



Thanksgiving Special Offering

Preparing Disciples Leaders for the Future

Disciples colleges, universities, and theological institutions are training more than 1,500 Disciples students to become future pastors and leaders. One such student is Meredith Smith, student at Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina.

Meredith Smith knew she wanted to attend a Disciples institution; she just didn't know which one. For a variety of reasons she enrolled at Barton College.

"I think one thing that is so special about Barton is its relationship with churches," said Meredith. "I never had to worry about going to an area Disciples of Christ church and being considered a stranger. This ultimately led me to a wonderful small rural Disciples of Christ church where I was able to worship and serve as youth director for two years."

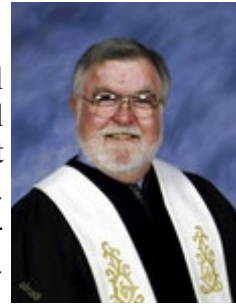
Your gifts make it possible for students like Meredith to complete their education and training. By giving generously to the Thanksgiving Offering, you help to develop spiritual gifts. By giving generously to the Thanksgiving Offering, you help Disciples students to answer the call. By giving generously to the Thanksgiving Offering, you help to strengthen the church and its future.

All the gifts received from this offering go to support Disciples institutions of higher education and Disciples students. The Thanksgiving Offering will be received for the next two Sundays. Will you prayerfully consider a donation to this program that helps prepare Disciples leaders for the future.

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, November 20. Cost of the meal will be by donation only.

...According to John

If you were in church last Sunday you heard me say the sign of vital Christian faith is service to others. It logically follows that the sign of a vital Christian community is not the masses in worship or on the rosters, rather it is what that congregation does for others. I believe this with all my heart. Glistening spires and golden altars pay tribute to our vanity. Spotlited performers and “feel good” theology pay tribute to the shallowness of our spirit. Service to others pays tribute to God.



The transformation that I witness at Central Christian Church, albeit gradual, is our increasing willingness to reach out to others. Our ongoing and new mission projects bear witness to this change. We recently gave \$10,500 to Week of Compassion for Hurricane relief. Our women assembled 277 health kits for Church World Service. Last September we gave a substantial amount as our Pentecost Offering for new church starts. In each of these three categories we exceeded the efforts of every Disciples congregation in Oklahoma. I say this not as a matter of gloating, rather, as a measure of where we are on our journey. God is pulling, tugging and continually inviting us to consider new and greater possibilities.

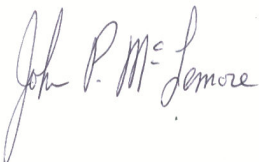
December 26th fifteen to twenty people from Central and other churches in NW Oklahoma will leave for Covington, Louisiana, located just north of Lake Pontchartrain. We will sleep in the fellowship hall and shower in makeshift “outside” showers at Grace Christian Church. Teams will go to various locations in the area, perhaps even into New Orleans, to do cleanup and repair work. The current plan is to stay through Saturday, Dec. 31st, worship with the congregation there on January 1 and leave for Oklahoma after church that Sunday. Are you interested in going to help? If so, please call the church office.

This Sunday there will be a huge Bake Sale to benefit our four “special outreach projects.” Also our Disciples women will be selling pecans. The women’s efforts support their commitment to the Disciples Mission Fund that underwrites the numerous ministries of our denomination. It is our women who provide major support for DMF. Thank you!

Finally, this Sunday we will receive our special Thanksgiving Offering that supports our Disciples colleges, universities and seminaries. Won’t you consider a generous gift?

Our participation in all these projects will be a measure of our vitality. Consider the Christmas mission trip, buy holiday baked goods, stock up on pecans for holiday treats and dig deep to support Disciples higher education and leader development.

Grace and peace,



In case of an emergency please call Rev. McLemore any time at 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

November 13, 2005

Chapel Worship.....	50
Sanctuary Worship.....	268
Saturday Night Service.....	9

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 20, David Dell

REPORTED ILL

St. Mary's: Ona Lee Drassen
Dismissed: George McCormick

DIACONATE TEAM

November 20—Team 2
 November 27—Team 2
 December 4—Team 1

MEADOWS POINT MEAL DELIVERY

The Sooner Sunday School Class will delivery meals to Meadows Point, Tuesday, November 22 through Friday, November 25.

