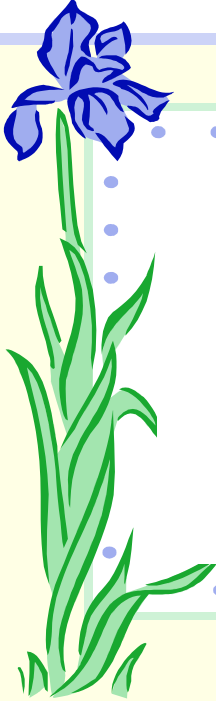
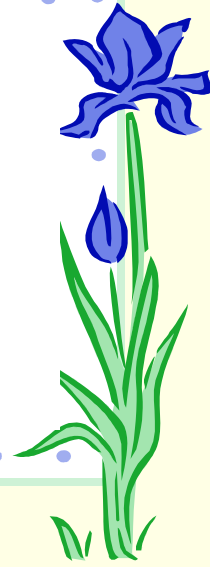

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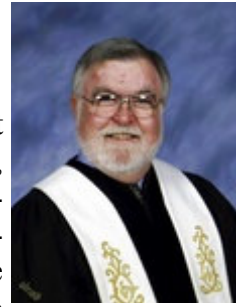
Preparing the Way.....
Growing Toward an Extraordinary Future!
You and your family are invited to attend
a complimentary
Celebration Luncheon
Following worship on Sunday, April 1st.



Share the Good News!! He is Risen
Easter Cantata
This Sunday, 10:15 a.m.

A retelling of the events of Holy Week through narration, singing and
movement, set in contemporary style. Come join us!!!!

According to John



- We returned safe and sound from our **New Orleans Mission Trip**. I want the entire congregation to know how proud I am, and we should all be, of the youth that participated. Zach Jones, Austin Hula, Richard Goldsmith, Caitlin McAnally, Taressa Coulter and Ruth Ballew did **OUTSTANDING** work. I received numerous compliments from others at the Westside Mission Station about our youth. Special thanks also go to Kacy Wallace, Heath Wallace, Cindy Morris and Harry Hammonds for the work they did. Central Christian Church was well represented in New Orleans.
- This Sunday is **Palm Sunday and our “Preparing the Way” Commitment Sunday**. Our recent annual fund drive is drawing to a close and we are setting records. Now is the time to consider our “over and above” gifts to retire the debt and continue some needed improvements to our church building. Please prayerfully consider your part in this three year program and bring your Commitment Card to worship this Sunday. After the Choir Cantata at 10:15 a.m. we will receive our cards and then have a **BIG PARTY**. Please plan to be a part.
- **HOLY WEEK** is upon us. Please consider participating in the following special services and activities:

Maunday Thursday Communion Service – April 5th – 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - April 6th - 7:00 p.m. - Chapel

Prayer Vigil – Saturday – April 7th – 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. – Small Chapel
(Sign up at the Welcome Center)

Easter Egg Hunt at the Chambers’ – Saturday – April 7th – 10:00 a.m.
3818 S. Garland Road

Easter Sunrise Service at the Clark’s – meet at the church at 6:30 a.m.
Bring blanket or lawn chair

Easter Celebration of Resurrection – April 8th – 10:15 a.m. – Sanctuary
One Service Only

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 25, 2007

Chapel Worship.....	38
Sanctuary Worship.....	240
Saturday Evening Worship.....	20

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 1, David Larrison


REPORTED ILL

St. Mary's: Bobbye Buck, Gloria Zieske, Wilita Larrison, Jim Wright

Bass: Bessie Polzer

Dismissed: Jance Davis, Toy Hoskins, Tom Berlie, Betty Olmstead, Harrison Hromas, Mae Clark, Patty Russell, Goldia Rasmussen

There will be no 8:00 a.m. worship service Sunday, April 1 and Sunday, April 8.



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

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Sunday, April 1

- No Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Church School
- 9:00—Disciples 101 Class
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30—Preparing the Way Luncheon
- 2:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 4:00—ChiRho Meeting
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF Meeting

Monday, April 2

- 12:00—No Noon Prayer Service
- 6:00—Fellowship Guild Dinner
- 6:30—Personnel Meeting

Tuesday, April 3

- 11:45—Brown Bag Bible Study
- 5:00—Caregivers
- 7:00—Youth Parent's Meeting

Wednesday, April 4

- 4:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 4:30—JYF/Youth Choir
- 5:00—Children's Handbells
- 5:15—NO WWNF
- 6:30—"The Shop" Meeting
- 6:30—Chancel Choir Practice
- 7:30—Chancel Handbell Practice

Thursday, April 5

- 7:00—Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 6

- 7:00—Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 7

- 8:00—Prayer Vigil Begins
- 10:00—Easter Egg Hunt
- 1:00—Civitan Easter Egg Hunt @ Airport
- 5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2007

NO Chapel Worship

Church School.....9:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship.....10:15 a.m.

