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3rd Quarter Report

Dear CFC Family,

As summer comes to a close and the fall leaves hit the ground, I want to thank you for your continued prayers and support (in so many ways) at Community! Our 3rd Quarter Report includes ministry activities from July—September. Let us compel those around us (our families, our neighbors, and our communities) to receive Christ and become part of the family of God.

- We had a record attendance (with many younger people involved) at our Annual Business Meeting. Josh Bowman and Dave Willis were voted onto the Deacon Board, and Mike Baker and Wally Shelton moved to the Executive Board. We especially thank Don Hall for 17 years of service on the Deacon/Executive Board. And, praise the Lord, our tithes were up 2.10% over last year. We strategically invest God's money into *His storehouse* to achieve our Core Value *Missions* to serve the spiritually lost, the hurting, and the poor (Malachi 3:10-11).
- We had over 200 guests at CFC this past quarter. Our Connection Cards indicate that 43% of our guests were invited to church by someone. Now is the time to stir the spirit of evangelism in your life and invite someone to get to know Jesus and be a part of CFC!
- In July WOW Missions sent a construction team to the Cheyenne Reservation in Hammond, OK to expand the ministry center of Indian Ministries of North American (IMNA).

In August WOW Missions raised over \$3,000 for International Mission Outreach (IMO). IMO's stateside headquarters was destroyed in late June when record floods hit West Virginia. The directors' (John and Joyce Hanson) home was also damaged. IMO is one of the largest mission organizations in Haiti with churches, Bible school, clinics, and schools. They have a feeding program that serves over 25,000 meals a week.

In September WOW Missions raised over \$2,700 for *Missions in Focus*, Ken and Cindy Cooper. The Cooper's will be ministering in special meetings with missionary Melvin Kincaid in Mexico.

- During this past quarter, 78 people took *The Journey* (CFC's connection experience), and most volunteered to serve in different ministries (some for the first time)! Sign up for *The Journey* in the main lobby (or call/email the church office).
- From greeters to ushers to the kitchen team and much more, we would like to welcome all of our new volunteers! Thank you for your Kingdom service.

- CFC launched its photography team during our Homecoming services. Our team has been capturing services, events, and all the special moments we experience here at CFC. Their pictures enhance our social media content, and we are thankful for their awesome contribution to the Kingdom of God!
- Pastor Reed Uberman joined the staff at CFC as an associate pastor. His primary responsibilities involve outreach, evangelism, small groups, church growth strategies, and training and development. He and his wife, Erika, and their two sons come to Independence from Cleveland, TN.
- CFC Kids ministry had another amazing quarter. Hundreds of children were ministered to at our Vacation Bible School. Our adult volunteers were treated to a team workshop held at Princeton Pike Church of God. CFC Kids had their first Parents Night Out event, which was a huge hit. The students also had the opportunity to minister at CFC's Homecoming.
- Our Back to School service prepared our young people spiritually for the upcoming school season. Our entire service was geared toward students followed by an outdoor baptism (nearly 30 were baptized), food, games, inflatables, and so much more.
- Fifty-five youth and young adults traveled with Pastor to churches in West Virginia and Kentucky on Choir Tour. Students shared their testimonies and ministered to the congregations in song and in Word. IMPACT held its 2nd annual Youth Revival, which drew many guests and local youth ministries. Many students were saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit. IMPACT also participated in Serve Your Neighbor Outreach where students engaged in yard work and landscaping for those in need in our community. They also joined other CFC volunteers for a church campus cleanup day.
- United (our young adult ministry) had a great summer with their summer series DIMENSIONS, a study on Ephesians. This fall they will learn about the Holy Spirit and how important it is for their walk with Christ. They continue to grow together through their Wednesday Night Lifegroup, monthly worship services, serving in the church, small groups, and fellowship!
- Faithful CFC volunteers helped minister and feed those in need in our community at the Ida Spence Mission project, the Hosea House and Taylor Ridge. We also supported four local schools with supplies for those in need.
- The Young Family Fellowship had over 10 different speakers at their weekly Lifegroup. CFC families had the opportunity to attend a grill-out and participate in incredible testimonial services (some receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit), classes designed for families, social events, and much more.
- Caring Touch (our card ministry team) added three team members and sent over 544 cards this quarter to encourage our church family members.

- Compassion Care Bereavement Card Ministry has sent over 286 cards this year. The Benevolence team provided over 900 meals and prayerful support for those who experienced a loss in their family.
- Man Enough Ministry hosted their annual Men's Retreat with special singing, preaching, and fellowship. Pastor Dale Callen now oversees Man Enough Ministry.
- Women's Ministry Unlimited (WMU) sponsored a Ladies' Breakfast focused on missions and raised \$1,204 for the 2017 Women's Conference in Peru that some of our team members will help organize. The Community Care and Compassion Ministry, sponsored by WMU, held their annual Tea which benefits women and children diagnosed with cancer. Monetary donations included: \$500 to WOW Missions; \$1,000 to The Ark of Mercy in Winchester, KY; and \$1,000 to St. Elizabeth Mobile Mammography Unit.
- Community Christian Academy had a record high student enrollment this year! They are continuing work on a baseball field to enhance their sports programs.
- Our Love for Life (Pro-life) Ministry continues to provide baby items (diapers, strollers, wipes, etc.) to those in need and the gospel message to families across the tri-state. They also partnered with New Hope Center to minister to more people in our communities.
- Permits and building plans have been in process with our new building project: a 36,000 square-foot facility connected to our existing church which will house a state-of-the-art children's facility, additional classrooms for our adult classes and small groups, a large lobby area, and so much more! You will be hearing more about this exciting venture soon.

Thank you again for all you do to make Community the best church in the Tri-State! Let's continue to work together to achieve CFC's mission: Living God's Word, Loving Like Jesus, Being Led by the Holy Spirit.

We love you all,



Pastor Tommy Bates