



***Week of Compassion Special Offering
This Sunday***

Each year thousands of Disciples across the United States and Canada come together to make their gifts to Week of Compassion. Our congregation can be part of this special effort to bring help, healing, and hope to people in need throughout the world. It is truly one of the best things we Disciples do together with one another and in partnership with other Christians and churches.

Whether it's five loaves and two fish or the gift you make to Week of Compassion, miracles happen when people give all that they can.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to Week of Compassion this Sunday.

God uses all gifts for BIG PURPOSES.



Continuing to build God's Church

**Information Meetings Begin
This Sunday**

Information Meetings for our current Capital campaign, *Preparing the Way*, begin this Sunday and all members, regular guests and interested parties are invited to attend.

During these sessions information will be shared about the campaign and questions will be answered. Pledges will not be asked for or received.

There are many meetings scheduled from Sunday, February 18 through Sunday, February 25th. If you haven't registered, the session this Sunday, February 18th, immediately after worship at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall will be a good meeting to attend. If that isn't a good time for you, then many others are available. Plan to attend an Information Meeting. You will be glad you did.

According to John

“We need to be in prayer.” This is an easy and frequently used statement, one that can be seen as a cliché. It is, however, the fundamental element of the Christian life. It is also the key component of a vital community of faith.

Since I announced my cancer recurred, I have been overwhelmed by comments, cards and letters saying people were praying for me. I have received emails from ministerial colleagues. I have even received numerous notes from other churches saying they were praying for me by name in their worship services and in their prayer groups. It is a humbling and overpowering experience. The cards from you have been too numerous to count. I am blessed by your prayers.



When Dick Hamm was General Minister and President of our denomination he encouraged the church to consider the basic elements of true Christian community, all based on Micah 6:8. Dr. Hamm stated the three characteristics of the authentic church of Jesus Christ were “true community, depth of spirituality and a passion for justice”.

I firmly believe these characteristics are not “pick and choose” or “multiple choices”. They must be taken together, but I want to speak now about “depth of spirituality”. While it is not something we can quantify, it is certainly a characteristic of community life one can “sense”. Is the church more interested in talking about God or experiencing God? Is the church more interested in numbers in Sunday School and worship or is it interested in developing an environment where hearts are touched and lives are changed? Is the church a place where we seek uniformity in doctrine and practice or is it a place where the Spirit leads us in creative and powerful ways?

When the church is a place of “deep spirituality”, you can sense it, you can feel it and you want to participate in it. Deep spirituality is a mark of the true church and it begins with prayer.

We are entering another era in the history of Central Christian Church which is filled with challenges and opportunities: a spring stewardship campaign, a second capital campaign, a time when we are seeking to attract young families, a time when we are searching for another Minister to Youth and Young Adults, a time when we are trying to be relevant to a culture that places numerous activities and events before the experiences of corporate worship and faithful nurture. We are in an era when the future of the institution is cloudy and difficult to define. This is a time for prayer; earnest prayer, hopeful prayer, humble prayer, transforming prayer. “We need to be in prayer.”

Prayerfully,



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

February 11, 2007

Chapel Worship.....	42
Sanctuary Worship.....	241
Saturday Evening Worship.....	10

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 18, David Larrison

REPORTED ILL

Bass: Howard Schaffer

Dismissed: Joye Parks, Dorothy Cassody, Joye Parks, Marietta Henson

MEMORIAL FUND STARTED

A Memorial Fund has been started in memory of Dale Smith. 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.

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Sunday, February 18

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Church School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 2:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 4:00—ChiRho Meeting
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF Meeting
- 5:45—Elder Meeting
- 6:00—Info Meeting for Elders & Deacons

Monday, February 19

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Service

Tuesday, February 20

- 8:15—Single Women's Fellowship
- 11:55—Brown Bag Bible Study
- 6:30—Special Gifts Meeting
- 7:00—Worship Meeting

