



“Countdown to Lift-Off”

Imagine being an Apollo astronaut about to be launched in a rocket with 3,000,000 moving parts that had been constructed by the lowest bidder. How confident would you be? In reality this was the case with the Apollo Moon Shot program back in the 1960's. Those astronauts were confident however because even though cost was a factor, NASA refused to compromise on quality. Every part and every task was inspected and then inspected again and again. They were committed to excellence in all that had to be done, because the crew's lives were at stake.

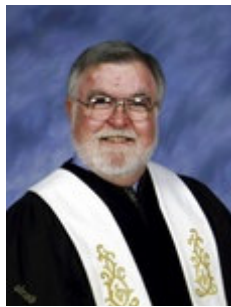
As we rocket toward our Annual Ministry Commitment “lift-off” this Sunday, March 11, remember that we too are committed to excellence, because in many cases people's spiritual lives are at stake. In each and all of our ministries here at Central Christian Church, we want to do the best we can to serve each other and our community. That has been our history, our tradition, our commitment.

The astronauts' rocket needed enough fuel and power to escape the Earth's gravitational pull in order to attain orbit and then journey on to the moon. Our recurring ministries, and our hope for extended ministries depends on “financial fuel”, and that means they depend on you. Without continued support, some ministries may suffer or be curtailed. With your support, we can “lift-off” and meet our trip objectives---to minister to each other and to our community.

Remember our launch date: this Sunday, March 11. Bring your “financial fuel”, your faithful commitment to our continuing ministries.

According to John

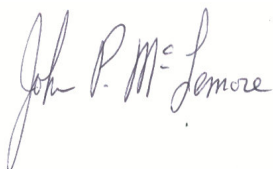
This Sunday, March 11, is Commitment Sunday for our “First Things First” annual fund drive. I am hopeful and optimistic. God is moving among us and one “indicator” is our increased giving to God through the mission and ministry of Central Christian Church over the last few years. Please prayerfully consider your gifts for 2007-2008. One of my goals is to encourage those who haven’t submitted Estimate of Giving cards in the past to do so this year. Find a place to start that is appropriate to you. Let us know what that amount might be so that we can establish a realistic and appropriate budget. Then give regularly. You will be blessed. The church will be blessed, and God’s Reign will come near to us.



On a personal note, many are continuing to ask about my “cancer treatments” and my health. As last reported to you, I saw my urologist the first of January. I received a hormone shot and a prescription for a single pill I am to take every day. I am more easily fatigued and am experiencing increased aches and pains, but I still maintain a normal schedule and level of activity. In fact, the ministry requirements of the last few weeks have dictated more meetings and events, but that will normalize soon. I actually feel fine. I have another bone scan and PSA test on April 3rd and I go back to the urologist on April 5th. Those tests will tell if the treatment is effective.

The sabbatical plans are still on. I am optimistic and hopeful about the treatments. Of course I continue to covet your prayers and your words of encouragement are always welcome.

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

March 4, 2007

Chapel Worship.....	40
Sanctuary Worship.....	266
Saturday Evening Worship.....	10

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 11, David Dell

REPORTED ILL

St. Mary's: Bobbye Buck

Bass: Imogene Price

Dismissed: Della Huckleberry, Chester Ross



***Don't Forget!!!
Set your clocks forward 1
hour before you go to bed Sat-
urday night. See you at
church!!!!***

**Sunday School Class Schedule
To Serve WWNF**

- March 14—Genesis Class
- March 21—No WWNF
- March 28—Sooner Class

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Sunday, March 11

- Annual Fund Commitment Sunday
- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Church School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30—Centours Luncheon
- 2:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 4:00—ChiRho Meeting
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:00—Elder Meeting
- 5:30—CYF Meeting

Monday, March 12

- 12:10—Lenten Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 13

- 11:55—Brown Bag Bible Study
- 4:30—Kids Central Board Meeting
- 7:00—Agape Group Meeting
- 7:00—Quilt Central

Wednesday, March 14

- 10:00—CWF Group Meetings
- 1:30—CWF Group Meetings
- 4:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 4:30—JYF/Youth Choir
- 5:00—Children's Handbells
- 5:15—Caregivers Too Meeting
- 5:15—WWNF Meal
- 6:00—WWNF Chapel Fellowship
- 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—Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, March 17

