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Exploring Affordable Housing at CTK

As we look to the future in 2020, population forecasts estimate the number of older adults will increase exponentially. According to the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance 2002, it is predicted that the number of Wisconsin residents age 65 and older, will increase at 4 to 6 times faster than the general population, jumping 90 percent to 1.3 million. In 2000, 13.1% of the state's 5.36 million residents were age 65 or older. That percentage is expected to rise over the next 3 decades reaching 20.9% by 2030. This creates the potential for more people to live off retirement income instead of working, thereby creating an environment of thriftiness and frugality.

In preparation for the demographic shift, CTK Housing Development Corporation is exploring the opportunity to provide affordable housing and independent living services for older adults of modest income levels. CTK recognizes the escalating price of housing might "exclude" many seniors from living

within the city limits. With comfortable conveniences, the development would offer programs and services to assist each resident in maintaining a high level of independent living, while enjoying an active life style in a secure and attractive community.

The proposed property will be located behind the church on approximately 2.1 acres of land. The architectural design will resemble that of the Christ the King Baptist Church and will complete the final phase of the Christ the King Complex:

- Phase 1: Christ the King Church
- Phase 2: Quality of Life Center
- Phase 3: Ministerial Office
- Phase 4: Affordable Housing Units

For more information on the CTK Housing Development Corporation, please contact Deacon Loren Willis at CTKHousing@ctkbc.org, or call 414-586-4290

The Mission of Bettie Wesley

Bettie Wesley is the co-leader of the Mission Ministry here at CTK. She chose this ministry because she felt God granted her the spiritual gift of service and blessed her with His characteristics of love and compassion for the elderly, the sick, and people who are less fortunate than herself.

"It brings joy to my heart when I can help people who are in need, bringing smiles to faces of our elderly, or just knowing that we have uplifted the spirit of our sick and shut-in with sending a card or making a simple phone call – expressing our cares and concerns of their well being. Mission reminds me of a scripture found in Matthew where Jesus said to the righteous, 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something

to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous answered him – Lord when did we do these things for you and the King replied. 'whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me.' This is what Mission is all about.."

Mrs. Wesley believes that the Mission Ministry is important not only to CTK "...but to all churches opened in Jesus' name. Because we are the ministry whom God has called upon to be blessings in the capacity of helping others in hardship situations."



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From the Pastor...

Where Is He?

Matthew 2:1-2 (KJV) “Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is he that is born King of the Jews?’ for we have seen his star in the East, and are come to worship him.”

“Where Is He?” is still the relevant question of this age. Do we find Jesus among the traditional symbols? The world announces His coming with mistletoe, holly, wreaths, flocked trees, reindeer, sleighs, lights, candy canes, Santa and even elves. But can we find Jesus among these things? The answer is for certain no. These secular icons have overshadowed the Reason for the Season and it is important that the Christian Church reclaim its day and stand fast in the true meaning of Christmas. Sadly, people are deluded by warm and fuzzy feelings that are conjured up by the songs and symbols associated with Christmas. Because they are mere cheap imitations, they last only for a short while; and when the decorations are dismantled and discarded...so are their feelings. This is true because in the midst of the secular celebration, Christ is never sought. People search diligently and tirelessly for that “special gift” and never expend any energy seeking the Christ of Christmas.

The good news today is that the Christ of Christmas can still be found. Those who diligently seek Him can still find Him. People who fail to find Him can be likened unto those priest and scribes that Herod summoned into his court. They knew what the scriptures had said about Jesus but their knowledge never led them into a personal relationship with Jesus. The tragedy is found in the fact that they were “not far from the kingdom.” Paradoxically speaking they were a “great distance from it...yet right there.” Many who seemingly have all the advantages are time and again those who are the least likely to discover Him.

We learn from the Magi that often time those who live at the greatest distance from the presence of grace will use the most diligence to know and learn the most about Christ and his salvation. But no curious arts, or mere human learning, can direct men unto Him. “Where Is He?” Today there is no directive in scripture to seek out some phenomenon or cosmic mutation to lead us into His presence. Today we find Him by attending to the Word of God, as a light that shines in a dark place, and by seeking the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Those in whose hearts the Daystar is risen to give them any thing of the knowledge of Christ, make it their business to find Him and worship Him.

Psalms 95:6 (KJV) “O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.”

In His Service,

Pastor John W. McVicker, Sr.

People Profile: Marcus Adams

Some of you might have heard of Marcus long before seeing his face or knowing his name. He is one of the newest members of our Music Ministry and can typically be heard playing the saxophone during the musical selections during our CTK services.

“Ministry is service really.” Says Marcus, “Service is to your fellows. It is the example laid by Christ and his is our greatest endeavor in this life”.

