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Register Now:

STEVE JONES COMING TO REUNION

LABOR DAY REUNION

www.cofchristfmc.orgAUG 30—SEP 2
“LIVE CHRIST’S PEACE”GUEST MINISTER:
STEVE JONES
PRESIDING BISHOP

Bring your family and friends and join others from around Florida and the Southeast for a weekend of intergenerational activities, including classes, recreation, games, worship, campfire, talent show and much more! Child care available. Register now for best housing!

Contact Director Ginger Robertson for more information, (941) 756-8276 or robertson041030@msn.com

Watch for more details soon in your email and in congregations!

The Florida Mission Center is excited to announce that Steve Jones, Presiding Bishop of Community of Christ, will bring his dynamic ministry to Labor Day Reunion this year. Steve is a native of Moline, IL and has a bachelor of science in biology, a master of science in health administration and a master of arts in religion. He has also studied in Hamburg, Germany and London, England. In addition to his work with the

church, Steve serves on the boards of directors for Kansas City Hospice and the Healthcare Foundation of Greater Kansas City. This past summer Steve has taught, preached and shared his ministry at various Community of Christ reunions and we are excited for the blessings he will bring to our annual Labor Day Reunion in Florida.

Plan now to attend this multi-generational, multi-cultural event, one of the best gatherings of



Steve Jones
Presiding Bishop

mission center families each year. Registration is available online at:

www.cofchristfmc.org.

YOU'RE INVITED

The Community of Christ Health Ministries Association (HMA) invites you to the 11th annual Health and Spirituality Workshop, August 23 & 24, 2013, in Independence, MO. The workshop is designed to help individuals and caregivers

develop skills for health and well-being and to help everyone learn to care for the whole person; body, mind, and spirit. To learn more about this event, to register online, or to learn more about HMA, visit their website: www.hmacofchrist.org.



Group rates are available for congregations. Deadline for group registration is August 12.

INTERIM LEADERSHIP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Florida Mission Center,

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ and thank you for your commitment to Christ's mission in your communities and congregations. As you share Christ's peace, you are living expressions of Christ to those whose lives you touch. Thank you.

I also thank you for your continuing prayers for Bob Watkins as he journeys through the extensive healing process following his surgery for pancreatic cancer, and for Jane as she provides support. Bob testifies that he has already received significant blessings and feels your prayers and love. Because of the extensive surgery, it is anticipated that Bob will remain in the hospital several more days and that an extended period of time will be needed for his complete healing. In order to relieve Bob of his leadership responsibilities to focus on healing and regaining of his strength, Jim Slauter has graciously agreed to serve as interim mission center president effective [July 15] through the remainder of 2013 if needed. He will be temporarily released from the office of Evangelist and reinstated as a High Priest, pending the necessary administrative actions.

I have also requested that Southern Field Apostolic Assistant Greg Prymak dedicate significant time to support Jim and the Florida Mission Center. Jim and Greg will work together to assist Jane Watkins with the Mission Center Financial Officer role so that she can give needed attention to supporting Bob in his recovery. They will continue to rely on the ongoing support of Debbie Bartlett, Mission Center Administrative Assistant.

Beginning today, any mission center questions or issues will be handled by Jim. In order to guard both Bob and Jane's time for concentrating on Bob's recovery please direct all communications to Jim and/or Debbie Bartlett until further notice. Jim and Debbie will be in communication with Bob and Jane as needed to assure that all issues are being handled as effectively and efficiently as possible.

You can contact Jim using the following contact information:

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Please prayerfully support Jim and the Florida Mission Center leadership team as they provide ministry and leadership during this transitional time.

Your sister in Christ,
Linda L. Booth, Apostle Southern USA Mission Field

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4 INDEPENDENCE
DAY— Office closed
7-13 Junior High Camp
19-27 SPEC

august

10 YCC Meeting
30-Sep 2 Labor Day Reunion

september

2 LABOR DAY—
Office closed
28 Deerhaven Board
Meeting

FMC WEBSITE TIP: Are you new to a leadership position in your congregation? Need help as a new Recorder, Pastor, or CFO? Visit the Resources link on the website and click on Forms for answers to many questions. Under Congregational Helps you will find Financial Officer Helps, Recorder Helps, Administrator's Handbook, Risk Management info, Copyright info, and much more.