Choir Cantata....."Share the Good News!! He Is Risen".....Chancel Choir

Elders: 10:15—Janet Jones, Merle Phillips



EASTER LILIES ON SALE

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one to decorate the sanctuary on Easter, Sunday, April 8, please fill out the order slip this Sunday in your bulletin or call the church office. The cost of each lily plant is \$13. Also, please indicate if you will be picking up your lily after the 10:15 a. m. worship service or if you would like your lily to be delivered to one of our homebound.

EASTER CANDY NEEDED

Individually wrapped Easter candy is needed for the kids April 7th Easter egg hunt. Be sure the candy is small enough to fit inside the smallest plastic eggs. Please bring the candy to Carolyn's office *by mid-afternoon* of Wednesday, April 4th.

CARD OF THANKS

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much in handling the emergency I created and notifying my family and getting me to the hospital. Sorry I delayed your meeting.

Special thanks to Don Johnson for his visits, prayers and my teddy bear. The Caregivers visits, calls, cards and all your prayers.

Also want to thank you for prayers for my son Kim. They were answered—the aorta valve replacement was delayed, the blockage taken care of and he is doing great.

Please keep me in your prayers.

Imogene Price

Sunday School Class Schedule To Serve WWNF

April 4—No WWNF due to Holy Week

April 11—Genesis Class

April 18—Bible Study Class

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.....Olive Taylor and Ron Maphet on the death of their brother John Maphet.....Marilyn Ogden on the death of her brother-in-law Tom Ogden.....The family of Hilda Pierce. Funeral services were held Friday with Rev. John McLemore officiating.....Jeffrey and Dana Oltmanns as they prepare to deal with serious health concerns of their unborn daughter. Claire Deborah will be delivered next Tuesday, April 3. Jeffrey is the son of Connie Oltmanns and the grandson of Floreine Oltmanns..... Imogene Price having aorta valve replacement and heart by-pass surgery.....The Henneke family and Bob Parks on the death of Joye Parks..... Ottis Cornelsen recovering from a procedure to remove skin cancer.....Mac McWilliams, Randy McWilliams father recovering from surgery..... Sharron Miller, Carolyn McLemore's sister.....

THANK YOU!!!

Dear Members of Central Christian Church,

On behalf of the staff, Board of Directors and campers, I would like to thank you each and every one of you for the donation of the Toyota Van. Your generosity is very appreciated by all of us.

We have already put the van to use making trips to Oklahoma City. The van is the most economical vehicle we have on the camp.

Again, thank you for the van.

Sincerely,

Spencer E. Bowen, Exec. Director

The Shop - Generator Maintenance

We will meet this Saturday, March 31st, at 1:00 P.M. at Value Auto Mart, 415 N. Independence for generator maintenance. We'll change oil, add fuel preservative and insure that these units are "ready to go" for the next time they're needed. We also encourage those church members who own a generator to bring yours down and let us check it out for you. When was the last time you had yours running? Does it run? We can probably get it going for you!

If we have a good turnout of willing volunteers, this shouldn't take more than about 2 hours to accomplish. We also have a couple of projects that need to be assigned. We're looking for you to help!



FLOWER SALE

Dexus Oncology Relay for Life Team members are selling geraniums in 5-inch pots for \$5. Colors available are red, white, pink or salmon. To order call 234-1061 or Nancy Phillips at 234-1910. You may pick up your geraniums on April 5 or 6 at Dexus Oncology, 825 E. Garriott Road, or at Central Christian Church on Easter, April 8. The order will be turned in on March 26.

Also, watch for more information on a fun family night to be held on April 20 at Central!!!

PRAYER VIGIL

Central will have a Prayer Vigil Saturday April 7 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Sign-up sheets for 30 minute prayer times are available at the new prayer table in the Loggia.

