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1. 6 weeks to go . . . We are counting down, 6 more weeks until Miracle Day! We are hoping that your display table has been a success with getting volunteers and contributions. This week will be the final Sunday before the Volunteer Forms are due on August 13st. So, Pastors and Volunteer Coordinators - spice up your table a little. Don't hold back! Put those M & M's out there to attract attention. If anyone has been un-decided, have them fill out the forms and then they may feel a little more obligated to come. We are getting there and with your excellent help, God will bless the entire day. Thanks so much.

As of August 20, 2007, 64 individuals and families, 20 churches and 5 camps have donated \$22,450.04 toward our \$50,000 goal. We still need contributions and we still need volunteers...132 more to be exact. More information about Miracle Day as well as forms can be found at: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/md/mdhome.htm>

2. It's Time

Are you looking for a different way to grow your church? It's time to attend the **Taking the Next Step - Becoming a Great Commission Church**. See the informational brochure here: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/dana/3Grace.pdf>

3. Campus Ministry Sunday

Sunday, August 26th has been designated as Campus Ministry Sunday to benefit all the church- related ministries on the college and university campuses supported by the Illinois United Ministries in Higher Education. For more information and to see bulletin inserts, go to: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org> Then scroll down to the blue box.

4. Listen Up!!

All clergy in the Illinois & Wisconsin Region, as well as anyone interested in ministry as a vocation, should mark your calendars and plan to attend 2 very important events just for you.

On Saturday, September 15th will be *The Practice of Ministry*...a one-day continuing education workshop with Scott Woolridge, Stacey Brohard and Ellen Rechenbach our presenters. Registration fee is \$35 which includes lunch. A resource table will have various FREE books, ideas, resources for sermon preparation, children's sermons, helpful web-sites and other items to aid in your ministry. The registration form can be found at: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/dana/Licensedmin 07.pdf>

Clergy Wellness and Self-Care strategies is the topic for the 3rd tier of the Healthy Boundaries- Clergy Ethics seminars presented by CCIW. Rev. Eugene Fisher, Director of Membership Services for the Pension Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be the guest presenter. Registration fee is \$30 which includes lunch. The 4 dates are: September 25, September 26, October 18 or October 20. For the information flyer and registration form, go to: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/dana/07HealthyBoundaries.pdf>

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5. The Christian

The Fall 2007 issue of the Regional Newsletter, **The Christian**, is on the website for your information. Go to: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/beth/xn/XianFall07.pdf>. This is a large file, so it will take a few minutes to open.

Included in this issue is the annual Reconciliation insert with stories and pictures of the Reconciliation Grant programs which have been supported by your Reconciliation gifts during 2007. To read these stories and more information about Reconciliation, go to: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/beth/xn/ReconFall 07.pdf>

6. SOIL

The Southern Illinois Women's Retreat will soon be here. For Registration Information, go to: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/beth/women/SOILRegis07.pdf>

7. Youth Conference

Jackson Blvd Christian Church wants to invite you, your youth and families to join them on Saturday, September 15 from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm with lunch and breaks in between workshops and to participate in Worship at 5:00 pm. Conference participants are asked to donate a \$10 registration fee for each individual to help cover the cost of food, materials and presenters.

For more information, email Elder Diane Hassell at Jackson Blvd Christian Church at jbcc2413@sbcglobal.net. For the registration flyer, go to: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/dana/youth/cyfconference2007.pdf>

8. Regional Prayer Concerns

Terry Foland, Co-Interim pastor at First Christian Church Moline, will have bypass surgery tomorrow at Memorial Hospital in Springfield. Get well wishes and cards of encouragement can be sent to Terry at PO Box 618, Astoria, IL 61501

Carol Roper-Fowlkes, Associate pastor of Eureka Christian Church is progressing through treatments for a brain tumor. Cards of encouragement can be sent to her at 302 S Main St., Eureka, IL 61530

Joe Adkins, longtime member of Christian Church of Villa Park, passed away August 16 following complications from surgery. His celebration of life was held August 20 at the Church. Mr. Adkins is the father of Doris Carter who is CCIW's 2007 Miracle Day Project Coordinator. Condolences can be emailed to the Carter family at: dcarter340@aol.com.