Wednesday, February 21

- 12:00—Single Men's Luncheon
- 4:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 4:30—JYF/Youth Choir
- 5:00—Children's Handbells
- 5:15—First Friends Meeting
- 5:15—WWNF Meal
- 6:00—Ash Wednesday Service
- 6:30—"The Shop" Meeting
- 6:30—WWNF Classes
- 6:30—CCF/JYF/Youth Meetings
- 6:30—Chancel Choir Practice
- 7:30—Chancel Handbell Practice
- 7:30—Board Meeting

Friday, February 23

- Disciple Men's Retreat Begins
- Youth Rock-a-Thon Begins

Saturday, February 24

- 8:00—Angel Food Distribution
- 5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2007

Chapel Worship.....	8:00 a.m.
Church School.....	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship.....	10:15 a.m.
Sermon.....	"A Different Prospective".....Rev. John McLemore
Scripture.....	Luke 9:28-36
Anthem.....	Chancel Choir

Elders: 8:00—Butch Phillips; 10:15—Mickie Giberson, Bret Whinery

MEMORIAL FUND STARTED

A Memorial Fund has been started in memory of Harriett Brown. 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 Conner Angleton for making the Superintendent's Honor Roll at Taft Elementary.....Congratulations go out to Emily Angleton for being named Student of the Month in January at Taft Elementary.....



Season of Lent begins

With Ash Wednesday Service

On February 21st, we will have an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. These services have increased in popularity over the last few years and provide a meaningful beginning to Lent. The service of worship is in lieu of our regular Wednesday evening Chapel Gathering. There we will pray, read scripture, sing hymns and conclude with the Imposition of Ashes. Plan to attend.

Sunday School Class Schedule To Serve WWNF

February 21—Bible Study
February 28—Sooner Class
March 7—Crusader Class

BOLENGE HOSPITAL

Because a fire destroyed the Bolenge Hospital, the doctor was forced to use the secondary school at Bolenge as a temporary base of operations until a new replacement building could be built.

The plan is to construct a temporary hospital and furnish it with locally made furnishings as quickly as possible so medical services can be offered to those in need as quickly as possible.

The long term plan is to build a state of the art hospital with the financing done by foundations who are able to procure large sums of money for the project.

The deadline for articles to be printed in the church newsletter is Tuesday by 3:00 p.m. Please send them by email to Stephanie at cccenid@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.

HOSPITAL ADDRESS

If you would like to send well wishes to Kirbie Brittain, Worth and Dorothy Bracher's granddaughter who just received her new heart, the address is as follows:

Kirbie Brittain, 7 West Room 56
c/o St. Louis Children's Hospital
One Children's Place
St. Louis, MO 63110

IN MEMORIAM PATTY LEGRAND

December 26, 1932—February 10, 2007



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

ATTENTION!!!!

If you or your Sunday school class is in need of any audio/visual equipment during Sunday school time or any other time please call the church office before the date needed to reserve the equipment so everyone can be accommodated. Thank you.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!!!

The next Angel Food Distribution date is Saturday, February 24. Mark your calendars and plan to be at the church at 8:00 a.m. ready to work!!! And again, thank you for all you do. Without your generosity we couldn't help our neighbors.

DISCIPLE MEN'S RETREAT

There is still time to sign-up to attend the Disciple Men's Retreat to be held February 23 and February 24. Call the church office for more information.

DID YOU KNOW.....

Dale Smith, the husband of June Smith long-time member and secretary to Rev. Sours passed away on January 30 in Greeley, Colorado. Condolances can be sent to June Smith, 708 22nd Street, Rosewood, Apt. 4, Greeley, Colorado, 80631.

Looking for Work!

Dear church family, "The Shop" is a men's group dedicated to ministering to our church family through service projects. We are actively seeking your help in this task. If you have some of those "little" jobs around your house that are just too much for you to do yourself, then PLEASE, let us know. There are Project Request Forms located in the church office. Just complete yours, leave it with a staff member, and we'll try to accommodate you as soon as possible. Also, if you know someone who is in need of our services, please feel free to complete a form "for them" and submit it. Thank you all for your prayers of support for this very important ministry of our men.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following individuals are either undergoing cancer/leukemia treatments or have been diagnosed with cancer Rev. John McLemore, Clifford Lewis, Emma Jean Floyd, Betty Cook, Becky Cox, Gene Olbert, Cody Miller, Tim Hopkins, Carson Bandy, Joan Winterringer, Della Huckleberry, Barbara Hunter, Terry Moulton, Marilyn King, Elbert Wheeler, Norma McIntyre, Karen Holloway, Brenda Brown, Mary Simpson and Ray Townley..... Kirbie Brittain recovering from heart transplant surgery.....Earl and Peggy Rountree on the death of their great grandson.....Toby & Sara Watkins in the loss of their 2½ month-old baby, Josie. Toby is the nephew of Scott & Beth Tefft.....Ginger Hicks and her family in the passing of her grandmother, Clara Pasey.....Eunice Barnes as her procedure has been postponed until next Tuesday.....

