

# 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*

**Renita Lewis Whitaker**

*Office Manager*

**Anthony Shackelford**

*Custodian*

**Sue Taylor**

*Music Director*

**Dan Oliver**

*Bell Choir Director &  
Director of Audio/Visual*

**Lois Sutherland**

*Organist*

**Jenny Garner**

*Nursery Care Provider*



It's time, once again, for another great summer of Vacation Bible School! Join us July 20<sup>th</sup> - July 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 until noon for a fun-filled morning at Studio Go. Each day at Studio GO! Game Show kids will participate in the large-group excitement of Studio GO!, experience God's Word at Prime Time Bible Challenge, meet real-life servants at Service Showcase, plus create fun-filled crafts, eat snacks and play challenging games! And, through it all, they'll come to understand that with Jesus, everyone wins!

Registration is open now. You can register on Sunday by placing a completed registration form in the offering plate, online at <http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/centralchristianchurch> or contact the church office at 265-2649

Volunteers are needed to help make this year's Vacation Bible School a success. If you can help out for just one day, or all five, please let us know! We need actors as well as people who can help our group leaders take their teams from station to station and help out with their activities. To sign up, visit website <http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/centralchristianchurch> or call or email Melissa Moody (626-6503, [mmoody5409@yahoo.com](mailto:mmoody5409@yahoo.com)), Tammy Turner (643-3011, [tammykayturner@yahoo.com](mailto:tammykayturner@yahoo.com)), or the church office.

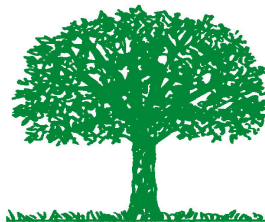
**2009 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Indiana Convention Center**

**100 S. Capitol Avenue**

**Indianapolis, Indiana**



***...for the Healing of the Nations, (Rev. 22:2)***

Applications are located in the Narthex or you can register online at [www.disciples.org/ga](http://www.disciples.org/ga). Assembly participants will examine what it means to strive to be whole and to bring healing – not only for ourselves but for all God's creation.

## Serving In July

**Deacon Captain:** Lisa French  
**Deacons Serving:** John Mohr and Melissa Moody  
**Deacon Prep/Clean Up:** Melissa Moody and Lisa French  
**Acolyte:** Aaron Moody  
**Elders for Communion**  
**July 19<sup>th</sup>** Charles Bentley, Sr., and Chuck Bentley, Jr.  
**July 26<sup>th</sup>** Don Ashbrook and Moniqua Suits  
**Lay Leaders**  
**July 19<sup>th</sup>** Merle Kidd  
**July 26<sup>th</sup>** Marty Robinson  
**Fellowship Hour**  
**July 19<sup>th</sup>** Lydia Group  
**July 26<sup>th</sup>** Ron Babcock Birthday Celebration (Fellowship Hall)

## Wall Calendar

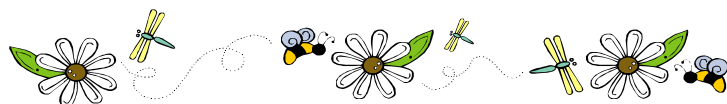
The wall calendar located outside of the church office lists the scheduled activities of the church ministries. To get your activity listed on the wall calendar, please contact the church office.

## The Weeks Ahead

<b>Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Morning Watch
	<b>9:15 am</b>	Christian Education Max Lucado Class Islam: A Mosaic, Not a Monolith Class
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Traditional Service
<b>Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	Fellowship Hour
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Vacation Bible School
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class
<b>Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Vacation Bible School
<b>Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Vacation Bible School
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class
<b>Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Vacation Bible School
	<b>9:30 am</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry
<b>Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Vacation Bible School
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<b>Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Morning Watch
	<b>9:15 am</b>	Christian Education Max Lucado Class Islam: A Mosaic, Not a Monolith Class
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Traditional Service
<b>Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	Fellowship Hour
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class
<b>Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class
<b>Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup></b>		General Assembly (July 29 – August 2)
	<b>8:00 am</b>	Life Touch Portraits
	<b>9:30 am</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry
<b>Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Life Touch Portraits

## Messenger Summer Publication

During the summer months our weekly Messenger will be published bi-weekly with the next editions on the following dates: July 27<sup>th</sup>; August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>; and September 8<sup>th</sup>. After September 8<sup>th</sup>, we will resume weekly publication.



