

# 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

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Custodian

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Music Director

### Dan Oliver

Bell Choir Director  
Director of Audio/Visual

### Lois Sutherland

Organist

### David and Lisa French

Bethany Choristers

### Jenny Garner

Nursery Care Provider



## YOUTH SUNDAY

This Sunday, April 27, 2008 is Youth Sunday. Youth Sunday is an annual tradition at Central where the young people of C.Y.F. and Chi Rho - led by the graduating seniors - conduct the worship services. This year there will be 2 virtually identical services led by these young people - one at 9 AM and a second service at 10:30 AM. Our four seniors are a mix of familiar faces - Beth Burch and twins Tim and Dan Williams and relative newcomer Adam Wiedeman. In our discussions to establish a 'theme' for this year's Youth Sunday, the group wanted to focus on bridging the gap between the youth and the older members of the congregation. Each of the four senior's messages will provide their insight, thoughts, and feelings on the strengths and concerns they see within our own congregation and how we can better mesh the generations. Their thoughts detail a teenager's perspective on how (older) adults relate to them. The four senior's messages will be scattered throughout the service - essentially one message in each of the four parts of our traditional service - and will tie together the thoughts of the group on our theme. With the help of the Praise Band, we'll sing some familiar and some not so familiar songs chosen by the group to complement the theme. Won't you come and celebrate worship with the young people of Central? You are guaranteed to hear a challenge and come away with a new perspective.

## ATTENTION YOUTH

There will be a Youth Sunday rehearsal on Saturday morning, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with CYF only and then with the Chi Rho at 11:00 a.m. Following worship on Sunday, there will be a cookout at the home of Rev. David and Tammy Turner beginning at 12:30 p.m. There will be no youth activities Sunday evening.

## Serving in April

**Deacon Captain:** Lisa French  
**Deacons Serving:** Jim King, Barbara King, Mike Mohr, Ann O'Diam, Tiffany Zimmerman, and Scot Burnett.  
**Deacon Prep/Clean Up:** Don and Shirley Wilcox  
**Acolyte:** Emily Giles  
**Elders for Communion**  
**Apr 27<sup>th</sup>** Youth Sunday  
**May 4<sup>th</sup>** Rusty and Carole Clifford  
**Lay Leaders**  
**Apr 27<sup>th</sup>** Youth Sunday  
**May 4<sup>th</sup>** Sena Dixon  
**Fellowship Hour**  
**Apr 27<sup>th</sup>** Social Concern/World Outreach  
**May 4<sup>th</sup>** Max Lucado Class

## The Weeks Ahead

Sunday-Apr 27 <sup>th</sup>	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
	12:00 pm	Faith Seekers
Monday-Apr 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Faith Finders CYF and Chi Rho Youth Choir
	9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday-Apr 30 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
	7:00 pm	CWF Meeting
	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
Thursday-May 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 pm	Invitation to John Class
	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:45 am	Laudate Ringers
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
Saturday-May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12:00 pm	Bridal Shower (McBride)
	1:30 pm	Cheers

## Attention: Executive Board

Annual reports are due this on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

## Interfaith Fellowship Meeting

Interfaith Fellowship Meeting sponsored by Church Women United will be held on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at St Stephens Hungarian Catholic Church, 1114 Troy Street in Dayton. If you have any questions, please contact Velma Fansler at 435-9254.

## Food Pantry

We ask you to bring non-perishable food items on Sunday and place on the table in the Narthex marked "Feed the Hungry." Let's feed the hungry throughout our community by donating.

## Members and Friends

**Hospitalized:** Doyle and Roberta (Ruby) Ware, Sycamore.  
**Hospice Care:** Dennie Slish, Home; Pat Farnsley Home.  
**Long Term Care:** Anne Walters, Mary Rothenbuhler, Sycamore Glen; Richard Teare, 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, Wanda Riggs, Robert and Frances Mayes; Earline Grice, Norma Kirkland, Marian Herron, Caryl Rentz and Patricia Hahn, Home.

