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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

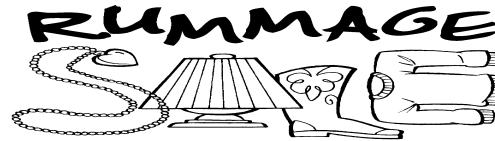
Organist

David and Lisa French

Bethany Choristers

Jenny Garner

Nursery Care Provider



Bring all un-wanted items to Central Christian beginning April 21st - 23rd

for

CWF Rummage Sale

April 24th through April 26th

If you can help during the sale please contact:

Laura Nolan

299-2102 or olajene@hotmail.com

Jane Bernard

901- 4788 or janebernard@ameritech.net

DIRECTIONS TO OUR FATHER'S HOUSE.

Make a Right onto Believeth Blvd. Keep straight and go through the Green Light, which is Jesus Christ. There, you must turn onto the Bridge of Faith, which is over troubled water.

Now when you get off the bridge, make a Right turn and Keep Straight. You are on the King's Highway - Heaven-bound. Keep going for three miles: One for the Father, One for the Son, and One for the Holy Spirit.

Then take the Grace Blvd. exit. From there, make a Right turn on Gospel Lane. Keep Straight and then make another Right on Prayer Road.

As you go on your way, Yield Not to the traffic on Temptation Ave. Also, avoid SIN STREET because it is a DEADEND. Pass up Envy Drive, and Hate Avenue. Also, pass Hypocrisy Street, Gossiping Lane, and Backbiting Blvd.

However, you will have to go down Long-Suffering Lane, Persecution Blvd. and Trials and Tribulations Ave, but that's all right, because VICTORY Street is straight ahead!



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 13th Jim and Marty Robinson
Apr 20th James and Sara Bond
Lay Leaders
Apr 13th Merle Kidd
Apr 20th Calle Burnett
Fellowship Hour
Apr 13th Deborah Group
Apr 20th Joanna Group

The Weeks Ahead

Sunday-Apr 13th	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
	1:30 pm	Oakcreek Nursing Home
	2:00 pm	Gospel Mission
	3:00 pm	Walnut Creeks Home
	6:30 pm	Faith Finders Youth Choir
Monday-Apr 14th	9:00 am	Quilters
	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
	7:00 pm	World Outreach Ministry
Tuesday-Apr 15th	1:30 pm	Lydia Group
	7:00 pm	Executive Board
Wednesday-Apr 16th	10:00 am	Ruth Group
	12:00 pm	District 8 Meeting
	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
	7:00 pm	Invitation to John Class
Thursday-Apr 17th	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:45 am	Laudate Ringers
	7:00 pm	Deborah Group
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
Saturday-Apr 19th	1:30 pm	Cheers

Annual Reports

Executive board members your annual report is due in the office on Sunday, April 27th. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Flower Calendar

Dates are still available on the Flower Calendar. Please sign up to provide a floral tribute for our worship service in memory or in honor of a beloved one, to celebrate a birthday or anniversary. The cost is \$30 due on or before the date reserved. Please mark "flowers" on the memo section of your check and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office

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.
Sanctuary Flowers were given by Claudia McCall in celebration of David and Jean McCall's wedding anniversary.
Our Sympathy and Prayers are with the family of Roscoe Wilkin, who passed away on Monday, April 7th. A memorial service will be held in May. All other information is pending at the time of this publication.
New Member: On Sunday, April 6th, **Brad Kassner**, 521 Corona Avenue, Apt. B; Kettering, Ohio 45419, united with Central Christian through confession of faith. Welcome Brad into our church family.
New Member: On Sunday, April 6th, **Laura Seamen**, 1907 Shroyer Road, Kettering, Ohio 45419, united with Central Christian through confession of faith. Welcome Laura into our church family.

Our Food Pantry

Our food pantry need non-perishable food items

soups	canned fruit/vegetables
canned meats	canned or powered milk
canned spaghetti	spaghetti and sauce
macaroni and cheese	beef stew
rice	bread
hot dogs	bologna
boxed meals	

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

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, April 6, 2008

Christian Education	38
Nursery	6
Morning Watch	21
Traditional Service	<u>143</u>
Total Worship Attendance	170

Our Offering (Operating Fund)

Sunday, April 6th	\$ 8,491.00
2008 Offering to Date	\$76,872.00
2008 Expenses to Date	\$81,123.00

New Max Lucado Class

If you did not get the chance to join us this past Sunday, please join us this Sunday as Reggie Evans leads us through Max Lucado's 12 Lessons on I Corinthians at 9:00 a.m. Real Live Lessons for Real people....You and Me...

