

Messenger

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Central Christian's Annual Congregation Meeting will be held this Sunday, May 31st at 9:45 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Ministry chairs for the upcoming church year will be presented for confirmation by the membership. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Rollin Hanson To Be Honored

This Sunday, May 31st is Teacher Appreciation Sunday. As a part of the celebration we will recognize Rollin Hanson who has served Central Christian for over 53 years as the Sunday School Teacher for the Crusaders Class. A few weeks ago Rollin quietly ended his long tenure as Sunday School teacher. After the service there will be a reception/luncheon during the fellowship hour to honor Rollin for sharing his time and talent with his church family. We would like to shower Rollin with cards to show our thanks for the many years he nurtured Central Christian's spiritual growth. Thank you Rollin!

DON'T MISS THE JOY!

Pentecost Special Offering

Reading the second chapter of Acts you'll probably recall the chapter's beginning: *'When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.'* You will also remember how all of the friends of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit and they became so joyful, so filled with wonder and spiritual power that they astonished onlookers. The words *'they were all together in one place.'* The first believers were physically together and spiritually together as well. By making sure that they were together in Jerusalem, in one place, they did not miss one of the greatest spiritual events of all time. Namely, the birth of the Church. Imagine what they would have missed had they not been with other believers when the gift of the Holy Spirit came upon them. They would have missed the mighty outpouring of God's power. They would have missed the indescribable joy which God had for them. They would have missed the birth of the church. Think, too, about what we modern believers might miss if we neglected to worship with other friends of Christ. Who would want to miss the blessings and the promises of God? Who would want to miss the joy? This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Come share the joy with us at our Morning Watch Service at 9:00 a.m. or our Traditional Service at 10:30 a.m. This year's Pentecost offering will support the New Church Ministry of the Disciples of Christ with a witness that will expand throughout the United States and Canada. By expanding the Table, we share the witness of Christ – Please give.

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

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 Voyls and Brenda Garybush.
Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Laura Nolan
Acolyte: Aaron Moody
Elders for Communion
May 31st Lynn and Darlene Rogers
June 7th Steve and Pam Bowser
Lay Leaders
May 31st Margaret Lyon
June 7th Merle Kidd
Fellowship Hour
May 31st Public Relations
June 7th Joanna Group

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 31st	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	Fellowship Hour
	11:40 am	Bethany Choristers
	12:00 pm	Faith Finders/Seekers
	6:30 pm	Chi Rho and CYF
	9:00 am	Quilters
Monday, June 1st	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Tuesday, June 2nd	7:00 pm	All Ministries Meeting Worship Ministry Naomi Group
	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
Wednesday, June 3rd	7:00 pm	Inventors Council
	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Thursday, June 4th	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Music Appreciation Sunday



"Music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitation of the soul," said Martin Luther. Central Christian invites you to join us on Music Appreciation Sunday (June 7th) as we recognized our talented musicians who have blessed us throughout the 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 24th were given in celebration of the shared birthday of Claudia McCall and former choir director, Tim Williams.

Please Pray For...

Anthony Guy
Marshall Bryant

Worshipping at Central

Sunday, May 24, 2009

Christian Education	23
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Nursery/Godly Play	10
Morning Watch	14
Traditional Service	<u>107</u>
Total Worship Attendance	131

Five Steps to a Friendlier Church

1. Speak to the other person first. Don't wait for him or her to take the initiative.
2. If there is someone you don't know, introduce yourself to him or her.
3. Be pleasant in your words and expressions. A great church cannot be built with frowns.
4. Invite newcomers to a worship service or to a church event and introduce them to other members.
5. Encourage people to participate in those church activities that interest them.



VBS Planning Meeting

Planning for Vacation Bible School is underway! This year, Central Christian will be presenting "Studio GO" during the week of July 20th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Vacation Bible School is always a lot of fun, both for the kids who attend as well as the adults who help. Everyone who would like to help with this year's program is encouraged to attend our planning meeting on Thursday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend but would like to help, please contact Melissa Moody at 626-6503 or via email at mmoody5409@yahoo.com.

Sizzling Sundays



Any plans yet? Here's an idea...

Hang out with us, make some new friends, have some fun and grow your faith? Sound like a plan! Adults and youth join us at Living Faith Community Church, 2921 Eckley Blvd on May 31st - Guitar Hero & Pizza Combo; June 28th - Movie Night/Fireside Fun Combo; July 12th - Mission Trip/Dinner Out Combo; August 16th - Open Mike Night and Pizza Combo; Lock-In Overnight (TBA); and Alive Concert Camp Out (TBA). For more information and times visit our website at www.lfchurch.org or call (937)434-4724. See you there!

