

Central Christian Caregivers *Homebound & Nursing Home Group*

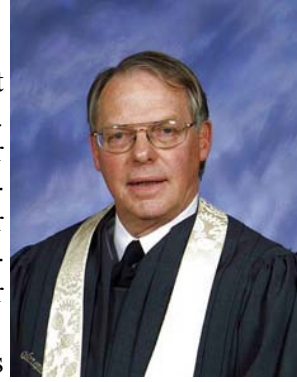
This group was established in 1988 and has been carrying out its ministry since that time. Their Mission Statement states as their purpose, *“To promote our Visitation Ministry so that in some small way we can represent Central Christian Church, and help spread the Love and Good News of Jesus Christ.”*

For the calendar year 2006 the Group made 4137 calls; sent 77 birthday cards; 755 Thinking of You Cards; and prepared and served 10 Funeral Dinners. They also purchased and distributed 100 religious calendars; distributed the donated flowers at Easter and Christmas; purchased \$100 in food coupons for use by family members who have relatives that are hospitalized; and donated to 15 memorials at Central Christian Church set-up for people on our call list. Recently, they also purchased and distributed fifty devotional books to shut-ins. These books were well received and very much appreciated.

The Caregivers need people to help with this Ministry. They hope that you will consider this as a way of service to your God and to your church.

Words from the Associate Minister

As President of the Autry Technology Center School Board, I spent the past weekend at the annual convention of the National School Board Association. Again and again it was mentioned that the United States has seen major changes over the past fifteen years. In the early 1990's, the Internet, terrorism on our shores, the robust economies of China and India that flood our country with their manufactured goods and immigration issues were all relatively non-existent. But now, these are major concerns and they affect our educational environment today.



Since change will continue, we need to educate people to solve problems that don't exist today. We need to educate people to use technologies that don't exist today. And we need to educate people for jobs that don't exist today. So what sort of education do we need for the "uncertainties of tomorrow?"

There is much debate about curriculum needs as evidenced by the passionate discussion around "No Child Left Behind". However, there is a consensus among educators and business that our children need more than math, science, English, history and computer literacy to successfully solve the challenges and changes they will face. To be successful in our rapidly changing world, students need education and practice in life skills - ethics, values, accountability, personal and social responsibility, problem solving and teamwork (working together). And beyond athletics, they need the discipline and self confidence that comes from studying the arts, music, dance, theater, painting and pottery.

And that is where the church comes in. Through Christian Education and youth programs, churches provide opportunities in areas that are too often dropped from public curriculum due to a lack of time and money. Central Christian Church has many dedicated volunteers teaching your children these sorts of skills through Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and music programs. And as our youth do volunteer work they learn valuable life skills.

I came away from this convention with one major thought— thank God for our public schools, our teachers and school administrators, their support staffs and elected school boards. And I thank God for our Sunday school teachers and youth sponsors who complement our public school system. When our children attend public schools, Sunday schools and Christian youth programs, they receive a balanced education (See Luke 2: 52) and become the best educated people in the world. And with God's help, they will be able to solve any problem society will throw their way.

So help your child be a success in our changing world. Help your friends' children be a success. Bring them to church, bring them to Sunday school, and bring them to our youth programs. Church programs will make a difference in your child's life.

In case of an emergency please call Rev. Johnson any time at the office at 233-1214. If you are unable to reach him at the office, his cell phone number is (580)402-2612, or you can reach him by calling his home 237-4779.

SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

April 15, 2007

Chapel Worship.....	32
Sanctuary Worship.....	226
Saturday Evening Worship.....	10

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 22, Mack Allison

REPORTED ILL

St. Mary's: Gene Brintnall, Jerry Reinhart
Dismissed: Tom Berlie, Denolda Whiteneck, Imogene Price

CWF DATE CHANGES FOR MAY

The following dates for CWF have been set for the month of May:

- Wednesday, April 25—9:45 a.m. Leaders Training in the Conference Room.
 - Wednesday, April 25—10:30 a.m. Executive Board
 - Wednesday, May 2—Group Meetings
 - Wednesday, May 9—Noon Luncheon
- These dates were changed due to Tri-State.