## 2008 Summer Camp & Conference

Applications are located in the Narthex. **Payment must accompany application when turned into the church office.** If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**Grandparent Camp:** Children entering grades 1 and 2, and a grandparent (or aunt, uncle, or friend)

**Date:** June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>/Camp Christian

**Adult Conference:** Adults

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> / Northwest Christian Church

**Boat Stories of the Bible (Canoe Camp):** For anyone in High School through Adult

**Date:** July 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> /Au Sable River in Michigan

**Partnership Camp:** Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup>

**Date:** June 15 - 21<sup>st</sup> /Otter /Camp Christian

July 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> /Badger/Temple Hills

July 20 - 26<sup>th</sup> /Beaver/Temple Hills

**Chi Rho Camp:** Grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

**Date:** August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>/Miami

**CYF Conference:** Grades 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

**Date:** July 27<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>/Wilmington

**Advance Conference:** Ages 19 - 29

**Date:** August 10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>/Camp Christian

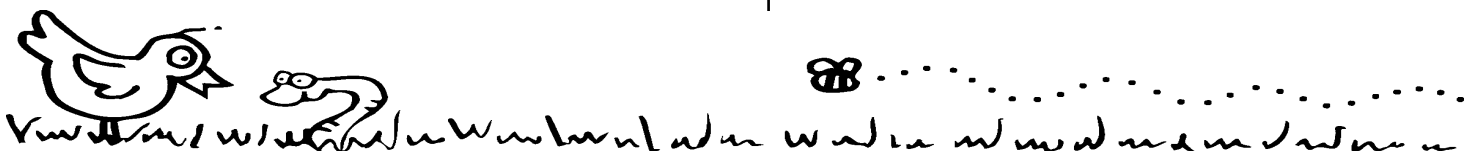
## Worshipping at Central

Sunday, April 20, 2008

Christian Education	40
Nursery	7
Morning Watch	30
Traditional Service	145
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>182</b>

## Our Offering (Operating Fund)

Sunday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 3,716.00
2008 Offering to Date	\$84,716.00
2008 Expenses to Date	\$89,254.00



## The Children Wrote

Now If you know the Bible - even a little - you'll find this to be hilarious! It comes from a Christian Elementary School. The Children were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. The following statements about the Bible were written by the children. They have not been corrected thus (the incorrect spelling is their own). I hope you enjoy!

### The children wrote:

- In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
- Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark which the animals come on to in pears.
- Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
- Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
- Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
- Moses led the hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
- The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten ammendments.
- The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
- Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
- The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
- David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
- Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
- When the three wise guys from the east side arrived, they found Jesus in the manager.
- Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
- St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.

## Everyday Work

### Monday: Wash Day

Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead.

### Tuesday: Ironing Day

Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others.

### Wednesday: Mending Day

O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.

### Thursday: Cleaning Day

Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.

### Friday: Shopping Day

O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love.

### Saturday: Cooking Day

Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.

### Sunday: The Lord's Day

O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.

## 'Healthy' Spirituality

While studying elderly people and their immune systems, Duke University scientists discovered that senior adults who attend worship regularly have healthier immune systems than those who don't attend regularly. And at the University of California, Los Angeles, a study showed that college students who participate in religious activities have better emotional and mental health than those with no religious involvement. A high degree of spirituality correlated with high self-esteem. Participating in worship and other church activities appears to boost not only your spiritual health but also your physical and mental health. Make a commitment to stay involved — even in the busy summer months.

## Thoughts for the Week

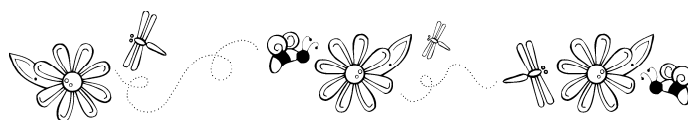
*Are you too busy acting like a Christian to be one?*

*Seven days without prayer makes one weak.*

*A church is a gift from God – Assembly required.*

*No God – no peace.*

*Know God – know peace.*



## **The Last Word...**

by David P. Turner

Someone once said that from a moment a baby first discovers that it can't "holler and swaller" at the same time, life is a series of choices.

Of course, there are some things we can't choose. We can't pick our families or our genetic make-up (put me down for a speedier metabolism), but there are some things we do have the power to control.

Not long ago, I read an article that described regular church attendance as a "lifestyle choice." The article went on to say that where we choose to spend our Sunday mornings can have a big impact on our lives and the lives of our families. It represents a choice to put "first things first."

Attending church takes discipline just like anything else – and I know that discipline can sometimes be a difficult thing. As I wrote last week, I recently started walking for an hour every day. At first, I had to make a conscious effort to just get out there and do it. Now it's something to which I look forward. Not only that, but there are physical, psychological and spiritual benefits, as well.

Just as the physical discipline of exercise is important to our general health and well-being, the spiritual discipline of worship and study is important to the health of our spirits. Our relationships and even our health (it has been scientifically proven) are all improved by an active, disciplined spiritual life.

We are free to choose where and when and how we spend our time and resources. Some may choose to spend their Sunday mornings in bed. Others may find themselves on the golf course or mowing the yard. Some may even find themselves spending time with family or enjoying sporting events. Like I said, choices aren't always easy. "But as for me and my house," to quote Joshua, "we will serve the Lord."

Make the good choice, this Sunday and every Sunday. See you in worship!