



THE BUILDER

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Serving In September

Elders: Carol Miller & David McMahan

Worship Leader: Angie Goette

Deaconess: Linda Harding

Deacons: Pete Almanza, Rhonda Clay, Bruce Leggett, Phil Thompson

Greeter: Vivian Helm, Pat Organ

Acolytes: Emily & Gracie Clay

"Storyline... Let's Talk Money!"

If there is one thing that folks don't like to hear from preachers, it is talk about money. Thanks to some of the unscrupulous television evangelists, along with some local pastors through the years, who have made that a topic that is "taboo" and have given some church people to think that that is all the church is about. That could not be farther from the truth. No preacher I know likes to talk about money or to use that word and the word **church** in the same sentence.

The fact of the matter is that even though there is a risk in talking about money, sometimes it must be done. This is one of those times. We are experiencing a "shortfall" of reasonable proportion in our giving and already using some reserve money to pay our bills.

We have been blessed over the last ten or fifteen years and have not had to face the "lack of funds dilemma" — now we do. And this is not an attempt on my part to browbeat or cajole. It is simply to say that we are having a tough time and unable to meet the budget. It is a "no frills" budget that has already been cut, and the Stewardship Committee is now beginning to prepare for 2010 and must try to cut even more unless we are able to rise to the occasion.

I am asking of you two things: **(1) Do what you can to help. (2) In your prayers, ask God to help us get through this difficult time.**

Having celebrated my 33rd anniversary on August 15, I can well remember the times when every summer we would go to the bank and borrow money to make it to September. Tough times never last, but tough people do.

A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR - SANDRA WESTMORELAND

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES —This is a quote from 8-year-old Danny Dutton explaining God: "You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!"

See you on Sunday!

FALL BACK INTO THE 3 R'S - FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - SEPTEMBER 6

Join us as we celebrate the 3 R's
 In School - reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic
 In Church– Renewal - friendships
 Reunion - with God
 Return - to church

Please join us as the Evangelism/Membership Committees host the “Fall Back into the 3 R’s” Fellowship Luncheon September 6. School has started, and we anticipate and look forward to cooler weather, fellowship with our friends and a return to church. Join us and bring your favorite recipe that you always “fall back” on to share with others. (Remember to bring enough food for your family and one other person.)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS

- August 30 is Promotion Sunday. Plan to join us as we recognize our young people who will be advancing into a new class next month.
- In order to align our Sunday School curriculum with Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) camps and other activities, the following classes will be offered starting Sunday, September 6.
- Kindergarten - 2nd grade: Pre-Youth Fellowship (PYF)
- 3 - 5 grade: Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF)
- 6 - 8 grade: Chi Rho
- 9 - 12 grade: Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF)

Finally, in the effort to fulfill Richfield Christian Church’s Mission Statement, to promote the purpose of our committee and to obey God’s will that we fix his words in our hearts and minds (Deuteronomy 11:18), the Education Committee will be providing a monthly Bible Verse. Look for the verse in each Builder, in our weekly bulletin, and on the marquee. All are encouraged to meditate upon this verse and commit it to memory. The verse for September is: Deuteronomy 6:5 - “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

CUB SCOUT NEWS

Pack 403 is gearing up for another school year! We will start our weekly den meetings on Thursday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m. On September 24 we will have our first awards meeting of the school year, and the scouts will receive awards they earned over the summer. This meeting will also be “Bring a Friend” night for the scouts.

We are planning recruitment of new scouts in September at three elementary schools: Dean Highland, Crestview and Hillcrest PDS. If there are any boys from the church who are in grades 1 - 5 and are interested in Cub Scouts, we would love to have them. You can contact Steve or Kayla Rosas for more information.

The scouts will also begin their annual popcorn sales in September. The Cub Scouts will have a table set up on September 12 at the Sports Authority and Walgreen’s on South Valley Mills. The individual scouts will also begin taking orders on September 19.

Yours in Scouting,

Kayla Rosas, Committee Chair

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FACTS AND FIGURES

Attendance:	Aug. 9 - 119
	Aug. 16 - 106
	Aug. 23 - 113
Giving 8/9	
General Fund	\$ 4,139.66
Building Fund	\$ 90.00
Giving 8/16	
General Fund	\$ 2,437.00
Building Fund	\$ 46.00
Giving 8/23	
General Fund	\$ 3,771.00
Building Fund	0.00

MISSION STATEMENT

"As members of the body of Christ known as Richfield Christian Church, we believe that we are called to share the Good News that leads people to Jesus Christ; called to provide a place of worship, spiritual support and nurture to all who come; called to support the growth and development of outreach and mission at home and abroad; and called to help train and educate those persons chosen by God to service in ministry, both lay and ordained—so help us God."

YOUTH NEWS - HEY, ALL

Hope everyone's summer was good as it could be! Promotion Sunday is this week. I am so excited to kick off this good year — speaking of which...everyone have a great week back to school! That time sure does fly. We will now have names for youth age groups as follows: 9-12 grade, CYF; 6-8 grade, Chi Rho; 4-5 grade, JYF; 3 & younger, PYF. See you all Sunday.

FYI: No youth group 8/30/09 due to board meeting. The Sunday Night Live will follow this schedule: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. 6th graders (Chi Rho) ~ 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 dinner (snack supper) ~ 6:00 p.m. - 7:00, 7 to 12 grade meets.

Amy