

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

STAFF

David P. Turner
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CENTRAL'S SUSTAINABLE SPIRITUALITY® SUMMER SERIES

Central's doors will be wide open this summer with its Sustainable Spirituality® Summer Series. This series features a newly released Sermon Series on *The 10 Commandments*, a new Contemporary Adult Sunday School Class, Vacation Bible School, Parades, learning about the adventures and God connections experienced at camp and Adult Conference and praying for the anticipated Tent Service scheduled this fall. We have planned worship, events and activities to accommodate the busiest or most laid back summer routine. Want to brush up on your golf game – meet us Sunday from 9 to 9:30 am for Contemporary Service. Looking to catch up on sleep, then the 10:30 Traditional Service fits the bill. Want to build some quality family time, then volunteer to work the three remaining parades to be held in Oakwood-May 15th, Centerville- July 4th and Kettering-Labor Day. Looking for quality entertainment for your children and their friends? Then invite your favorite kids to go with you to Vacation Bible School July 12th through the 16th. PS - If sharing your talents and love for God with an appreciative group sounds uplifting, then volunteer time (games, art, cookies, fun) to experience the most amazing God smiles around. Summer time sun, water, vacations, camp, time off, busy children, visiting relatives, and scheduled trips will take a new meaning by taking God with you this summer (He doesn't take up much space in the suitcase) or inviting your friends, family and neighbors to share in our activities. A display "Where's Central" will feature your summertime photos if they contain a Central Sign, t-shirt or banner, so we can share in everyone's fun and adventures. Visit www.ccc-ket.org for updates or schedules. Join us as we explore and strengthen a relationship with God that can go anywhere.

"DECIDE YOUR LEGACY"

As Christians we rejoice with faith in the resurrection. Yet we also know the passage from life to death can be stressful on those who survive us. You can ease some of that stress by acting now to put your estate plan in order. Who will be executor of your estate? Who will decide how your personal treasures are distributed? In addition to their own grief, can you imagine your loved ones struggling to find life insurance papers, bank accounts and other vital documents? By creating a legal will or living trust, you can provide your next-of-kin with a peace of mind, knowing that you have already determined how your estate will be distributed and who will care for minor children. They will still grieve, but they won't face the daunting task of making decisions that you could have made. A will also provides an excellent opportunity to remember Central Christian Church. A gift to the church through your will serves as a testament to your heirs of your faith in God and the resurrection. It provides you with one last opportunity to exemplify what it means to be a good steward, providing for others as God has provided for you during your lifetime. What a blessing you can be to future generations! Drawing up a will is a simple process, but make sure it is done right. By using expert advisors, such as attorneys and financial planners, your wishes can be honored after you are gone. To learn more, join us on Sunday, May 16th, when the Rev. Darwin Collins of the Christian Church Foundation will be here. He'll preach in worship that day, and following our fellowship time, will lead a seminar on inheritance planning. Refreshments will be provided.



Serving In May

Deacon Captain: Lora Davidson

Deacons Serving: Anne Keeton, Mark Keeton, Brad Kassner, David French, Jenness Sigman, Mark Sigman, Margaret Merkle, Mike Mohr, Scot Burnett and Thomas Giles.

Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Ann Bates and Andree Flynn

Elders for Communion

May 9th Lynn and Darlene Rogers

May 16th David and Margaret Lyon

Lay Leaders

May 9th Faith Finders

Fellowship Hour

May 9th Deacons

May 16th Elders

The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 9th	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Max Lucado Class A New Vision Class
	10:30 am	Traditional Service Godly Play
	11:30 pm	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 pm	Faith Finders/Seekers
	1:00 pm	Oakcreek Nursing Home
Monday, May 10th	3:00 pm	Walnut Creek Nursing Home
	6:30 pm	CYF and Chi Rho
	9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday, May 12th	9:30 am	Senior Fitness Class
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Thursday, May 13th	1:30 pm	Joanna Group
	7:00 pm	Kettering Toastmasters
	9:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Study Q&A Mtg.
Friday, May 14th	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
	7:00 pm	Group Interaction
Saturday, May 15th	11:00 am	Baby Shower
	12:00 pm	Oakwood Parade

Executive Board Meeting

Please note on your calendar, the next Executive Board meeting is **Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00 pm**. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Messenger Summer Publication

During summer months the weekly Messenger will be published bi-weekly with editions published the week of: May 31st; June 14th and June 28th; July 12th and July 26th; August 19th and August 23th; and September 6th. After September 6th, we will resume weekly publication.