DEERHAVEN POOL UPDATE

DALE LICK, BOARD CHAIR

I want to thank everyone for their support of the Deerhaven pool project and their patience with its delayed construction. As you know, there were construction problems with the first pouring of the pool shell. As a result, the earlier pool shell had to be removed.

I am happy to relate that the removal of the pool shell is now com-

plete. Consequently, as soon as the rain in the Deerhaven area subsides, new construction will begin. We hope and expect that construction will continue to a satisfactory conclusion. Things do look encouraging.

As soon as construction begins and we are moving forward again, I'll get additional information out to everyone.

Bob Watkins has been the lead person for the pool project. Because of Bob not being available, I am pleased to report that Greg Prymak, Mission Field Assistant to Apostle Linda Booth, has been appointed to be the pool project's lead person.

Again, I want to thank you for your wonderful support and genuine patience!

LEADERSHIP RALLY CANCELLED

The August 10th Leadership Rally that was scheduled in Orlando has been cancelled. Please spread the word.

JUNIOR CAMP

Youth entering grades 3rd-6th gathered for a week of fun this June, exploring a P.I.R.A.T.E. theme. The acronym stood for Peace is Reachable Anytime to Everyone and cabins had fun naming themselves Peace Keepers, Treasure Hunters, God's Gems and Lady Buccaneers. Activities included a fun treasure hunt, pirate-themed dance, fun day with water slide and Pirate-themed bounce house, campfires, crafts and much more. Campers learned stories about Jesus and parables that Jesus told to find clues about how we can live like Jesus.

—submitted by Jeanie Brown, Camp Pastor



Photos by Betsy Stormer



SENIOR HIGH CAMP

Although Senior High Camp was small in numbers this year, they were big in spirit. Six campers from the Southeast Mission Center joined high school teens from Florida for a week of activities, including yoga, scent-making, golf, crafts, a trip to the springs, a visit from motivational speakers from Power Unlimited, and much more.

Photos by Mary Jo Jenny



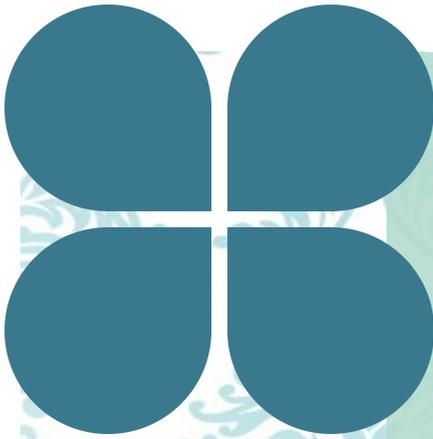
JUNIOR HIGH CAMP

Junior High Campers enjoyed a week full of fun and fellowship. Activities included basketball, volleyball, crafts, martial arts, a trip to the springs, campfires, the annual Wet and Wacky field games, rocket class and more! This was the largest camp this summer with 42 campers and a great team of staff and CIT's.



Photos by Sadie Alama





UPCOMING EVENTS

Deerhaven Events

PRE-REGISTER AT WWW.COFCHRISTFMC.ORG

- Jul 7-13—**Junior High Camp**, “God’s GPS”
- Aug 30—Sep 2—**Labor Day Reunion**

REGISTERING EARLY AS WELL AS CANCELLING EARLY, IF NEEDED, HELPS US KEEP THE COST OF EVENTS DOWN AND HELPS DIRECTORS AND STAFF PREPARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Other FMC Events

- Jul 19-27—**SPEC** at Graceland
- Aug 9-10—Temple School class **Introduction to Understanding Scripture**; taught by High Priest Pat McKay in Orlando; contact the mission center for more info
- Aug 10—~~Leadership Rally in Orlando~~ CANCELLED

World Church Events

- August 23-24—**Health & Spirituality WS** (Independence)

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Register now for Labor Day Reunion!

We proclaim Jesus Christ
and promote communities of joy, hope, love, and peace