WWNF BIBLE STUDY

Jeanette Heitfeld will continue her Bible study with next week's title, "Sermon on the Plains." This study will be taken from the 6th chapter of Luke. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

Sunday, April 22

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Church School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30—First Friends Pot Luck Lunch
- 2:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 5:30—Elder Meeting

Monday, April 23

- 12:00—Prayer Service

Tuesday, April 24

- 11:45—Brown Bag Bible Study
- 7:00—Outreach Meeting
- 7:00—Worship Meeting

Wednesday, April 25

- 4:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 4:30—JYF/Youth Choir
- 5:00—Children's Handbells
- 5:15—WWNF Meal—Boy Scouts Fundraiser
- 6:00—WWNF Fellowship
- 6:30—JYF/CCF/Youth Meet
- 6:30—"The Shop" Meeting
- 6:30—Chancel Choir Practice
- 7:30—Chancel Handbell Practice

Saturday, April 28

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

MEADOWS POINT MEAL DELIVERY

The Crusader Sunday School Class is responsible for Meadows Point Meal Delivery Tuesday, April 24 through Friday, April 27.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2007

Chapel Worship.....	8:00 a.m.
Church School.....	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship.....	10:15 a.m.
Sermon.....	"American Tragedy".....Rev. Don Johnson
Anthem.....	"Lord, I Want to be a Christian".....Chancel Choir
Elders: 8:00—Dan Harris;10:15—Bea Simpson, Willo Clark	

LaMesa Point Apartment Open House

The Board of Directors of Disciples Housing of Enid, d.b.a. La Mesa Point Apartments invite you to be present at the Open House Ceremony to celebrate the opening for the La Mesa Point Apartments on Sunday, April 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. La Mesa Point Apartments are located at 4202 LaMesa Drive, Enid, Oklahoma.

The LaMesa Point Apartments is a 47-unit housing project providing rent subsidized housing for low income senior citizens. The project is funded through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), section 202 program. This project is a collaboration between Christian Church of the Covenant, Central Christian Church, Willow Road Christian Church, University Place Christian Church, Christian Church Homes of Northern California and HUD.

La Mesa Point Apartments is the third apartment complex in Enid dedicated to providing high quality, safe housing for low-income senior citizens. The Disciples of Christ Church has operated Meadows Point Apartments located on South Cleveland, since 1983. Civitan Homes has been in operation on North Garland since 2003. The addition of La Mesa point Apartments provides much needed, affordable, senior housing in the Enid Community.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting Sunday, April 29 at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. worship services to approve the Elders, Deacons and Board Officers. Elders to be approved are: Thom Bushman, Joyce Greenhaw, Pat Novak, Paul Denny, Max Johnson, Willa Jo Fowler, Sherry Shaw, Karen Foster, Becky Meyer and Barbara Baker. Those Deacons to be approved are: Tonia Clark, Natalie Schuermann, Van Schuermann, Lois Tilley, Mac Allison, Jan Newkirk, Lorene Harnish, Jimmy Davis, Bill Brant, Fred Overstreet, Roger Groves, Roy Smith, Rob Schlecht, Mike O'Banion, and Kathy Eck. Officers include: Gail Novak, Moderator; Brian Meyer, Vice-Moderator, Mary Suzan Chambers, Treasurer; and Janice Clark, Secretary.

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, Barbara Hunter, Terry Moulton, Marilyn King, Elbert Wheeler, Norma McIntyre, Karen Holloway, Brenda Brown, Mary Simpson and Ray Townley.....Marvin May recovering from surgery.....The Pazzo family on the loss of Louise.....

FIRST FRIENDS POT LUCK LUNCH

Are you a new member? Are you visiting Central? Come join us this Sunday for a potluck dinner immediately following the 10:15 worship service in the Multi Purpose Room. We will be enjoying some good fellowship while we get to know each other. So come join us! And remember, it does not matter if you are a first time visitor, regular visitor, or just made that leap of faith and joined Central, we would love to get to know you better!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 23, as we will have a special WWNF treat. The schedule will change slightly with Chapel Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. and then the WWNF meal and entertainment following at 6:15 p.m.

The meal will be a pizza fundraiser for the Vietnam Mission Trip and the entertainment will be a Sing-A-Long and Ragtime Concert given by former Shakeys Musicians Peter Kersten, Nora Hulse and Mark Hulse.

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School Class Schedule To Serve WWNF</p>
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April 25—Sooner Class

May 2—Crusader Class

May 9—Genesis Class

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

Church Women United will be having their May Friendship Day Friday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Carrier Congregational Church. The program will be entitled "Fellowship of the Least Coin—Under God's Wing." Reservations can be made by calling Peggy Schaffer by April 30 at 234-2944. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m.