Worshipping at Central

Sunday, May 2, 2010

Christian Education	27
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Nursery/Godly Play	14
Morning Watch	21
Traditional Service	<u>134</u>
Total Worship Attendance	169

Members & Friends

Hospitalized	- June Atherton (MVH)
Hospice Care	- Pat Farnsley (Home)
Home Care	Kathy Anderson Henrietta Farrow Earline Grice Thelma Harman Regina Kempton Norma Kirkland Doyle Ware Millie Molz Jean Thompson Merle and Dorothy Ryan
Heartland of Centerville	- Thelma Henderson
Liberty Retirement Home	- Bob Thompson Janice Lyons Ed Bausman
Summersville	- Marian Herron
Spring Creek	- JoAnn Reichbauer
Sterling House	- Elwood Byrnett
Sycamore Glen	- Anne Walters
Trinity	- Rollin Hanson
Waterford Retirement	- Mary Rothenbuhler

Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, May 2nd were given by Charles (Bob) Bentley, Sr., in memory of Cynthia Bentley's birthday.

Memorial Gifts

General Fund

In memory of June Tate

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tussing

Dr. David J. Pierce, Sr.

Godly Play

Godly Play will not be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th. Children are welcome to go to the extended care room for the balance of the Traditional Service if needed. If you have any questions contact Melissa Moody at mmoody5409@yahoo.com or 626-6503.

Faith Finders/Faith Seekers Last Meeting

The last meeting for the year for the Faith Finders and Faith Seekers groups will be Sunday, May 16th. If you have any questions contact Melissa Moody at mmoody5409@yahoo.com or 626-6503.

Oakwood's "That Day In May" Parade

Our first parade of the season, the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival Parade was a success. We had a nice turn out of disciples to help and the Evangelism Ministry appreciates your efforts. Our next parade is on Saturday, May 15th, the Oakwood "That Day In May Parade." We need volunteers to walking, handing out goodies and to help keep them supplied. All ages are welcome. The parade will begin at 11:30 a.m., and is ¼ to ½ mile long. A special thank you to Joe, Rob, Jud, Dotty, Joan, Bev, Erin, Orville, Sabrina, Tammy and David for participating in the last parade and we hope to see you on May 15th. If you can help, contact John Brown at 439-0727 or Joan Norman at 254-3846.

Coming Soon

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Uncut Director's Version

Think you know the 10 commandments? What if you found out some commandments are routinely misinterpreted by the majority of believers and also that we only scratch the surface of those that are more easily understood? The Ten Commandments are like the skeleton in the human body. They represent the most foundational document of our faith – the constitution of the covenant between God and His people. Join us each Sunday, beginning on Pentecost- May 23rd through July 25th, as we explore each of the Ten Commandments – what they meant in their original context, how they have been interpreted through history, and how they can be used in today's world to renew our faith and covenant with God.

VBS Blasts Off

Our next planning meeting for this year's Vacation Bible School on Thursday, May 6th at 7:00. At Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School, our cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, our kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have our cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. This year's VBS will be taking place July 12th – 16th from 9:00 to noon. Every year, it is such a joy to see the kids learn about the wonders of God's love for us in such a fun and festive atmosphere - if you haven't experienced it, you should stop by the church and check it out - their enthusiasm is contagious! This year, more than ever before, we need your help. We are in need of folks to help with crafts, games and our service projects, as well as with our opening and closing activities each day. Please consider this great opportunity to share your faith with the future of our church (the children). If you feel called in any way to help out (even just for one day), please let Tammy Turner or Melissa Moody know.

Sanctuary/Narthex Renovation

Q&A Sessions

At the annual meeting on June 6th, a motion will be placed on the floor for our consideration. It affects present membership, all potential future members, and the future of Central. The motion will be for the contracting for a schematic (conceptual) design to renovate our sanctuary and narthex. Your Sanctuary Study Committee and your Executive Board recommends this motion be passed as a step to fulfill our mission as a congregation. If the first vote passes, a second vote by the congregation will decide whether or not to perform the renovation. The Q&A sessions will be led by David Turner, Margaret Lyon or Lynn Rogers and held on:

Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00 pm
Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 pm
Sunday, May 16th at 2:00 pm
Monday, May 17th at 7:00 pm

Annual Church Meeting

Our Annual Church Meeting is Sunday, June 6th in the sanctuary immediately following the traditional service. We have very important business to conduct and ask all members to attend.

Church Picnic

Following our annual meeting Christian Family Ministry will host a picnic on the church grounds. Please stay and enjoy an afternoon of food and fellowship.

