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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

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David P. Turner
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Bethany Choristers

Jenny Garner
Nursery Care Provider

**Central Christian
Invites You To Join Us On**

KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Sunday, September 14, 2008

Kick-Off Sunday Breakfast

Adult Christian Education and Children's Christian Education are hoping to make things a little easier for everyone on Kick-off Sunday. We will be providing a continental breakfast beginning at 8:45 a.m. Stop by and pick up a danish, donut or muffin as well as juice and coffee before you head off to Sunday School. There will be a flyer listing all of our Christian Education opportunities for the year. See you there!

CYF News

CYF got off to a good start on Sunday, September 7th with 7 high school aged youth in attendance. This Saturday, September 13th we'll meet at the church at 10:00 p.m. for our Lock In. All high school aged youth are invited. Please bring a sleeping bag, toiletries, and clothes for attending Morning Watch worship on Sunday morning. Also please bring \$5 for food. We'll dismiss following Morning Watch. Questions - please call Mary Lou Pence - 434-8157. We hope to see all CYF eligible youth in attendance. We'll do some planning for the upcoming year, elect youth leaders, and have some late night fun.

Chi Rho Youth Group

On Sunday, September 14th Chi Rho will kick off their regular Sunday evening meetings. Our regular meeting time is 6:30 p.m. We hope to see all of the middle school people there. Look for a letter in the mail this week with an itinerary of all the planned activities. If you have questions contact David or Tammy Turner at 643-3011.

Progressive Dinner

On Sunday, September 28th the CYF will have a Progressive Dinner traveling to each others homes for food and fellowship. The congregation needs to mark their calendars for Sunday, October 5th for our first in a series of after church luncheons. This year CYF has some lofty goals. We have a number of youth planning to go on the UN Seminar, we want to send money to summer conferences for D.I.G., and we are planning a mission trip for the summer of 2009. (Don't know what D.I.G. stands for? Ask a youth - it will be a great ice breaking communication tool.) All of these things take funds. Watch this space for regular updates on the happenings of Central's CYF. We ask for your support and prayers as we grow and serve. Won't you please consider lending your support to our youth?

Serving in September

Deacon Captain: Mark Sigman

Deacons Serving: Jim King, Barbara King, Tom Giles, April Willman.

Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Lourdes Giles

Elders for Communion

Sept 14th Rex Strine and Chuck Bentley, Jr.

Sept 21st Moniqua Suits and Don Ashbrook

Lay Leaders

Sept 14th Margaret Lyon

Sept 21st Molly Gross

Fellowship Hour

Sept 14th Lydia Group

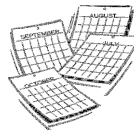
Sept 21st World Outreach/Social Concerns

The Week Ahead

Sunday, Sept 14th	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Crusaders Class Max Lucado Class
	10:30 am	Traditional Service Godly Play
	11:15 am	Bethany Choristers
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
	1:30 pm	Oakcreek Nursing Home
	3:00 pm	Walnut Creek Nursing Home
	6:30 pm	Chi Rho and CYF Youth Choir
Monday, Sept 15th	9:00 am	Quilters
	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
Tuesday, Sept 16th	1:30 pm	Lydia Group
	7:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, Sept 17th	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
	7:00 pm	Experiencing God (Meeting Room)
Thursday, Sept 18th	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:45 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Wall Calendar

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



Experiencing God

(September 10th – December 4th)

If you are interested in participating in the study of the book, Experiencing God, led by Rev. David Turner, please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (September 10th – December 4th).

CWF

2008-2009

Members and Friends Directory

The 2008-2009 Members are Friends Directory is available and are located in the Narthex. If any of your information is incorrect, please contact the church office. Thank you.



Members and Friends

Hospice Care: Pat Farnsley Home.

