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STARS Newsletter
College Church in Wheaton
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150 Summer Celebration

June 10–12, 2011

College Church
is having a birthday party!
Celebrating the First & Next!

FRIDAY–SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 5–7; 8:30–9:30 p.m. Inflatables
- 5:30–7 p.m. All-Church Dinner
Adults—\$5, Children—\$3
Pick up tickets before the dinner every night or order on line to get through the line quicker! Catering by Movable Feast in Geneva.
- 7–8:15 p.m. Special Guest
Speakers: James MacDonald, Duane Litfin, Bill Pollard, Harold Smith, Jim Tebbe, Kent Hughes and Randy Gruendyke.
- 6:45–8:30 p.m. STARS (Adult & Teens) & Kids' Harbor's VBS (Inclusion-buddies provided.)
- 8:30–9:30 p.m. Music, desserts and coffee. Catering by I Have A Bean Coffee.

RUN FOR THE STARS 5K

June 11, 6:15–9:30 a.m.

- 8 a.m. Run for the STARS 5K
 - 8:45 a.m. Dash for the STARS
- Order a \$5 "Dash for the STARS" t-shirt by contacting Ashley.
Register: www.runforthestars.com

STARS VBS—The Party's On!

June 10–12, 6:45–8:30 p.m.

For Teen & Adult STARS. We will learn about the three most significant celebrations in the Christian's life through a lively time of lessons, music, games, crafts and skits. Register online: www.college-church.org/disabilities.

Just The Way I Am

Over the past several months, I have had the opportunity to see how God has His Word transform the lives of people with disabilities. Their transformation has had a tremendous impact upon our congregation.

In March, Bob, Mary and Krista Horning came from Bethlehem Baptist Church to speak to our parents, STARS and teens at the Square Dancing with the STARS event. Krista was born with Apert's Syndrome and has written a book entitled, *Just the Way I Am*. In her book, she relates how the truths of God's Word helped her to understand God's plan, purpose and power in her life. When she finished speaking, the parents gave her a standing ovation. Krista's book can be purchased at www.desiringGod.org.



Then, I received the following poem from one of our STARS. Maria Gritsonis, who is going on the STARS STAMP France trip, and wrote out her story of faith and told what STARS means to her. I was touched as I could see how she had applied the scriptural truths that she had learned at the adult retreats and sung at Disability Ministry Sunday every year.



S: Seeing what is beyond the surface. Seeking what is inside that make each person unique and valuable.

T: Teaching others that each one is created in God's image. Teaching that each one is God's Workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works to bring Glory to God.

A: Allowing for differences and mistakes so each one can shine.

R: Reaching up to know God. Reaching out to others to share Jesus.

S: Seeking God's hand in all we do. Singing His Praises.

Following our Disability Ministry Sunday on April 10, I received the following note from the chairman of our elder board:

Thank you so much for all you are doing in ministering not only to the STARS but to the entire church. We were so blessed tonight (and this morning) as the STARS led us in worship. The STAMP team certainly ministered to us, and the thought going through my mind was that this group of believers will be able to reach out to the people in France with the Gospel who might not otherwise hear it. God has raised them up as a unique witness for His glory. They may be able to do that which many of us cannot do. Praise the Lord!

People with disabilities who have trusted in Jesus continue to teach me and our congregation that "our little becomes much when we place it in the Master's hands."

-dawn

Summer in STARS

REGISTRATION LINKS for all summer events can be found on the disability page on the College Church website

Questions? Contact Ashley at akorol@college-church.org or (630) 668-0878, ext. 178.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



May 30, 8–11 a.m.

Come walk with us in the parade alongside the STARS bus to help promote the Run for the STARS 5k race. Lunch following at The Patio.

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SOARING WITH THE EAGLES



June 28–July 1, 9–11:30 a.m.

Commons Gym. For STARS 12 years old and up! A day camp that will focus on sports, singing and Scripture. Sponsored by Rick McKinley and the Chicago Eagles. A DROP OFF EVENT!

STARS FAMILY PICNIC



July 10, 1–5 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of fun, food & fellowship at the baseball-themed, potluck picnic at Blackwell Forest Preserve. \$5/person, \$20/cap per family.

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July 30, 4–7 p.m.

