

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

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PARADE VOLUNTEERS AND WORKERS

This Saturday, May 16th Central Christian will participate in Oakwood's "That Day in May" Parade. This week we need volunteers to help prepare for the parade (folding flyers, stuffing bags, etc.). We will be at the church every afternoon this week and could use lots of help. Those who are going to participate in the parade, please be at the church at 10:00 am this Saturday, May 16th. We will leave from the church together. Parade assemble is at 11:30 a.m. and starts at 12:00 p.m. Would like to have two CYF'ers to carry the church banner. For more information, please contact John Brown at 439-0727 or at jojocen@aol.com.



CYF COOK OUT



This Sunday, May 17th following the Traditional worship service, please join the CYF for a cook out. Traditional picnic fare will be served – hamburgers, hotdogs, and the trimmings. The cost is \$5 per person with children under 12 years old just \$3 each. This will be our final fundraising event of the school year. It will be a great time to visit with friends and share a great meal – just think of it as an early Memorial Day party! Hope you can join us!

CWF CRAFT DISPLAY/DEMONSTRATION

Join us this Sunday, May 17th during CYF's cook out for a CWF Craft Demonstration/Display. Come see how some crafts are made. (If you have a craft you would like to demonstrate, contact Jane Bernard 901-4788 or janebernard@ameritech.net.)



CYF WALK-A-THON



Following the cook out, CYF will head to Cox Arboretum to host a 3 mile WALK-A-THON in support of the Cleveland Children's Home. They are hosting a walk earlier in the month in Cleveland and since we couldn't go there, we're hosting our own. Please watch for pledge sheets over the next 2 weeks to show your support in this worthwhile cause. Hopefully fellow CYF youth from Middletown and Summit Christian Churches will be joining us. Pledges will be collected, combined and sent to Cleveland following the walk.

Serving In May

- Deacon Captain:** Melissa Moody and Lora Davidson
Deacons Serving: Barbara King, Jim King, Scot Burnet, David French, Jenness Sigman, Mark Sigman, John Corbin, Andrew Green, Don Voys and Brenda Garybush.
Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Laura Nolan
Acolyte: Aaron Moody
Elders for Communion
May 17th Dan and Jamie Oliver
May 24th Doug and Mary Lou Pence
Lay Leaders
May 17th Rex Strine
May 24th Chuck Bentley, Jr.
Fellowship Hour
May 17th CYF Cookout
May 24th Unbinding the Gospel Class

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, May 17th	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Max Lucado Class Christianity/World Religions
	10:30 am	Traditional Service Godly Play
	11:30 am	CYF Cook Out & Walk-A-Thon Craft Display/Demonstration
Monday, May 18th	11:40 am	Bethany Choristers
	12:00 pm	Faith Finders/Seekers
	9:00 am	Quilters
Tuesday, May 19th	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
	7:00 pm	Bible Class
	1:00 pm	Lydia Group
Wednesday, May 20th	12:00 pm	District 8 Ministers Meeting
	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
Thursday, May 21st	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Attention:

All Youth Attending Disciples Heritage Trip

All youth attending the Disciples Heritage Trip to Indianapolis, IN., on May 15th – 17th needs to be at Central Christian at 8:15 a.m. this Friday, May 15th. If you have any questions, please contact David or Tammy Turner at 643-3011 or the church office.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Central Christian will have our Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, May 31st at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to elect officers for the new church year.

Messenger Summer Publication

During summer months the normal weekly Messenger will be published bi-weekly with editions on the following dates: June 1st, June 15th and June 29th; July 13th and July 27th; August 10th and August 24th; and September 8th. After September 8th, we will resume weekly publication.

Members & Friends

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 Merle and Dorothy Ryan 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
Sterling House	- Elwood Byrkett
Sycamore Glen	- Anne Walters
Trinity	- Garnia Moses
Waterford Retirement	- Mary Rothenbuhler

Sanctuary Flowers

Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, May 10th were given by Jim and Marty Robinson in memory of our mothers.

New Member: On Sunday, May 10th, Edward Somers, 124 Chestnut Street, Apt.202, Englewood, Ohio 45322, (937) 671-1099, united with Central Christian through transfer and rededication of faith. Welcome Edward into our church family.

Memorial Fund

General Fund

In Memory of Richard L. Teare
Chuck and Beth Bentley

Fogle Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Richard L. Teare
Bob and Nancy Potts

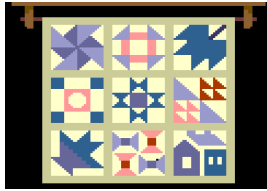
Worshiping at Central

Sunday, May 10, 2009

Christian Education	19
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Nursery/Godly Play	5
Morning Watch	21
Traditional Service	<u>126</u>
Total Worship Attendance	162



Quilt For Sale



A quilt pieced by Sarah Woodward (great aunt of Sena Hinman Dixon and quilted by The Quilters of Central Christian in 2008 will be shown at the CWF Craft Display/Demonstration this Sunday, May 17th in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of the quilt is \$600 (86"x 97"). If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

What is a Christian Family?

