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Connections

Saturdays 5:30 pm

Morning Watch

Sundays 8:30 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

Dan Oliver
Music Director

Tim Williams
Chancel Choir Director

Lois Sutherland
Organist

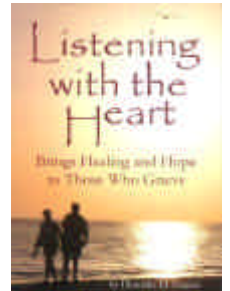
**Kevin Bowser &
Nathan Peters**
Youth Choir Directors

David and Lisa French
Bethany Choristers

Brenda Garybush
Nursery Care Provider

Dorothy D. France at Installation of CWF Officers

You are invited to the Installation of the CWF Officers on Friday, April 20th, where you will meet guest speaker, Dorothy D. France, author of the book, *Listening with the Heart.* Dorothy will be speaking about the health kits we gather for Church World Services. Please join us beginning at 6:30 pm - Carry-In Dinner, 7:15 pm - Dorothy France, and 8:00 pm - Installation of CWF Officers. A free will offering will be taken. If you have any questions, please contact CWF Chair, Jane Bernard at 429-1514.



Minister To Your Minister

- A Accept them as persons.
- B Build them up. Say "thank you."
- C Communicate with them.
- D Defend them when someone is trying to run them down.
- E Entertain them. They like to have fun, too!
- F Family. See that they have a family life.
- G Genuine. Be honest with them. Be yourself around them.
- H Honor them. Do not put them on a pedestal, but respect them.
- I Income. Pay them enough so that money doesn't become a major concern.
- J Judge not! Don't be judgmental.
- K Kind. Be kind to your ministers.
- L Love. See 1 Corinthians 13.
- M Maintain. Their families have the same needs as any other family.
- N Nurture. Help them grow in grace.
- O Offer to help. The list of things we can do is endless.
- P Pray for them. Lift up their names to God daily.
- Q Quench not. Encourage them.
- R Rejoice in and with them.
- S Surprise them. There are so many ways.
- T Trust them. Believe in them.
- U Understand them. Put yourself in their place.
- V Vacation. They need time away.
- W Welcome them into your home. Don't wait for them to make the first move.
- X eXpend yourself, not them.
- Y Yoke. Help them bear their yoke with grace and dignity.
- Z ZAP all gossip!



Serving in April

Deacon Captain: Melissa Moody
Deacons Serving: Jim King, Barbara King, Jamie Oliver, Don Voys, David French and Lisa French.
Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Brenda Garybush and Claudia Lewis
Elders for Communion
Apr 15th Chuck Bentley, Jr., and Sara Bond
Apr 22nd Dan Oliver and Brenda Shoup
Lay Leaders
Apr 15th Marty Robinson
Apr 22nd TBA
Fellowship Hour
Apr 15th Deacons
Apr 22nd Ruth Group

The Week Ahead

Sunday-Apr 15th	8:30 am	Morning Watch	
	9:00 am	Bethany Choristers	
	9:15 am	Christian Education Crusaders Class Max Lucado Class The Lord's Prayer Class Mother's Day Rehearsal	
	10:30 pm	Traditional Service	
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour	
	12:00 pm	Youth Choir Faith Seeker/Faith Finders Purpose Driven Life Class	
	12:30 pm	Chi Rho and CYF	
	Monday-Apr 16th	9:00 am	Quilters
		12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Program
	Tuesday-Apr 17th	7:00 pm	Bible Study (Kidd/Sigman)
		12:00 pm	District 8 Ministers Mtg.
		1:30 pm	Lydia Group
Wednesday-Apr 18th	7:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting	
	10:00 am	Ruth Group	
	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Program	
Thursday-Apr 19th	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	
	6:45 pm	Laudate Ringers	
	7:00 pm	Women's Small Group	
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	
Friday-Apr 20th	6:30 pm	CWF Installation of Officers	
Saturday-Apr 21st	8:00 am	OWM Convocation (Gender Road Christian Church)	
	5:00 pm	Weaver's 80 th Birthday Celebration	
	5:30 pm	Connections Service	