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2007

Chapel Worship.....	8:00 a.m.
Church School.....	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship.....	10:15 a.m.
Sermon.....	"First Fruits: Dues, Votes, Investments, Matters of the Heart" ...Rev. John McLemore
Scripture.....	Leviticus 23:10-14; Matthew 6:19-21
Anthem.....	"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go".....Chancel Choir
Elders: 8:00—Mary Johnson; 10:15—Willo Clark, Bob Greenhaw	

GIVING RECOGNIZED

Loma Sullivan, Oklahoma Associate Regional Pastor notified Dee Smith, CWF President that the Disciple Women and Fellowship Guild of Central Christian Church of Enid are second among the top 10 congregations nationally in women's giving; including Disciple Mission Fund and Blessing Box gifts (and more).

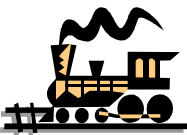
A big thanks to the congregation for their contributions. A special thank you to all the ladies of CWF and Guild who are so devoted to Mission programs and helped to make this possible.

TOYOTA DONATED



Pictured above is Brian Meyer presenting the title to the Central Christian Church Toyota van to Spencer Bowan during the Men's Retreat in Guthrie. The church donated the van to the camp for their use. A big thank you to Chuck Bolwan who originally donated the van to our church. It has made many a mile for our church in the last ten years. Others pictured that attended the Men's weekend were Paul Wagner, Butch Phillips, Paul Denny, Jim Cox, and Greg Riggs.

HELP WANTED!!!



Kids Central is needing a part-time infant teacher for the hours of 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in the position please call Rachel at 242-5177.

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.....Judi Heller recovering from a heart procedure. She is now on the kidney transplant list.....Tom Berlie will be having tests Monday.....Kim Price, son of Imogene Price will have heart valve replacement surgery next Thursday.....Mac McWilliams, Randy's father having heart surgery.....

DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations are being accepted for the Vietnam Mission Trip. They are in need of vegetable seed packets and also sewing items. Items such as needles, snaps, buttons, and thread would be very much appreciated.

If you would like to make the journey on this mission trip please call Bret Whinery at 237-1635 for more information.

ANGEL FOOD ORDERS TAKEN

The March Angel Food orders are now being taken. You can either bring your \$25 to the church office or stop by Hope Outreach. Menus are available in the church office. Order dates are March 5—March 10, March 12—March 17 with the last day for orders being March 19. Distribution date will be Saturday, March 31.



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

CARD OF THANKS

Sometimes it seems that a simple “thank you” is so inadequate when we need to express our heartfelt appreciation to our church family for its love, prayers, cards, and concern about our granddaughter, Kirbie. She received her heart transplant on February 9 and is home and ready to start school and her other activities. We praise God and give Him the credit. What do people do who are not members of a faith community? Thank you again, and may God bless each one of you.

Dorothy & Worth Bracher

Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Our thanks to the Central Christian Church family for the love you've shown Nancy and me through your calls, cards, visits and prayers surrounding my heart procedure. Special thanks to our close family members, Gene & Jeanette Heitfeld, Tom Berlie, and Pastors John, Don and Sam, (and the many who offered!) who made the unexpected trip to OKC to share the burden of apprehension and anxiety. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family who lifted us up and supported us when all we thought we needed was your prayers! You are all loved and appreciated! May God continue to bless our congregation through your ministry. May God continue to bless YOU. Thank you all!

Butch & Nancy Phillips

CARD OF THANKS

The Dell family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, cards, and visits during Bobbye's extended recovery. It has been a wonderful outpouring from our church family and we can't thank you enough. God bless.

David & Sue Dell

Bobby Buck

“You've Got To Have Faith!”

Attention all ladies (and gentlemen who buy for ladies)! Judi Jordan and Jana Davis will be hosting a FAITH (Fashion Accessories in the Home) Jewelry party on Saturday, March 17, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Faith Jewelry is a growing company that focuses on providing beautiful, colorful jewelry at affordable prices.

Please come join us for a come-and-go baked potato bar and dessert. Ten percent of your purchase will be donated by Judi to the CACS committee. Or, you can make a twenty-five or fifty dollar donation to CACS and agree to hold a FAITH show to receive your donation amount back in free FAITH jewelry.