Long Term Care: Anne Walters, Sycamore Glen; Richard Teare, Sunrise of Oakwood; Marjorie Barkalow, Eugene Griffith, Summersville; Jim and Eleanor McNulty, Harborside Health Care; Garnia Moses, Trinity; June Tate, Autumn Health Care; Virginia Moore, Oaks of West Kettering; JoAnn Reichbauer, Spring Creek; Ruby Kreider, Thelma Harman, Robert and Frances Mayes; Earline Grice, Norma Kirkland, Marian Herron, Caryl Rentz, Mary Rothenbuhler and Robert Clayton, Home.

Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, September 7th were given by Lynn and Darlene Rogers in memory of Ernest and Lena Rogers and Carl and Marie Schmalzried.

Our Sympathy and Prayers are with the family of Dennie Sligh who passed away on Sunday, August 31st. Funeral service was held on Saturday, September 6th at Routsong Funeral Home in Kettering.

Our Sympathy and Prayers are with the family of Dr. Gerald Harris (*former member*) who passed away on Wednesday, September 3rd. A memorial service was held on Friday, September 5th at First Christian Church in Greenville, NC.

Please Pray For.....

*Cindy Taylor
David Sipple
Erika Roesch
Our country*

Worshipping at Central

Sunday, September 7th, 2008

Christian Education	25
Nursery	4
Morning Watch	18
Traditional Service	<u>138</u>
Total Worship Attendance	160

Our Offering (Operating Fund)

Sunday, September 7 th	\$7,953.00
2008 Offering to Date	\$193,424.00
2008 Expenses to Date	\$198,068.00

Food Pantry

Our food pantry is in need of more non-perishable food items particularly the following:

soup (small and large)	canned meats
spaghetti sauce	beef stew
canned fruit	canned spaghetti
peanut butter	jelly
cereal	canned milk





Rummage Sale/Bake Sale October 2nd, 3rd, & 4th

You can begin to bring in your items for the rummage sale starting September 28th. If you have sometime during this week to volunteer, please call Jane Bernard 901-4788. We are also looking for a Chairperson to train for our next rummage sale. If you are interested, please contact Jane Bernard. If you wish to donate bake goods, please contact Veda Smith at 439-1875.

Scrapbook & Paper Craft Ministry

We would like all those who do scrapbooking, card making, and other paper crafts to join us this coming Saturday, September 13th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be sharing the "Women of Faith" journals this year. The topic is: Encouragement. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Mohr at 286-5158. See you there!

Faith Seekers & Faith Finders

This is a youth group for children 3½ to 5th grade. Children 3½ to 1st grade are FAITH SEEKERS and children 2nd to 5th grade are FAITH FINDERS. We will have our first meeting on Sunday, September 21st at 12:00 p.m. It will run until 1:00 p.m. We will play games and do crafts, the younger group will explore how special they are to God and the older group will learn about the fruit of the Spirit (Self Control). If you have any questions, please contact Mary Mohr at 286-9158.

Are Your Meetings Productive?

A well ran meeting produces understanding, generates ideas, and stimulates action. However, meetings take time and whether this investment is worthwhile depends on the quality of the meeting itself. A well-planned and conducted meeting is productive, with clear achievements. The meeting's success is largely determined by the leader. As part of the Toastmasters' Success Leadership Series, Kettering Toastmasters is holding a workshop on "How to Conduct Productive Meetings" on Wednesday, September 17th in Fellowship Hall at no cost. The registration for the workshop will be at 6:45 PM and the workshop will be held from 7:00 to approximately 8:30 PM. Workbooks will be provided. Bring something to write with. If you are interested please notify Don Voyls at (937) 299-7174.



Thought for the Week

To have more, desire less.



CROWN PLAZA 600 Metro Place North Dublin, OH

Friday, October 17, 2008

12:00 pm - Clergy Luncheon Seminar with Rev. Julia Brown-Karimu, Vice President Division of Overseas Ministries Disciples of Christ. Cost: \$20.00

12:00 pm - Laity Luncheon Seminar with Rev. Dr. Glenn Thomas Carson, President, Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Cost: \$20.00

5:00 pm - Banquet Disciple Merit Awards. Cost: \$25.00

7:30 pm - Opening Worship led by CYF and Advance with Rev. Cynthia Adcock and Rev. Jeffrey Wheeler, Northwest Christian Church.