Annual Reports

Annual reports are due by Sunday, April 29th. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Central Christian's

Food Pantry

Last week we were able to help 3 families in need of food. We greatly appreciate your food donations. Let's continue to help feed the hungry throughout our community



Members and Friends

Hospitalized: Bob Clayton, Miami Valley; Ray Northern, Kettering, Ann Keeton, Southview.
Hospice Care: Cynthia Bentley, Home; Lida Tally, Home; Pat Farnsley, Home.
Long Term Care: Dennie Slis, Heartland of Centerville; Ruby Rees, Heartland of Beavercreek; Garnia Moses, Trinity; June Tate, Autumn Health Care; Marjorie Barkalow, Summerville; Lucille Ness, St. Leonard's; Virginia Moore, Oaks of West Kettering; JoAnn Reichbauer, Spring Creek; Roberta Ware, Ruby Kreider, Thelma Harman, Wanda Riggs, Marian Herron, Howard Anderson, Robert and Frances Mayes, Harriet Wollenhaupt, Mary Rothenbuhler, Earline Grice, Elzie Hawkins, and Ray Northern, Home.
Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, April 8th were given by Claudia McCall and Veronica Vulgamore in honor of Dave and Jean McCall's 52nd wedding anniversary.

Easter Baptisms

Rebecca Wilhoit
 345 Westeria Blvd
 Oakwood, Ohio 45419
 (937) 298-1856

Philip Boyer
 2133 Pittsfield Street
 Kettering, Ohio 45420
 (937)254-7406

Andree Flynn
 1056 Moccasin Trail
 Xenia, Ohio 45385
 (937) 372-5490

Memorial Fund

General Fund
In Memory of Robert Strasser
 Sandra G. Martes

Sanctuary Flowers

Thank you to each of you who have furnished flowers for our worship service. Dates are still available on the Flower Calendar if you wish to give flowers in honor or memory of someone. The Flower Calendar is located across from the Parlor and the cost is \$30.00.

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, April 8, 2007

Christian Education	43

Nursery/Godly Play	23
Morning Watch Service	25
Traditional Service	<u>227</u>
Total Worship Attendance	275

Our Offering (Operating Fund)

Sunday, April 8th	\$7,796.00
2007 Offering to Date	\$76,493.00
2007 Expenses to Date	\$80,959.00



Once again this year, the grade school children of Central Christian will be delivering the Traditional Service on Mother's day. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, April 15th during the Sunday School hour (9:15 - 10:15). All children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are encouraged to attend, as there will be a part for every child. If you have any questions about this program, please call Melissa Moody at (937) 626-6503.

Ruth Group

The Ruth Group will meet on Wednesday, April 18th at 10:00 am. Read: Luke 4. Bring items for our food pantry.

Marilyn Weaver's 80th Birthday Celebration

You are invited to an open house in honor of Marilyn Weaver's 80th birthday on Saturday, April 21st at 5:00 pm at Central Christian Church in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact the church office

Interfaith Fellowship Meeting

Church Women United invites you to join our sisters in Christ on Tuesday, April 24th at 9:30 am at First Church of the Nazarene, 7031 N. Main Street in Dayton. Reservations not required. Transportation provided. If you have any questions, please contact keywomen, Velma Fansler at 435-9254.

Soft Ball Schedule

Central Christian Softball Team will meet at Delco Park, diamond #1 on the following Tuesdays: April 17th; April 24th; and May 1st at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Knee at 312-1437 or gregknee172@aol.com

The Tax Man Cometh

A minister received a telephone call from the IRS inquiring about the giving habits of a member of the pastor's church. The government official said that the man had stated on his tax form that he had given \$4,000 to the church the previous year. "Is that correct?" he inquired. The pastor replied, "I don't have the records here. I would have to check on it. But I will say that if he didn't, he will."