**IN MEMORIAM
JOYE PARKS
AUGUST 18, 1916—MARCH 28, 2007**

MELISSA DELL RUNNING FOR PERU

Central Christian Church member, Melissa Dell, will be running a 56 mile race in June to raise funds for two projects in Peru. The first project will provide funds for the three schools to buy materials (books, dolls, etc) that will celebrate and preserve the region's indigenous cultural heritage. The second project will reinstate a series of workshops sponsored by EM-COP, a women's micro-finance organization, that train Uros women in indigenous crafts. This will help them to preserve their cultural heritage while earning the money necessary to feed and protect their children. The Uros (which means "worm" in the Inca's language) have been the poorest and most discriminated indigenous group in Peru since Inca times, and EMCOP works in particular to empower them.

Melissa is an Economics graduate student at Oxford University (UK), focusing on the long-run impact of Spanish colonialism on economy and governance in Andean Peru. Her research, in particular, points to inequality in access to education and discrimination in the provision of essential state services as key factors in promoting the persistence of poverty.

Check and cash donations (as a lump sum or amount per mile) may be made to Central Christian Church. 100% of funds will go towards the two projects above, and donations can be earmarked for one particular project, if desired.

ATTENTION ANGEL FOOD VOLUNTEERS!!!

This Saturday, March 31 will be the last month Central will be distributing Angel Food. Volunteers need to be at the church by 10:00 a.m. Thank you for volunteering and helping support this great local outreach.

Boomer Small Group

The Boomer Small Group will meet on Sunday, April 7 at 7 PM at the Dell's house. The lesson is "Gluttony – One of the Seven Deadly Sins." Everyone is invited to bring a calorie-laden dessert.

Boomer Sunday School Class

The Boomer Sunday School Class will resume its study of the Bible in current events after Easter. On April 1, we will attend Rev. John McLemore's Disciples 101 class in the Multipurpose Room. On Easter Sunday morning, we will have a light brunch. The lessons for the month of April include:

- Global warming – what the Bible says about our responsibility.
- "The Barbie Bandits" – free will, making good decisions and following Jesus
- Temptation in the workplace – Is it "Christian" to work in fields with great temptations such as gambling, fashion or in a bar?

If you don't have a Sunday school class, please join us.

CARD OF THANKS

I appreciate so much the ladies of the church who helped out with the funeral reception for my husband, Craig Nelson. The desserts, the table decoration and your loving hospitality made a difference in a difficult time. Rev. John McLemore, you caught the essence of my husband as your service celebrated his life.

Thank you,
Shirley Nelson

**IN MEMORIAM
HILDA PIERCE
JANUARY 21, 1914—MARCH 27, 2007**

We Need Your Help

The CACS committee of Central Christian Church and DHS are co-sponsoring a "Back-to-School Party" for foster children in late July or early August. We are doing this because of the excellent response to our Foster Kids Christmas party - from the church, the foster children and their parents. At this "Back-to-School Party" we plan to give each foster child a new set of school clothes. Although this is a big project, we have a big God helping us and we have shown again and again our church has a big heart.

So we are starting early asking people to donate new clothes of any size (preferably with its tags on it), that would be appropriate for children to wear to grade school, junior high or high school. Drop your clothes off at the church office.

NEEDED

A clothing rack to hang donated clothing for the Foster Kids "Back-to-School Party".

CARD OF THANKS

Dear Central Christian Church,

I would like to thank you so much for all the thoughts and prayers toward me. I've been home two weeks since my heart transplant and have enjoyed all of the kind get well cards. I am starting to feel a lot better also! Thank you again for everything!

Kirbie N. Brittain

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations go out to Collin and Jessica Stephen, children of Deanna & Mark Stephen and grandchildren of Denny & Peg Krick for competing in the Elks Hoop Shoot Regional contest held in Denver, Colorado. Collin placed first in the 12-13 year old division and will now compete at the national level to be held April 21 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- April 1—Palm Sunday, one service at 10:15.
- April 5—Maundy Thursday Service in Sanctuary, 7:00 p.m.
- April 6—Good Friday Service in Chapel, 7:00 p.m.
- April 7—Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m., Stephen & Mary Suzan Chambers' Home, 3818 S. Garland.

Sunday, April 8—Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service to be held at the home of Jerry and Janice Clark, 1706 N. Wheatridge.
- One service @ 10:15 a.m.

