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Easter Sunday Activities

Join us this Sunday as we begin our Easter activities with a Sunrise Service. Everyone who would like to attend needs to be at the church by 5:45 a.m. to caravan to our service destination.

The 8:00 and 10:15 services will be filled with lots of activities. At the 8:00 service the Spirit Moves group will be performing "Was It A Morning Like This" and Joshua Bell and

Amanda Hopping will be singing, "The Lord's Prayer."

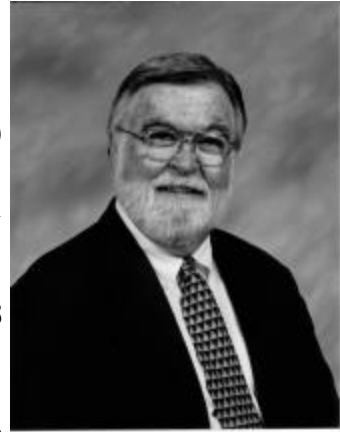
The 10:15 service will include the Children's Bells performing "Beautiful Savior" and the JYF and Children's Choirs are combining to sing "We Welcome Glad Easter." There will also be a special service of Christian baptism.

Both the 8:00 and the 10:15 worship services will include the Chancel Choir singing the "Halleluiah Chorus" and the Chancel Handbell Choir will play "The Old Rugged Cross." During the Greeting time, Rev. McLemore will welcome everyone to decorate the cross with flowers. If you would like to take part in this, please bring a flower with you to the service to decorate the cross.

We hope you are planning to be here to experience this wonderful Easter celebration!

According to John....

EASTER IS UPON US! Last Sunday we began Holy Week with 60 children processing palm branches, the bell choir calling us to worship and the choir leading us on the road to the cross and resurrection with the music and words of their cantata. By the time you are reading this article we will have celebrated our Wednesday Seder Meal, our Maundy Thursday Service and a good portion, if not all, of our 23 hour Prayer Vigil.



Friday evening you are invited to gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. for a Tenebrae Service, a somber time to remember Jesus' suffering on the cross and ultimately, his death. Saturday at 1:00 p.m. our children will hunt Easter eggs at the home of Tom and Jewel Witty, weather permitting. Otherwise they will gather in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY IS EASTER! Many will leave the church at 5:45 a.m., going to the Ogle farm for a Sunrise celebration. Our 8:00 a.m. service and 10:15 a.m. service will both be in the sanctuary. We will baptize. The bells will play. Children will decorate the cross with flowers. Children will sing. Adults will play bells and sing. **THE GOOD NEWS WILL BE PROCLAIMED!**

Typically the church will be filled with visitors, those infrequent in attendance and regular members. Even though each Sunday is to be a Resurrection celebration, Easter Sunday is the pinnacle of the Christian year.

Won't you respond to God's love by being present in worship on this most holy day? Won't you respond to God's love by bringing family members and friends with you? Won't you respond to God's love by greeting and extending radical hospitality to the stranger, the visitor, the infrequent member and the friend? Easter is the day to **TALK RESURRECTION**, to **CELEBRATE RESURRECTION** and to **LIVE RESURRECTION!**

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'John', written in dark ink.

SUNDAY'S STATISTICS
March 24, 2002

Sanctuary Worship.....	405
Church School.....	240
Celebration Service.....	32
Operating Budget.....	\$4,959.08
Easter Offering.....	\$1,565.25

DIACONATE TEAM

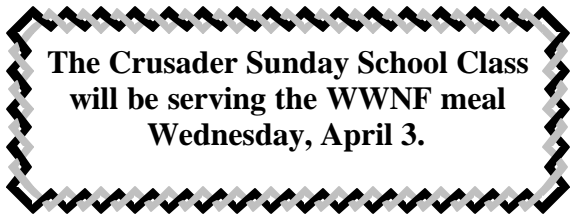
March 31—Team 2
April 7—Team 3
April 14—Team 3

VAN SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 31, David Larrison
Thursday, April 4, Bret Whinery

REPORTED ILL

Bass: Mildred Taylor, Zella Fairleigh, Floreine Oltmanns
Dismissed: Joan Petersen, Ruth Campbell



