

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

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

YOUTH SUNDAY



This Sunday, April 26, 2009 is Youth Sunday. The young people of the congregation will lead both worship services. Our seniors will provide the messages and CYF youth will share responsibilities in leading scripture and prayer. The Chi Rho youth will join the CYF in singing, serving as deacons, and offering. Won't you please join us in celebrating this annual tradition at Central?

Following the second service all youth are invited to the home of Sean Green for a picnic lunch. Please bring \$3 to contribute for food. Directions will be available on Sunday at church.

CWF RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

CWF's Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on Thursday, April 30th – Saturday, May 2nd. Items you wish to donate can be brought to the church beginning this Sunday, April 26th thru Wednesday, April 29th. **WE NEED HELP!** If you have some time during this week to volunteer, please call Jane Bernard 901-4788. To donate bake goods contact Velma Fansler 435-9254. There is a signup sheet on the CWF bulletin board.



I AM THE BIBLE

I am the Bible, God's wonderful library. I am always — and above all — the truth.

To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.

To the one who sits in darkness, I am glorious light.

To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.

To him who has lost his way, I am a safe guide.

To those who are sick in sin, I am healing strength and forgiveness.

To the discouraged, I am a glad message of hope.

To those who are distressed and tossed about by the storms of life,
I am an anchor, sure and steadfast.

To those who search for salvation, I reveal the Savior of the world.

I am the Bible.



Serving In April

Deacon Captain: Lisa French
Deacons Serving: Jim King, Barbara King, Scot Burnett, Ann O'Diam, Claudia McCall, Tammy Turner, David French, Bill Wollenhaupt, Jenness Sigman and Mark Sigman.
Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Claudia McCall
Acolyte: Taylor French
Elders for Communion
Apr 26th Youth Sunday
May 3rd Charles Bentley, Sr., and Chuck Bentley, Jr.
Lay Leaders
Apr 26th Youth Sunday
May 3rd James Bond
Fellowship Hour
Apr 26th Membership/Evangelism
May 3rd Property

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, Apr 26th	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
Monday, Apr 27th	12:00 pm	Faith Finders/Seekers
	9:00 am	Quilters
	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
	6:40 pm	Sanctuary Study Committee
Tuesday, Apr 28th	7:00 pm	CWF Meeting
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday, Apr 29th	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
Thursday, Apr 30th	9:00 am	CWF Rummage Sale
	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
Friday, May 1st	9:00 am	CWF Rummage Sale
Saturday, May 2nd	9:00 am	CWF Rummage Sale

Executive Board – Annual Reports

Your annual report is due in the church office (electronically) on Sunday, April 26th. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Volunteers Needed

The church has a need for qualified volunteers to do some basic chores. If you have do-it-yourself skills in gardening, plumbing, electrical, painting, etc., please leave a note in the Property mailbox, email lynncr@woh.rr.com, or call the church office at 254-2649. Especially in these troubled economic times, your volunteer service time is a necessary part of church stewardship.



Members & Friends

Hospice Care	- Pat Farnsley (Home)
Home Care	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

Our Sympathy and Prayers are with the family of Richard L. Teare who passed away on Saturday, April 18th. Memorial arrangements are pending at the time of this publication.

Our Sympathy and Prayers are with the family of Greg Legg (*brother of Bill Legg*) who passed away on Tuesday, April 14th. A memorial service was held on Thursday, April 16th in Jupiter, Florida.

Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers on Sunday, April 19th were given by Sue Taylor in honor of Central Christian's musicians.

Please Pray For...

Taylor French
 The family of Richard Teare
 Renita Whitaker
 Rex Strine
 David Sipple
 Mary Davidson
 Meeting with God each day
 Safety in our travels

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, April 19, 2009

Christian Education	27
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Nursery/Godly Play	19
Morning Watch	24
Traditional Service	<u>140</u>
Total Worship Attendance	183

It's Our Father's House

Capital Campaign

Last week, most of you have received a letter, pledge card and return envelope for "It's Our Father's House," a capital campaign aimed at funding the replacement of our sanctuary and chapel roofs (already completed!) and also the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of our church building. Your pledge/gift to "It's Our Father's House" is one way you can help us to be good stewards of the building that is the home of our worship, study, fellowship and so much more. It is also a way of investing in the future of Central Christian Church – of showing confidence in God's ability to use us in serving his purposes and his people in the years ahead. Please prayerfully consider your part in preparing for our future. You can mail your pledge card, place it in the offering plate, or pick up an extra one in the narthex if you have misplaced yours. Thank you.

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 may 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. All camp applications and a check made out to 'Central Christian Church' for your half of your fee are due to the church office by **MAY 8th**. If your check is not with your application, it will not be sent on to Columbus. 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.

Adult Conference is June 15- 19. Northwest Christian Church in Columbus, Ohio.

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

Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

Bible Search

(Psalm 33)

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BLESSED	BREATH	COMMANDED	CONSIDERS
DELIVER	DELIVERANCE	DWELLING	ESCAPES
EVERYTHING	FAITHFUL	GENERATIONS	JOYFULLY
JUSTICE	MANKIND	RIGHTEOUSNESS	SHEILD
SKILLFULLY	STAND	STRENGTH	WORLD

Thoughts for the Week...

Daily prayers lessen daily cares.

Worry is interest paid on trouble before it's due.

We learn wisdom from failure much more than from success.



The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

Have you ever been so close to something that you couldn't see it? It might be something totally obvious to everyone else, but invisible to you. It's kind of like getting a glob of mustard on your cheek at a party and not discovering it until you get home. While you were at the party, laughing and talking with everyone you weren't embarrassed at all, because you had no idea.

Of course, there are worse things than having food on your face at a party. At least you can spot something like that in a mirror and do something about it. But what about problems that aren't so easily observed?

You know, we in the church have to be especially careful about this. We are called, as followers of Christ, to point out injustice in our world and to reach out to people in need. But we have to be careful that in confronting all of the moral and spiritual problems of the world we don't manage to look right past our own.

Sometimes we get so caught up in the business of church we don't notice when we're not being the kind of people Christ calls us to be. It's like the old story of the minister who goes to the leading elder in his church and says, "Bob, I'm really concerned about the way things are going in our church. What do you think is wrong? Is it ignorance or apathy?" And Bob says, "To tell you the truth, I don't know and I don't care."

How is it that we can change and see beyond ourselves to something greater?

The answer is simply because God loves us first, even before we believe.

Nothing in this world has more power to change and transform us than the power of love – and God knows that. It works on us and in us in ways we can't even comprehend. A while back I read a story about a person who was changed by the love of a friend. Listen to what she has to say:

"I was neurotic for years. I was anxious and depressed and selfish. And everyone kept telling me to change. And everyone kept telling me how neurotic I was. And I resented them, and I agreed with them, and I wanted to change, but I just couldn't bring myself to change, no matter how hard I tried. What hurt the most was that my best friend also kept telling me how neurotic I was. He too kept insisting that I change. And I agreed with him too, though I couldn't bring myself to resent him. And I felt so powerless and so trapped. Then, one day, he said to me, 'Don't change. Don't change...I love you.' Those words sounded like music to my ears: 'Don't change. Don't change...I love you.' And I relaxed. And I came alive. And, oh wondrous marvel, I changed!"

What a wonderful thing it is our God loves us into obedience instead of forcing us. Our discipleship isn't something that is coerced, it is a relationship that lives and grows with us. For we serve a God that loves us with a love so complete and overwhelming that we are forever being "born again from above."