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# Church Visitor



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## Pentecost Offering: Expanding the Table

Expanding the Table is this year's theme for the Pentecost Offering. As the Christian Church (Disciples of the Christ), we welcome and embrace with the love of Christ, all who will come to the table. And our Christian table is constantly expanding and reaching beyond social and economic boundaries to extend our witness. New Church Ministry seeks to continue to expand the table to reach new mission fields, journey to new frontiers and touch more lives. Today, New Church Ministry can proudly claim that 598 new churches have been formed since 2001. This is good news worth celebrating but support for this special day offering is more crucial than ever.

Importantly, half of the money collected through the Pentecost Offering remains in the **Oklahoma region**. The other half represents New Church Ministry to benefit the wider church for recruitment, training and coaching of new church planters.

If you have given in the past, we thank you. Please help New Church Ministry to continue expanding the table to reach more people by bringing God's message to new places and new communities. By Expanding the Table, we share the witness of Christ.



# Expanding the Table

PENTECOST OFFERING 2009



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## ...According to John

Greetings fellow Christians. I trust your Memorial Day celebrations were safe and fun.

One of the signs of “good church stewardship” is the use of a faith community’s building. To me, one of the greatest signs of poor stewardship is for a church facility to be used only once or twice a week and then sit idle the other days. Fortunately that is not the case for Central Christian Church. Our building is used for some function or by some group almost every day.

When we remodeled during the Rebuild the Temple program, our Board showed tremendous foresight in including the showers in the basement, a “phase” that was to be included in later years. While it increased the cost of the project, it saved the congregation thousands of dollars that would have been spent for increased costs at a later date. It also allowed us to expand the use of our facility almost immediately.

Since that time, a number of different groups have spent the night and used the showers. We have hosted meetings of the Regional Youth Council, scout groups and Walks to Emmaus. This next Saturday we will be hosting another group. Twenty four college students from Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia will be sleeping in our basement and using our facility. They will arrive next Saturday and will be leaving on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. They are a mission group coming to Enid to work with Habitat for Humanity.

I am so pleased that we can “host” these college students. They will be leaving for “work” early and arriving back at the church in the early evening, but while here they can use the showers, relax in the Youth Room and sleep in a couple of our classrooms that aren’t being used by Kids Central. Congratulations to Central for being good hosts.

By the way, our note at the bank has been PAID OFF. We are no longer in debt to someone else and paying interest. We still owe ourselves a little less than \$50,000, but that should be paid off in a few months. Thank you for your support of Rebuild the Temple and Preparing the Way. The pledges continue through April of next year and a group is being formed to decide how we will use the remainder of the pledge money to do building improvements.

Grace and peace, JPMc

***This Sunday. May 31st, is Pentecost Sunday. Wear something RED to church.***



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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## SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

May 24, 2009

· Saturday Service of Communion.....	6
· Chapel Service .....	32
· Sanctuary Worship .....	178
· R&R .....	20

## VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

May 31, Brian Meyer  
 June 7, Bret Whinery  
 June 14, Mack Allison

### Current Lectionary

**Sunday, May 24, 2009**

Last Sunday of Easter

#### Readings:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

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## Diaconate Schedule

May 31—Team 2

June 7—Team 2

June 14—Team 3

Homebound Communion June 7

## EARLY SERVICE DEACONS:

May 31—C.E & Georgie Haltom

June 7—C.E & Georgie Haltom

June 14—Glenn & Linda Crabbs



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

## Upcoming Speakers for

# R & R

May 31—Video message

~ Sunday ~ May 31, 2009 ~

Pentecost Sunday

Chapel Worship.....	8:00am
Sunday School .....	9:00am
Sanctuary Worship .....	10:15am
Scripture .....	Acts 2:1-12
Sermon .....	"Let's Start a Fire".....Rev. John McLemore
R&R in the Chapel .....	6:30pm

Elders: 8:00am - Mickie Giberson; 10:15am - Janet Jones, Pat Novak

## Golf League!

We play every Tuesday at the Golden Oaks Retirement Village golf course on North Oakwood. We tee off each Tuesday between 5:30 and 6pm. Hope to see you at the golf course. If you can't play golf, join us for the fellowship time at 6:30. Call Burl Bartlett if you have any questions at 542-6723(cell) or 233-9311 (home).

This Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> is Pentecost Sunday. Wear red, the color of Pentecost, to church.

## Thank You

Dear Friends at Central,

What a blessing it has been to be a member of CCC for the last 18 years! And what a true privilege it was to be recognized by all of you on Senior Sunday. Thank you John & Sally Wheeler and Janet Jones for all the time and energy you put into preparing the breakfast, decorating the room and providing gifts for us all. And to Revs McLemore and Johnson, thank you for the spiritual guidance and love my family has received from you over the years.

I so appreciate the support and comfort that the members of Central have given me. I know I can now go out into the world much wiser and stronger because of my time with you.