Sunday, March 31

5:45—Sunrise Easter Service
8:00—Chapel Worship
9:00 - Church School
10:15 - Sanctuary Worship
2:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
4:00—Youth Groups Meet
5:15—Celebration Snack Supper
5:45—Celebration Service

Monday, April 1

6:00—Fellowship Guild

Tuesday, April 2

5:00—Caregivers @ Western Sizzlin
7:00—Education Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

9:30—DWF Lesson Leaders
10:30—DWF Executive Meeting
12:00—DWF Luncheon & Program
5:00—Property Meeting
5:15—WWNF Begins
5:15—Membership Meeting
6:00—Chapel Fellowship
4:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
6:30—Choir Practice
7:30—Chancel Handbell Practice

Thursday, April 4

9:00—Sr. Citizen Shopping
12:00—Disciple Men Study

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2002

Sunrise Service (meet at church).....	5:45 a.m.
Chapel Worship Service.....	8:00 a.m.
Church School.....	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship Service.....	10:15 a.m.
Sermon.....“Called By Name”.....	Rev. John McLemore
Scripture.....	John 10:1-18; John 20:1-18
Anthem.....“Halleluiah Chorus”.....	Chancel Choir
Special Music.....“The Old Rugged Cross”.....	Chancel Handbell Choir
Special Music.....“We Welcome Glad Easter”.....	JYF & Children’s Choirs
Special Music.....“Beautiful Savior”.....	Children’s Handbell Choir
Elders: 8:00—Tom Stout; 10:15—Brian Meyer, Tom Witty	



CHRISTMAS IN APRIL

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 13th. This is the day you can help fix up our Horn of Plenty building! We need people who would be willing to paint. The painting will be done indoors. Hopefully, we'll have it done for the drive the next day! If you would be willing to help with this, please call the church office or Debbie or Joe Miranov at 242-1529. There will also be sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center and in your Sunday school classes. We need everyone's help!

HORN OF PLENTY FOOD DRIVE

The Horn of Plenty Food Drive will be held on Sunday, April 14th, from 1-6 p.m. This food drive benefits many of our Enid neighbors. It's well worth the time you'll spend for one afternoon and it's lots of fun! Watch for more information.

FROM THE MAILBAG

To All the Members of Central Christian Church,
What a wonderful surprise we received in the mail. It was a check from you to Our Daily Bread for \$351. I don't know if any of you realize how many groceries I can purchase with that amount of money. Yours is a gift that will last a long time. We are most grateful to all of you for your continuous help to feed God's poor. I think many of us have truly learned the meaning of the word "Christian" and are committed to helping our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than you and I.

May God bless each and every one of you for your contribution.

Your friend in Christ,
Sandra K. Howard, Director
(This money was the collection that the youth made during the Souper Bowl drive.)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Mary Beach and Dorothy Foglesong during their continued cancer treatments....Ken and Peggy Slack on the death of Ken's brother Bill.....



WWNF resumes THIS WEDNESDAY

FIRST TIME WORSHIPPERS

First time worshippers Sunday, March 17 included Kyle, Nancy, Jared and Adam Hohmann. First time worshippers Sunday, March 24 included Duane and Judy Heape, Peter and Brenda Pastor, Doug and Jo Swanson, Josh and Trinity Stevens, Ruth and Nancy McCracken, and Dorothy Stephens.

THANK YOU!!

John, Carolyn, and Central Family,

We want to thank you for all your prayers, cards, and phone calls during the twins surgery. It was scary, but everything went great and Meg and Molly are both doing wonderful. Thank you.

Lisa, Steve, & Kinsey

FELLOWSHIP GUILD

The Fellowship Guild monthly meeting will be held Monday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. This month's program will be given by Merle Phillips.

DWF MONTHLY MEETING

The DWF monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, April 3 at noon. The program this month will be given by Rev. John McLemore.

**Central's Web Site:
www.centralenid.com**

NOTICE!!!!

Important Congregational Meeting

The Nominations Committee has submitted the following candidates for elders, diaconate, special gifts trustees, and elders emeritus. The nominees have met requirements as outlined in Article X, Section C and/or Article VI, Section A of the current (August 1997) By-Laws of Central Christian Church. Upon review of the duties and responsibilities outlined to them by letter, each has consented to serve if elected. Additional nominations may be made by any member at the congregational meeting to be held Sunday, April 14, 2002 immediately following the 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. However, as provided in the By-Laws, a member nominated from the floor must be a participating member of the congregation, be present at the congregational meeting and verbally consent to the nomination.

