



# The Link

September 6, 2009

*“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.”*

## I SHALL MAKE US PERSONS

I'm so bored. I've spoken space, and shed myself abroad so that the energy of my spirit has coalesced into substance that dances and twirls with the movement of my thought. The light of my countenance shines forth through the darkness to birth this and that, kingdoms that mimic the discipline of my consciousness. It is good stuff, but I yearn for a **good** conversation. I want to stand back and share what I am with one another. That's it! We shall make an answer to what we speak. We shall make the answers in our image.

Oh, **I am** is excited. I am going back to the kitchen to make us people. Let's see if there is anything here in my cookbooks: Betty Crocker Quantum Cooking, The Galloping Gourmet Geophysicist, Cajun Galaxies. Nope. I'll have to cook from scratch with a recipe I make up myself. I don't think I'll have to go out and get anything. My pantry is always full, with enough to spare.

I think I'll use my new, industrial-strength Eden mixer. Now for the ingredients. Let's see, what shall we use? Carbon, Hydrogen, Oxygen, dashes of nitrogen, phosphorus, calcium, iron, potassium, sodium? Decisions! There's got to be a better way. I know. I'll shovel in scoops of clay, add some water, throw in sugar and spice and things that are nice; snails and puppy-dog tails. Work it up into a plastic consistency.

Now it needs kneading and shaping. I'll just jump in and work it up. There! Oh, I love it – a work of art – but it's not finished. How will it answer so that we can have conversation about creating and cooking and fun? I know. I'll stretch myself out over the form, become one with it, and breathe breath.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**September 13 — Pastor/Financial Officer Meeting**, 3 pm, Warrensburg Church. Please have a representative from your congregation present.

**September 15-17 — Central Area Adult Retreat at Lake Doniphan**, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday-10:30 a.m. Thursday. *Hope of the Gospel* with Randall Pratt, Ron Yager, John Sellers and Cliff Caton, guest ministers. Register with Sylvia, 816-833-4300 or e-mail [sylviaheinzle@centralmission.org](mailto:sylviaheinzle@centralmission.org); \$76 (includes 2 nights and 5 meals). One day registration fee is \$30.

**September 20 — Cluster Team Meeting**, 2 pm, at the Central Missouri Mission Center office.

**October 23-25 — 2009 Peace Colloquy** at the Temple, *Justice for Women, Dignity for All*. The 2009 Peace Award recipient is Dr. Halima Bashir from Darfur, Sudan; a young adult aged 29, African and Muslim. Contact Jeanette Hicks at 816-833-1000 ext. 2224, [jhicks@cofchrist.org](mailto:jhicks@cofchrist.org). On-line registration at [www.cofchrist.org/peacecolloquy](http://www.cofchrist.org/peacecolloquy).

**November 2 — Names for World Conference delegate nominations** are needed. Called the Mission Center, 660-747-6193 or 1-888-747-0439, or you can e-mail your name to [centralmo@cmcofchrist.org](mailto:centralmo@cmcofchrist.org).

**November 7 — Central Missouri Mission Center Conference**, 9:30 AM—3:30 PM. Rick Maupin will be our guest minister. We will worship together, conduct business and elect delegates for 2010 World Conference.

**December 5 — Christmas Craft Fair**, Odessa church, 8AM-3PM. Contact Sue Mills at 816-633-8133 or 816-263-2337 to reserve a space; hallway tables are \$8 and 7'x10' booths are \$15. Breakfast and lunch are served. All are welcome to come and see and enjoy the great food.

**April 10-17, 2010 — World Conference** at Independence.

**June 30-July4, 2010 — Family Camp** at Lake Doniphan.

Please join TJ (Toni Jo), Boni and Janet, the children of

♥ *Delbert and Denece (Morical) Crabtree* ♥

to celebrate their parents'

**50th Wedding Anniversary**

**September 27, Sunday, 2-5 p.m.**

**Warrensburg Community of Christ, 700 S. Mitchell**

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No gifts please.

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Hallelujah! I have made us a person. A human, one from earth, earthy. I have made a man. He is still incomplete. He needs what I need. Fellowship. Conversation. I shall speak woman. Hallelujah! She can really talk! I have made us family, persons speaking selves to selves. What fun we will have! I'll call it love. We will play in the garden. I'll tell them my innermost thoughts. We will make things together, do things together, be together. They will learn and grow and become like us. God's household, God's family. My heirs. I like the sound of it. Things are definitely looking up. My children shall be the mirror image of my will in space and time.

I am pleased. This is good stuff. I can't wait to see how it all turns out.

Jerry W. Neift, Congregation and Disciple Support

**Family Camp testimonies:**

**Stay tuned for more Family Camp testimonies in the September Link!**