Sincerely,  
Jance Davis

## Sunday, May 31

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship:  
—Bell Choir Rehearsal after service
- 4:00—Chi Rho
- 5:30—CYF
- 6:30—R&R Worship-Video Message

## Monday, June 1

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Service
- 6:00—Fellowship Guild Dinner

## Tuesday, June 2

- 12:00—Noon Bible Study
- 5:00—Caregivers at Western Sizzlin'
- 5:30—Golf League

## Wednesday, June 3

- 9:30—CWF Lesson Leaders
- 10:30—CWF Executive Board
- 12:00—CWF Luncheon
- 6:15-7:30—Youth Group
- 6:30—R&R Planning Mtg

## Thursday, June 4

- 3:00—Enid Senior Care

## Saturday, June 6

- 5:30—Saturday Service of Communion

## Sunday, June 7

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship:  
—Bell Choir Rehearsal after service
- 11:30—Young Adult Picnic, Family and Friends invited, at Meadow Lake Park
- 2:00—Set-up for VBS
- 4:00—Chi Rho
- 5:30—CYF
- 6:30—R&R Worship

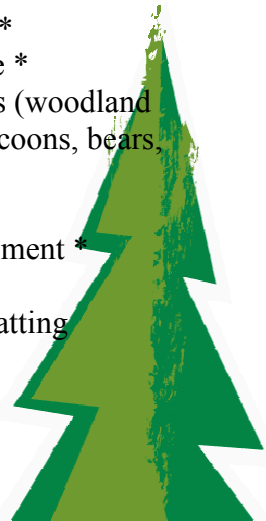
## Monday, June 8– Friday June 12

- 9:00-Noon– Camp E.D.G.E.

## Items Needed for VBS... Camp E.D.G.E Coming June 8-12

Without the support of the congregation VBS would not be able to happen. We still need helpers but we also need the following items. Items with a \* next to them should be marked with your name and will be returned June 14. Thank you in advance for your help!

Lightweight Rope (2)	Clothesline	Contact Paper (10 rolls)
1 pkg Marbles	6 Hula Hoops	Multi Colored Yarn
Liquid food coloring	Large Basket *	12 Large stones
Compass	Large cooler *	16 smaller stones
Talcum powder	Twelve rolled up sleeping bags *	3 rolls blue plastic tablecloth
Dowel rods	3 backpacks *	Package of white cardstock
Liquid soap	4 plastic water bottles	Three shoeboxes
Package of T-pins	3 small hand towels	Christmas trees *
Paper plates	3 maps	Tents *
Craft Sticks	8 flashlights/lanterns *	Hiking boots *
5 packages Sharpies	Whistle	Snowboard *
River rocks	Two roll painters tape	Skis and poles *
10 bottles tacky glue	4 mesh laundry bags	Kayak or canoe *
5 packages of pens	Package water balloons	Stuffed animals (woodland variety... raccoons, bears, etc)
Newspaper... LOTS of Newspapers!	Sidewalk chalk	Pinecones
Wrapping paper (approximately 28.5" by 14.5" per child) LOTS!	Bubbles	Camping equipment *
Scotch Tape	Extra large work gloves (6)	Lanterns *
4 packages index cards	Pool noodles	White cotton batting
5 packages wet wipes	8 beach balls	



### Giving Report

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	O/U BUDGET	Y/TO/D GIVING	Y/T DATE BUDGET	O/U BUDGET
5/3/2009	\$12,538.55	\$9,416.66	\$3,121.89	\$188,039.56	\$197,749.99	(\$9,710.43)
5/10/2009	10,461.14	\$9,416.66	\$1,044.48	198,500.70	\$207,166.66	(\$8,665.96)
5/17/2009	8,545.24	\$9,416.66	(\$871.42)	207,045.94	\$216,583.32	(\$9,537.38)
5/24/2009	6,878.98	\$9,416.66	(\$2,537.68)	213,924.92	\$225,999.99	(\$12,075.07)
5/31/2009		\$9,416.66				
TOTAL		\$47,083.32				

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## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Updated 27 May 2009 - ALL CAPITAL LETTERS reflect additions or changes

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

Judi Heller.

### Please remember the following as they battle cancer:

Elbert Wheeler, Julie Bloom Schroeder (Steve Bloom's sister), Eric Koegel (Connie Koegel's son/Cindy Worthington's brother), Ann Herndon, Mary Simpson, Ann Riley (Enid HS teacher, Beth Henneke's friend), Brenda Brown (Darrell Herndon's friend), Edna Womack (Gladys Snyder's daughter), Lisa Wehrenberg, Patty Melott, Court Loomis, L.V. Powell, Susan Shields, Roberta Roberts, and Al Johnson (Don Johnson's brother diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer)