Join us for a scavenger hunt through the Wheaton area where team members take pictures at designated locations. Light dinner. \$5/person \$20/cap per family.

KANE COUNTY COUGARS



August 12, 6–10 p.m.

Watch the Cougars play the Peoria Chiefs at a special Disney-themed night. Come dressed as your favorite Disney character and join a costume parade, enter contests and enjoy a post-game firework show. \$5/person.

RAGING WATERS



August 20

Take the plunge and join us at Raging Water Water park in Yorkville for a day of fun in the sun for the entire family. \$20/person.

STARS VBS!

The Party's On!

By Dorothy Voss

Come rain or fair skies, The Party's On! The STARS will be out and shining brightly during Summer Celebration VBS on the evenings of June 10, 11 and 12, from 6:45-8:30 p.m. We will meet in the College Church Commons lower level, where we usually have Friday Night Fun.

All teen and adult STARS are invited to a weekend of celebration with a uniquely-themed party on each evening. The three events, filled with fun, music and activity, will be centered on the three most significant celebrations of the Christian's life.

For the STARS who attend Friday evening's party, Christmas will come early this year. With all the trimmings, we will be celebrating and thanking God for the amazing gift of His Son.

On Saturday evening, returning STARS will be caught up in a Homecoming Party in full-swing! God's unmerited grace and forgiveness will be underscored, as depicted in the parable of The Prodigal Son.

On Sunday, our three evenings of festivities will culminate with the ultimate party: A Wedding Celebration. Together we will joyfully anticipate God's promise of eternal life with Him, to those who put their faith in Christ. We will learn that as the bride readies herself for her bridegroom, we, God's children, must ready ourselves for Heaven, keeping our "lamps lit" and "clothing" ourselves in faith.



Run for the STARS

...Run to make a difference

By Tony Solis

The 8th annual Run for the Stars 5k will be on June 11 at 8am. With 63% growth to 558 finishers last year, the race is now in the top 18% of all Chicago area 5ks! 700+ finishers are expected this year with many repeat runners from prior years.



Enhancements were made to this popular, fast-growing race to draw more people including:

- Free online finisher photos—the only race of any distance with this
- Expanded team competition with three classes: 1. high school, 2. open, 3. public service
- Expanded awards—parent pushing child with disability in a stroller
- Best bib raffle ever—prizes include airfare to Europe or Hawaii plus the Caribbean trip
- The race will also guarantee an attractive tech shirt with a new design for 2011 and D-tag electronic timing for those who register by May 22 or before.



In addition to the marketing focus on runners, the marketing team led by Chris Tews is also working to secure more corporate sponsors than before. The logistics team led by Steve Clark is working on aspects like food and drink to give runners a great experience on race day.

Please visit our updated web site and consider inviting friends, family or business associates to register at: www.runforthestars.com. See you on race day!

Soaring with the Eagles Day Camp

June 28–July 1, 2011

The STARS Ministry is partnering with the Chicago Eagles to put on Soaring with Eagles, a FREE day camp for Teen and Adult STARS ages 12 and up. The camp will run for four days, June 28–July 1, from 9–11:30 a.m. Usually these camps cost \$50-100 per person, but money raised from Run for the STARS will underwrite the entire cost of the camp.

The camp will be staffed by college students who are part of Chicago Eagles' summer team, and they come from all over the country. STARS Ministry staff will train the students and Kristin Knosp and Dawn Clark will be present at the camp to assist the Eagles staff. Participants will enjoy crafts, music, sports and a Bible lesson each day, and each person will receive a T-shirt and ball from the Chicago Eagles. Space is limited to 30 STARS, so don't delay. Registration will close on June 22. To register, find link at www.college-church.org/disability. Questions? Contact Ashley Korol (630) 668-0878, ext. 178. or at akorol@college-church.org.



Square Dancing with the STARS

A STARS & HYACKs event
March 4, 2011



Disability Ministry Sunday

Shining like STARS
April 10, 2011



STARS STAMP France
2011 Team

Calendar

May

- 6 STARS Talent Show, 6 p.m.
- 14 Support on Saturdays, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
- 19–31 STARS STAMP France trip, Nancy, France
- 30 Memorial Day Parade, 8 a.m.

