

Messenger

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Morning Watch

Sundays 9:00 am

Christian Education

Sundays 9:15 am

Traditional Service

Sundays 10:30 am

Fellowship Hour

Sundays 11:30 am

Church Office

Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Staff

David P. Turner

Senior Minister

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Organist

Jenny Garner

Nursery Care Provider

ISN'T IT FUNNY

Funny how a \$20.00 bill looks so big when you take it to church,
but so small when you take it to the mall.



Funny how big an hour serving God looks and how small 60 minutes are
when spent watching television, playing sports, sleeping or taking a lunch break.

Funny how long a couple of hours spent at church are
but how short they are when watching a good movie.



Funny how we get thrilled when a football game goes into overtime,
but we complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.

Funny how laborious it is to read a chapter in the Bible
and how easy it is to read 200-300 pages of a bestselling novel.

Funny how we believe what newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how people scramble to get a front seat at a concert,
but scramble to get a back seat at the church service.

Funny how we cannot fit a gospel meeting into our schedule with our yearly planner but
we can schedule for other events at a moment's notice.

Funny how we look forward to that big date on Friday night,
but complain about getting up for church on Sunday morning.



Funny how we call God our Father and Jesus our brother,
but find it hard to introduce them to our family.

Funny how small our sins seem, but how big their sins are.

Funny how we demand justice for others, but expect mercy from God.

Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray,
but don't have any difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.



Funny how people want God to answer their prayers,
but refuse to listen to His counsel.

Funny how we sing about heaven, but live only for today.

Funny how people think they are going to Heaven but don't think there is a Hell.

Funny how it is okay to blame God for evil and suffering in the world,
but it is not necessary to thank Him for what is good and pleasant.

Or wait...maybe all this isn't so "funny" after all.



Serving In January

Deacon Captain: Lora Davidson

Deacons Serving: Andrew Green, April Parcell, Greg Moon, Jenness Sigman, John Bucy, Larry Merkle, Margaret Merkle, Mark Sigman, Melissa Moody and Ruth Semprit.

Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Andree Flynn and Laura Nolan

Elders for Communion

Jan 10th Don Hagerty and Brenda Shoup

Jan 17th Rex Strine and Bob Wheeler

Lay Leaders

Jan 10th Mark Sigman

Fellowship Hour

Jan 10th Deacons

Jan 17th Worship

Wall Calendar

The wall calendar located outside of the church office lists the scheduled activities of the church ministries. To get your activity listed on the wall calendar, please contact the church office.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, Jan 10th	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Max Lucado Class History of the Disciple- Church Class
	10:30 am	Traditional Service Godly Play
	11:30 pm	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 pm	Faith Seeker/Finders
	1:00 pm	Oakcreek Nursing Home
Monday, Jan 11th	3:00 pm	Walnut Creek Nursing Home
	6:30 pm	Chi Rho and CYF
	9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday, Jan 13th	9:30 am	Senior Fitness Class
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Thursday, Jan 14th	1:30 pm	Joanna Group
	7:00 pm	Kettering Toastmaster
	9:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
Friday, Jan 15th	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
	7:00 pm	Group Interaction

Severe Weather Conditions

During the winter months we can expect days with unsafe driving conditions. To be informed if a church activity has been cancelled watch channels **2** and **7** for church cancellations

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, January 3, 2010

Christian Education	26
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Nursery/Godly Play	15
Morning Watch	19
Traditional Service	<u>108</u>
Total Worship Attendance	142

Members & Friends

Hospitalized	- Marilyn Weaver (Kettering) Jim Robinson (Bethany)
Hospice Care	- Pat Farnsley (Home)
Home Care	Henrietta Farrow Thelma Harman Robert and Frances Mayes Earline Grice Regina Kempton Norma Kirkland Bob and Jean Thompson Merle and Dorothy Ryan Doyle Ware
Autumn Health Care	- June Tate
Bethany	- Millie Molz
Harborside Healthcare	- Eleanor McNulty
Liberty Retirement Home	- Ed Bausman
Lincoln Park	- Kathy Anderson
Summersville	- Marian Herron
Spring Creek	- JoAnn Reichbauer
Sterling House	- Elwood Byrkett
Sycamore Glen	- Anne Walters
Waterford Retirement	- Mary Rothenbuhler

Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, January, 3rd were given by Jim and Marty Robinson in celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary.



Marilyn Weaver
Jim Robinson
Gloria Gortney
Ginny Baker
Izzy Roberts
Grandma Juanita
David Sipple
Delmar and Mary Davidson
Nora Zell
George and Dee Ann

Thank You

The World Outreach/Social Concerns Ministry would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity with the Christmas Basket Program. We were able to help 18 families and also able to give 24 children a little happier Christmas. Thank you all for thing of others during the holiday season.

Giving Made Easy

Visit Central Christian website at www.ccc-ket.org and click on the Giving tap to donate to your favorite ministry. This is a secure site that accepts credit card payments. Be sure to tell your friends and family.

Joanna Group

The Joanna Group will meet on Wednesday, January 13th at 1:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room. Read: John 11:1-44. Bring items for baby kits. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Norman at 254-3846.

Central Christian's Food Pantry

Last week we were able to feed 2 families thanks to your donations. Let's continue to feed the hungry in our community by donating. Below is a list of the food items we need for our food pantry. Donations can be placed on the table in the Narthex marked "Food Pantry." We also accept monetary donations. **Note:** We are in need of paper bags.

cans of green beans	cans of corn	macaroni & cheese
cans of sweet peas	cans of vegetables	pack of hotdogs
cans of tuna	cans of chicken	pack of baloney
cans of meat	cans of soup-large	hot dog buns
cans of soup-small	cans of fruit	boxes of rice
spaghetti (bag/box)	spaghetti sauce	boxes of cereal
cans of milk	jars of peanut butter	jars of jelly
loafs of bread		

Prayer

"We Praise These"

By John Lewis Sandlin

Eternal God, our Father, we praise Thee for the light of day. Thou hast given us so many blessings beyond our deserving. Help us to find meaning in all of life.

