



CRESCENT SPRINGS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Carol Buckhout, Editor

Editor's Note: *As Rev. Randy Schafer prepared to leave Scotland Trinity Church in Illinois to serve as CSPC's installed pastor, he offered these thoughts to the congregation. He is sharing them here with us as he and his family get ready to move to Kentucky.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Sunday I announced my resignation to the congregation at Scotland Trinity. Some people had not heard of my resignation; for others it was confirmation of news from friends. In the same week I went to a Presbytery meeting and met with several colleagues who had heard I was leaving. One of the pastors I spoke with is a man named Harry Losey. Harry is one of those people one immediately feels comfortable with. He is a grandfatherly type and a man I greatly respect. For me, he is one of those people that when you meet them you know you would really enjoy a relationship with them. Unfortunately, due to geographical distances we were not able to see each other often and develop a closer bond. Harry said to me "Well, we may not meet again in this life but I look forward to seeing you in the next." In one sentence I heard from Harry the truth of Christ and the promise of the resurrection.

When Jesus spoke to His followers just before His execution, the disciples were perplexed. They had a hard time reconciling what they were seeing and hearing. The adoring crowds, whirlwind popularity, and their leader glorified were in contrast with Jesus' words saying,

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

— John 14:14 NIV

At the height of Jesus' popularity He was saying to His followers, "I am leaving, you cannot follow and you know the way."

This is the same challenge I leave with Scotland and one I bring to Crescent Springs, "You know the way!" You have the tools. Engage your gifts and glorify God. God never leads His people to a place of complacency. Let's use the gifts God has provided to proclaim His truth. And remember that this is not the end. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. We will spend eternity together worshipping and glorifying our creator Jesus Christ. The words of my friend Harry speak clearly, "We may not always meet again in this life." Nonetheless, we will glorify Christ together in the next. Let's embrace the future.

An update from Randy on their move:

I am looking forward to arriving in Kentucky and getting to know y'all. The Schafers are moving and kind of camping out right now. One never knows how much one has accumulated until it is time to move. We are / I am trying to downsize and learning it is easy to downsize other people and not so easy for myself. We are having lots of interesting discussions. Pray for us!

Your brother in Christ,
Randy

About Rev. Schafer:

Randy Schafer has a Master's of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. Prior to answering the call to pastoral ministry, he worked as a mechanical engineer, was owner and CEO of an air conditioning business, served as an Elder in his congregation and served as director of the Seeds of Hope a (Christian Community Development) organization. Randy and his wife Jan have four children—Philip (25), J.D. (23), Hannah (10) and Zoey (8).

The Schafers are in the midst of relocating and Randy will be leading CSPC in worship August 29.

Bible Times Marketplace A Big Success

We studied child heroes in the Bible, learned lots of great songs, and made cool crafts. Thanks to the MANY people who made this week possible: Erin Murphy, Meaghan Mullin, Ian and JD Boyd, Monica Pence, Martha Ann Thrasher, Brad Neal, Karen Ginn, Michelle David, Floyd Starr, Becky Morrison, Ernie and Betty Elliott, Nancy Reed, Elizabeth Mozea, Matt Ginn, Evan and Andrew Dunn, Ella Edgett, NaNa and Kwabena Boateng, Will and Grace Thompson, Jerry Hinners, Alex Grant, Evalyn Hoskins, and ALL of you who donated cash and VBS supplies.

If your child wants to make Bible School Bread at home, here is the recipe:

- 1 ½ cup of all purpose flour
- ½ cup of whole wheat flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ Tablespoon sugar
- ½ package of Fast or Rapid Rising yeast (or a little over 1 teaspoon)
- 5/8 cup (or 5 ounces) of water

Mix all ingredients in a bowl with a spoon. Add a little more water if you need to in order to make a ball of dough. Knead for 5 minutes and shape into a loaf or whatever shape you want. Bake on a greased sheet at 425 degrees for 25 minutes. Coat with butter when it comes out of the oven and enjoy! Makes one small loaf for 6 people to share.

Sunday School for Everyone - Classes to Begin September 12

CSPC will kick off the Sunday School year on Sunday , September 12 (the Sunday after the Labor Day holiday.)

There will be classes for all age groups. For our children and youth, the classes are:

- Pre-school
- Elementary (grades K-4)
- Middle School (grades 5-8)
- High School (Grades 9-12)

Adults will be able to choose from the following classes:

- A study of Second Corinthians, led by Heather Alexander
- Religion in the 21st century: the effect of science and technology, led by Steve Thrasher
- A study of Presbyterianism, a team will lead this 6-7 week course which will examine the teachings, traditions and governance of the Presbyterian church.

Christian Education is for everyone and you're never too old to discover something new as we explore our faith together. Plan on joining a class and see what you discover.

Mortgage Update

As of June CSPC members and friends have now invested enough funds with PCUSA to earn us a monthly rebate of .5% so our effective mortgage rate is 5.5%. While we have enough invested to ensure a .25% rebate we could use some additional deposits to ensure that we stay at the .5% level. So when you have a CD rolling over check the PCUSA rate sheet and consider investing in a PSUSA note.

Financial Update

The Balance Sheet and Operating Statement for July 2010 are posted on the bulletin board across from the church office, YTD as of July 31, 2010. If you have any questions contact Karen Peters or a member of the Finance Committee.

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$125,369.41	\$126,751.00
Expenses	115,145.48	127,258.00
Difference	10,223.93	

Notes from the July Session Meeting

At its stated July meeting the Session of CSPC:

- Studied session 7 of the Transformation Discernment Module.
- Heard a report from Mark Boyd that the Worship committee is working on a Praise Band Music Book for the congregation. .
- Directed the Finance Committee to deposit a financial gift into the PCS fund to cover monies that will be taken out by the end of the year.
- Received reminder of IHN night, August
- Put in place new committee co-chairs. They are: Building and Grounds - Jim Burdick; Worship - Martha Ann Thrasher, Crystal Thompson; Christian Education - Karen Ginn, Terry David; Growth - Sarah Cottongim, Dan Alexander, Craig Mullin; Personnel - Ernie Elliott, Mark Boyd, Karen Ginn; Nominating Committee - Brad Neal, Martha Ann Thrasher; Fellowship - Crystal Hardin, Patricia McGregor, Jim Burdick; Finance - Mark Boyd, Ernie Elliott, Dan Alexander; Mission - Sarah Cottongim, Brad Neal.

Calendar

Aug. 9	7:15 PM	Softball at Pioneer Park
Aug. 10	7:00	Session Meeting
Aug. 17	7:00	Worship Committee meets
Aug. 19	7:00	Mission & CE committees meet
Aug. 24	7:00	Bound by Books
Aug. 27	noon	Lunch Bunch
Aug. 29		Rev. Randy Schafer leads worship
Aug. 29		CSPC goes to Florence Freedom game
Each Sunday	12:30	Cycling Club
Each Wednesday	6:30	Bell Choir practice
	7:30	Choir practice
Each Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Group

Looking Ahead

Sept. 12	Fall Sunday School begins
Sept. 12	Church Picnic

