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# Church Visitor



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## Faith for the Future

Last Wednesday at our board meeting the new moderator, Kristy Petersen, suggested “Faith for the Future” as our theme for the 2009-2010 program year. She shared the following quotation:

*"Faith is not necessary when you know how things are going to work out --- that is knowledge. It's in the time of unknowing that having faith is what sees you through to the other side. Faith is what gives you strength. Faith is that light in your heart that keeps on shining when darkness is outside. NOW is the time to keep that faith alive."*



None of us knows what the future holds, but we have a faith that sustains us. In the midst of the manifold challenges and opportunities that face the church, it is our faith in a loving God, revealed by Jesus Christ, which will help us stay the course and also explore new possibilities.

At the board meeting, Rev. McLemore shared a few of his goals for the next twelve months. Go to our website at [www.centralenid.org](http://www.centralenid.org) to see a copy of his presentation.

In the midst of it all, we are seeking to be relevant and faithful. Remember you can see our daily hospital and calendar updates on the website by clicking on the “Daily “Twitter” Update” hyperlink. We have also added a “page” on Facebook. If you are a Facebook user, do a search on “Central Christian Church in Enid, OK” and become a fan, then tell your church friends. There will be a new post every day.

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## ...According to John



I am sad to announce that two long-time employees of Central Christian Church have resigned from the staff: Janet Jones, as Children's Choir Director and Becky Meyer, as Children's Bell Choir Director. Their resignations were effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Janet and Becky have done yeoman's work with our children for over a decade, actually for over 13 years for each of them. While we are sorry to see them leave their paid positions at the church, they will still be active, participating members. Frankly, they have done more than their fair share for us and both are welcoming the new flexibility that comes to them now. No decisions have been made about their replacements. The Personnel Committee will be considering replacement options.

**We thank Janet and Becky for their years of devoted service and we wish them well in their new status. On Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, we will honor them during our 10:15 a.m. service. There will be a basket in the sanctuary for cards of appreciation. Bring your cards by August 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Grace and peace,



In case of an emergency please call Rev. McLemore any time in the office at 233-1214. If you are unable to reach him at the office, his cell phone number is (580)402-2522, or you can reach him by calling his home 233-4214.

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## Used Textbooks Needed

Used college textbooks needed! The 4R Kids Foundation wants your used textbooks. 4R Kids is a non-profit organization supporting special needs children and adults. We will give you a tax donation letter for donated books, or we will give you a discount coupon good at our gift and book store, The 2nd Story. Please drop books at the 2nd Story Employment Center, 710 Overland Trail, or Putt-Putt miniature golf course. Call 237-7890 or 747-2115 for more information, or talk to Pat Lentz or Bret Whinery. Thanks!

## Do you need a little R&R?

Experience it Sunday evenings starting **at 6:30pm** in the **Chapel**.

Join us after the service for Coffee Talk!

Join us this Sunday for Ron and Shirley Taylor!

The planning committee needs YOU! If you would like to speak, pray, make refreshments or in anyway help with R&R please contact Sally Wheeler at 237-3667 or 747-4142. We'd love to have you serve communion, say the opening prayer or serve in the way God leads you.

We offer you this invitation:  
Join us in worship.



**Revive & Renew**

## Sunday, July 26

8:00—Chapel Worship  
9:00—Sunday School,  
“One Room” Sunday School for 1-6 grades  
10:15—Sanctuary Worship  
4:00—Chi Rho “Evolution”  
5:30—CYF “Who is Jesus”  
6:30—R&R Worship

## Monday, July 27

12:00—Noon Prayer Service

## Tuesday, July 28

12:00—Noon Bible Study  
2:00—Inactive Members Mtg  
3:15—Greenbrier Service  
5:30—Golf league  
7:00—Quilt Central

## Wednesday, July 29

6:15—Youth Group

## Saturday, August 1

5:30—Saturday Service of Communion

## Sunday, August 2

8:00—Chapel Worship  
9:00—Sunday School,  
“One Room” Sunday School for 1-6 grades  
10:15—Sanctuary Worship  
4:00—Chi Rho “Evolution”  
5:30—CYF “Who is Jesus”  
6:30—R&R Worship

**Deacon Meeting July 26th  
after the 10:15am service.**

**Church Calendar**

## SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

July 19, 2009

Saturday Service of Communion . . . . .	8
Chapel Service . . . . .	36
Sanctuary Worship . . . . .	198
R&R . . . . .	36

## VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

July 26, Mack Allison  
 August 2, Heath Wallace  
 August 9, Brian Meyer

### Current Lectionary

Sunday, July 26, 2009  
 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Readings:

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
 Psalm 14  
 Ephesians 3:14-21  
 John 6:1-21

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## Diaconate Schedule

July 26—Team 3  
 August 2—Team 3  
 August 9—Team 1  
 Homebound Communion August 2

## EARLY SERVICE DEACONS:

July 26—Glenn & Linda Crabbs  
 August 2—Glenn & Linda Crabbs  
 August 9—Jay & Janet Lohmeyer



Our congregation is continuing to pray for other churches in our area. This week we have been asked to pray for **Pond Creek Christian Church** Please keep them in your prayers this week.