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one in which parents so live the Christian life, and practice the presence of God that children come to accept God as the greatest reality of life.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one in which each member is accepted and respected as a person having sacred worth.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that accepts the responsibility of worship and instruction to the end of developing the spiritual life of each person.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that manifests a faith in God, observes daily prayer and grace at meals.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that is committed to behavior in keeping with Christian ideals for family relations, community life, and national and world citizenship.

Bible Quiz

New Testament Names



Matthew - John - Jesus - Timotheus - Stephanas
Paul - Luke - Peter - Mary - Mark - God - James

Thoughts for the Week

*A bad habit never disappeared miraculously;
It's an undo-it-yourself project.*

*The seeds you sow today determine
the kind of fruit you'll reap tomorrow*



Attention: Campers and Conferees

Here are important dates for camps and conferences scheduled for this summer at Camp Christian

Otter Camp for those who have finished 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades is scheduled for June 14 - 20, 2009. Several of Central's own serve as counselors so if you have questions or concerns about sending your child away for a whole week for the first time, please talk to Doug Pence who serves as a counselor and Matt Pence, Alexis Garybush, or Sean Green who serve as CIT's (counselors in training).

Wilmington Conference is scheduled for July 26th through August 1st. Students who have finished 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade are eligible to go. Our own Monica Bentley will be serving as girl co-president this year. If you are unable to attend Wilmington Conference, please consider attending an alternate conference. Ask Sarah Wilhoit, Alexis Garybush, or Matt Pence who all attend other conferences.

Camp Miami Chi Rho Camp is August 2nd through 8th. Student who have finished 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are eligible to go.

Advanced Conference is August 9th through 16th. It is for college through 29 years of age young adults. Our own Ryan Turner is serving as an advance officer this year and David Turner will be returning as faculty.

Applications for all camps can be downloaded from the Christian Church in Ohio website (www.cccinohio.org). Central will pay one half of each youth's application fee. If you don't have access to a computer, call the church office for a paper copy. Turn in your camp application and a check made out to 'Central Christian Church with your half of the fee into the church office. Scholarships are available for financial assistance with your fees. Check the state website or call the church office for details. No one will be denied access to go to camp!!! Questions – please call either Renita in the church office or Mary Lou Pence (434-8157). Renita will assemble everything and send applications and payment on to Columbus.

General Assembly is July 29th – August 2nd. At the Indiana Convention Center.

Adult Conference In Ohio

**Our Faith: From Roots to Fruits to Seeds
(Disciples Past, Present & Future)**

The 2009 Adult Conference is June 15 - 19, 2009 at Northwest Christian Church, 1340 Fishinger Road, Columbus, OH 43221. It begins with registration from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15th and ends on Friday, June 19th at about 1:30 pm. More information and applications are located in the Narthax. Our journey at this year's Adult Conference is all about faith. We will see glimpses of our history to help us discover what is that makes us who we are as Disciples, so we will have a clear of our identity today. Each day we will learn new ways to nurture our own faith and to be fruitful in our study and discussion sessions. By the time we leave the conference and return to our churches, we hope to have new seeds to sow as we move into the future.



The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

Last summer I picked up a t-shirt with one enigmatic word printed across the chest: “WITNESS”. I found it in a consignment shop along with t-shirts advertising beer, sports teams and summer camps. I thought, “I want to be a “witness” – so I picked it up and still wear it every now and then. I found out a few weeks later the original shirt was worn by Cleveland Cavalier fans that were present at the first game LaBron James played in Cleveland. It turns out they WERE witnesses to a special event – and this year’s winning streak proves it. LaBron is something special, and I’m sure those who were there now wear their “WITNESS” t-shirts with pride.

Being a witness – which involves not only experiencing something first-hand but telling others about it, is important in a lot of areas, as well. For instance, no one respects or believes a celebrity who promotes a product he or she has never used. Likewise, no one believes a Christian who claims to be a witness for Christ – but whose life would seem to indicate they’ve never met the man.

Just as the first disciples were witnesses to the goodness and power of Christ, there is still need for authentic witnesses in the world today. And the qualifications are still pretty much the same. First of all, we need to be people of honesty and integrity. If no one can trust anything else we say why should they believe us when we talk about God? Secondly, we need to cultivate a servant heart. We need to love and forgive others as Jesus has loved and forgiven us.

To paraphrase the apostle Paul, “we may be the greatest preachers and pray-ers in the whole world, but without love, we are nothing.” Finally, and most importantly, we must have a first-hand relationship with Jesus Christ.

Many of us have felt the power the Risen Christ working in our lives -- renewing and transforming us. It is from this base of experience God calls us to live. We are to live as if everything we do and say is a witness to Jesus Christ – because it is. As someone once said, “you are the only Bible some people will ever read.” In other words, if you are a Christian, and people know it, they will watch you to find out what Christ is like – and what the church is all about.

That may seem like a big responsibility – and it is! But fortunately, we are not alone in this witness. Jesus knew his disciples, even with their enthusiasm and good intentions, were still only ordinary human beings. He knew that before they could accomplish the task set before them they would need help from God. Immediately following Easter, the disciples were like fugitives, frightened and cowering behind locked doors. But with the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, they became the very people who witnessed to their faith boldly and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

Like the first disciples, we are also called to be witnesses. Let us then live with courage and faith, embracing truth, expressing love, and trusting the Spirit to guide and empower us in our work. And always remember, you could very well be called up to be the *star* witness.