## Members & Friends

<b>Hospitalized:</b>	- Tammy Turner (Home) Molly Gross (Home) Barbara Moody (Home)
<b>Hospice Care</b>	- Pat Farnsley (Home)
<b>Home Care</b>	Kathy Anderson Thelma Harman Robert and Frances Mayes Earline Grice Regina Kempton Norma Kirkland Bob and Jean Thompson Merle and Dorothy Ryan Doyle Ware Lillian White
<b>Autumn Health Care</b>	- June Tate
<b>Harborside Healthcare</b>	- Eleanor McNulty
<b>Liberty Retirement Home</b>	- Ed Bausman
<b>Lincoln Park</b>	- William Warren
<b>Summersville</b>	- Marjorie Barkalow Eugene Griffith Marian Herron
<b>Spring Creek</b>	- JoAnn Reichbauer
<b>Sterling House</b>	- Elwood Byrkett
<b>Sycamore Glen</b>	- Anne Walters
<b>Trinity</b>	- Garnia Moses
<b>Waterford Retirement</b>	- Mary Rothenbuhler

## Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> were given by Charles Bentley, Sr., in loving memory of his wife, Cynthia Bentley.

## Happy Birthday

On Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Priscilla "Pat" Farnsley will celebrate her 85 birthday. *Happy Birthday!*



## Invitation

You are invited to a birthday celebration. The fellowship hour on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> is being hosted by the family and friends of Ron Babcock who will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Worshipping at Central

Sunday, July 12, 2009

<b>Christian Education</b>	17
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<b>Nursery/Godly Play</b>	10
<b>Morning Watch</b>	15
<b>Traditional Service</b>	<u>114</u>
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>139</b>



## VBS Supplies Needed

As we prepare for this year's Studio GO Vacation Bible School, we are in need of the following items to decorate the church. If you are able to provide any of these items, please let Melissa Moody know:

White Christmas Lights	Sheer velvety fabric
Hula Hoops	Tinsel
Icicle Lights	Spotlights
Large coffee cans	Play-doh
Play-doh toys	

## Godly Play

If you would like to volunteer with our children ages 4 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in Godly Play, please contact Lourdes Giles at 886-1686. We are looking for assistants and teachers. You may volunteer regardless if you have children in the class. Assistants volunteer on a rotation basis. Please let me know by Aug. 15, so that I may put a schedule together by kickoff Sunday.

## Help Wanted!

The CYF Sunday School class is in need of a teacher. This class is made up of our high school and middle school youth, and is a really great group to work with! (And, we already have the curriculum ready!) If you would like to help teach this class, either for a few weeks, or for longer, please contact Melissa Moody at 626-6503 or via email at mmoody5409@yahoo.com.

## Central Christian's Food Pantry

As of this date, Central Christian has helped over 70 families with food. With more people coming through our doors, we have more food going out than coming in. Below is a list of the food items we need. Donations can be placed on the table in the Narthex marked "Food Pantry." We also accept monetary donations. With your help we can continue to feed the hungry in our community – **Thank you!**

- cans of green beans
- cans of corn
- cans of sweet peas
- cans of vegetables
- cans of tuna
- cans of chicken
- cans of meat
- cans of soup-large
- cans of soup-small
- cans of fruit
- boxes rice
- boxes or bags of spaghetti
- jars or cans of spaghetti sauce
- boxes of cereal
- cans of milk
- jars of peanut butter
- jars of jelly
- boxes of macaroni and cheese
- loafs of bread
- bags of hotdog buns
- packs of hotdog
- packs of baloney

## Adult Conference Synopsis

By Marty Robinson

From June 15<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>, 11 members of Central: Ron Babcock, Charles Bentley, Sr., Sena Dixon, Velma Fansler, Audree Flynn, Joan Norman, Jud and Dotty Parkhurst, Nancy Tossey and I attended Adult Conference at Northwest Christian Church in Columbus. You have heard of, or sent your children to camp or conference at Camp Christian for years. After Advance Conference, Adult conference is there for persons 30 and up.

Our mornings started with a devotional and song by various conferees at 8:30 a.m. We had a great week, choosing two of six classes, all taught by Disciple ministers, plus a wonderful historical presentation by retired minister and teacher at Lexington Theological Seminary, Dr. Bill Pausell, on the history of the Disciples movement. Dr. Pausell also led two afternoon Bible study sessions on Praying the Psalm's and Meditating on the Life of Christ with the Gospel of Mark. Forums on Spiritual Direction and The Alexander Campbell Mansion rounded out the study part of the week.