Bless our family and its interests that all we do my find the goals Thou hast inspired. Give us grace to fill every hour with "sixty seconds worth of distance run." So may we live this day that our hearts may find new dedication to the service of our fellows.

Inspire us with truth, that we may learn; endow us with insight that we may see meaning; bless us with health, that we may be useful to Thee. And as the shadows of the evening fall upon us, grant peace through Him who is the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Biblical Cartoon



Thoughts for the Week

Prayer should be as natural as breathing.

Your conscience is the perfect interpreter of life.

God's Minute

We live by faith, not by sight.
(II Corinthians 5:7)

When ever you have a problem place it in God's capable hands by asking Him in prayer to handle it for you! Then, whatever you do, try not to hold on to a little corner of it and pull it back again. For when you put your trust in God, He will lead your way!

Remember that our Savior Jesus Christ said; "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. (John 14:1)

Also it is written; Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. (Psalms 62:8) So always put all your trust in Him for it is further written; blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust. (Psalms 40:4)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)



Biblical Word Search

"Biblical Names"



Abel	Isaiah	Miriam
Adam	Jacob	Moses
Amos	James	Nahum
Boaz	Jeremiah	Naomi
Cain	Jesus	Noah
Daniel	Joel	Paul
David	John	Peter
Elisha	Jonah	Rachel
Esay	Joseph	Ruth
Esther	Luke	Salome
Eve	Lydia	Samson
Ezekiel	Mark	Seth
Ezra	Mary	Solomon
Haggai	Matthew	Tamar
Hosea	Micah	

The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

You're on candid camera! Some of us remember the show; almost everyone has heard the phrase and understands what it means: unbeknownst to you, a camera and crew has been watching your every move – usually for the entertainment of others. I have to imagine those who have found themselves caught in one of those “candid” moments wished they had known so they might have responded differently. Knowing you are being watched by an amused, if not judgmental, audience would probably affect the way you react to any given situation. Or not.



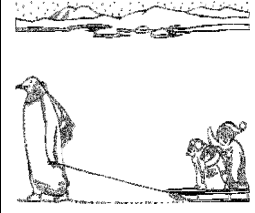

During the past decade or so, reality television has taught us that even with omnipresent cameras capturing their every fault and foible, people will still be people. Why someone would willingly submit to an experience like that is beyond me. I suppose the desire for fame (if not fortune) is one driving factor. It has been said there is no such thing as bad publicity – but I suspect there are some folks in public life right now who might disagree with that idea.

The vast majority of us will thankfully never be on a reality television show. However, it has occurred to me it might not be such a bad idea to live our lives “as if” our every word and action were being scrutinized by a jury of our peers – so to speak. Think of it as a sort of “Christian reality” experience. If that were the case, do you think you might start to choose your words a little more carefully

when speaking to or about others? Do you think you might do a better job of controlling your temper or resisting temptation? Do you think you might seek to live in ways that are consistent with the things you say you believe? I think you would. I also think, as reality television has shown us, there would be times when you fail.

Our faith teaches us God watches over us in love always. God sees and hears not only our words and actions – he knows also the contents of our hearts. God knows our motives – which is very good thing for some of us. What that means is even when we make a mistake – God knows if it was done out of ignorance or carelessness or if it was done with intentional disobedience or malice. Of course, for those whose private and interior lives don't match up with their professed beliefs, the Bible covers the ultimate results of that, too.

The fact is – you ARE living out a Christian reality experience. God is watching you – and so are many others, believers and non-believers. Fortunately, our God is merciful and kind – willing to forgive and redeem those who desire to live in faith. The key to success is no secret. It is the same today as it has always been: love God with heart, strength, soul and mind and love your neighbor as yourself. Do that... and ignore the cameras. In the end, it's only what God thinks that matters anyway.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 	2 <i>Righteous always follow when truth comes into action.</i>
3 <i>You can never praise Jesus too much.</i>	4 9:00 am Quilters 9:30 am Senior Fitness Class	5 7:00 pm All Ministry Meetings Naomi Group	6 9:30 am Senior Fitness Class 7:00 pm Inventors Council	7 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Laudate Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	8 7:30 pm Group Interaction	9 9:30 am Scrapbook Ministry 1:00 pm Cheers
10 1:00 pm Oakcreek Nursing Home 3:00 pm Walnut Creek Nursing Home	11 9:00 am Quilters 9:30 am Senior Fitness Class	12 <i>Never let the abundance of God's gifts cause you to forget the Giver.</i>	13 9:30 am Senior Fitness Class 1:30 pm Joanna Group 7:00 pm Kettering Toastmasters	14 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Laudate Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	15 7:30 pm Group Interaction	16 
17 <i>Let God's word full your memory, rule your heart, and guide your steps</i>	18 9:00 am Quilters 9:30 am Senior Fitness Class	19 1:00 pm Lydia Group 7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting	20 9:30 am Senior Fitness Class	21 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Christmas Party 6:30 pm Laudate Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	22 7:30 pm Group Interaction	23 <i>Prayer should be as natural as breathing.</i>
24 	25 9:00 am Quilters 9:30 am Senior Fitness Class	26 <i>Mercy is an unearned blessing bestowed by God on an unworthy recipient</i>	27 9:30 am Senior Fitness Class 7:00 pm Kettering Toastmasters	28 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Laudate Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	29 7:30 pm Group Interaction	30 1:00 pm Cheers
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