

# Messenger

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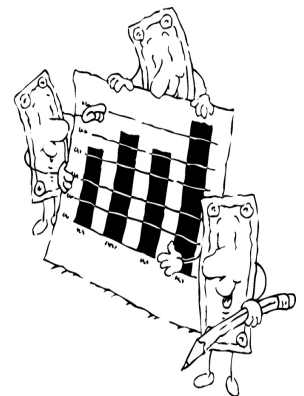
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## 2009 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Stewardship Campaign for support of Central Christian Church during 2009 is reaching the final stages. The response has been good, but we are running behind on our number of pledges submitted and we are somewhat down on the funds needed to support our theme, "People with a Vision – Flourish". There are some thirty family units that pledged in the 2008 campaign, who have not pledged the 2009 campaign. Although we asked for the submission of your pledges by October 26<sup>th</sup>, we need, and can accept your pledges at anytime in the next two weeks. The Stewardship Ministry needs to present the 2009 church budget to the Executive Board by their meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

As I have said in the Messenger before, the Stewardship Ministry fully understands these times of economic stress that have hit many of us in this geographic area. However, we feel that your church continues to need your support as we try to do God's work in our community, state and around the world. Remember God owes us nothing, but has given us everything! We pray for your continued generous support of the Central Christian 2009 programs as we promote *individual spirituality, church community involvement, and social justice*.



If you have misplaced the *Estimate of Giving Card* that was sent to you, please contact the church office and we will replace it so that you can submit your financial pledge to Central Christian and support God's work in the coming year.

**Terry Sigman, Stewardship Chair**

### 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

## CELL PHONE VS. BIBLE

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone? What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets? What if we flipped through it several times a day? What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it? What if we used it to receive messages from the text? What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it? What if we gave it to kids as gifts? What if we used it when we traveled? What if we used it in case of emergency? This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. Makes you stop and think 'where are my priorities? And no dropped calls!



## Serving In November

**Deacon Captain:** Melissa Moody

**Deacons Serving:** Jenness Sigman, April Parcell, Barbara Moody, Jack Willman, Andrew Green, Ann O'Diam, Laura Nolan, Joe Albrecht, David French, Sean Green and Calle Burnett.

**Deacon Prep/Clean Up:** Ann O'Diam and Lourdes Giles

**Acolyte:** Aaron Moody

**Elders for Communion**

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>** Rusty and Carole Clifford

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>** Chuck Bentley, Sr., and Joan Norman

**Lay Leaders**

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>** Sara Bond

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>** Bob Cochoy

**Fellowship Hour**

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>** Worship

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>** 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.



## The Week Ahead

<b>Sunday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Morning Watch
	<b>9:15 am</b>	Christian Education Crusaders Class Max Lucado Class Unbinding the Gospel Class
	<b>10:30 am</b>	Traditional Service Godly Play
	<b>11:30 am</b>	Fellowship Hour
	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Faith Seekers/Faith Finders
	<b>1:30 pm</b>	Oakcreek Nursing Home
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	Walnut Creek Nursing Home
<b>Monday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Chi Rho & CYF
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Quilters
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class
<b>Wednesday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Property Meeting
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	Senior Fitness Class
	<b>1:30 pm</b>	Joanna Group
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Experiencing God Kettering Toastmasters Deborah Group
<b>Thursday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	Laudate Ringers
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Christian Ed. Mtg. (Youth)
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	Chancel Choir

## Attention

### Chancel Choir & Laudate Ringers

The Chancel Choir will not rehearse this Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> due to schedule conflicts. Laudate Ringers will meet as usual at 6:30 p.m. The Chancel Choir will be singing on Sunday morning, November 9<sup>th</sup>, and will start rehearsing promptly at 10:00 a.m. before the service. If you have questions, please call Sue Taylor at 545-1976."

## Members & Friends

<b>Hospitalized</b>	- Nancy Tossey (Heartland of Centerville) Elwood Byrnett (Liberty in Xenia) Patricia Hahn (Home)
<b>Hospice Care</b>	- Pat Farnsley Home
<b>Home Care</b>	- Ruby Kreider Thelma Harman Robert and Frances Mayes Earline Grice Norma Kirkland Marian Herron Caryl Rentz Mary Rothenbuhler
<b>Autumn Health Care</b>	- June Tate
<b>Harborside Healthcare</b>	- Jim and Eleanor McNulty
<b>Liberty Retirement Home</b>	- Ed Bausman
<b>Oaks of West Kettering</b>	- Virginia Moore
<b>Summersville</b>	- Margarie Barkalow Eugene Griffith
<b>Spring Creek</b>	- JoAnn Reichbauer
<b>Sycamore Glen</b>	- Anne Walters
<b>Trinity</b>	- Garnia Moses



**The Sanctuary Flowers** on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> were given by Ron and Louise Bennett and Craig, Karen and Rachel Duffy in memory of Joe Mente.

**New Member:** On Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Oliver Gorneleh, 1616 Garwood Drive, Beavercreek, Ohio 45432, 937/321-8356, united with Central Christian through confession of faith. Welcome Oliver into our church family.

**New Member:** On Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cozella Blake, 6725 Golf Green Drive, Centerville, Ohio 45459, 937/428-0639, united with Central Christian as an Associate Member and rededication of faith. Welcome Cozella into our church family.



On Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ed Bausman celebrates his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

## Worshiping at Central

Sunday, November 2, 2008

<b>Christian Education</b>	21
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<b>Nursery/Godly Play</b>	24
<b>Morning Watch</b>	22
<b>Traditional Service</b>	<u>148</u>
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>194</b>

### Our Offering (Operating Fund)

<b>Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	\$8,929.00
<b>2008 Offering to Date</b>	\$240,889.00
<b>2008 Expenses to Date</b>	\$241,441.00

## Deacon Emeritus

On Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Central Christian Church presented a newly initiated Deacon Emeritus honor (similar to our Elder Emeritus) to: Bob and Veronica Clayton, Dave McCall and Jack Willman. These were chosen because of outstanding service and devotion to their church. On behalf of the whole church, we thank you for your many years of service (and continued service).

## All Saint's Memorial Day Service

On Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we recognized the following Saints who died the past year:

*Charles L. Nolan*

*Vivian K. Byrkett*

*Donald J. Newhouse*

*Elzie Hawkins*

*Roscoe E. Wilkins*

*Roberta Ware*

*Clyde A. Baker*

*Nella Lee Shellabarger*

*Mae Marie Nestor*

*Denzell J. Sligh*

*Dr. Gerald Harris*

*John Klopstein*

*Wanda Riggs*

*Lois Gerhard*



## AED Training

(Automatic External Defibrillator)

Central Christian will train up to 10 people to operate an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). An AED is a portable device used to restore normal heart rhythm to someone in cardiac arrest. This will be one 3-hour training class in CPR and AED held at Central Christian through the Ohio Safety and Health Education, Inc. (time/date to be announced). The people trained will receive certification in CPR/AED Training. If you are interested and will use the defibrillator if someone is in cardiac arrest, please call or email the church office to sign up for this training (space is limited). The Automatic External Defibrillator was given to by the Sutherland/Wollenhaupt Family in memory and honor of Harriet Wollenhaupt.

## Christian Education Meeting

(Children & Youth)

The next Christian Education Meeting (Children and Youth) will be on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library. Anyone involved in children and youth programming is encouraged to attend. In addition, if you've never participated in this ministry and would like to join us, we would love to have you! If you have any questions or would like more information on this ministry, please contact Melissa Moody at 626-6503 or via email at mmoody5409@yahoo.com.

## Children's Christmas Play

### Practice Starting

Rehearsals for this year's Christmas program will begin on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour (9:15 am). All kids ages 2 through 5th grade should plan to attend. Please contact Melissa Moody at 626-6503 or via email at mmoody5409@yahoo.com with any questions.

## Chi Rho & CYF Play Practices

Attention Chi Rho and CYF participants: Please contact your group leaders (David and Tammy Turner for Chi Rho, and Doug & Mary Lou Pence and Lisa French for CYF) regarding your group's participation in this year's Christmas Program.

## Food Pantry

Last week we were able to feed 5 families. Many thanks for your donations. Let's continue to feed the hungry in our community. Pantry Hours: Mondays and Wednesday from 1:30 p.m.– 3:00 p.m. Donations can be placed on table located in Narthex.

## The Holy Alphabet

**A**lthough things are not perfect

**B**ecause of trial or pain

**C**ontinue in thanksgiving

**D**o not begin to blame

**E**ven when the times are hard

**F**ierce winds are bound to blow

**G**od is forever able

**H**old on to what you know

**I**magine life without His love

**J**oy would cease to be

**K**eep thanking Him for all the things

**L**ove imparts to thee

**M**ove out of "Camp Complaining"

**N**o weapon that is known

**O**n earth can yield the power

**P**raise can do alone

**Q**uit looking at the future

**R**edeem the time at hand

**S**tart every day with worship

**T**o "thank" is a command

**U**ntil we see Him coming

**V**ictorious in the sky

**W**e'll run the race with gratitude

**X**alting God most high

**Y**es, there'll be good times and yes some  
will be bad, but...

**Z**ion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

So when life throws you a curve, remember that the shortest distance between a problem and a solution, is the distance between your knees and the floor. After all the one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything!



## The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

I'm writing this Last Word on Election Day 2008. This is the fourth time I've witnessed people coming in and out of our church to exercise their right to vote since being called as your pastor in 1996.

Today represents the conclusion of a long campaign process – and I'm sure many are glad to see it end. But despite the excesses and hostilities that sometimes emerge during major elections, as a headline read in the opinion section of today's Dayton Daily News, "This [is] Not the Day to Be Cynical." Indeed, today – perhaps more than any other – is a day to thank God for the freedom for which so many have died to protect.

In 1884, Walt Whitman wrote about the wonder of American democracy with these words:

*If I should need to name, O Western World, your  
powerfulest scene and show,*

*'Twould not be you, Niagara – nor you, ye limitless  
prairies – nor your huge rifts of canyons, Colorado,*

*Nor you, Yosemite – nor Yellowstone, with all its  
spasmic geyserloops ascending to the skies, appearing  
and disappearing,*

*Nor Oregon's white cones – nor Huron's belt of mighty  
lakes – nor Mississippi's stream:*

*This seething hemisphere's humanity, as now, I'd name  
– the still small voice vibrating – America's choosing  
day...*

It is not an exaggeration to say the whole world watches us on this "choosing day" in awe. We have a country like no other in history. But while we may be fortunate to have been born into a land of unprecedented freedom and liberty, we are even more blessed to be called sons and daughters of God. Political parties often ask for unwavering loyalty and support. I think it's important to remember our first commitment will always be to God who is "Lord of all the nations."

I am happy that once every four years our church is used as a polling place in the selection of our nation's president. I am even happier to know – come tomorrow morning – it goes back to simply being a church again. And regardless of who is or isn't elected today, we will gather once again this Sunday around a common table. I look forward to seeing you there.