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May 2, 2010

"We proclaim Jesus Christ and promote communities of joy, hope, love and peace. We will become a world-wide church dedicated to the pursuit of peace, reconciliation and healing of the spirit."

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**Central Missouri Mission Center Conference
May 2, 2010, 3 pm
Warrensburg Church**

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A special invitation is extended to all to attend the May 2 Mission Center conference. We will gather at 3 PM at the Warrensburg Church for fellowship, business, worship, and a presentation.

Mark Euritt, Caribbean Mission Center President and Assistant to Rick Maupin, our Field Apostle, will be with us for this conference.

Please plan to attend the conference and invite others from your congregation to attend so you can take the traveling banner back to your home congregation.

Agenda:

- Approval of November 7, 2009 Mission Center Conference Minutes
- Roll Call of Congregations
- Receiving of Reports — Officers
- Presentation of 2009 Auditor's Report for Adoption
- Report of the 2009 Camping Endowment Fund
- Report on Wintermeyer Fund
- Recognitions
- Presentation of Attendance Award
- Adjourn Business until Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010
- Presentation — "Reach Out with Compassion"

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 30-July 4, 2010 Family Camp, will be at Lake Doniphan. Steve and Cathi Cackler-Veazey will be our guest ministers. All of the lodge rooms and mini-lodge rooms are full; however, there are plenty of cabins and RVs spaces left. We hope you will make Family Camp part of your summer experience. Send your registration form and a \$100 deposit to PO Box 350, Warrensburg, MO 64093. All fees need to be paid by Tuesday, June 22 to avoid a late charge.

Hope to see you there!

Attention Pastors: Please send the names and schools of all graduating high school or college seniors from your congregation to Edna by May 18. Thanks.

SUMMER CAMP DATES

Children's Camp — June 4-6, Grades K, 1, 2, Camp Far Westa, Directors: Anita Norman and Meredith Jeschke; Cost: \$60 by May 11, \$85 after.

Sr. High Camp — July 5-8, Grades 9, 10, 11, 12, Camp Far Westa, Camp Directors, Steve and Janet Muse, Cost: \$130 by June 13, \$155 after.

Spectacular — July 24-31, Grades 10, 11, 12, Graceland University, Anita Norman, Delegation Leader, Cost: \$360 by June 24, \$535 after.

Junior Camp — August 2-6, Grades 3, 4, 5, Camp Far Westa, Camp Director, Heather Brooner, Cost: \$130 by July 7, \$155 after.

Jr. High Camp — August 2-6, Grades 6, 7, 8, Camp Far Westa, Camp Director, Kyle Jeschke, Cost: \$130 by July 7, \$155 after.

To the Central Missouri Mission Center Conference:

The Central Missouri Mission Center is fortunate to have pastors who are giving hours of service and ministry on a volunteer basis. Many of our pastors not only serve as pastor, but have full time jobs. It is a pleasure for me to serve with this committed group of ministers. The care, love and concern they give are genuine and sincere. I not only commend our pastors but the many others in the mission center who provide countless hours of service and ministry.

Each of the 18 congregations in the Central Missouri Mission Center is unique and continues to learn what it means to be the Community of Christ in their communities. The challenge for each congregation is to find its purpose and use the giftedness of members to fulfill that mission. Section 163 of the Doctrine and Covenants has words that challenge us to be “signal communities.” In order for that to take place each person is needed to further commit for the cause of the kingdom. Each of us is being asked to discern what God is calling us to be and do in our congregations. My prayer is that each person in our Mission Center will move out in faith to promote, joy, hope, love, and peace.

We are all called to be disciples of Jesus Christ. In the midst of uncertainty we have hope in our Lord. Let us move into the future with confidence knowing God is leading the way on our journey.

I am very appreciative of Section 164 of the Doctrine and Covenants and the challenge it sets before us a church and a people. I am especially drawn to paragraph 9 which reads:

a. Beloved children of the Restoration your continuing faith adventure with God has been divinely led, eventful, challenging and sometimes surprising to you. By the grace of God, you are poised to fulfill God's ultimate vision for the church.

b. When your willingness to live in sacred community as Christ's new creation exceeds your natural fear of spiritual and relational transformation, you will become who you are called to be. The rise of Zion the beautiful, the peaceful reign of Christ, awaits your wholehearted response to the call to make and steadfastly hold to God's covenant of peace in Jesus Christ.

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c. This covenant entails sacramental living that respects and reveals God's presence and reconciling activity in creation. It requires whole-life stewardship dedicated to expanding the church's restoring ministries, especially those devoted to asserting the worth of persons, protecting the sacredness of creation, and relieving physical and spiritual suffering.

d. If you truly would be Community of Christ, then embody and live the concerns and passion of Christ.

e. The challenges and opportunities are momentous. Will you remain hesitant in the shadows of your fears, insecurities, and competing loyalties? Or will you move forward in the light of your divinely instilled call and vision?

f. The mission of Jesus Christ is what matters most for the journey ahead.

May we accept the challenge of Section 164 and especially paragraph 9 as we move forward as a Mission Center, Congregations, and Individuals.

Claude M. Rains, Jr., President, Central Missouri Mission Center

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Sr. High Weekend Event

June 11-13

(11 a.m. Friday-5 p.m. Sunday)

Come and enjoy the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks in the Camdenton area while praising the Lord with hundreds of other youth at the Crossover Music Festival. To see the list of speakers and bands, go to www.crossovermusicfestival.com. Contact your Youth Leader for more information. Cost is \$50.00 which includes tickets to festival both days and food. You will need money for snacks and merchandise at the concert. Families of the Camdenton Congregation will host our youth. We will attend the Camdenton Church on Sunday morning.