"The Shop" A Ministry of Men

Congratulations, men of "The Shop"! Our first ministry event was a success and much appreciated by all who attended. We will all be blessed through your efforts!

Our next meeting will be held 6:30 P.M., Wednesday, February, 21st, in the Children's Library again. The ministry generators and possibly chainsaws should be returned to us sometime this week. We will make plans for servicing them out, set a date for the church-wide men and boys breakfast and follow up on work project requests.

Please, continue to pray for each other and those who are on the receiving end of our ministry.

* WWNF MENU *
* WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 *
* Beans & Cornbread *



Youth News

Special thanks to those who worked at the Civitan Dance, particularly James Phillips who was the DJ. Also a very special thanks to all the youth and adults who helped serve the Sooner's Class Valentine Dinner. YOU DID A GREAT JOB! There was concern we would have enough helpers, but you came through.

Friday, February 23rd & Saturday, February 24th we will have our **Week of Compassion and Mission Trip "Rock-a-thon"**. If you haven't received your Pledge Packet, then contact Rev. McLemore. NOW IS THE TIME TO ASK FOR PLEDGES. This Sunday, after both services of worship, youth need to be in the loggia soliciting support. This is an outstanding cause and worthy of our best efforts.

Looking Ahead

Sunday February 18th

9:00 a.m.—Sunday School

4:00 p.m.—Chi Rho study on Peer Pressure

5:00 p.m.—Snack Supper

5:30 p.m.—CYF continuing study on "The Da Vinci Code"

Wednesday Feb. 21

6:00 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service in Chapel

6:30 p.m.—Youth Meetings in Youth Room

Friday February 23

7:00 p.m.—Rock-A-Thon Begins

Saturday February 24

6:15 p.m.—Rock-a-thon concludes after Saturday Worship

CHILDCARE PERSON: We are still looking for a new childcare person. I haven't advertised in the newspaper because I was told that there are two people in the congregation who are interested in the position. Since I haven't yet heard from them, I will go ahead and run an ad in the newspaper. In the meantime, if you or anyone you know of wants to apply for this position, please let Carolyn know.

KIDS CORNER

Acolytes – Feb. 18

Sarah Johnson, Macie Riggs
(Substitute: Johanna Clark)

Kids Time – Feb. 18

Becky Meyer, Cindy Johndrow, Ivey Dyson
Taylor Foster

(Substitute: Katherine Jones)

Rotation Teachers – Feb. 18

"Cruise the Steward Ship" team

MEMORY VERSE FINALS – Casey learned the memory verse on Sunday and that put the boys over the top for a higher percentage of boys learning the memory verse than girls. So, boys, we'll talk about some kind of reward. I'm so proud of all of you because you just came on like gangbusters and learned that verse!!!!!! Congratulations to both boys AND girls for being so successful at learning the verse.

BIBLE BOOKMARKS – Read those Bible bookmarks and get them back to me at Sunday School. For every bookmark you return, you get a McDonald's coupon!!!! Work hard for God (and yourselves) and read those Bible bookmarks. Next Sunday, we'll start something new about Bible bookmarks that has to do with 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders. Come see what it is.

A NEW PARENTING TIP (from Parenting Is Heart Work) – 1) Be sure that you don't teach kids to change behavior to cover up a decaying heart. Win their hearts and you will win their lives. 2) Teach children the limits and boundaries in relationships. Don't treat them like adults and admit them into the adult world too early. Let them be children. Teach them how to respond in a healthy way when someone treats them badly.