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Workshops: Congregational Transformation; Ohio Disciples Outreach; Church Management Systems to Strengthen your Congregations Mission; Faith and Politics: The Integration of Church and State in your life journey; Celebrating Our Global Ministries; The Future of History; and Working to Overcome Racism and Strengthen your congregation for Mission.

Women's Luncheon: 12:00 pm – Speaker: Rev. Dr. LaTaunya Bynum. Cost \$20.00.

Men's Luncheon: 12:00 pm – Speaker: Gary Ochs. Cost \$20.00.

Business Session: 8:30 pm – Discussion forum

Youth Programs at Camp Christian: Bus Leaves Saturday at 8:30 am (grades 3-12).

Onsite Children's Ministry: Infants - 2nd grade available Friday & Saturday.

Closing Worship: 3:30 pm - Rev. Dr. William Edwards, Christian Church in Ohio Regional Pastor and President.

Forms - Adult Registration Form, Child & Youth Registration Form, Medical Forms for Minors and hotel information forms are located in the Narthex.

More Information - For more information on activities see registration information located in the Narthex or contact the Regional Office at (614) 433-0349 or www.ccinoh.org.

Everyone Can Serve

Look for opportunities to serve; don't wait to be asked! Remember: You can serve without being a part of an "official" ministry. We all can:

- Extend the word of welcome, whether or not we are official greeters;
- Be listening, caring friends, whether or not we are official lay counselors;
- Be ready to give reason for the hope that is in us, whether or not we are on the evangelism team;
- Be enthusiastic participants and ready to give a hand, whether or not we are on the planning or cleanup committees.



The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

I have probably made the mistake many ministers and church leaders make when trying encourage people to participate in the life of the church. Instead of talking about the joy and hope that can come from faith, we place the emphasis on obligation and duty. Instead of calling people to laughter and fun, we share what should be Good News with deadly seriousness. I believe this approach is counter-productive at best and the very opposite of evangelism at worst.

Charles Spurgeon, the famous 19th century English preacher, once advised young preachers, “The horrors are poor bait. The world will never be converted to God until Christians cry less and laugh more and sing more.” Hundreds of years earlier, St Francis of Assisi wrote, “Do you want to know one of the best ways to win over people and lead them to God? It consists of giving them joy and making them happy.”

Someone once gave me a framed picture of Jesus called “Jesus Laughing.” The interesting thing about this painting is that Jesus isn’t just smiling; he has his head tipped back and is obviously laughing out loud. This is the kind of Jesus that I can imagine turning water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana!

Even though we sometimes turn Jesus into a frowning, rule-checking law enforcer – I don’t think he was. In fact, I believe that most of the time he was

probably the life of the party. Of course, this didn’t sit well with the law and order types of his day. Jesus developed a reputation for hanging out with the wrong kind of people and perhaps enjoying himself a little too much. Ultimately, all of this “rebelliousness” led to Jesus’ arrest and execution. But before Jesus could be stopped, he revealed to us that the Kingdom of God is NOT a boring, life-draining obligation. In the words of Tony Campolo, the kingdom of God is a party!

God calls us to experience joy in our faith. Our church offers opportunities to grow in our faith and experience that joy in many different ways. (Take a look inside this newsletter at all of the ways you and your family can join in.) Of course, I could take the easy way out and say that as Christians we are all obligated by our Christian duty to support the ministry of our church by our attendance, financial support, volunteer work, etc., but that would be completely missing the point. As Jesus makes clear, God does not want dutiful givers – he wants cheerful givers!

Duty and obligation, while certainly noble, aren’t always particularly inspiring. But the chance to share in the work of God and experience joy in his Spirit is. Therefore, I hope you’ll join me for the party. (And, by the way, everyone is invited! Even the ones no one else wants. Be sure to join us and bring a friend.)