Meals were catered in for lunch and dinner and were excellent. We had sing-alongs after lunch and dinner, and each evening attended Vespers in Northwest's beautiful sanctuary. The choir was comprised of members of churches across the state under the direction of Charlotte Bouger, choir director at Gender Road Christian Church in Canal Winchester. She does a marvelous job of blending voices to inspire all of us. The choir was accompany by piano, violin and flute, and was interpreted in American Sign Language. Our Vesper speaker was Reverend Heather Schimmel, daughter of Jim Schimmel who will be guest minister in August to kick off our fall study of Unbinding Your Heart. Heather is as vivacious a speaker as her father, and brought great messages every evening. Especially moving was the Thursday night Consecration Service which included a communion service in offering. There were about 100 conferees in attendance and the offering was \$4010.00! This offering, which is divided into four parts, goes 25% each, to Adult Conference Scholarships, Regional Office Leadership, a daughter of a Disciple minister with severe lung problems and finally, in light of the national financial picture, to the National Food Bank.

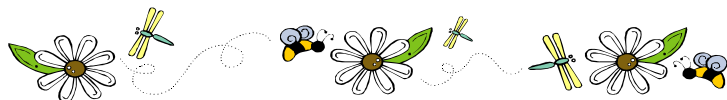
Following Vespers was fun time, get-acquainted activities, game night, open mike night, and an Ice Cream Social. The evenings closed with a song and prayer circle.

The fellowship and love in the conference group is indescribable, and you have to be there to understand it, just as our youth feel about their camp and conference experiences. Next year the conference dates are June 14-18. If you are over 30, please give some prayerful thought to attending. If cost is a factor, we are sure Central can help as we do for the youth, and there is a Conference Scholarship Fund. Some members of Northwest opened their homes in case staying in a hotel is out of range. However, the hotel rooms are large enough to accommodate 4 if needed, and we get a special rate for the 4 days. Talk to some of those who attend, they will be happy to answer any questions you may have and to share their enthusiasm with you.

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## Thought for the Week

To get what you want, STOP doing what isn't working.



## **The Last Word...**

By David P. Turner

Beginning next Monday, I get to do a job I look forward to each summer; I am the official Vacation Bible School “storyteller.” There is a Biblical story for each day around which everything else revolves – lessons, crafts, snacks and sometimes even recreation. My job is figuring out how to tell these Biblical stories in ways that will connect with kids anywhere from 3 years to about 11 years old.

Knowing the stories of our faith is one of the primary ways we know who we are as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is where we find our identity, purpose, and mission. It is a reminder that just as God has been active in the past God continues to act in the present. The more we learn about how God has acted in the Biblical story, the more likely we are to recognize when God is acting now.

The other night, our Elders met for their annual dinner. One of the activities of the evening was an assignment from our Christian Education ministry. They requested the elders list stories from the Old and New Testaments which we felt were pivotal in nurturing our children and youth in faith.

As I mulled over the assignment and began to list specific stories – I realized quickly how difficult it is to cherry pick the “best” ones. I could make a case for almost any of them – even those that often don’t find their way into typical Sunday school curriculum.

Although I finished my list like everyone else, as I thought about it later, I realized one of the weaknesses of the way we often teach the stories of scripture: we pluck them out of context and turn them into morality tales instead of helping young people (and adults, too!) understand how these stories fit into the bigger story. Indeed, it is the bigger story – the story of God’s relationship to creation and humankind and God’s revelation of himself, most fully through Jesus Christ, that is the story into which all the others connect. As I have said many times, if you read a text in scripture that seems at odds with the bigger story of God’s reconciling love, then go back and read it again. Chances are you are only getting a part of the story.

I enjoy helping people understand the arc of God’s love and grace as it is revealed in the Bible – from the incredible beginning to the apocalyptic, but ultimately beautiful ending. Even more importantly, there is nothing I love more than helping people understand how their stories connect with the unending story of God’s love. After all, it turns out we are not so unlike Abraham or Sarah or Moses or Deborah or David or Mary. They were ordinary people through whom God did extraordinary things.

Come join us in worship this Sunday as we continue to see how God’s story unfolds in your life and in the life of our church. It truly is “the greatest story ever told.”