## Upcoming Speakers for

**R & R**

July 26—Ron and Shirley Taylor

## ~ Sunday ~ July 26, 2009 ~

Chapel Worship . . . . .	8:00am
Sermon . . . . . "The Power at Work Within Us" . . . . . Rev. John McLemore	
Scripture . . . . .	Ephesians 3:14-21
Sunday School . . . . .	9:00am
Sanctuary Worship . . . . .	10:15am
R&R in the Chapel . . . . .	6:30pm

Elders: 8:00am - Gary Hula; 10:15am—Dan Harris, Mary Johnson





Left: ChiRho lockin with 16 ChiRho in attendance.

Below: Madison Martin, Rachel Meyer and Destiny Turner at ChiRho II.



### Thank You

Many thanks go out to all who helped in this difficult time.

Thank you, Don, for the wonderful service that celebrated the life of Maurice Ridgway.

Also thank you to the Boomer Class for the wonderful food you brought to us.

Thanks to everyone else who brought food or expressed their condolences.

God bless you all.

Forrest and Linda Ridgway

### Giving Report

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	O/U BUDGET	Y/TO/D GIVING	Y/T DATE BUDGET	O/U BUDGET
7/5/2009	\$11,312.25	\$11,770.83	(458.58)	\$270,536.93	\$294,270.80	(\$23,733.87)
7/12/2009	\$9,908.44	\$11,770.83	(1862.39)	\$280,445.37	\$306,041.63	(\$25,596.26)
7/19/2009	\$9,280.14	\$11,770.83	(2490.69)	\$289,725.51	\$317,812.46	(\$28,086.95)
7/26/2009		\$11,770.83			\$329,583.29	
TOTAL		\$47,083.32			\$329,583.29	

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## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Updated 22 July 2009 - ALL CAPITAL LETTERS reflect additions or changes

### **Please remember the following people as they deal with chronic illness:**

Judi Heller, Lisa Hamilton

**Please remember the following as they battle cancer:** Elbert Wheeler, (Eric Koegel (Connie Koegel's son/Cindy Worthington's brother), Ann Herndon, Mary Simpson, Ann Riley (Enid HS teacher, Beth Hennessee's friend), Brenda Brown (Darrell Herndon's friend), Lisa Wehrenberg, Patty Melott, Court Loomis, L.V. Powell, Susan Shields, Roberta Roberts, and Al Johnson (Don Johnson's brother), Roy Smith, Ronny Shaw (friend of John and Sally Wheeler), Ethel Jorgenson (the sister of Ron Maphet and Olive Traylor). Edna Womak ( daughter of Gladys Snyder).

### **Please lift up the following concerns in your prayers:**

- Kathryn Irwin — (Sonya Waldrip's niece).
- Darrell Herndon- four family members battling cancer.
- Ron Waldrip-(Chuck Waldrip's father) was in a motorcycle accident.
- WILLO CLARK— recovering from surgery.
- COREY KRICK— pending surgery (Denny and Peg Krick's grandson).
- LARRY SWINK— recovering from surgery.
- JUDI HELLER— released from hospital.
- TESS GERGORY— on the death of her sister-in-law Becky Pierson.
- JESSICA KUYKENDALL— (Kelsey Lantz's friend) on the death of her daughter.
- NANCY FRANKLIN- (friend of Chad Yniquez) in critical condition.
- JOE FREI-additional health issues.
- LESTER GAMBILL-(Carolyn McLemore's uncle) end of life issues.
- ANN HERNDON - recently released from the hospital.