Bible Search – Ecclesiastes 7

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PROVOKED	ADVANTAGE	BEGINNING	CRACKLING
EXTORTION	PERISHING	PRESERVES	STUPIDITY
DETERMINED	DISCOVERED	INHERITANCE	INVESTIGATE

Thoughts for the Week

*He shows himself worthy,
in that he confesses himself unworthy.*

*When you stop begin thankful
you have fallen asleep in life.*

Capital Improvement FAQs

(Frequently Asked Questions)

- Q. I've lost my Capital Improvement Pledge Card. Can I still submit a pledge for the Capital Improvement Program?**
- A. Absolutely. Simply return your pledge on a single sheet of paper to Central via the mail or drop in the offering plate on Sunday indicating the total pledge amount. Also, don't forget to include your name on your pledge to assist the Financial Secretary with accurate recording of your pledge.
- Q. How long does the Capital Improvement Campaign run? When does it begin?**
- A. The Central Capital Improvement Campaign is active between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2012. The Stewardship Committee appreciates the effort to satisfy your pledge by the March 31, 2012 date. However, regardless of the time of receipt, contributions to the Capital Improvement Campaign will be applied to the Capital Improvement Account.
- Q. Can I make a contribution to the Central Capital Improvement Campaign without submitting a pledge card?**
- A. Yes. One time (or multiple time) contributions are accepted and appreciated.
- Q. Can I include my Capital Improvement Campaign Contribution on the same check with my regular offering?**
- A. Yes. Like all monies submitted to Central, a single check is appropriate provided a clear, concise note is included directing the distribution of the funds. This includes (but is not limited to) regular offering, flowers, memorials, etc. It is always OK to include individual checks for separate items, but it is not required or necessary.

Campers and Conferees

Important dates for camps and conferences at Camp Christian

Otter Camp for those who have finished 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades is scheduled for June 14 - 20, 2009.

Wilmington Conference is scheduled for July 26th through August 1st. Students who have finished 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade are eligible to go.

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.

Adult Conference is June 15 - 19, 2009 at Northwest Christian Church, 1340 Fishinger Road, Columbus, OH 43221. Registration begins at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15th and ends Friday, June 19th.

General Assembly is July 29th - August 2nd. Indiana Convention Center.

Applications can be downloaded from the Christian Church in Ohio website (www.cccinohio.org). If you don't have access to a computer, call the church office for a paper copy. Central will pay half of each **youth's** application fee. Turn in your camp application and a check made out to 'Central Christian Church with your half of the fee into the church office.



The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

There are two pillars in my life that have been constant from my earliest memories: my family and my church. In fact, in most of my memories the two are inseparable. My parents met in CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship) in the church I grew up in – and church has been central to their lives ever since. While they may have moved a few times (and attended different Disciple’s churches), their commitment never changed. A number of years ago, they moved back to the neighborhood where I grew up. My mother is now the part-time organist and my father is once again involved in leadership in the very same church where they met as children.

The family and the church are the two primary touch points of my life – and I know they are for many others as well. That is why changes in either can be so difficult. We remember how things were in the past and we want that to continue. How wonderful it would be if we could take a moment in time and just stay there for awhile – changeless, secure and comfortable. Loved ones would never die or move away. Children would never grow up and leave the nest. Nothing would ever change. But, of course, that is not only impossible, it would also be the opposite of the kind of life God desires for us.

Circumstances do change. People do die and move away. But children are also born. New friends come into our lives. People are redeemed and God’s church is infused with new spirit and love.

This coming week, we will be celebrating Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. On Pentecost Sunday, we remember and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. One of the primary purposes of the Holy Spirit was (and is) to lead God’s church in new directions. The presence of the Holy Spirit in a person’s life or in a church’s life will automatically mean change and growth. That doesn’t mean fundamental values are abandoned. It only means God has never stopped working.

With God there is no such thing as retirement. God continues to work in our lives as long as we are able to draw breath. And, of course, even in death that relationship doesn’t change – it just draws us closer to him.

God is at work in your life right now. God is calling you to new ways of living, thinking, worshiping and relating – whether you are nine or ninety. God has never stopped working your family or your church. The question is: have you?