### *Share your love with those Hospitalized*

ST. MARY'S: Bob O'Brien 585  
Paul Wagner 518  
Joe Frie 578

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

- JAKKI ANDREWS'-death of grandfather Olivia Jacee Baker (Barbara Baker's new granddaughter) is in Mercy Hospital in OKC. Lift up her parents Alan and Sarah Baker also.
- Jeremy Wynne Shellady for radiation treatment for brain tumor (Josephine Carthel-Shellady's grandson).
- Lisa Hamilton is facing medical issues causing pain.
- Anna Coffman
- Gwen Miller, friend of Kelsey Lantz
- Mary Beach as she recovers from a fall.
- Kelsey Lantz as she prepares for surgery.
- Roy Smith- begins his treatment for lymphoma on June 8th in OKC.
- Robert Shaw-quadruple bypass (friend of Charlie & Judi Heller)
- David Hoskins-Mickie Giberson's brother who had a heart attack and heart procedure. He is in the hospital in Plano, TX and is expected to be released this weekend.
- Paul Wagner-who is suffering with shingles.
- LISA ESTELL'S mother LINDA- heart problems.
- PAUL WAGNER- recovering from hip surgery.
- GENE BRINTALL- recovering from hospital stay.

### Prayers for those in the armed services:

Joshua Avants in Iraq (friend of Barbara Baker)  
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 Johnsons grandson)  
Dalyn 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)

### Recent Deaths

DOROTHY MARTIN. Her funeral was 2 p.m. on Friday,  
PAUL ELHY, a Timothy of Central. His funeral was Saturday in Columbia, MO



ELDERS	DEACONS
David Eck	Linda Crabbs
Dorothy Bracher	LaDonna Groves
James Cox	Nancy Hohmann
Thom Bushman	Lorene Harnish
Mickie Giberson	Fred Overstreet
Madge Loomis	Jimmy Davis
Burl Bartlett	Roger Groves
Becky Meyer	Jana Davis
	Glenn Crabbs

*Paul and Mickie Giberson*

*Request the honor  
of your presence  
At the marriage uniting their  
daughter*

*Jennifer Leah Giberson  
and*

*William Philip Pearsall*

*On Saturday the sixth of June  
Two thousand nine  
At five-thirty in the evening*

*In the sanctuary of  
Central Christian Church*

### **The Shoe Project Ends**

The Shoe Project is over. Thanks to so many of you, Central Christian Church has donated over 500 pairs of shoes to "Make Promises Happen." This organization helps special needs children enjoy and experience camp life at the Central Christian Camp and Conference Center in Guthrie.

Originally the money was to help purchase a tractor for the camp, but during the campaign, one was donated so the shoe money will be used for other worthwhile purposes. Monetary contributions are down during these economically challenged times, so your shoe contributions are greatly appreciated!

Phyllis & Merle Phillips

### **Thank You**

Dear Church Family,

First, I want to thank you for the Bible and cross that you gave me for Senior Sunday. I would also like to thank the church for all it has done for me. The church has provided many opportunities for me such as mission trips, camps, MPH, RYC and VBS. I have had countless experiences which I would have not experienced through any other group I have been involved in. I have been able to find "my passion" in life thanks to the people at Central Christian Church. Thank you for all you have given me as a church family.

God Bless,  
Austin Hula

## KIDS KORNER

*Don't forget to pray for Molly's knee!!!*

**DON'T FORGET!!!!** VBS IS COMING JUNE 8 – 12 for ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Our theme is “Camp E.D.G.E.: Experience and Discover God Everywhere”. Sally Wheeler is our director. It will be a great time!!! Get the dates on your calendar. Parents, please call to sign up to help.

**PARENTS – PLEASE SEND MONEY WITH YOUR CHILD IF THEY GET A DONUT ON SUNDAY TO HELP COVER THE COST.**

MAN ALIVE! is coming this summer. Dates are June 24, July 22, and Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>. Time is 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. More info will come soon. It's for grades 3 – 6.

**This year's 6<sup>th</sup> graders can help with VBS. If you want to help, call me and let me know!!!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH JOHNSON ON GETTING A NATIONAL HANDWRITING AWARD. YOU ROCK, SARAH!!!**

### **ACOLYTES – May 31**

Nicole Bushman, Sierra Yniguez  
(Substitute – Matthew Easter)

### **TEACHERS – May 31**

Video (1st & 2nd); Video (3rd & 4th); Storytelling (5th & 6th)

### **KIDS TIME – May 31**

Carolyn, Lois, Brent, Karsten,  
Katherine

## Coffee Stains

This Sunday there will be the usual Sunday morning activities and then at 1pm meet up at the church to travel to Moore for a Youth Rally. This Rally is presented by the Regional Youth Council. They will be giving the same program that was intended for the Spring Fest event which was cancelled due to snow. This rally costs \$10 per person and promises to be a great time.

Next week, June 3 we will be going to the Johnson's pool during our Wednesday night activities from 5:30 till 8pm. Meet at the church at 5:15 if you want a ride to their house otherwise we will see you for swimming and hot dogs at the Johnson house at 5:30.

Peace, JW.