Dance Lessons

Central Christian Church and the Enid Big Band Dance Club are once again offering ballroom dance lessons. The lessons will be held on Sundays, April 15, 22 and 29 from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. The lessons will be taught in the Fellowship Hall. Janet Jones will be teaching the classes. Cost is \$10 per couple; \$5 per couple for Big Band Dance Club members. You can attend one lesson or all three lessons. These lessons are appropriate for people of all ages and all levels of dancing ability, from beginners to advanced dancers, teenagers to golden agers.

TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study begins again on April 24 and we will study the Book of Hosea. Why study the Book of Hosea? Hosea was written in a time of national moral and spiritual decay brought on by culture and turbulence in government. (Sounds familiar)

Hosea was one of the most radical Old Testament prophets. He spoke to the issue of spiritual decay, the judgment of God and the love of God. Hosea called people to action, to do something about the situation they were living in and worshipping in. Hosea speaks to all Christians today in the United States. Come join us as we study the Word of God.

MOTHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

Central's 2007 Mother of the Year will be honored on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13. All past nominations will be carried over to this year. We invite you to make further nominations. Persons wishing to nominate a mother for this honor should:

1. Write out or email a nomination, which should contain a brief paragraph or two on why you believe this person should be nominated.
2. Deliver, mail or email your nomination to Stephanie at the church office. The email address is cccenid@sbcglobal.net.
3. Deadline for submitting nominations is 10:00 a.m., Sunday, May 6.

MORE DONATIONS NEEDED

Thank you for all your donations of sewing items and vegetable seed packets for the Vietnam Mission Trip. Additional items needed include, all sizes of children's clothing and more vegetable seed packets. Please drop all your donations off at the church office.

BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25



The Boy Scouts will be having a Fundraiser during the WWNF meal Wednesday, April 25. The menu will include Bar-B-Q Beef Sandwiches, Chips, Pickle, and dessert. Please plan to attend and support our Boy Scout Troop 2.



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

YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 22

There will be no Snack Supper. We will go bowling. Lanes are not available until after 6:00 p. m. Meet at the church and we will all go together in a van. Cost is \$2.50 per game and \$2.25 for shoes. Bring extra money for snacks.

Wednesday, April 25

There will be a "Fun Night" in the youth room at 6:30 p.m.

CAMP DATES

Dates for camp are (with your share in parentheses):

- Discovery I (\$65.00) June 22-24 (For kids who have finished 2nd, 3rd grades).
- Junior I (\$112.50) June 18-22 (For kids who have finished 3rd, 4th and 5th grades).
- Discovery II (\$65.00) July 6-8 (For kids who finished 2nd, 3rd grades)
- Junior II (\$65.00) July 9-13 (For kids who finished 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades).
- If anyone has an extra form from last year, let me know so we can make copies. Then we can get going on this sooner.
- There will be some scholarships for camp this year. Call the church office to discuss them.

CORRECTION ON CAROLYN'S SCHEDULE

I will leave to go to General Board on 4/26/07 and be back on 5/3/07. I will miss Sunday 4/29 but will be back for 5/6/07 and will be leaving the afternoon of 5/6 to be gone until 6/3/07. I will be back in the office on Tuesday, June 5th. Sorry for any confusion about my time away.

KIDS CORNER

Acolytes – April 22

Ty Schlecht, Macie Riggs
(substitute: Sarah Johnson)

Kids Time – April 22

Laurie Bushman, Meredith Wagar
Jameson Davis, Austin Jarnagin
(Substitute: Austin Hula)

Rotation Teachers – April 22

Carolyn McLemore, Storytelling (1st & 2nd);
Laurie Bushman, games (3rd & 4th grades);
Kristy Petersen, cooking (5th & 6th grades)

MEMORY VERSE CONTEST: It's final – the 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders won the memory verse contest! Congratulations to all of you who learned our verse this time. I'm really, really proud of you!

PARENT TIPS: When talking to your children, remember that an "enemy" of their wanting to talk is your wanting to tell YOUR story. Let them tell their stories about who they are, what they think and what they need out of life and you.

READ THIS ABOUT CAMP!!!! This year, unlike past years, REGISTRATION FORMS FOR ALL CAMPS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE REGIONAL OFFICE BY MAY 31ST!!!! There will be a \$45.00 late fee assessed if the registration comes in after May 31ST which will have to be paid by you. I will send out registration forms for you to fill out and get back to Stephanie at the church. She will get the check sent to accompany the registrations and we will settle up on your half of the tuition when I get back in the office on June 5th.
