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From the Pastor's Desk

Ask & Share

Recently, I had the honor to officiate at the Memorial Service of Karen Lueck. As I talked to the family, I learned that Karen was a competitive dancer. I had no idea! In preparation for her eulogy, I actually did a Google search on her instructor/partner. His name popped up, along with his phone number. I gave him a call and had a wonderful time listening to him recall his experiences with Karen. I was flabbergasted!

Honestly, as I contemplated this incident, I realized I have been to or conducted several memorial services where I learned something about the deceased that I wish I would have known when they were alive. War experiences, hobby interests, adventuresome travels, near death experiences – WAIT, why did I not know this about him or her?!?

I pondered the possibility that the fault is mine. I didn't actively nurture the relationship. I didn't ask enough

questions, or the right questions. I always defaulted to conversations about weather, health, sports and religion (I get a free pass to talk about religion, in spite of the taboo of talking about politics and religion). Maybe, I just didn't listen closely enough.

But then, the blame could have been theirs! They didn't want to share personal information. They thought no one would care. They were embarrassed about the incident or circumstance.

In my heart, I think everyone has something very interesting to share. Our job is to find out what it is. I have decided that I want to make an effort to make some changes. I am going to try and be more intentional about really getting to know people. I will work to improve my "ask" and my "share".

I look at so many bible verses that talk about walking worthy of the calling... being humble, gentle and patient with one another...about counting others more significant than yourselves... about breaking bread together. These cause me to think about the call to love your neighbor as yourself. We

can do that more effectively when we ask the right questions and share the right information.

I think all this leads to having more transparent, honest, revealing conversations. This might include interesting or exciting subjects – or it might be about something painful. Either way, we are called to engage, encourage, challenge and exhort one another. That will never happen when we talk about the Packers or the weather.

I sat for a minute and recalled the fact that I know people who: once sold car to Cheap Trick, earned their pilot's license at age 16, crewed a 32' fiberglass jet boat up the Mekong Delta in Vietnam, worked as an avalanche patrolman in Switzerland. And I realized that I have a relationship with each of these people that has allowed me to get way beyond the weather and sports.

I hope you are encouraged to engage the people around you in a way that encourages deep and meaningful conversations. Be prepared for some great surprises and for some deep discussions. Most of all, be prepared to better love your neighbor as yourself.

Go and make disciples,

Pastor Wade



Financial Information

January-September 2017

Total Giving:

\$100,700 (total General offerings) vs.
\$99,000 (total Budget is 11,000/month)

Pledge Giving:

\$78,000 (total given by those making pledges)
vs. **\$73,800** (total pledged YTD, \$8,200 per month)

Budget vs. Actual Expenses:

January 1st cash balance \$12,300
YTD general offerings \$100,700
YTD total expenses \$93,200
Sept. 30 cash balance \$19,800

Account	Budget	Actual
Payroll	\$67,817.25	\$63,000.00
Missions	\$9,264.75	\$9,200.00
Plant & maintenance	\$9,405.00	\$9,300.00
office	\$4,537.50	\$4,500.00
discipleship	\$2,261.25	\$500.00
Property Ins	\$1,950.00	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$375.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$1,500.00	\$850.00
Outreach	\$450.00	-\$600.00
Worship	\$862.50	\$900.00
TOTAL	\$98,423.25	\$89,650.00

Current Maintenance account:

\$6,900.00

Current Emergency Fund:

\$7,200.00

Current Building account:

\$25,400.00

This is a summary to keep you informed. If you would like to discuss this in more detail, contact Corey Olson or Wade Hetrick

Furnace Fund Progress

Praise God and thank you for putting Community Church in a position to be able to install the new HVAC system! We are grateful for those who contributed to this project and to Sally Buss for helping us to track the progress. The new units are scheduled to be installed on November 1st & 2nd. Please pray that all goes well.



Important upcoming dates to get on your calendar:

Turn clocks back on November 5th!

Sunday, November 12 - Next church potluck: Last names A-G please bring a Main Dish. H - M please bring a Side Dish. N - Z please bring a Dessert.

Sunday, December 3 - Annual Meeting-in place of TECH Time. Usually under an hour. Go over 2018 budget and vote on leadership. If you consider Community Church your home, please try to attend. Budgets/ballots available for preview November 19th. Please pick one up, look it over and contact the elders with questions BEFORE the meeting.



Mark Your calendars!

Start collecting supplies for Operation Christmas Child –Not familiar with Operation Christmas Child? Check out: [https://](https://www.samaritanpurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/)

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Boxes will be distributed Sunday, **November 5th & 12th**. Final Collection of the boxes – **Sunday, November 19th by 11am** See Greg or Colleen Maxey if Questions



**Monthly Men's
"Breakfast with a Purpose"!**

We will take the months of November and December off and resume in January. Contact Greg Maxey (gmaxey52@gmail.com; 205-3495) for more information.



Women's Events!

LIFT: (Ladies in Faith Together) The Ladies In Faith Together will be meeting Monday November 13th at 5:30pm at church.

Save the date: Women's Retreat! Friday, April 20 - Saturday, April 21, 2018

**Thanksgiving Eve Service at church
Wednesday, November 22
6:30PM**