**IN MEMORIAM
 LEOTA KROLL
 April 11, 1925—November 15, 2005**

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Sunday, November 20

World Outreach Bake Sale

8:00—Chapel Worship Service
 9:00—Sunday School
 10:15—Sanctuary Worship Service
 11:30—Thanksgiving Fellowship Luncheon
 2:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
 4:00—Youth Meeting
 5:00—Snack Supper

Monday, November 21

12:00—Prayer Service

Tuesday, November 22

6:30—World Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, November 23

4:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
 4:30—Youth Choir
 6:30—Divorce Recovery Meeting in Parlor
 6:30—Chancel Choir Practice
 7:30—Chancel Handbell Practice

Thursday, November 24

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 25

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Saturday, November 26

5:30—Saturday Evening Worship

RING FOUND

A ring was found in the Women's Restroom on Wednesday evening, November 2. If you have lost a ring, please call the church office to identify. Thank you.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2005

Chapel Worship Service.....	8:00 a.m.
Church School.....	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship Service.....	10:15 a.m.
Sermon.....	"Sheep, Goats and Thanksgiving".....Rev. John McLemore
Scripture.....	Matthew 25:31-46
Anthem.....	"Look At The World".....Chancel Choir
Special Music.....	"Now Thank We All Our God".....Chancel Handbell Choir
Elders: 8:00—Jerry Blankenship; 10:15—Bret Whinery, Brian Meyer	

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

November 13, 2005

Nursery/Preschool.....	15
Elementary.....	24
Youth.....	22
Adult Bible Study.....	32
Boomers.....	13
Crusaders.....	15
Genesis.....	28
Sooners.....	79
Young Adults.....	10
Jubilee Class.....	6
Total.....	244



PECANS FOR SALE THIS SUNDAY

The CWF will be selling pecans this Sunday in the Loggia. Pecan pieces will be \$6.00 per bag. Pecan halves, chocolate covered pecans, and caramel clusters will all be \$7.00 per bag.

CAKES FOR SALE

Iglesia Cristiana El Shaddai church is selling 3-milk cakes for all occasions. These cakes were featured at the fundraiser on Sunday, November 6. Cakes can be ordered for birthdays, weddings and the upcoming holidays. For more information please call the Iglesia church at 233-1885.



Happy
Thanksgiving
To You
And Yours!!!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following individuals are either undergoing cancer/leukemia treatments or have been diagnosed with cancer Clifford Lewis, Emma Jean Floyd, Gene Olbert, Cody Miller, Tim Hopkins, Carson Bandy, Mildred Taylor, Hope Weiden, John Schwanke, Joan Winterringer, Margaret Harmon, Don Whitsitt, Harriett Brown, Elbert Wheeler, David Bratina, Norma McIntyre, Ralph Baker, Brenda Brown and Ray Townley.....David and Kathy Eck on the death of David's mother Gustena Eck..... Glennis Holler very ill with a possible inner ear problem.....Dorothea Immel on the death of her sister-in-law Claudine McSparrin..... Jasper Kroll on the death of his wife Leota. Funeral services were held Friday morning in the Sanctuary with Rev. John McLemore officiating.....

MEMORIAL FUND STARTED

A Memorial Fund has been started in memory of **LeRoy Spencer**. If you would like to honor him please consider a gift to his memorial fund. Your gift can either be dropped by the church office or in the offering plate on Sunday. Please specify on your check in the memo section your request to donate to this memorial. The family will be contacted so they can designate where they would like the memorial funds to be used



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

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A Memorial Fund has been started in memory of **Virginia Moncrief**. If you would like to honor her please consider a gift to her memorial fund. Your gift can either be dropped by the church office or in the offering plate on Sunday. Please specify on your check in the memo section your request to donate to this memorial. The family will be contacted so they can designate where they would like the memorial funds to be used.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations go out to Jameson Davis for making the Hayes Superintendent's Honor Roll.....

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLET

The Advent Devotion Booklet will be available for everyone to pick-up this Sunday at the Welcome Center.

MEMORIAL FUND STARTED

A Memorial Fund has been started in memory of **Leota Kroll**. If you would like to honor her please consider a gift to her memorial fund. Your gift can either be dropped by the church office or in the offering plate on Sunday. Please specify on your check in the memo section your request to donate to this memorial. The family will be contacted so they can designate where they would like the memorial funds to be used.

