

Messenger

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Morning Watch

Sundays 9:00 am

Christian Education

Sundays 9:15 & 9:40 am

Traditional Service

Sundays 10:30 am

Fellowship Hour

Sundays 11:30 am

Church Office

Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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David P. Turner

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OAKWOOD'S "THAT DAY IN MAY" PARADE

Our next parade is this Saturday, May 15th, the Oakwood "That Day In May Parade." We need volunteers to walk and hand out goodies and to help keep everyone supplied. All ages are welcome. The parade will begin at 11:30 a.m., and is ¼ to ½ mile long. If you can help, contact John Brown at 439-0727 or Joan Norman at 254-3846.

2010 CAMP CHRISTIAN REUNION

On Saturday, May 15th, alumnus, family and friends will gather at Camp Christian for the 2010 Camp Christian Reunion. You are invited to come, for all or part, of the activities. The weekend reunion activities will officially kick-off with a continental breakfast on Saturday morning; relive the fun of Quest groups; be rejuvenated through a Spirit-filled Vesper Service; and there may even be a Cabin Caper or two to do. In between other planned activities, spend the day reminiscing about your days as a camper. This reunion will see the start of the recording of the living history of Camp Christian; so, bring your memories, pictures and memorabilia to share. Bring your loved ones, visit with friends, go boating on the lake or spend time exploring the grounds. Join in the singing of beloved camp songs. Learn about the newest inductees into the Camp Christian Hall of Fame, and our own Charles (Bob) Bentley, Sr., into the newest group of Faithful Servants. Child care will be provided during some of the activities. For additional information and registration, visit the Regional website at www.ccinoh.org.

A FEW IMPORTANT REASONS TO HAVE A WILL

1. Without a will, your state's laws—not you— determine how, when and to whom your property is distributed.
2. You can name your executor to manage and settle your estate.
3. You can designate beneficiaries for items such as heirlooms, art objects, jewelry or real estate.
4. You may create trusts to provide for your spouse, children and others.
5. Through a pour over will, you can transfer leftover assets to your living trust, bypassing probate.
6. You can be a blessing to Central Christian Church through a bequest, which is simple, flexible and tax-deductible.
7. With a will, you can designate the guardian you wish for those under your care.

A will should always be drawn up by a qualified attorney familiar with your financial circumstances, family situation and your wishes for your estate. Advice from an attorney and other professional advisors should be sought when considering charitable giving. Want to learn more? Join us this Sunday, May 16th, when the Rev. Darwin Collins of the Christian Church Foundation will be here. He'll preach in worship and following our fellowship hour will lead a seminar on inheritance planning. Refreshments will be provided.

Serving In May

Deacon Captain: Lora Davidson

Deacons Serving: Anne Keeton, Mark Keeton, Brad Kassner, David French, Jenness Sigman, Mark Sigman, Margaret Merkle, Mike Mohr, Scot Burnett and Thomas Giles.

Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Ann Bates and Andree Flynn

Elders for Communion

May 16th David and Margaret Lyon

May 23rd Susan Aebker and Jane Bernard

Lay Leaders

May 16th Brenda Shoup

Fellowship Hour

May 16th Elders

May 23rd World Outreach/Social Concerns

The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 16th	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Max Lucado Class A New Vision Class
	10:30 am	Traditional Service Godly Play
	11:30 pm	Fellowship Hour Charitable Gift Annuities - Workshop
	12:00 pm	Faith Finders/Seekers
	2:00 pm	Sanctuary Study Committee - Q&A Session
Monday, May 17th	6:30 pm	CYF and Chi Rho
	9:00 am	Quilters
	9:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Study Committee - Q&A Session
Tuesday, May 18th	7:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 19th	9:30 am	Senior Fitness
Thursday, May 20th	9:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:00 pm	VBS Planning Meeting
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
Friday, May 21st	7:00 pm	Group Interaction

Faith Finders/Seekers - Last Day

Faith Finders and Faith Seekers will have their last meeting this Sunday, May 16th. If you have any questions contact Melissa Moody at mmoody5409@yahoo.com or 626-6503.

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

VBS Planning Meeting

The next meeting to work on plans for this year's Vacation Bible School will be on Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 pm. All station leaders should bring their list of supplies needed. Help is still needed for both stations and group leaders - if you would like to help influence the youth of our church, please consider volunteering. We cannot make VBS a success without you! Contact Melissa Moody or Tammy Turner if you would like to help.