When asked why a CTK member would want to participate in this ministry, his answer was simple, “Musicians are cool! And biblically speaking, music has always been associated with God’s presence.”

An avid reader and self proclaimed “gym rat”, Marcus chose the Music Ministry because that is where he felt he fit the best within the CTK ministries. And even though this min-

istry is FULL of joyful noise, do not think it is easy to do, “This is work! Man, it’s work and fun...but it is WORK!”

Helping to develop more musicians in CTK is one of the primary goals of this ministry, “I believe there are a few people that would love to use their musical talents if given a little encouragement and the opportunity.”

The Music Ministry will continue to fellowship and practice to fine tune all of its talents. “We work hard to provide quality sound suitable enough for God’s presence to be invited.”

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The Mission of Bettie Wesley (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

While the Mission Ministry is designed to assist those in need, Mrs. Wesley noted some challenges: “People think we can help everybody and every destitute situation. Although we have willing hearts, it’s virtually impossible! However, I feel it can be made possible if everyone trusted in God’s promises and everyone contributes to mission efforts.”

The Ministry’s annual goals are:

- To continue to contact the sick & shut-in
- Visit our scheduled rehabilitation centers
- Promote our annual food drive for the poor
- Visit third world countries to address their specific needs

There are only 2 requirements to be a member of the Mission Ministry: “The first is to have the spiritual gift of service and the second is to have the love and compassion, for others, as Christ has. The sacrificial benefits are wonderful! Not only do you have an opportunity to be involved with national missions but involvement with global missions as well. You also have an opportunity to aide individuals and families of misfortune all over the world, from the shores of Wisconsin! To name a few – our Mission Ministry has aided victims of the Tsunami, and Hurricane Katrina, as well as

sponsoring a refugee family from Somali Africa, not to mention our efforts in Guatemala. Now who wouldn’t want to serve in a great ministry like this one?” Mrs. Wesley says with pride!

Some events to look forward to in 2008:

- Trip to Kenya, Africa
- Clothing Drive
- Evangelistic/Mission Workshop

When Mrs. Wesley is not co-leading the Mission Ministry, she donates her time to other ministries (Beautification, Volunteer, Senior Usher, and the Prison Ministry), she and her husband, Rodney, own a full service insurance agency. If that was not enough, in her **spare** time, she enjoys golfing, bowling and entertaining friends.

The Mission Ministry meets every 2nd Thursday of the month. For more information, please contact Bettie Wesley at Mission@ctkbc.org or 414-586-4290, x1020



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Our Mission:

Christ the King Baptist Church exists to advance the Kingdom of God through spirit filled worship, dynamic preaching, and biblically sound teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to provide services that minister to your physical, mental, and spiritual needs. One Shepherd, One Vision - a church that cares about You!

Schedule of Services

Sweet Hour of Prayer: Sun., 7:30AM

Worship Services: Sun., 8:30AM, 11:00AM, *6:00PM (*4th Sun. only)

Communion: 1st Sun. of each month

Baptism: 2nd & 4th Sun. of each month

Hour of Prayer: Wed., 5:30-6:30PM

Visit us on the web at www.ctkbc.org

Welcome New Members!!!

Lakeisha Adams	Candace Austin	Pamela Bankhead
Nicole Barnett	Kimberly Berry	Rev. Daniel Blackburn
Rochelle Brown	Nicole Campbell	Reginald Carthen
Valencia Carthen	Walter Clark, Jr.	Harrison Conner
Elgin Dart	Erwin Harper	Ardis Hayden
Darrell Harvey	Kawana Holloway	Ronnie Hooks
Myles Johnson	Trevonda Johnson	Brianna Kendrick
Tyviaon Kendrick	La'Kisha King	Jack Leon-Guerrero
Cameron Long	Jahlin Lopez	Xena Love-Swell
Perrion Manns	Kim Murphy	Bruce Payne
Akila Ramsey	Joshua Ramsey	Patricia Rudolph
Tierra Shirley	Frederick Shorter, Jr.	Joe Smith
Debra Starks	William Townsend	Latasha Walker
James Wilborn, Jr.	Domonique Wilkerson	Shelby Williams
Buford Willis		

Calendar of Events

January - Stewardship Month

1st	New Year's Day (Church Office Closed)
6th	Communion, Blood Pressure Screening
13th	Baptism, Blood Pressure Screening
20th	Blood Pressure Screening
21st	Martin Luther King Holiday (Church Office Closed)
27th	Baptism, Blood Pressure Screening 4th Sunday Evening Worship Service

February - Heritage/Focus on Family

3rd	Communion, Blood Pressure Screening
10th	Baptism, Blood Pressure Screening
17th	Blood Pressure Screening
24th	Baptism, Blood Pressure Screening 4th Sunday Evening Worship Service