So come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us; enjoy good food, Christian fellowship, and lots of FAITH!



Centour's Lunch

March 11, 2007—following the 10:15 a.m. worship service, enjoy a real Irish meal—corned beef, red potatoes, cabbage and carrots, and Shamrock cake. Tary-Davis Johnson will entertain us with Irish tunes. Please join us.

BELL RINGERS NEEDED

The Chancel Handbell Choir is in need of more ringers. Practice is every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and performances are once per month. If you are interested please contact Virginia Wheeler at 234-5674.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Sunday, March 25; 1:00—5:00
Horn of Plenty Food Drive
 - Thursday, April 19; 3:00—7:00
Blood Drive
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Youth News

Rock-a-Thon: Notice to all rockers....you need to turn in your Rock-A-Thon money. We are past the deadline and need to tabulate the results.

International Affairs Seminar: Keep Ruth Ballew and Jacqueline Hunter in your prayers. They leave for New York and Washington D.C. this Saturday, March 10th and they return on Saturday, March 17th. They are going to take lots of pictures and tell us about their experiences when they return.

Mission Trip: The Gulf Coast Mission Trip will be during Spring Break. We will leave on Sunday March 18th and return on Saturday, March 24th. This trip is for high school students as well as adults. We are limited to 20 total participants, and we have a few spaces left. Call John McLemore TODAY if you want to go.

Spring Break: We will not have Youth Meetings on Sunday, March 18th or on Wednesday, March 21st because of the mission trip and people being out of town. We will meet this Sunday, March 11th, and Wednesday, March 14th. Regular schedule will resume on Sunday, March 25th.

Snack Supper: Special thanks to Leslie Ballew for providing snack supper on February 25th and to Melissa Hula for providing food on March 4th. Jana Davis is providing snack supper this Sunday, March 11th.

Youth and Young Adult Minister Search: Keep the Search Committee in your prayers. They interviewed two candidates this week.

Summer Camp Dates

Discovery Camp June 22-24 or July 6-8
Junior Camp June 18-22 or July 9-13
Chi Rho Camp June 10 – 14 Camp Out or July 15-20
Mid High Camp July 1-6
CYF Conference June 17-22

Kids Corner Continued

PRAYER CONCERNS - Please pray for Kyley's great-grandfather. He is very sick and in the hospital.

THANK YOU TO SOME SPECIAL PEOPLE – All of us want to thank our "Cruising the Steward Ship" teachers for all the awesome work they did these last three weeks. You made studying about stewardship and talents so much fun and we learned a lot.

KIDS CORNER

Acolytes – Mar. 11

Matthew Easter, Caitlyn Castle
(Substitute: Sarah Johnson)

Kids Time – Mar. 11

Sue Chael, Stephanie Yunker, Katie Bushman
Rachel Meyer

(Substitute: Austyn Riggs)

Rotation Teachers – Mar. 11

Carolyn McLemore

MEMORY VERSE CONTEST: Our next memory verse is really easy – there are ONLY 7 WORDS!!!! (It is different from the one listed in last week's Visitor because we changed curriculum.) The verse is: "He is not here. He is risen." Luke 24:5 So, you can see that ALL OF YOU can learn this verse. It's going to be close this time with the 1st/2nd/3rd graders going against the 4th/5th/6th graders. I'll bet it might even be a tie. Get busy memorizing God's word!

PARENTS – ANOTHER IDEA FOR PARENTING: Remember that your child's emotions are not the enemy. They can reveal very important information about what your child's needs are.

DON'T FORGET

- Bring your poster back if you haven't brought it back yet. We'll be sure it gets put up on our Poster Festival display. The display is wonderful. You have all done such a great job sharing how much you love the church.
- Bring your Week of Compassion square box back by March 11th.
- I made a mistake – bring your "Cruising the Steward Ship" Chinese-take-out-type boxes back on April 1st. (I will give back the boxes to those of you who already brought them back so you can continue collecting money until April 1st.) If you don't have a box yet, I'll have some more on Sunday so you can take it home and collect your money!
- Remember - Every time you put money in, every single penny, nickel, dime, quarter and dollar will be like the story of the talents. They will bring back more. So use your talents!!!!!!
- 3/21/07 - NO WWNF/JYF/CCF during spring break.