Members & Friends

Hospitalized	- June Atherton (MVH)
Hospice Care	- Pat Farnsley (Home)
Home Care	Kathy Anderson Henrietta Farrow Earline Grice Thelma Harman Regina Kempton Norma Kirkland Doyle Ware Millie Molz Jean Thompson Merle and Dorothy Ryan
Heartland of Centerville	- Thelma Henderson
Liberty Retirement Home	- Bob Thompson Janice Lyons Ed Bausman
Summersville	- Marian Herron
Spring Creek	- JoAnn Reichbauer
Sterling House	- Elwood Byrnett
Sycamore Glen	- Anne Walters
Trinity	- Rollin Hanson
Waterford Retirement	- Mary Rothenbuhler

Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, May 9th were given by Jim and Marty Robinson in memory of their mothers.

Grand Piano Flowers on Sunday, May 16th were given by Elwood Byrnett and Family in memory of Vivian Byrnett.



This summer we will feature photos of people wearing/carrying an item with 'Where's Central' display. You can buy a 'Welcome Home' t-shirt \$3; golf shirt \$5; and tote \$5 to include in your photos. Look for more information in your upcoming bulletin and Messenger or see Joan Norman or Moniqua Suits.

Messenger Summer Publication

During summer months the weekly Messenger will be published bi-weekly with editions published the week of: May 31st; June 14th and June 28th; July 12th and July 26th; August 19th and August 23th; and September 6th. After September 6th, we will resume weekly publication.

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, May 9, 2010

Christian Education	25
Nursery/Godly Play	11
Morning Watch	18
Traditional Service	<u>139</u>
Total Worship Attendance	168

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Uncut Director's Version

Think you know the 10 commandments? What if you found out some commandments are routinely misinterpreted by the majority of believers and also that we only scratch the surface of those that are more easily understood? The Ten Commandments are like the skeleton in the human body. They represent the most foundational document of our faith – the constitution of the covenant between God and His people. Join us each Sunday, beginning on Pentecost- May 23rd through July 25th, as we explore each of the Ten Commandments – what they meant in their original context, how they have been interpreted through history, and how they can be used in today's world to renew our faith and covenant with God.

Sanctuary/Narthex Renovation Q&A Sessions

At the annual meeting on June 6th, a motion will be placed on the floor for our consideration. It affects present membership, all potential future members, and the future of Central. The motion will be for the contracting for a schematic (conceptual) design to renovate our sanctuary and narthex. Your Sanctuary Study Committee and your Executive Board recommends this motion be passed as a step to fulfill our mission as a congregation. If the first vote passes, a second vote by the congregation will decide whether or not to perform the renovation. The Q&A sessions will be led by David Turner, Margaret Lyon or Lynn Rogers and held on:

Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 pm
Sunday, May 16th at 2:00 pm
Monday, May 17th at 7:00 pm

Annual Church Meeting

Our Annual Church Meeting is Sunday, June 6th in the sanctuary immediately following the traditional service. We have very important business to conduct and ask all members to attend.

Church Picnic

Following our annual meeting Christian Family Ministry will host a picnic on the church grounds. Please stay and enjoy an afternoon of food and fellowship.

Annual Elders Dinner

The Annual Elders Dinner will be held Tuesday, June 8th at Deer Run Club House. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by installation of new Elders and Elder officers. Elders and spouses or companions are invited. Entree choices: Pot Roast or Baked Chicken Breast. Cost of dinner is \$10 per person. Please notify Margaret Lyon at lyonvan@aol.com or 429-467, or the church office at office@ccc-ket.org or 254-2649 of your choice of entree by May 15th. Send payment to the church office with check payable to Central Christian Church and designate on memo line Elder Dinner.

God's Promise

Central's Sustainable Spirituality Summer Series

Central's doors will be wide open this summer with worship, events and activities to accommodate the busiest or most laid back summer routine. This series features a newly released Sermon Series-*The 10 Commandments*, a new Contemporary Adult Sunday School Class, Vacation Bible School and Parades. In addition, we want to know about the adventures and God connections experienced at camp and Adult Conference. If you want afternoons free – meet us Sundays from 9 to 9:30 am for Contemporary Service. Looking to catch up on sleep, then the 10:30 Traditional Service fits the bill. Want to build some quality family time, then volunteer to work the three remaining parades to be held in Oakwood-May 15th, Centerville- July 4th and Kettering-Labor Day. Looking for quality entertainment for your children and their friends? Then invite your favorite kids to attend Vacation Bible School July 12th through the 16th. PS - Volunteer your talents (games, art, cookies, fun) with an appreciative group to experience the most amazing God smiles around. A display "Where's Central" will feature summertime photos if they contain a Central Sign, t-shirt or banner, so we can share in everyone's fun and adventures. Join us as we explore and strengthen a relationship with God that can go anywhere.

