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1. SUMMIT 2007

Here are some things you need to know about Summit 2007:

- November 16-18, 2007
- Decatur Conference Center, 4191 W US Hwy 36
- Call 217-422-8800 to make lodging reservations. Mention Christian Church IL WI for discounted rate.
- Last date to accept BOTH lodging and event registrations is October 18.
- Participation fee is \$150 per person.
- Be sure to complete BOTH sides of the event registration form.
- Stop by the Regional Office to pick up the latest Summit DVD, or get your copy at Miracle Day.

Brand new Registration and Housing forms can be found on our website at <http://www.cciwdisciples.org>. Please discard all the old ones.

2. Miracle Day

Miracle Day is almost here! Letters and work assignments have been mailed to the over 400 registered Miracle Day volunteers. We are looking forward to miracles happening at Camp Walter Scott!

Have experience with fence repair? We are in need of volunteers who have experience working with barbed wire fencing. We have just added the project of replacing the fencing around the perimeter of the camp. If you have been assigned another job, but have experience and are willing to switch to the fencing project, please contact Doris Carter as soon as possible by e-mail (dcarter340@aol.com) or by phone (630-240-1026).

Calling experienced framers!! We hope to begin framing the 2 cabin additions a couple of days before Miracle Day, depending on the progress of our preliminary work. If you have carpentry/framing experience and can give us a day or two of your time, please contact Doris Carter as soon as possible.

3. Grace Institute Dates for 08

Grace Institute of Aurora has set new training dates for the remainder of 2007 and part of 2008. They are:

- Saturday, October 13, 2007 - Sprint Through the Bible (for pastors, leaders and community members)
- Saturday, October 27, 2007- Taking the Next Step (for pastors and church leaders)
- Saturday, January 19, 2008 - Preaching and Teaching for Change (for pastors and church leaders)
- Friday, April 11, 2008 - Money and the Church (for pastors and church leaders)
- Saturday, June 21, 2008 - Church Transitions (for pastors and church leaders)

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All events (except October 2007) will be held at Grace Institute, 2770 Montgomery Road, Aurora, IL 60504. The October event will be held in Allisonville, Indiana. For more information, call Michelle Jenks, Director Grace Institute, at 630-898-7999 or log onto Grace Institute's website at: <http://www.grace-institute.com>

4. Another CCIW Clergy Publishes Book

"Need a resource for retreats with youth and/or young adults? Then this book is for you." says author Rev. Dr. B. Kathleen Fannin, Monmouth College chaplain.

Published by Cowley Publications, an imprint of Rowman & Littlefield, *Wonder and Other Life Skills: Spiritual Life Retreats for Young Adults Using the Creative Arts* is now available for purchase for \$16.95 through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and the publisher.

The book's target audience is readers who work in a religious setting with older youth. It provides everything you need in order to plan and lead an engaging and transformative retreat. The book also presents research that explores, among other things, the human need for community in multi-faith environments and the implications of the statement that human beings are created in the image of God.

For more information about Dr. Fannin's book, go to:

<http://www.monm.edu/news/releases2007/fannin.09-03-07.htm>

5. Does Your Church Need an Organ Transplant?

An anonymous donor has a Kimball Swinger 800, an electronic organ, to give to a church in need of such an instrument. Interested? To be connected with this "organ donor", please email Scott Woolridge at scott@cciwdisciples.org.

6. Regional Prayer Concerns

The Regional Office has received word that Rev. Marlin Thomas, retired pastor of FCC, Waukegan, will soon be under hospice care. Please keep the family in your prayers as they move through this difficult time. Expressions of encouragement can be sent to the family in care of Eugene Thomas at eugtami@insightbb.com

Camp Walter Scott has received word of the death of Marine Sgt. Nick Hopper, 27. Sgt. Hopper was seriously injured June 17, 2005, when a land mine exploded while he was providing security for a convoy in Iraq. He had jumped off the vehicle he was riding on to assist someone trapped in another vehicle after a previous land mine exploded, when another mine exploded, causing serious arm and leg injuries. He died Saturday, September 8, 2007, on the Marine base in Cherry Point, NC. His internment with full military honors will take place at Camp Butler near Springfield, IL. Several years ago, Nick served as a lifeguard and kitchen helper during camping season. Condolences can be sent to his parents, Van and Judy Hopper at 305 South Maple Street, Montrose, IL 62445.