Also noted below are those who have met the qualifications as members of the Junior Diaconate as outlined in Article XI of the By-Laws and who have agreed to serve upon election.

Please be present April 14th for this important election of those who have served the church so faithfully in the past as well as those who have pledged to support the church through faithful service in the future.

Submitted by the Nominations Committee:

Merle A. Phillips, Chair; Mary Johnson, Vice-Chair; Jim Prichard, Chair of Elders; Phyllis Phillips, Chair of Diaconate; Skip Whitmer, Member at Large

ELDERS ELDERS EMERITUS

1. Phil Adams
2. Burl Bartlett
3. Marion Batterman
4. Willo Clark
5. Jim Cox
6. Curt Horrall
7. Ron Jantzen
8. Bea Simpson
9. Ken Slack
1. Dr. Bill Buvinger
2. Margaret Buvinger
3. Dorotha Immel
4. Ted Immel

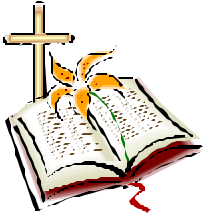
SPECIAL GIFTS TRUSTEES

DIACONATE JUNIOR DIACONATE

1. Maggie Bartlett
2. Roy Billings
3. Bill Brant
4. Sue Chael
5. Margaret Day
6. Sue Dell
7. Keith Downing
8. Tim McAnally
9. Jane Mercer
10. Becky Meyer
11. Monty Moore
12. Jan Newkirk
13. Martha O'Banion
14. Bette Owens
15. Bob Parks
16. John Petersen
17. Beth Tefft
18. Marilyn Thomas
19. Tommy Thomas
20. Paul Wagner
1. Haley Downing
2. Kara Evans
3. Stacy Lane
4. Patrick Little
5. Melanie Novak
6. James Phillips
7. Morgan Pritchard
8. Kelcy Tefft
9. Kyle Tefft
10. Kendra Whinery

Take Note! Children's Church

There will be no Children's Church Easter Sunday, March 31st. The pre-school through 2nd graders should sit with the person who brought them (i.e. parent, grand-parent, neighbor). This gives the children the opportunity to participate in the Easter service. This gives the children and volunteer teachers the opportunity to participate in the Easter service. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.



HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

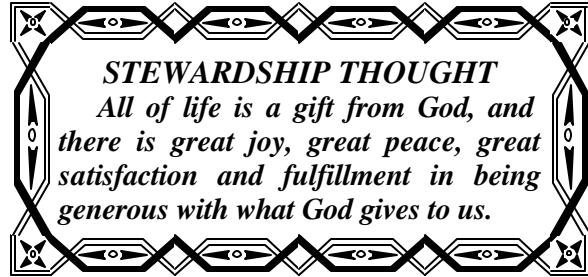
March 29—Tenebrae Service
at 7:00 p.m.

March 31—Easter Sunday

Meet at the church at 5:45 a.m.
and we will caravan to our
sunrise service location. There will also be ser-
vices at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctu-
ary and Celebration Service at 5:45 p.m.

SPECIAL OFFERING

A few Sundays ago, Central took a special offering for utilities. This offering goes towards a fund to help those in our community who, for some reason, are experiencing difficulties with their utilities and come to the church for help. A total offering of \$383.65 was collected. Thanks to everyone who donated to this offering. If you would like to donate to this fund, you can mark your donations "Utilities Fund." You can do this on Sunday morning or bring your donation to the church office. Remember, this is an on-going need. Thank you for your help.



HOMEBOUND BIRTHDAYS

April 2, Mildred Taylor, 1113 S. Lincoln, Enid,
OK 73703

April 6, Kathy Long, 1037 Rogers Terrace, Enid,
OK 73703

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN CAMP?

Next Wednesday evening Gary Weeks, Admin-
istrator of Central Oklahoma Christian Camp,
will tell us about the camp and its programs as a
part of Wednesday Night Fellowship. We know
that our children and youth go there in the sum-
mer, but what else takes place there? Well Gary
is going to tell us all about it. Gary will join us
for dinner and fellowship time, then make his
presentation immediately following in the
Chapel. Y'all come.