CENTRAL ADOPTING McKINLEY SCHOOL

Last year many of us learned for the first time that there are children in Enid who have little or nothing to eat on weekends. Through the generosity of many in Enid, 235 children in 5 schools received backpacks of non-perishable food each weekend during the 04-05 school year.

Central will be helping with this outreach program and has adopted our own neighbor, McKinley Grade School. We would like to raise \$1,500 and are asking for donations for this program. The cost per child for an entire school year is \$115—a remarkable value and an important investment in a child and the future of Enid. If you would like to make a donation please note in the memo section of your check “Food 4 Kids” and drop in the offering plate or bring by the church office. This will be an ongoing project until we reach our goal.



IT'S A BOY!!!

Congratulations go out to Briley and Lisa Rivers on the birth of their son Cody Allen Rivers born November 12 in Ottawa, Kansas. Cody weighed in at 9 pounds. Proud grandparents are Richard and Janie Rivers and proud great grandparents are Burl and Maggie Bartlett.

CANDY NEEDED

Do you have any left over Halloween candy that you don't want to eat? We can use it at the Foster Kid's Christmas Party. Bring it to the church office and help a worthy cause.

A Note From the Senior Minister

Everyone has exuberantly responded to our “new look” at Central Christian Church. We like the carpet, the pews, the new restrooms and the new tile. Many people have been pleased with the inlaid chalice in the floor of the entrance to fellowship hall. Some, however, have expressed a concern that we “shouldn’t be walking on it”. The red chalice with the St. Andrew’s cross is the symbol of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that was adopted in 1968. We place this sign on buildings, stationary, advertisements, lapel pins and in tile floors. It is our symbol, but it, in itself, is not holy or sacred like a the chalice on the communion table that is filled, prayed over and used in the act of the Lord’s Supper. Therefore, it is all right to walk over the symbol in the floor.

CARD OF THANKS

I’d like to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers and cards. The surgery went well and now I’m in the healing process. A very special “Thank You” to the following ladies who helped out during my absence, Mary Beach, Dee Smith, Bertie Krausse and Peg Krick. We are blessed to have such great volunteers – I know Stephanie appreciated your help as well.

Vicki Harris

GIVING THANKS

Summer’s past, and winter’s near,

And Thanksgiving Day is here.

Though the flowers and leaves are gone,

Warm days vanished by cold dawn,

Still our heartfelt thanks begin

For the good days that have been,

For the loved ones we now see,

And the good things yet to be.

Donna Eddy



Holiday Bake Sale

World Outreach is sponsoring a bake sale to benefit the four overseas missions that Central Christian Church groups are supporting. The sale will be held on Sunday, November 20th from 9 a. m. until 12 noon in the Loggia. Mission activities in Vietnam, Peru, Zambia and the Congo will benefit from this sale. We need your help to bring baked goods (or homemade candy or anything else that tastes good and will sell). All of these missions support children in need. So please make a difference to a child in Asia, South America and Africa.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Dear Central Christian Church,

On behalf of the Youth & Family Services staff and board members, thank you for donating quilts to our youth shelter. Our children will definitely need the extra warmth this winter. Your support helps us to continue our mission of assisting families and children in building healthy relationships and coping with difficult life situations.

We hope to have your continued support as we provide family-based counseling and other specialized services to over 1,600 local children and families each year—and as we continue to operate the only emergency youth shelter in northwest Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

Heather Leonard

Peru Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards featuring the children from the three schools in Puno, Peru will be on sale again this Sunday at the Welcome Center. The cards are \$12.95 for a package that consists of 12 cards with all three schools represented. One hundred percent of all sales from the cards will go to provide Christmas for the children in these schools.

We hope that there will be enough sales from these cards to provide each child with a Christmas cake, chocolate candies, a small gift, and chocolate milk again this year. Thank you for your support.

FOSTER CHILDREN'S PARTY UPDATE

The annual Central Christian Church Foster Kids' Christmas party is December 10th at 2 p.m. This party is important because it shows the love of Jesus to children who have had very difficult lives. Will you help show the love of Jesus to these children by donating a new gift, valued at \$10 - \$20, for a boy or girl between the ages of 1 to 12? Bring your gift to the church office and make a difference this Christmas in the life of a child who is hoping for love at Christmas.

Gifts received—18

Gifts still needed—32

MEMORIAL FUND STARTED

A Memorial Fund has been started in memory of **Elaine McDanel**. If you would like to honor her please consider a gift to her memorial fund. Your gift can either be dropped by the church office or in the offering plate on Sunday. Please specify on your check in the memo section your request to donate to this memorial. The family will be contacted so they can designate where they would like the memorial funds to be used.

