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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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Dan Oliver

Bell Choir Director &
Director of Audio/Visual

Lois Sutherland

Organist

Jenny Garner

Nursery Care Provider



Congratulations to Chuck Bentley, Sr., who was awarded the Disciple of Merit Award at the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Ohio last weekend. Chuck was surprised to be joined by all of his children and then surprised to receive this very special award. Disciple of Merit Award winners include both clergy and lay leaders who have made a significant impact in the life and ministry of both the Regional Church and their local congregations. We are proud that Chuck's service and leadership throughout the years has been recognized and honored by our region.

GUEST MINISTER

Rev. Dr. LaTaunya Bynum

We are excited to announce that Rev. Dr. LaTaunya Bynum will be joining us for worship this coming Sunday, October 26th. Rev. Bynum is a Regional Associate Pastor for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ohio. She is responsible for providing pastoral care and leadership to the pastors and churches of District 8, of which Central Christian Church is a part. Rev. Bynum was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA, where she was also ordained in 1980 at United Christian Church, Los Angeles, in the Pacific Southwest Region of the Christian Church. She has served churches in California, Nebraska and Ohio. In addition, she has worked with the Division of Homeland Ministries in Indianapolis and also served as a teaching assistant at Christian Theological Seminary. Most recently, Rev. Bynum was Senior Pastor at Broad Street Christian Church. Rev. Bynum has served the Christian Church faithfully in many different capacities, including serving as Chair of the General Minister and President Search Committee in 2004-2005. We look forward to having her with us.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY!!!

All children are invited to a Halloween Party next Sunday, October 26th. All children up through fifth grade are invited to attend this party hosted by Central's C.Y.F. The party will include games, food, stories and so much more! Please plan on wearing your Halloween costume and arriving at 3:45 PM. Parents and other members and friends are invited to watch the kick-off parade of costumes. The party activities will follow with children being served a hotdog dinner at about 5:30 PM. After dinner, the kids will Trick or Treat the halls of Central. Parents can pick up their kids at 6 PM. Questions - please call Mary Lou Pence (434-8157) or Lisa French (296-9245). We hope to see all of Central's children at this FUN event!



Serving In October

Deacon Captain: Lisa French

Deacons Serving: Barbara King, Jim King, Tom Giles, Shirley Wilcox, Don Wilcox, Andrew Green, Joe Albrecht and David French.

Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Lourdes Giles and Laura Nolan

Elders for Communion

Oct 26th Lynn and Darlene Rogers

Nov 2nd James and Sara Bond

Lay Leaders

Oct 26 Moniqua Suits

Nov 2nd Lauren Turner

Fellowship Hour

Oct 26th Max Lucado Class

Nov 2nd Deacons

Wall Calendar

The wall calendar located outside of the church office lists the scheduled activities of the church ministries. To get an activity listed on the wall calendar, please contact the church office.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, Oct 26th	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Crusaders Class Max Lucado Class Unbinding the Gospel Class
	10:30 am	Traditional Service Godly Play
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 pm	Faith Seekers/Faith Finders
	3:45 pm	Children's Halloween Party
	6:30 pm	Chi Rho
Monday, Oct 27th	9:00 am	Quilters
	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
Tuesday, Oct 28th	7:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday, Oct 29th	12:30 pm	Senior Fitness Class
	7:00 pm	Experiencing God
	9:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Thursday, Oct 30th	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
	6:00 pm	Chi Rho Haunted Ride
Friday, October 31st	6:00 pm	Chi Rho Haunted Ride

Chi Rho Haunted Hayride



On Friday, October 31st, (Halloween night) the Chi Rho are invited to join David and Tammy Turner to experience the Springboro Haunted Hayride. The attraction is in its 19th year of jaw-dropping scares and has two award winning attractions-the Haunted Hayride and the Black Bog. Cost is \$16 for both attractions. We will leave the church at 6:00 and plan to return around 10:00. If you have any questions or if you would like to join us, please call us at the church or at 643-3011.

Members & Friends

Hospice Care - Pat Farnsley Home

Home Care - Ruby Kreider
Thelma Harman
Robert and Frances Mayes
Earline Grice
Norma Kirkland
Marian Herron
Caryl Rentz
Mary Rothenbuhler

Autumn Health Care - June Tate

Harborside Healthcare - Jim and Eleanor McNulty

Oaks of West Kettering - Virginia Moore

Summersville - Margarie Barkalow
Eugene Griffith

Spring Creek - JoAnn Reichbauer

Sycamore Glen - Anne Walters

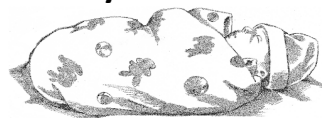
Trinity - Garnia Moses

Our Sympathy and Prayers are with the family on Wanda Riggs who passed away on Monday, October 20th. Funeral arrangements pending at the time of this publication.



The Sanctuary Flowers on Sunday, October 19th were given by Nancy Tossey in memory of husband, DeFro Tossey.

Baby Dedication



On Sunday, October 12th, Robert and Jenny Garner presented their son, Joshua Thomas Garner to the Lord in dedication.

Special Thank You

A special thank you to everyone who made a contribution to Blanket Sunday. Your donation will provide warmth and shelter for individuals and families in need. Again, thank you for your continuous support.

Phyllis Hagerty

Worshiping at Central

Sunday, October 19, 2008

Christian Education	26
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Nursery/Godly Play	18
Morning Watch	17
Traditional Service	<u>122</u>
Total Worship Attendance	157

Our Offering (Operating Fund)

Sunday, October 19th	\$1,496.00
2008 Offering to Date	\$228,115.00
2008 Expenses to Date	\$228,376.00



Shhhh...Don't Tell Veda! Veda Smith will celebrate her 80th birthday this Sunday, October 26th. Everyone is asked to bring a birthday card to give to her this Sunday, October 26th.