### *Share your love with those*

#### Hospitalized

<b>ST MARY'S</b>	Fig Newton	211
<b>BASS</b>	Lavona Irwin	214
<b>LTAC (Enid General)</b>	Wilma McCormick	4207
<b>Skilled Nursing</b>		
<b>Golden Oaks</b>	Vela McGugin	142
	Bill Hicks	
<b>Golden Oaks Nursing</b>	Joe Frei	
<b>Methodist Home</b>	Bob O'Brien	118
	Erma Fields	224

### **Prayers for those in the armed services:**

Doug Carpenter (Caitlyn Castle's uncle)  
Johnathan Hale to Iraq in Mar 09 (nephew of David and Sue Dell)  
Caleb Holden (son of Robert and Carolyn Holden)  
Brandon Kasper, Ft. Riley, KS (Don Johnson's grandson)  
Delyn Lipps at Mt. Home, USAF (Chuck and Misti Lipps' son)  
Ryan Maphet (Marine grandson of Ron and Pat Maphet/nephew of Van and Natalie Schuermann)  
Justin Ray Diel in Iraq (Vern Thornburgh's grandson)  
Kevin Vendetti in Iraq (nephew of Kids Central employee Kelly Straw)  
Andrew Wiles in Italy/ Paul K. Wiles (sons of Roger and Catherine Wiles)

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## CWF is collecting School Supplies

During the month of July, CWF will be collecting school supplies for children in need who are attending Enid Public Schools.

We are asking the congregation, Sunday school classes and anyone willing to donate supplies to help us with this project.

Please bring supplies to the church, placing them on the table provided in the Loggia. Monetary donations are also welcome by making checks payable to CWF.

The school supplies collected will be dedicated in the 10:15am service on August 2.

Thank you,

CWF Service and Action

The following items were taken off the school supply list in an effort to cut parent's cost. Regular school items are needed in addition to these items:

- ✓ Baby wipes
- ✓ Hand sanitizer
- ✓ Antibacterial wipes
- ✓ Zip-lock baggies
- ✓ Watercolor sets
- ✓ Play-doh
- ✓ Red ink pens
- ✓ Index cards
- ✓ Paper sacks, lunch size
- ✓ Composition books
- ✓ Tempera paints
- ✓ Construction paper
- ✓ Clipboards
- ✓ Shaving cream, no menthol
- ✓ Cotton balls



### CALLING ALL VETERANS

If you want to participate in a short film recounting experiences of veterans, please contact Carolyn McLemore at 233 -4214. The film is for the telling of experiences of ALL veterans, whether you were involved in combat or not. The film will be viewed at our Veterans Observance on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please call. This includes men and women of every decade, war, conflict, or duty type.

### DVD PLAYER AND TV NEEDED

If you have a DVD player and/or DVD-compatible TV you would like to donate to the children's department, please call Carolyn at the church. (Please don't bring them in without calling. We don't want to end up with more than we need!) Please let me hear from you. Bless you!

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## KIDS CORNER

We talked about Jesus and heaven in Veggie Tales Sunday School. We sure learned a lot.

Be SURE to bring items for our mission sacks for the YWCA. We'll collect them for another week. **In the list:** toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, wet wipes, mac/cheese, pb&j, canned meat, canned vegetables, canned soup, spaghetti sauce, and pasta. Try to bring at least 3-4 items.

### NOTE CHANGES TO CALENDAR

7/29/09 – 6:00 p.m. – Swimming party – Max and Mary Johnson's. 2722 Sunnybrook Circle. Be sure to bring a towel.

8/2/09 - "Bridge Sunday" (Promotion Sunday). It will be Bridge Sunday now because each of you will be crossing a bridge to a new time in your life.

8/05/09 – Movie – We'll either go to the theater (depending on what's showing) or rent a movie for here at the church and have pizza.

#### ACOLYTES – July 26

Kaylee Petersen, Brenna Bushman  
(Substitute – Sarah Johnson)

#### TEACHERS – July 26

Carolyn

#### KIDS TIME – July 26

Carolyn, Kaylee, Sarah,  
Emily, Britton

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## Coffee Stains

My sincerest apologies for being "mute" last week, but I can more than make up for it now. Last week as you know I was away at church camp directing some of the world's best kids in all kinds of fun, adventure and breakthroughs. It was a time of rejuvenation and yet an exhausting experience. Thank you to all who were helping me while I was away. Coming very soon we will be having a trip to LaserQuest or the like. It will be a time of fun and fellowship to our youth group and I know many are looking forward to it. Also our discussions on evolution in June were fun and now we will be moving into relationships. What kind of relationships does Jesus want for us? And what are some characteristics of healthy relationships? This is all very exciting for me as we move into the new education season, I am forbidden to say "school year."

We will be sending off some amazing young adults to college soon and moving up some amazing youth from the elementary and Junior High... which all in all amounts to a pretty amazing time. Peace to you all. JW.

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