Annual Elders Dinner

The Annual Elders Dinner will be held Tuesday, June 8th at Deer Run Club House. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by installation of new Elders and Elder officers. Elders and spouses or companions are invited. Entree choices: Pot Roast or Baked Chicken Breast. Cost of dinner is \$10 per person. Please notify Margaret Lyon at lyonvan@aol.com or 429-467, or the church office at office@ccc-ket.org or 254-2649 of your choice of entree by May 15th. Send payment to the church office with check payable to Central Christian Church and designate on memo line Elder Dinner.

It's Camp and Conference Time!!!

Here are dates for Otter Camp, Chi Rho camp, CYF Conference, Advanced Conference, and Adult Conference. If your child has never been to Camp Christian before, now is a great time to start! **Otter Camp** is for folks who have finished 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades and is planned for **June 20-26th** this year. Several of our members serve as counselors at Otter Camp including Doug Pence, Alexis Garybush, Beth Bentley, Hannah Bentley and Matt Pence. Ask them about anything you need to know.

Chi Rho camp is for folks who have finished 6th, 7th, or 8th grades. Our district attends Camp Miami – this year set for **August 8 -14th**.

Wilmington Conference for CYF folks is planned for **August 1-7th**. This year Tim Green is serving as Boy Co-President. For those CYF folks who are unable to attend Wilmington Conference, several of our youth attend another conference.

Hiram is **June 27-July 3rd** and **Phyo** is **July 4-10th**. Alexis Garybush is Girl Co-President and Matt Pence is the officer alternate at Phyo. Tim, Alexis, and Matt have been to several planning meetings and promise a great time for all who attend. Ask them any questions you have.

Advanced Conference is set for **August 15th – 22nd**. Eligible attendees are aged 19-29 years.

All of these above listed camps are held at Camp Christian. A newly revised application that covers all of these camps and conferences can be found on the Christian Church in Ohio website – go to the Camp Christian tab. Applications are also located on our Narthex. Central will help with camp fees and we are entitled to a discount if we register before May 1st. Call the church office for more information.

Note: Anyone needing assistance with camp fees, please contact church office.

Adult Conference is planned for **June 14 – 18th** at Northwest Christian Church in Columbus. Again, the Christian Church in Ohio website has the application. Click on the 'Ministry' tab and then on 'Adult Conference' to find the application.



The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

Some people carry a pocket knife, special coin, or other special item with them every day. My father, who worked on machinery everyday for decades, carries a little wrench around in his pocket. It is completely worn smooth and probably never gets used anymore. But it still does its job. Just like the other things that people carry – the wrench is a reminder to my father about who he is and what he does.

I believe we all need certain “touchstones” in our lives – things to which we return that remind us of whom and whose we are. Sometimes those touchstones are physical – like a grandfather’s pocket watch or a cross. Other times, those touchstones can take the form of a certain activity or place.

Attending worship is an important touchstone for many of us. Those who have committed to weekly worship and observance of the Lord’s Supper feel as though something significant is missing in their week when they aren’t able to touch base with the church.

There is a reason the Bible warns us not to neglect the gathering of the saints each Lord’s Day (Hebrews 10:25). Worshiping with other believers not only gives us an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to lives of discipleship and service, but it also “forms” us. In other words, simply showing up and being with others who are likewise seeking to love and serve God and neighbor changes us and shapes us in fundamental ways.

Kind of like that wrench in my father’s pocket, after a long time, all of the rough parts are worn smooth and pleasant to the touch. We become more pliable and more useful in the Master’s hand.

On any given Sunday at Central Christian Church, dozens of regular attendees are not present. The next Sunday, the numbers haven’t changed, but the faces have. In other words, we have a different congregation nearly every week. When we all happen to be present on the same Sunday – what a wonderful feeling it is!

As the temperatures rise, many will take time for much needed vacations and time away. That is important recreation time. Even God took a break on the seventh day. But do not neglect the gathering of the saints! When you are able, join your church in worshiping and growing together in faith. Discipleship is a journey and we are on this journey together!

Beginning on Pentecost (May 23rd), I will begin a sermon series on the Ten Commandments that will take us nearly through the summer months. I am currently reading “The Ten Commandments” by Patrick D. Miller in preparation and I’m very excited about exploring these words we oftentimes don’t fully understand. It is going to be a great summer!

I look forward to joining with all the Saints this coming Sunday – on Mother’s Day – as we worship God and celebrate the gift of our moms!