June

- 6 STARS STAMP France "Praise & Thank you," 7 p.m.
- 10–12 Summer Celebration, 150th year!
- 10 STARS VBS for Teens & Adults, 6:45 p.m.
- 11 Run for the STARS, 8 a.m.
Dash for the STARS, 8:45 a.m.
STARS VBS for Teens & Adults, 6:45 p.m.
- 12 Summer service schedule begins, 9:30 a.m. classes only
STARS VBS for Teens & Adults, 6:45 p.m.
- 28–1 Soaring with the Eagles Day Camp, 9 a.m.

Praises For

- All the wonderful STARS ministry workers who have served in STARS the past year.
- Two new STARS families in the past month.
- New corporate sponsors for Run for the STARS; coming soon on June 11.
- Great turnout at the SFS Bowl-A-Thon April 30.
- Good sales at the STARS Resale Shop. Keep those donations coming!
- For good medical help for STAR Tony Belgio at the Adult Down Syndrome clinic at Lutheran General.
- For eight STARS Ministry Workers for Summer Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We still need 10 more.

Prayer For

- STARS Mom Jan Johnson, continues to have pain from shingles.
- STARS Mom Nancy Delort with chronic pain from MS.
- STARS Dad Bill Kenneally who is undergoing treatment for an ongoing medical condition.
- Ministry Associate Shelley Swanson as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.
- STARS parents, Tom and Marti Magers, who are both recovering from serious health problems.
- STAR Christopher Evanosky who is at Duke receiving a stem cell transplant to help slow the progress of his disease.
- STARS Sunday Morning Superintendent, Arlene Sommars, who will be going to Hungary at the end of May to support the European Christian Leadership Conference.
- A replacement for Jo Billingham, Sunday Morning Superintendent for 11 a.m. Sunday morning STARS classes.
- RFTS Director Tony Solis and team leaders Chris Tews and Steve Clark; pray for the logistics, and corporate sponsors; that this race would glorify God.
- STARS Ministry Worker Dorothy Voss as she directs the STARS VBS during Summer Celebration, June 10-12. Pray for 12 more ministry workers to help out each night.
- The STARS home would open soon, and for SFS Board of Directors.
- For STARS STAMP France Team as they minister in Nancy, France from May 19-31.

Register for Summer Events

Let's get ready for summer! We have several events this summer. All registration links can be found on the disability page on the college church website. Please note that some events are for families, and some are drop-off. Questions? Contact Ashley at akorol@college-church.org or (630) 668-0878, ext. 178.

New College Church Website

Be on the look out for the new College Church website and the Disability blog, "Indispensible," which will be launched sometime soon.

STARS Dad's Support Group

Join us for dinner, prayer and fellowship. The STARS Dads support group will meet Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. Meet at the home of Ray Chase (211 E. Hawthorne Blvd.). Contact Doug Linhardt at linhouse@netzero.net or (630) 690-4823 for information or to be added to the email list.

Harvest Bible Chapel Fun Fair

You are invited to the Fabulous Fun Fair at Harvest Bible Chapel in Naperville (1805 Highpoint Drive, Naperville) on Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Hosted by their jr. high & high school youth groups, as part of Compassion Day Events. There will be many exciting carnival games, a moon jump, DJ & dancing and a special gift for all. Lunch and dessert will be served. Space is limited: register to Rick Montalbano at rick@touchmyheartusa.org or (708) 417-4464.

DuPage Deaf Coffee Chat

DuPage Deaf Coffee Chat is finally starting! Meets the third Sunday of the month at the Danada Panera, 25 Rice Lake Square, Wheaton (630) 653-7290. This is a great opportunity for those who use or wish to use sign language, get to know others with similar interests and show them Christ's love.

Birthdays

May

Mathias Morgan	May 7
Lillian Kardasz	May 15
Catherine Seeland	May 20
Emma Seeland	May 20
Joey Kenney	May 22
David Quattrochi	May 26

June

Dennis Helledy	June 12
Susan Richards	June 12
Brandon Clark	June 13
Gary Brunette	June 13
Matthew Rhodes	June 17
Brian Goste	June 18
Nate Johanson	June 18
Alex Swords	June 21
Scott Wittmer	June 21
Maria Gritsonis	June 28



Come visit us!

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Mary Quiggle, manager

Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Donations accepted till 3 p.m.

STARS "Seeking To Always Reflect the Savior"

