

Messenger

1200 Forrer Blvd., Kettering, Ohio 45420

Email: office@ccc-ket.org

Website: www.ccc-ket.org

VOLUME LVII - Weekly Publication

February 23, 2009

CHRISTIANITY & WORLD RELIGIONS

Our own Larry Merkle will continue to lead an adult Sunday School class. His next class will be on Christianity and world religions. He will be using Adam Hamilton materials titled: Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling With Questions People Ask. This study covers the five main religions of the world including: Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, the Muslim faith as well as Christianity. This is a great opportunity to learn why we believe as we do and to learn what others believe as well. If there is an interest, Larry will use some other material to do a more extensive study of other world religions. The class will be held in the small classroom next to the meeting room on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Larry will do an introduction of the class on March 1st, but the actual class will begin on March 15th. If you are interested in this study, please sign up at the Guest Desk in the Narthex so that we can ensure enough materials are ordered for those interested.

DISTRICT 8 MEN'S RALLY



You are invited to the District 8 Men's Rally at First Christian Church, 120 Columbus Street, Wilmington, Ohio this Sunday March 1st. This is an annual event to bring together the men for an afternoon of fellowship and inspiration. The cost of the program and dinner is \$5.00. Registration from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. For more information and tickets, contact Charles Bentley, Sr., at 426-3322.

PASTOR'S CLASS

Pastor's Class will begin on Sunday, March 8th and through Sunday, April 5th (Palm Sunday). It is for youth in grades 5 – 8 and others that might like to participate. We will meet in the pastor's office each Sunday from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., and will cover a wide variety of topics including baptism, communion, and what it means to be both a disciple and Disciple of Christ. Baptisms will take place on Easter morning. To sign up, please contact David Turner or the church office. **Mark your calendar:** The Pastor's Class Heritage Trip to Indianapolis, IN is May 15th – 17th.



The Dayton Area Board of Realtors has honored Lois Sutherland of Irongate Realtors with the distinguished "2008 Realtor Community Service Award," for her many years of support to the Dayton community as board member of several cultural arts organizations, charities, hospitals and as organist of Central Christian for over fifty years.

Morning Watch
Sundays 9:00 am

Christian Education
Sundays 9:15 am

Traditional Service
Sundays 10:30 am

Fellowship Hour
Sundays 11:30 am

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

Serving In March

Deacon Captain: Melissa Moody

Deacons Serving: Scot Burnett, Don Wilcox, Shirley Wilcox, Barbara Moody, John Will man, Tammy Turner, Brad Kassner, Laura Seaman, Matt Pence, Calle Burnett, Tiffany Zimmerman and John Corbin

Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Brad Kassner and Laura Seaman

Acolyte: Nicholas Bond and Christopher Willman

Elders for Communion

Mar 1st Doug and Mary Lou Pence

Mar 8th Dan and Jamie Oliver

Lay Leaders

Mar 1st Chuck Bentley, Jr.

Mar 8th Calle Burnett

Fellowship Hour

Mar 1st Christian Education (Adult)

Mar 8th Technology

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, Mar 1st	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Crusaders Class Max Lucado Class Christianity/World Religions
	10:30 am	Traditional Service Godly Play
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:40 am	Bethany Choristers
Monday, Mar 2nd	12:00 pm	Faith Finders/Seekers
	3:00 pm	District 8 Men's Rally
	6:30 pm	Chi Rho and CYF
	9:00 am	Quilters
	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
Tuesday, Mar 3rd	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Study Committee
	7:00 pm	Ministry Meetings Worship Ministry Naomi Group
	7:00 pm	Senior Fitness Class
Wednesday, Mar 4th	6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:00 pm	Unbinding the Gospel Inventors Council
	7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Thursday, Mar 5th	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Attention: CYF

CYF will resume their regular meeting schedule next Sunday. We will study our worship service elements and start planning Youth Sunday. Also all CYF youth are reminded to turn in their applications for the State CYF retreat ASAP – they are due to the State office by March 2nd. Questions? Call Mary Lou Pence – 434-8157.

Food Pantry

Last week we were able to feed **3** families thanks to you. Let's continue to feed the hungry in our community by donating. Food Pantry Hours: Every Monday and Wednesday from 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Members & Friends

Hospitalized:	-	Jim McNulty (Upper Valley) Ruby Kreider (Kettering)
Hospice Care	-	Pat Farnsley (Home)
Home Care		Kathy Anderson Thelma Harman Robert and Frances Mayes Earline Grice Regina Kempton Norma Kirkland Marian Herron Bob and Jean Thompson Doyle Ware Lillian White
Autumn Health Care	-	June Tate
Harborside Healthcare	-	Eleanor McNulty
Liberty Retirement Home	-	Ed Bausman
Lincoln Park	-	William Warren
Summersville	-	Marjorie Barkalow Eugene Griffith
Spring Creek	-	JoAnn Reichbauer
Sycamore Glen	-	Anne Walters
Trinity	-	Garnia Moses
Waterford Retirement	-	Mary Rothenbuhler

Our Sympathy and Prayers are with the family of Robert Ball who passed away on Tuesday, February 17th. A gathering of friends and family was held at Routsong Funeral Home on Monday, February 23rd.

Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, February 22nd were given by Charles Bentley, Sr., in memory of his mother, Margaret E. Bentley.

Pray for...

*Charméé Slowensky
Jim McNulty
The family of Robert Ball
Rex Strine
Izzy Roberts
Taylor Garybush
Devin Garybush
Virginia Perkins
Diane Price
Mary and Delmar Davidson
Diana and Dennis Kiger*

Worshipping at Central

Sunday, February 22, 2009

Christian Education	23
Nursery/Godly Play	17
Morning Watch	22
Traditional Service	<u>138</u>
Total Worship Attendance	177



Cloud and Townsend Ultimate Leadership Workshop

Dear CCC Family,

I wanted to share this information as it played a pivotal role in confirming to me the role Christ can take in your leadership style, if you are willing. This workshop has helped me in numerous ways and in various situations. It provided a basis for my growth and direction and it also affirmed to me why Central Christian is where I need to be right now. I was at a very tough time in my life - personally, spiritually, professionally and financially and was in vigilant prayer as to whether I should attend or not and God showed me how it could be possible and it is a decision and investment I have never regretted.

Moniqua

- **The Workshop:** Leadership is more than skills and talents. You lead out of who you are on the inside—your past training and personal experience. In the Bible, the word character means “experience.” What is your character like as a leader? Until how you live and lead people is consistent with what you know and say about God and the Bible, there is room to grow. If you want to take significant steps toward living and leading as the Bible commands, this workshop will be a pivotal experience for you.
- **Why Attend?** Based on biblical principles of leadership and character development, this one-week intensive has been proven to achieve significant personal revelation and profound shifts in behavior. You will learn new and powerful ways to attain relational and professional success.
- **Who Should Attend?** Our definition of leadership is quite broad. We believe that a leader is anyone whose work influences the lives of others. This would include pastors, business professionals, ministry leaders, lay leaders, community leaders, educators, medical or legal professionals, supervisors, and managers - as well as those who are making a career transition or facing major changes. Our attendees are from all professions and all walks of life; and they come from all over the world. If you are wondering if you are a good candidate for this workshop experience, please call our office. We would be happy to answer your questions.

You can find a brochure about this workshop in the literature stand in the Narthex or for a personal insight, please contact Moniqua Suits - signatureidea@yahoo.com.

Unbinding The Gospel

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., as Rev. David Turner lead the study of the book *Unbinding the Gospel*, by Martha Grace Reese. Each class will last approximately 1 hour. This is the book that has made an amazing impact on many churches in the short time it has been in print – including our own. Our Elders have studied it and one Sunday school class is just finishing it up. For those who haven't had an opportunity to read and discuss *Unbinding the Gospel* (and for those who have but need a refresher), this is your chance. The new 2nd Edition also includes a 40-day prayer journal – perfect for our 40 day journey through Lent. Our last night will be April 8th, the Wednesday of Holy Week. Babysitting will be provided. See Rev. Turner if you have any questions – and put those Wednesday nights on your calendar right now!



Our CYF on UN Seminar

Please remember our 5 CYF young people (Alexis Garybush, Tim Green, Monica Bentley, Hanna Bentley and Matthew Pence) who are traveling in Washington DC and New York City this week on the UN Seminar. They left early Saturday morning from Columbus and arrived in the Washington DC area before dinner time. On Sunday they worshiped at National City Christian Church. Please remember them in your prayers this week and look forward to hearing about their travels upon their return.

Lent Devotional Booklets Available

The *Fellowship of Prayer*, a booklet of meditations, devotions and prayers is available in the Narthex. During this time of Lent we must remember that repentance is possible because of the love of God and the acceptance of God's great gifts - the gift of forgiveness, the gift of new life and the gift of Jesus. Make sure you pick up yours.

Because Public Speaking Skills Aren't Debatable

If you are like most people, public speaking is not your favorite pastime. Yet survey after survey shows that presentation skills are crucial to success in the work place. The person with strong communication skills has a clear advantage over tongue-tied colleagues – especially in a competitive job market. Many people pay thousands of dollars for seminars to gain the skill and confidence necessary to face an audience. But you have another option that is less expensive and held in high regard in business circles – Toastmasters International. This organization has been around for more than 80 years and offers a proven – and enjoyable – way to practice and hone your communication and leadership skills.

The mission of a Toastmasters club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn fosters self-confidence and personal growth. There is no instructor or tests in a Toastmasters club. A Toastmasters club is a “learn-by-doing” workshop where you can improve your skills in a comfortable, friendly atmosphere. Toastmasters have grown to become the world's leading organization helping people conquer their pre-speech jitters. More than 4 million men and women have enjoyed the benefits of Toastmasters membership. This nonprofit organization now has approximately 10,500 clubs in 90 countries and you don't need to go far to find one.