Members and Friends Directory

Please note the following changes in your Members and Friends Directory:

Ruth Brown
259-1968

Bob and Donna Wheeler
938-1941

Joy Snyder
8807 Madison Avenue, Apt.106-C
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Joe Albrecht
1705 Piper Lane, Unit -101
Centerville, Ohio 45440

New Book Study

Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 am

Class led by: Larry Merkle

Location: Fellowship Hall

Meeting Schedule:

- Oct 26** - No class
- Nov 2** - Chapter 2
- Nov 9** - Chapter 3, If You Don't Like Statistics, Skip This Chapter!
- Nov 16** - Chapter 4, Unbinding the Gospel: Three Stories of Victory
- Nov 23** - Chapter 5, Real Life
- Nov 30** - Chapter 6, What New Members Want – Transformed Lives
- Dec 7** - Chapter 7, How's Your Church Doing? Bandwidths, Barriers and Bridges
- Dec 14** - Chapter 8, The Holy and the Practical: Who Does What
- Dec 21** - Chapter 9, Smart Sailing: Navigating through Growing Pains, Conflict and Distractions
- Dec 28** - Christmas Sunday – No class
- Jan 4** - Chapter 10, Getting Started

Please Join Us!

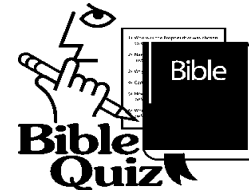
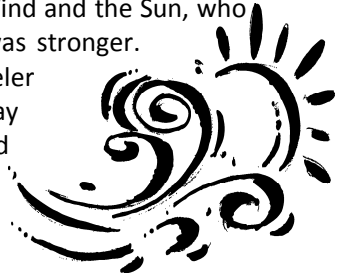
Food Pantry

Last week we were able to feed 4 families. Many thanks for your donations. Let's continue to feed the hungry in our community. Pantry Hours: Mondays and Wednesday from 1:30 p.m.– 3:00 p.m. Donations can be placed on table located in Narthex.



The Wind and the Sun

Aesop told the story about the Wind and the Sun, who were disputing which of them was stronger. After a while they saw a traveler hiking down the road. "I see a way to decide who's strongest," said the Sun. "Whoever can make that traveler take off his coat the quickest will be the winner. You can even go first." The Sun ducked behind a cloud, while the Wind began to blow mighty blasts of air at the traveler. But the harder the Wind blew, the closer the traveler pulled his cloak around himself. Finally, the Wind gave up in despair. The Sun came out from behind the clouds and smiled down on the traveler. Feeling the gentle rays, the man soon found it too hot to walk with his cloak on. He felt so warm that he took off one garment after another, and then bathed in a nearby stream. The Sun knew that warmth, friendliness and a gentle touch are always stronger than fury and force.



This Bible word search game has 15 answers.

G	N	O	M	O	L	O	S	X
P	O	M	A	H	A	R	B	A
Q	Y	D	J	O	E	L	B	D
S	Z	I	S	A	A	C	O	A
A	A	T	S	I	R	H	C	V
M	D	J	U	M	A	D	A	I
S	M	O	S	E	S	Z	J	D
O	Q	B	E	V	E	D	I	D
N	X	Y	J	O	N	A	H	Z

God - Jesus - Christ - Jacob - Isaac - Abraham
Moses - Adam - Eve - David - Samson - Solomon
Job - Jonah - Joel

The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

I've talked to several people recently who have given up on following current events; it's just too depressing. Whether it's the seemingly inevitable mudslinging of a presidential campaign or the specter of another Great Depression – some folks would just rather not know. As Rodney Dangerfield once said, "Someone said to me, 'Cheer up, things could be worse.' So I cheered up, and sure enough, things got worse."

Fortunately, Rodney Dangerfield is not our role model. The role models to whom I look face the present and future courageously. Nearly every day I have the privilege of watching ordinary people of faith live through circumstances that are completely beyond their control, and yet, do so with faith, humor and even joy. They simply refuse to let go of God.

People of faith have recognized for thousands of years it's not human power that enables us to live victoriously, but the power of God. As the Psalmist wrote, "God is my strength and my refuge, a very present help in times of trouble..." Therefore, we pray and we don't lose heart, because in the words of Fredrick Buechner, "The God you call upon will finally come... and even if he does not bring you the answer you want, he will bring you himself. And maybe at the secret heart of all our prayers, that is what we are really praying for." (Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC).

In other words, what your heart most longs for is not to get its own way – but to live in loving relationship with God. When you have that kind of relationship, you soon learn that there is nothing in the world that can ever really hurt you. Even when you are feeling utterly alone and afraid, you can reach out to God and discover he is already reaching out to you with power and peace.

One of my favorite stories illustrating this was told by the actor Richard Lancaster, who used to travel with his father back in the 1920's. Because Richard's father was a salesman, they would often stay in old hotels. At night, when all the lights were out, Richard would hear every creak in the old buildings. Every time he heard a strange noise, he would worry: Was it a burglar coming in off the ledge? Or he would see the old rope ladder coiled up on the floor near a window and he would think: What if a fire broke out? Would they have time to get out? Then he would roll over and put out his hand and touch his father who was there, beside him, asleep. And that touch – the assurance that his father was there – was enough to calm his nerves and help him get to sleep

I'm not sure I can think of a better analogy for faith and prayer than that. It's reaching out to touch God – in good times and bad – to be reassured God is really there. Will that change the circumstances? Maybe not. But it will always change you.