup> and will be decorated with appropriate ornaments. Please select one of the ornaments on the tree and return the item to church no later than July 25<sup>th</sup>. If you choose to give Payless gift certificates or money, PLEASE put them in the offering plate and designate Crestview on your checks. Other items may be put under the Christmas tree.

Thank you for your continued support of the church’s neighborhood school, Crestview Elementary. The students will be proud of their new items on the first day of school! *Outreach Committee*

## Take me out to the ballgame.... on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

The United Methodist Family Day at the “K” will be Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Royals play the Oakland A’s. Tickets are \$10, but the hot dogs, small drink and peanuts are only \$1.



Join others from North Cross and have a great time. Call the church office at 452.2939 and let us know so we can get our tickets together. Make your check out to North Cross and write Family Day on the memo line. The game begins at 7:10 p.m., but we will go early for the Outfield Plaza activities and allow time to go through the Royals Hall of Fame (your game ticket gets you admission) if you like.

## Coming This Week...

### Thursday, June 24th

6:00 a.m. .... Tai Chi  
11:30 a.m. .... Tai Chi

### Friday, June 25th

7:00 p.m. .... 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Choir  
Concert

### Saturday, June 26th

11:30 a.m. .... Bond Anniversary Party

### 60th Anniversary Sunday, June 27th

8:30 a.m. .... Traditional Worship  
9:45 a.m. .... Anniversary Reception  
11:00 a.m. .... Contemporary Worship  
2-5 p.m. .... Drop Off for Super Sale

### Monday, June 28th

9 a.m.- 5 p.m. .... Drop Off for Super Sale  
11:00 a.m. .... Tai Chi

### Tuesday, June 29th

9 a.m.- 9 p.m. .... SUPER SALE  
11:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. .. Lunch  
5 - 7 p.m. .... Supper

### Wednesday, June 30th

9 a.m. - 8 p.m. .... SUPER SALE  
11:00 a. m. - 1:30 p.m. . Lunch  
5 - 7 p.m. .... Supper

### Thursday, July 1st

SUPER SALE CLEAN UP  
6:00 a.m. .... Tai Chi  
9:00 a.m. .... UMW Sewing & Quilting  
11:30 a.m. .... Tai Chi

## Volunteers needed for English Classes

Della Lamb Community Services needs volunteers to staff its Adult English Language Learners Program.

The Lamb is looking for former teachers and others in the Kansas City area to assist immigrants in learning English so that they may qualify for general education and citizenship certification.

Volunteers are needed for both morning-hour and evening-hour classes. The state of Missouri has recently stopped funding this program due to revenue issues.

The Lamb has been assisting immigrants, refugees, and others in poverty for 113 years. Please contact Judy Agers for more information at [JAkers@dellalamb.org](mailto:JAkers@dellalamb.org).

## Super Sale - Highlights

### Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>:

Drop off items from 2 - 5 p.m.

### Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>:

Drop off items from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

### Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>:

Sale is open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

\*Lunch and dinner available for purchase.

### Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>:

Sale is open from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.

\*Lunch and dinner available for purchase.

### Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>:

Lots of help is needed for clean-up!

\* **Lunch** is a salad bar, soup, chili, and hot dogs and will be served from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

\* **Dinner** is spaghetti, salad and bread and will be served from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

If you have large items to donate and no way to get them to the church, please call the office at 816.452.2939, and we will arrange a time to pick them up and get them here for you.

You may bring your baked good to the pantry in Fellowship Hall on Monday afternoon.

## Africa—2011

Dr. Ken Lutgen will be leading a mission study tour to Southern Africa in August of 2011. This three-week trip will include visits to three cities in South Africa, Maputo, Mozambique and Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. The tour will include the Kruger in South Africa and the Chobe in Botswana, wildlife preserves. These game parks are some of the best to view the bird and animal life of Africa.

Dr. and Mrs. Lutgen will host the trip and can be reached by email for questions and to make your reservation. ([klutgenjr@kc.rr.com](mailto:klutgenjr@kc.rr.com)). While the trip is not until August of 2011, there has been a lot of interest, and reservations for booking the trip will be prioritized by the date on which the requests are received.



## North Cross experiences a “Galactic Blast”

Congratulations and a huge THANK YOU to all of those who helped make another successful VBS. I think it’s fair to say everyone had a Blast, a “Galactic Blast” that is.

We had a total of 53 children attend and learn about God’s creations and the love that He and Christ have for all of us. We collected a large tote full of school supplies for the children at Crestview, and we had fun doing it.

A special thank you to our teachers and leaders this year: Vickie Linch, Renee Burns, Brian Klopfenstein, Wanda Jackson, Tommy Stehle, Jana Dunn, Mikie Meisberger, Amanda Winans, Pat Kuehn and Patsy Schmutz.

Also, thank you to their assistants: Mindy Winans, Jennifer Marx, Cornie Long, Renee Baharaeen, Kyle Whiston, Jaron Winans, Chris Gray, Erika Jackson, Ron Winans, Stephanie Marx, Maggie Nolan, Mary Yunger, Jackie Whiston, Chelsie Cain, Shirley Klopfenstein, Curtis Dunn, Martha Lundy, Nathan Caughron, Barbara Bennett, Nathan Brown, Helen Foster, Denise Cox, and Helen Wills. Thank you to those who helped with photographs: Henry Linch, Megan Robertson and Megan’s wonderful slideshow presentations.

Thank you, Dennis Stone and Sig Kuehn, for registering children. Music was edited by Ken Remmert and performed by Jaccy and Tommy Stehle and Jason Parman.

Thank you to Neal for opening our evenings and welcoming the children. And last, but certainly not least, a very tremendous thank you for those who helped feed all of us each night! A special thank you goes to Meredith Bentson for organizing our meals. Be sure and give her a BIG hug the next time you see her and those who assisted her: Micky Conway, Genny Hauck, Mayra Fillion, Roberta Judson, Judy Dillard, Charles Weems, Jeneva Meyers, Bev Frazier, Ron and Sue Berry, Deborah Mason, and Colin Winans. Thank you to everyone; your time and dedication were most appreciated. Because of you, the seed of Jesus Christ was either planted or nurtured in 53 hearts and counting.

Thank you, and God Bless You!

*Stephanie Gray*

Vacation Bible School Director

(Check out the VBS pictures on Page 2.)

## *Person to person:*

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **Hospitalized:** No known at time of publication.

✝ We offer our sympathy to John and Glenda Kinder in the death of Glenda’s mother, Rebecca McCormick, on June 17<sup>th</sup>, in Minco, OK; to Dick and Joyce Ranes in the death of Dick’s aunt, Helen St. John, in Jacksonville, FL, on June 14<sup>th</sup>; to Jeff and Laura Landis in the death of Laura’s mother, Mary Ann Poland, on June 19<sup>th</sup>; and to the family of former member Jewell S. Watson, who died on June 10<sup>th</sup>, in Houston, TX.

- Please keep the North Cross youth and youth-sponsors in your prayers this week as they travel to and from Memphis, TN, for their annual mission trip.

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