Kettering Toastmasters club meets right here at Central Christian Church in Fellowship Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 PM. Learn more about Toastmasters and visit a Kettering Toastmasters club meeting. Our next meeting is February 25th at 7:00 PM. For more information contact Don Voys (937) 299-7174 or Joe Paul (937) 689-8328 or visit our website <http://kettering.freetoasthoast.ws/>.



Thought for the Week

**Judging is wrong but easy;
Forgiving is right but hard.**



The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

I'm currently preparing to lead a workshop on "technology and the church" for pastors and lay leaders from around the region. While there are certainly people more adept with PowerPoint or more tech savvy than me, I have been in ministry long enough now to know some things about introducing new technologies in the church – (unfortunately) mostly by trial and error.

I've been creating an outline for my presentation in my mind for several months. Yesterday, I finally sat down and wrote it down. Had I not brooded and thought and prayed ahead of time, I would have sat down to an empty computer screen with nothing to say.

Interestingly enough, one of the major conclusions I came to regarding the successful introduction of new technology in churches was the importance of planning and preparation. Without research, thought and study, even technologies that have worked well in other churches are likely to fail. Of course, there's more to it than that – but, in the end, the most important part of the whole process is the preparation.

I'm writing this Last Word on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, sometimes known as "Shrove" or "Fat" Tuesday (or Mardi Gras). Tomorrow begins the season of Lent, which is the season of prayer, fasting and repentance in *PREPARATION* for Easter. In ancient times, Lent was the time of study and preparation before the baptism of new

believers. It continues to be the time traditionally set aside in many churches for Pastor's Classes; the goal of which is also baptism on Easter morning – dying and rising with Christ.

If preparation is the key to successfully navigating so many other things in life, we shouldn't be surprised to learn Lent is dedicated to preparation, as well. If you haven't done your preparation, Easter Sunday can be a little like sitting down at a blank computer screen with nothing to say. It doesn't diminish the power and beauty of Easter – it just means that life-giving power isn't as available to you as it might be.


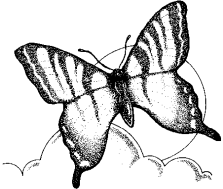





One of the ways many people choose to prepare their hearts during Lent is by "giving something up." The idea is that by denying yourself of something you enjoy, you will rely more on God and less on other things. And there's certainly something to be said for that. Self-denial is not something many of us do very well.

Another way to prepare during Lent is by "taking something up." Whether it is regular prayer or Bible Study or participating in a book study, there are many ways to focus your spiritual life during the Lenten season. Perhaps even attending worship regularly has fallen off your list of priorities. What better time to begin again – in preparation for the real new beginning – than right now. Easter is coming. Let the preparation begin!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
--------	--------	---------	-----------	----------	--------	----------



April 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

1 3:00 pm District 8 Men's Rally	2 9:00 am Quilters 12:30 pm Senior Fitness Program 7:00 pm Sanctuary Study Committee	3 7:00 pm All Ministry Meetings Worship Ministry Naomi Group	4 12:30 pm Senior Fitness 7:00 pm Unbinding the Gospel Inventors Council	5 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Laudate Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	6 	7 <i>Judging is wrong but easy; forgiving is right but hard.</i>
8 Daylight Savings Time 1:30 pm Oakcreek Nursing Home 3:00 pm Walnut Creek Home	9 9:00 am Quilters 12:30 pm Senior Fitness	10 	11 12:30 pm Senior Fitness 1:30 pm Joanna Group 7:00 pm Unbinding the Gospel Kettering Toastmasters	12 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Laudate Ringers 7:00 pm Property Ministry 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	13 <i>Is God calling you to serve?</i>	14 9:30 am Scrapbook Ministry
15 Blanket Sunday 	16 9:00 am Quilters 12:30 pm Senior Fitness Program	17 1:00 pm Lydia Group 7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting	18 12:30 pm Senior Fitness 7:00 pm Unbinding the Gospel	19 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Laudate Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	20 	21 4:00 pm Wedding
22 	23 9:00 am Quilters 12:30 pm Senior Fitness Program 7:00 pm CWF Meeting	24 7:00 pm Elders Meeting	25 12:30 pm Senior Fitness 7:00 pm Unbinding the Gospel Kettering Toastmasters	26 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Laudate Ringers 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	27 <i>God waits for you to connect through prayer.</i>	28 1:00 pm Cheers 2:00 pm Baby Shower
29 	30 9:00 am Quilters 12:30 pm Senior Fitness Program	31 	Sunday Activities 9:00 am Morning Watch 9:15 am Christian Education Crusaders Class Max Lucado Class Christianity & World Religions 10:30 am Traditional Worship / Godly Play 11:30 am Fellowship Hour 11:40 am Bethany Choristers 12:00 pm Faith Finders/Seekers 12:15 pm Pastor's Class 6:30 pm CYF and Chi Rho			