**WWNF MENU
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
SPAGHETTI, SALAD, BREAD
DESSERT**



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

Kevin's Korner

Wow! What a week! We arrived back home on Saturday night, about 10:30, from a weeklong mission experience in South Texas (Los Fresnos) and Mexico. Thirteen youth and eleven adults made up our team which drove about 800 miles, painted the outside of three buildings and the inside of two, ate, worshipped, devoted, and reflected together for five days, learned about mission work on the border, shopped across the border, worshipped in Spanish, played and cooked out on the beach, toured "Los Colonias" and an orphanage in Matamoras, Mexico, and then turned around and drove 800 miles back to Enid. It was a long week.

It will probably take some time, and some sleep, to process all that we saw and experienced last week. But the first impressions are already powerful. There was so much that we did not expect. For instance, we left Enid with the intent of being the givers when we arrived at Good Samaritan Ministries, and we did give a lot. But, I'm sure that everyone on the trip feels that he/she received much more than he/she gave.

We received warm hospitality from our hosts at Good Samaritan Ministries, as well as the Los Fresnos UMC church. We even had a visit from Wilma Beaty, who winters close by. We received so many smiles and hugs, especially from the children. It was amazing! One of our youth shared that one little child at the orphanage, who had just received a care package with a few necessities and two Tootsie Rolls, gave her one of those Tootsie Rolls, half of what she had.

These people were such giving people. It made quite an impression on all of us. In

fact, we witnessed an amazing joy in these people (living with just a fraction of the possessions that we take for granted). I believe that these people found joy in giving (what little they had). They seemed to find joy in living life (the simple pleasures). And they found great joy in their worship of God (which we were privileged to participate in with them).

One of our first lessons that we learned on our mission trip was that there is not necessarily any more joy in having, then in not having. But there is great joy in giving, no matter how much you have to give.

I hope by the time you read this we will have recovered from the exhaustion. But I hope we never recover from the impressions and lessons that God has placed in our hearts this past week. The world is a different place for twenty-four weary travelers. Hopefully, we can continue to make this world a different (and better) place for all God's children.

CENTOUR UPCOMING TRIP

The Centours are planning a trip to Tulsa. They will leave Thursday, April 4th at 8:00 a.m. from the west parking lot on Fellowship Charters with their first stop being the Gilcrease Museum to see the wonderful exhibit of Grandma Moses Paintings. Lunch will be on your own at Utica Square. Following lunch they will go to Woodward Park in hopes of catching the blooming of the azaleas. Returning home at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person for the bus. Anyone is welcome to go along. Please call Tina Swanson at 233-2866 to make a reservation.

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Egg Hunt March 30th

Our annual Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 30th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Tom Witty, 3320 Dana Drive. Toddlers through 6th graders are welcome to participate. In case of rain, the egg hunt will be at the church.

Coffee Cans?

We need 15—20 empty **International Instant Coffee** cans for the Stewardship Rotation beginning April 7th. If you have any of these cans please bring them by the church office as soon as possible. The kindergarten through 6th graders will use them to make tithing banks during their art rotation. Thank you.

FYI

The Easter Cantata will be shown on PEGASYS this Sunday March, 31 at 2:30 p.m. and also Wednesday, April 3 at 4:30 p.m.

If you would like to have a copy of your child's baptism please bring a tape with you Sunday morning and give it to Max Johnson. Otherwise, the Easter Sunday worship service will be aired on PEGASYS on Sunday, April 14 at 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday, April 17 at 4:30 p.m.

from the **YOUTH PASTOR**

WEDNSDAYS

Youth Choir 5:10-5:30 p.m.

Dinner (on your own or eat at the church)
5:30-6:00

Chapel 6:00-6:30

Focus Groups meet on Wednesday nights
from 6:30-7:30

SUNDAYS

4:00-5:15 Youth Group

5:15 -5:45 Snack Supper (provided for you)

5:45-6:30 Celebration Service (Remember it
is time to REPRESENT)

Upcoming Events

MARCH

31 Sunrise Service

ATTENTION Basketball players!!!!

Church League Basketball is starting and I need you to call the church as soon as possible. We have always had a good turn out for this. (We might not win a whole lot but we sure do have a lot of fun.)