- Lesson 1. The foolishness of Human wisdom
- Lesson 2. God's wisdom revealed
- Lesson 3. Work that lasts
- Lesson 4. Serving Christ
- Lesson 5. Self-Sacrifice
- Lesson 6. Temptation
- Lesson 7. Liberty and Love
- Lesson 8. Spiritual Gifts
- Lesson 9. The Body of Christ
- Lesson10. True Love
- Lesson11. Christ's Victory Over Death
- Lesson12. Giving to God's Work
See You Sunday... Merle

Advance Conference

Talent Show/Fundraiser/Reunion

The Advance Conference Talent Show/Fundraiser/Reunion will be held on Friday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Tylersville Road Christian Church in Mason Ohio. Come and enjoy the talent show, see members of Central Christian perform and see past Advance Conferees. Donations will be accepted which will go to help college age students attended Advanced Conference. If you have any questions or for more details please contact Randy Green at 604-3039.



- Where was Jesus arrested?
(Matthew 26:36)
- Who in the Bible could carry the title "The Strong Man."
(Judges 14-16)
- Who wrote with his finger on the ground?
(John 8:6)
- What is the first lie recorder in the Bible?
(Genesis 3:4)
- What is the shortest in a verse in the New Testament?
(John 11:35)

Thought for the Week

*Jesus is an investment
that never loses interest.*

Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

*Running low on faith,
stop at church for a fill-up.*

Camp Christian Reunion

Rev. Ted Faulconer To Be Inducted Into Hall of Fame May 3rd & 4th

Remember the Vesper Spot?... the Dining Room?...and, sitting in the green chairs talking to friends for hours? Great news! These things don't have to be just memories. No matter how long you've been away, it's time to come home to Camp Christian. See what's changed ...what's the same, and find out what's happening with old friends.

Ted Faulconer will be inducted into the newly established Camp Christian Hall of Fame along with Martha Everhard and (posthumously) Herald Monroe. Ted's involvement with Camp Christian goes back over a half a century. Camp Christian would not be what it is today without his love and leadership. We have been extended the opportunity to join Ted and so many other old friends at camp on May 3rd and 4th. There are two different packages which represent the two levels on which individuals may participate in this special event.

Spend the Night (May 3rd & 4th): \$60 per adult/ \$50 ages 6-12/ \$40 ages 3-5/ under 3 free - There will be supervised, activity-based child care. \$180 CAP per immediate family. Registration cost covers lodging for 1 night, 4 meals, and all activities.

Spend the Day (May 3rd): Special pricing plan for members of the churches of the honorees (that would be us!) / \$30 Saturday/ May 3rd 2:00 – 9:00 p.m. Includes: Afternoon Activities, dinner, singing, recognition of honorees, Vespers (starts at 8:30 p.m. and will end at 9:00 p.m.). Registration forms are located in the Narthex. Please return your registration form to the Regional Office no later than April 21st. You can also register online at www.ccinoh.org.

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 6th & 7th/Camp Christian

Adult Conference: Adults

Date: 16th & 20th /Northwest Christian Church

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

Date: July 6th – 12th /Au Sable River in Michigan

Partnership Camp: Grades 3rd, 4th, & 5th

Date: June 15 - 21st /Otter /Camp Christian

July 6th -12th /Badger/Temple Hills

July 20 - 26th /Beaver/Temple Hills

Chi Rho Camp: Grades 6th, 7th & 8th

Date: August 3rd – 9th /Miami

CYF Conference: Grades 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th

Date: July 27th – August 2nd /Wilmington

Advance Conference: Ages 19 – 29

Date: August 10th – 17th /Camp Christian

The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

According to the AP wire service a few years ago, a nurse in Spokane, Washington accidentally dropped a human heart donated for transplant. She threw it in the trash because she assumed that it was contaminated. When it was discovered, she was reprimanded and fined \$250. The formal charge was “inappropriate handling of a human heart.”

Reading that, I could help but think how fitting such a charge would be for many of the interactions that take place between people in any given day. In fact, it is probably a good thing that people are not fined for less literal occasions of inappropriate handling of human hearts, because if they were, our courts would be overwhelmed.

In ministry, I am blessed to be included in the lives and struggles of so many people. What I have discovered is that while most people put up a very strong front – most are actually very fragile. Most have hearts that are eager to love and be loved. Indeed, the worst fears that most people have are not that they will ever be injured or sick, but that they will be rejected. Most people would rather have a heart attack than a broken heart.

Look around at the people with whom you live and work every day. Every one of them has a heart that wants to be loved and handled with care. Some may

act in ways that push others away – but that is almost certainly a sign that they are afraid of being hurt. Unfortunately, those whose hearts have been most cruelly broken are often the ones whose protective shells are the hardest and whose defense mechanisms the most aggressive.

I know sometimes it can be hard to love, especially when others can be so careless with *our* hearts. But the amazing thing about love is that the more we do it, the stronger our own hearts become. The reason for this is simple: Love really is the strongest force in the universe – and it is available to us on a daily basis.

The Church has always been a place where love is spoken. In the early Church, people didn't first understand the faith and then decide to become converts; instead, they were first attracted to a community of radical love and equality. The grace of God was made real and visible and people wanted to be a part of that. People still want to be a part of a community where God's grace is made real in loving relationships. And people still need to strengthen their hearts through the daily practice of love. In that way, the church is the same today as it was two thousand years ago. Join us at Central, then, as we seek to handle human hearts with appropriate tenderness and care. After all, some day the heart being handled might just be your own