It's Camp and Conference Time!!!

Here are dates for Otter Camp, Chi Rho camp, CYF Conference, Advanced Conference, and Adult Conference. If your child has never been to Camp Christian before, now is a great time to start!

Otter Camp is for folks who have finished 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades and is planned for **June 20-26th** this year. Several of our members serve as counselors at Otter Camp including Doug Pence, Alexis Garybush, Beth Bentley, Hannah Bentley and Matt Pence. Ask them about anything you need to know.

Chi Rho camp is for folks who have finished 6th, 7th, or 8th grades. Our district attends Camp Miami – this year set for **August 8 -14th**.

Wilmington Conference for CYF folks is planned for **August 1-7th**. This year Tim Green is serving as Boy Co-President. For those CYF folks who are unable to attend Wilmington Conference, several of our youth attend another conference.

Hiram is **June 27-July 3rd** and **Phyo** is **July 4-10th**. Alexis Garybush is Girl Co-President and Matt Pence is the officer alternate at Phyo. Tim, Alexis, and Matt have been to several planning meetings and promise a great time for all who attend. Ask them any questions you have.

Advanced Conference is set for **August 15th – 22nd**. Eligible attendees are aged 19-29 years.

All of these above listed camps are held at Camp Christian. A newly revised application that covers all of these camps and conferences can be found on the Christian Church in Ohio website – go to the Camp Christian tab. Applications are also located on our Narthex. Central will help with camp fees and we are entitled to a discount if we register before May 1st. Call the church office for more information.

Note: Anyone needing assistance with camp fees, please contact church office.

Adult Conference is planned for **June 14 – 18th** at Northwest Christian Church in Columbus. Again, the Christian Church in Ohio website has the application. Click on the 'Ministry' tab and then on 'Adult Conference' to find the application.

The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

Occasionally, the “natives” among us – those who have been around for as long as anyone can remember, need to be reminded what it feels like to be a “pilgrim” – a visitor on any given Sunday morning. What does it feel like to get up and go to a church where you’ve never been before? I suspect we natives underestimate the courage it takes to walk into a strange place with people who know each other, know what’s going on and know the lay of the land. I also suspect that seeking to understand the perspective of a Sunday morning pilgrim can bring big dividends to our church – natives and pilgrims alike!

Here are some tips from a fellow, long-term native in the hopes that pilgrims will find at Central Christian Church their own Plymouth Rock!

--Smile and greet everyone. Say, “Hi, I’m _____.” If you happen to greet a visitor – especially a first time worship visitor – you’ve hit the jackpot.

--Be helpful. When you meet a first time visitor, see if they have any questions. If they have children, they may wonder where our Sunday School classrooms or nursery are located. If they are alone, perhaps you might invite them to sit with you or your family.

--Do a “hand off.” If you are busy on Sunday mornings, as many of our volunteers are, be sure to hand them off to someone else before going about your business. Introduce

them to someone with whom they may have something in common. In other words, don’t leave anyone alone and unsure what to do next.

--Bring all pilgrims to me! As long as worship isn’t in progress, or just about to begin, I would love to meet anyone who is visiting with us. Please feel free to interrupt me or “cut” in line after worship. Helping visitors to feel welcome and wanted is one of our top priorities every Sunday!

--After worship, seek out folks you don’t already know. Sometimes you will meet other members you haven’t had a chance to meet. More often than not, you’ll be the friendly face greeting people who may be visiting the church for the first time. Once again, before disengaging, be sure to introduce them to someone else or invite them to join you in the fellowship hall for refreshments.

--Our fellowship time is a great opportunity to make visitors feel at home. If you are a “native,” then that automatically makes you a “host.” If we all begin thinking like hosts, we can be certain anyone visiting our church will be made to feel very welcome!

Research has show that the summer months are when pilgrims are most likely to be out searching for a church home. So keep an eye out and remember... you are a representative of Jesus and His Church not only on Sundays, but every day of the week.