We Need your Help

Cookies and 2-liter Bottles of Pop

CACS is helping the Civitan Club with their annual Easter egg hunt for developmentally disabled adults on Saturday, April 7 at 1 p.m. at the Woodring Airport. Central Christian Church is responsible for providing pop and cookies. Since over 200 adults are anticipated to attend this annual event, we need a lot of cookies and pop. Please bring your cookies and pop to the church by Friday, April 6th at 5 p.m.

Seekers Class

This Sunday, April 1st, we will again join the Disciples 101 Class in the Multi-purpose room. Next Sunday, April 8th, we will begin our introduction to a 6-week Bible study of prayer. We hope any and all who might be interested to join us on this journey. We meet regularly in room 209 of the Education wing.

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.

CARD OF THANKS

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much to all those who visited, called and sent cards while I was in the hospital. Special thanks to Bob Parks for the wonderful cookies. Also, to Worth Bracher for being such a good next door neighbor.

Tom Berlie

CARD OF THANKS

Dear Central Friends,

Thank you so much for all your concern and prayers during Jance's hospital stay and convalescence. Special appreciation goes to Wilma Beaty and Don Johnson for their visits and stuffed animals, to Carolyn for the conversation, and to the contingent in New Orleans for their thoughts during their absence.

There are others who deserve mentioning as well. Butch, thank you for your support and understanding of Jance. Tom Stout, Thom Bushman, and Barbara Baker, your phone calls meant so much. To the youth and Genesis Sunday school class, we so appreciate your gifts of food, entertainment, flowers, and stuffed animals.

Our family is blessed to be part of Central Christian Church. The warmth you've expressed has contributed so much to Jance's recuperation and recovery.

Love and God bless,

Jana, Jimmy, Jance and Jameson Davis

Youth News

- **SPRING FLING** is this weekend at Central Christian Camp. A number of our CYF youth will be attending.
- **Sunday, April 1**, 5:00 p.m.; Chi Rho & CYF both meet for Snack Supper. At 5:30 p.m. ChiRho & CYF meet together. Work on Easter Eggs & Sunrise Service. Plan next few weeks.
- **Tuesday April 3**, 7:00 p.m.
PARENTS MEETING in Multi-Purpose Room.
- **Saturday April 7**, 8:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt Prep. Meet at church.
- **Sunday April 8**, 6:30 a.m.; Easter Sunrise Service. Meet at the church.
9:00 a.m.—Sunday School
10:15 a.m.—Easter Worship

IMPORTANT PARENTS MEETING
All CYF and Chi Rho Parents are encouraged to attend.
Tuesday, April 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room

Kids Corner Continued

DON'T FORGET

- THERE WILL BE NO KIDS TIME ON 4/01/07 OR ON 4/08/07 so the kids can be in worship to celebrate the cantata (April 1st) and Easter Sunday (April 8th).
- 4/07/07 – Easter egg hunt – 10:00 a.m. at Mary Suzan and Steve Chambers' house.
 - Dates for our first annual mother/daughter and father/son sleep-overs in the youth center will be announced soon.

PALM SUNDAY – On Palm Sunday, children of all ages will bring in the palms at the beginning of the 10:15 worship service, just as we always do. We will meet in the loggia at the gazebo to get our palms. Be sure you're there!

KIDS CORNER

Acolytes – April 1

Austyn Riggs, Casey Easter
(Substitute: Ivey Dyson)

Kids Time – April 1

There will be no Kids Time this Sunday.

Rotation Teachers – April 1

Laurie Bushman, games (1st & 2nd grades)
Gail Novak, science (5th & 6th grades)
Kristy Petersen, cooking (3rd & 4th grades)

MEMORY VERSE CONTEST: You are really tearing it up with memorizing our Bible verse. I think maybe the 1st/2nd/3rd graders are going to win this time but we'll have to see. Good for you for memorizing this verse.

BAPTISM CAMP will take place on Saturday, March 31st, from 9:00 to 1:00 in the multipurpose room. You will need to bring a sack lunch and a drink. If you haven't been baptized yet or want to go through the class again, call the church office and let John or Carolyn know you want to participate. We'll have a good time and learn a lot.

FOR PARENTS – Help your children learn to confess their mistakes so it will be easier for them to admit their mistakes to others and apologize to anyone they have hurt.

DON'T FORGET

- 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!
- 3/31/07 – Baptism Camp – 9:00 to 1:00. Bring a sack lunch and a drink.