ITEMS BEING COLLECTED

The CACS Committee is collecting gloves, mittens, and stocking caps during the month of November. You can put these items in the cornucopia located in the Loggia. These items will be distributed to local elementary schools the first week of December. Thanks once again for your support.

FROM THE MAILBAG

I would like to thank Central Christian Church for hosting another successful blood drive on Thursday, October 20. I appreciate your organization teaming up with the Northwest Oklahoma Blood Institute to help save lives. OBI drew 21 units of whole blood from the 22 people who volunteered to donate. Thanks to the generosity of your group's donors, these blood products will give 63 patients another chance at life.

As you know, the need for blood is constant, but with the upcoming holidays; the need is even greater and your group's donations will help tremendously. I'm truly grateful to Central Christian Church for being a part of OBI's efforts to keep blood on hospital shelves during this holiday season and throughout the year.

A BIG thanks to Margaret Day for taking time from her busy schedule to organize and promote this important community service. She does a great job! A special thank you to all who helped in this life saving event, especially those that took the time to give or attempted to give the "gift of life."

Once again, thanks for your continued support of our mobile donor program! Together we are saving lives! Cindy Earl



Youth and Young Adult Corner

This will be a fairly short article due to my traveling abroad. This Sunday is Thanksgiving Sunday. We need some youth to stay after the meal to help bring up the Christmas decorations.

There will be no youth on Wednesday the 23rd. Sunday November 27th is hanging of the greens and the tasting party. The youth will be making some food for the tasting party. Please contact Janet Jones to find out what time to help cook.

December 10th is the Foster Kids Christmas Party here at the church. The youth need to be here at 2:00 to help.

We will have our youth Christmas party on December 11th at 4:00. Bring a "Dirty Santa" gift with you (no more than \$5.00). We will have a lot of fun.

We will have a bake sale on December 18th to help benefit our youth mission trip to the gulf over spring break and next summer. I will be asking for donations at a later date.

There will be a Young Adult retreat January 6-8. I would like anyone between the ages of 18 and 25 to attend. I will have more details soon.

The times that the youth will be meeting are changing. Youth will meet 30 minutes less than normal. We will meet from 4-6 on Sundays starting December 4th.

I will be gone from November 16th through the 27th. I will have email and cell phone for emergencies only. Have a great Thanks Giving.

This week please be praying for the youth ministers of the Central area as we travel to Nashville for a national youth workers convention.

In Christ's Love,
Justin

KIDS' KORNER

VOLUNTEERS FOR 11/20

Acolytes

Kyley Lang, Brenna Bushman

Kids Time Leadership

Lori Sharp, Laurie Bushman, Macy Hula
Mark Johnson

---- BE SURE TO TAKE YOUR CHILDREN TO THE BATHROOM BEFORE CHURCH! ----

STICKERS, STICKERS!!!! - Need more stickers.

SHOES FOR TSULTRIM

We still need money for Tsultrim's shoes. We have \$18.00. Can you please help?

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

- 11/23 – No JYF bells or choir (Wed the 23rd ONLY)
- 11/26 – 9:30 a.m. - Decorate education building (30 minutes or so)
- 11/27 – 9:00 a.m. - Kids decorate Christmas tree
- 11/27 – 7:00 p.m. - Hanging of the Greens/Tasting Party
- 11/30 – JYF bells and choir DO meet
- 12/3 – 10:00 a.m. – "Let's Get Ready for Jesus" party/lunch for grades 5 and younger; at church.
- 12/4 – 7:00 p.m. - Kids Christmas program

NEW BIBLE VERSE – Our new Bible verse is Luke 2:11...."To you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." This one is one of the most important we could memorize because it mentions the Savior and the Messiah and the Lord. So, please, everyone try hard to learn this one. Parents, you could learn it along with you kids.

NEW SONG – We'll be singing a new song to start Sunday School. The words are: "Jesus, Jesus, can I tell you how I feel? You have given me your spirit. I love you so." Some of you will already know it, but if you can learn the words, we'll learn the melody beginning this Sunday.

PIZZA PARTY – The pizza party for everyone who learned the 10 Commandments and other things will be part of our "Let's Get Ready for Jesus" party on Dec. 3rd. So everyone get that date on your calendar.