Endless Possibilities

It may well be that we are denied miracle after miracle and triumph after triumph because we will not bring Christ what we have and what we are. If just as we are, we would lay ourselves on the altar of service of Jesus Christ, there is no saying what Christ would do with us and through us.

New Regional Staff

On Friday, March 23rd, our Regional Church Council of the Christian Church in Ohio voted to call three people to fill Regional Ministry positions. Those joining the staff are:

Rev. Dr. Brenda Webster

Regional Program Minister

Dr. Webster comes to us from Cordova TN, where she served as Associate Pastor for Children's Ministry at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, Masters of Divinity, and Doctor of Ministry from Memphis Theological Seminary. Her previous experience includes 30 years as an educator with Memphis City Schools. Her extensive background and knowledge will be a great asset to both Camp Christian and the Regional Church Office.

Rev. Stephen Bentley

Associate Regional Minister

Rev. Bentley was serving as an interim Minister at the Regional Church Office. His responsibilities included districts 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, CYF Commission, Chi Rho Commission, Camp Christian Committee, Ohio Disciple Men's Commission, and Christian Education. Stephen's experience, commitment and dedication are an asset to have indefinitely at the Regional Office.

Rev. Dr. LaTaunya Bynum

Associate Regional Minister

Dr. Bynum comes to us from Broad Street Christian Church where she served as Senior Pastor for 11 years. Dr. Bynum has also served as Co-Chair for the Commission on Ministry and currently on the Congregational Transformation Team. She has collectively served on both General and Regional Committees.

Please pray for our new Regional Staff members along with our entire Regional Church staff:

Rev. William Edwards

Regional Minister and President

Jennie Stoddart

Office Administrator

Joanne Arnold

Executive Assistant

Duncan Draper

Treasurer

Brad Stockert

Bookkeeper/Accountant

Sally Wears

Financial Clerk

Al Channell

Camp Christian Superintendent

Doris Woodson

Camp Christian Food Services Directory

Thoughts for the Week

*Adding up your blessings
will multiply your joy.*

*True faith produces a life full of actions,
not a head full of facts.*

God comforts you to make you a comforter.

The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

On this Monday morning after Easter, I think it's important to remember that when the church celebrates Easter, we are celebrating not only Jesus' resurrection 2000 years ago, but also his living presence with us still.

Remember when the angel told the women, "Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him just as he told you?" Galilee was home! It was the place where most of the disciples had grown up and where much of Jesus' ministry took place. Jesus was telling them that he would meet them in the most familiar of places. They didn't need to travel to exotic lands or even seek out traditionally "religious" institutions. For those with eyes to see, Jesus would be right in the midst of them – guiding, giving strength and counsel, and working miracles.

That still hasn't changed. Jesus continues to be a living presence for those who believe in him and have accepted him as the Lord and Master of their lives. The joy of Easter (and the joy of our faith in general) is that the Living Christ continues to reveal himself to those who love him – and he often does so in the most personal and powerful ways. He does it in the "Galilee places" of our lives.

I know many who have experienced the renewing and transforming energy of the Living Christ in their lives. Sometimes we see his Spirit at work in very public ways – like when people make their confessions of faith and are baptized. But more often than not, an encounter with Christ is a very personal experience.

As he did in the garden on the first Easter when he called Mary by name, so Jesus also calls each of us by name. And not just on Sunday mornings, either. Chances are, the places where he will come to you are in the most familiar places of all. Certainly, we hope to meet the Living Christ in worship, but oftentimes where we need his love and healing most is in one of those Galilee places – at home, or work, or school.

The wonderful thing is that when you experience the Risen Christ in the midst of everyday life, you are certainly going to want to join with the rest of God's resurrection people in worship

Come, then, and join us this Sunday and every first day of the week, as we celebrate and witness to the power of our Risen Lord – in the church and everywhere else, as well.