



The Clarion

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Between the Times

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We have been on a journey together Between the Times. We have reached a point that calls us to do something new and different. Let's take a definite step forward in that journey. Let's begin a formal search process for an Installed Pastor.

Can we do that? Why not? There are some good indicators that the time is right. There were 122 people at a single worship service on Pentecost. Summer is beginning, but the Christian Education Department decided they didn't want to take the time off. They wanted to keep Sunday School going for youth and adults, and they worked hard to put a program together that is very promising. Fellowship activities are picking up. The Spring Fling art show was a great success, and may have opened the way for more such activities. Giving is improving, and we've shown significant good results over the past two months. Taken together, that means it's a good idea to move on toward a pastoral search process.

What do we need to do next? Two things. First, the Session has to make some preliminary nuts and bolts decisions, and we have to set a target date for a Congregational meeting to elect a Pastoral Search Committee. It seems reasonable to project a date in September for that. Second, we need to complete our self-discernment process -- having more conversations about who you all believe you are as a Presbyterian Congregation -- what you believe God is calling you to do through the voice of the Holy Spirit in your ministry of serving Jesus Christ and living out the gospel in Crescent Springs.

The Session has re-activated the Church

Growth Committee, which has been waiting in the wings for a while. Now our congregation has a new job for that group to do. Church growth means more than adding numbers to the membership. That may not even be its most important task. Think church development. "Grow" is a word that can legitimately be used as a transitive verb. We can grow a crop. We can also grow the church. One way to do that is to develop the quality of the fellowship we have now. Conversation -- talking with one another -- and being with one another for a variety of events help that growth happen. Look for upcoming opportunities to come fairly soon from Church Growth. Sarah Cottongim is the new Chair of the committee. She has some ideas, and she would be glad to hear your ideas.

My notion is that we can spend the summer months continuing our self-discernment process. Vacations and other summer activities shouldn't interfere with that at all. If people want to do it, it will get done. Then, we'll be ready for a Pastoral Search Committee election in September. At that point, the process begins in earnest, and you all will be officially on your way to calling an Installed Pastor. It's a long process, and it requires dedicated work by faithful committee members. I think the time is right to get moving in that direction. I've had the conversation with the Presbytery folks, and they think it's a good idea, too. So, let's take this next important step and move on in faith that the Spirit will guide us as we travel *Between the Times*.

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Congratulations, Class of 2009!

CSPC's new graduates are Sam King, Dixie Heights High School; Chris Williams, Ryle High School, Grace VanMelle, Furman University; and Katie Baker and Laura Beth Thrasher, Northern Kentucky University.

During worship on June 7 we recognized these new grads and offered a prayer as they move on to new endeavors.

Scott Scholarship for CSPC Students

Students who will be entering or continuing college in the fall are welcome to apply for the Robert and LaVerne Scott Scholarship. Application materials will be available soon and completed applications will be due Sunday, July 12. The scholarship was established by Robert Scott, an active member of CSPC, and provides financial help for CSPC students seeking higher education.

Thank you to our Teachers.

On June 7, we will also recognize the members of CSPC who have served as Sunday School teachers during the past year. Along with our graduates, our teachers were honored during Fellowship time following worship.

Summer Worship

From Pentecost until September 6, CSPC will have one worship service at 9:30 a.m. Invite neighbors and friends to join us!

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School classes will begin June 7. Classes will meet throughout the summer from 8:30 to 9:30.

Children in pre-school through elementary grades will study Bible heroes from the Old Testament. They will meet in the upstairs Sunday School rooms.

There will be one class for pre-school and kindergarten children and another for students in first through fifth grades.

Adults and youth are invited to meet for "Coffee and Communications." This class will explore how Christians should listen and talk together. We will examine a different communications-related topic each week. Fairly traded coffee will be served in re-usable mugs, so B.Y.O.M. (Bring Your Own Mug.) We will have some extra mugs on hand. The class will meet in the Gathering Room.

Fellowship on the Lawn

During the summer, plan on lingering for a few minutes after worship for Fellowship on the Lawn. This is a great time to welcome visitors who join us for worship.

We will need volunteers each Sunday to bring iced tea, lemonade or cookies. Look for a sign-up sheet.

Thanks to All Who Helped

A final thank you to the following in our church family for helping to make CSPC SpringFling a success: Brad & Jen Neal, Stacey Daley, Katie Baker, Robbie Baker, Lynne Baker, Carol Buckhout, Ginny Clark, Becky & Jim Burdick, Ernie & Betty Elliott, Tim & Nancy Reed,

Jerry & Candy Hinnert, Ron Diehl, Marilyn Rinehardt, Terry David, Martha Ann & Steve Thrasher, Ruth Schweitzer, Kathy Vicory, Michelle David, Scott Mozea, Kim Martin, Matt, Joel, Karen & Doug Ginn, Rachel Brewer, Evalyn Hoskins, Doug Thompson, Crystal Harden, Sarah Cottongim, Jean Walters, Stephanie Boyd, Gienny Vananrooy, Millie Lockhart, Joan Gillman, Grace Thoeny, Ethan & Andrew Dunn, Lisa & Sarah Handlon, Adam King, Monica Pence, Mckenna & Ella Edgett, Grace Marie Thompson, Nana Boeteng, Heather & Dan Alexander, Erin & Shannon Murphy, Bev Glenn, Becky Morrison, Mary Magely, Valerie Pence, JoFrancis & Dan Purdom, Floyd Starr, Suzie Graven, Jim Eavey, Trudy Woltering, Laura Beth Thrasher, Anne Daugherty, Ruth Eubank, Elmira Scott, and Bill Thoeny.

Vacation Bible School 2009

CSPC will host Vacation Bible School June 28 through July 2.

The VBS program will begin with a kick-off brunch following worship June 28, to introduce the congregation to the VBS program.

VBS will continue the following Monday through Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Children age 3 through fifth grade are invited to attend.

Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Brad Neal, 727-1424.

Session Notes

At its stated meeting May 19, CSPC's Session:

- Approved a motion to hold one service of worship at 9:30 a.m. beginning with Pentecost (May 31) and ending September 6;
- Approved a fund raising project to be sponsored by the Firesiders' youth group. They plan to produce and sell a shopper's discount card;
- Worked on establishing active elders as committee chairs;
- Noted the success of the Spring Fling Arts and Crafts Exhibition and expressed appreciation for all members who volunteered to work on the event;
- Encouraged members to volunteer for
 - Grass cutting during the summer months
 - Secretarial duties in the church office
 - Cleaning the church.

Calendar—June at CSPC

June 24	Bound by Books
June 26	Lunch Bunch Chicks with Sticks
June 28	VBS Kick-Off 10:30 Florence Freedom Baseball Game
June 29-July 2	VBS continues
July 6	Mary Esther Circle, 12:30
July 6	Piecemakers, 7:00 p.m.