



## **Blanket Sunday & Mother's Day**

The next two Sundays (May 6th & 13th) we will receive our special outreach offering for Blanket Sunday, a program conducted by the Church World Service (CWS). They furnish people here in the United States and around the world with blankets and tools when they are caught in a crisis or emergency which threatens their lives. Blankets and tools seem like such small and simple things but they can make a major difference in the lives of people who are in the grips of an emergency caused by flood, fire or earthquake.

A blanket is \$5. It is hard to imagine, but in a world where you have nothing, a blanket can be the only thing that stands between life and death for you and your family.

Our goal is \$2,500. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this very worthy cause.

### **On Sale In the Loggia this Sunday**

You can purchase the perfect Mother's Day gift this Sunday in the Loggia for just \$5. The Outreach Committee will be there to sell blanket certificates in honor of your mother this Mother's Day.

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## *Words from the Associate Minister*

It was a time of prosperity and success.

It was a time when the country was witnessing change and some decline.

A new world power was emerging.

The country was employing the “best technology” to achieve the best possible results and stay competitive.

It was a period of political instability.

It was a time of corruption.

It was a time of turning away from God.

Do these conditions sound all too familiar? This actually represents the time when the prophet Hosea spoke to northern Israel and said to change your ways, particularly your relationship with God, or suffer dire consequences. But this could also be what God is saying to us today in the United States.

If you are interested, attend our Tuesday Noon Bible study and hear what God has to say about living in times like these. If Tuesday noon is not a good time for you and you want to learn what God is saying to us today, call the church office and a second class might be arranged.



Incandescent light bulbs are very energy inefficient, because less than 10% of the electricity they use is converted to light. The rest of the electricity is converted to heat, which in the summer needs additional air conditioning. The new compact fluorescent light bulbs (otherwise known as CFL's) are much more energy efficient. They convert almost 20% of the electricity used into light. A 13 watt CFL generates the same amount of light as a 60 watt incandescent light.

CFL bulbs make a huge environmental impact. According to a recent article in the Smithsonian, if every household in the United States would replace only one incandescent bulb with a compact fluorescent bulb, it would be the equivalent in energy savings of taking 800,000 cars off the road or the energy savings could power a city of one million people.

Our church has more than 200 incandescent light bulbs. Most are in the Loggia on the support columns and beneath the beams on the first and second floors of the Education Wing. We have an opportunity to save over \$1000 per year in electricity costs by changing incandescent lights to compact fluorescent bulbs.

You can make a difference. Will you consider donating to the church, one or several 13 watt CFL bulbs (equivalent to a 60 watt incandescent bulb)? Drop them off in the office.

Two suggestions to make best use of this relatively new technology:

Stick with CFL's that carry the Energy Star label and consider bulbs with the label “warm white.” That guarantees a color index that is most pleasing. One of the best web sites for evaluating CFL's can be found at [environmentaldefense.org](http://environmentaldefense.org).

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.

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**SUNDAY'S STATISTICS**

**April 29, 2007**

Chapel Worship.....	40
Sanctuary Worship.....	235
Saturday Evening Worship.....	11

**VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, May 6, Heath Wallace**

**REPORTED ILL**

**St. Mary's:** Vena Poore, Bud Loomis  
**Dismissed:** Margaret Dent, Peg Krick, Wilita Larrison, Jerry Reinhart

**MONEY FOR CHURCH CAMP**

Church camp expenses have increased substantially over the last few years. It would be wonderful if you would make a donation of money to assist children in going to church camp. If you are interested in making a donation, either bring it by the church office to Stephanie or Vicki or put it in the offering tray. Be sure to mark it "church camp" so it will be applied in the correct place. Church camp can be the most spiritual experience a child can have. Your donation can make that happen!

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**Sunday, May 6**

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Church School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30—Reception for John & Sally Wheeler
- 2:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 4:00—Dance Lessons

**Monday, May 7**

- 12:00—Prayer Service
- 6:00—Fellowship Guild Dinner & Meeting

**Tuesday, May 8**

- 11:45—Brown Bag Bible Study
- 6:30—Evangelism Meeting

**Wednesday, May 9**

- 12:00—CWF Luncheon
- 4:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 4:30—JYF/Youth Choir
- 5:00—Children's Handbells
- 5:15—WWNF Meal
- 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, May 12**

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service



**WWNF Menu**  
**Wednesday, May 9**  
 Baked Potato & Salad Bar  
 Dessert

**SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2007**

<b>Chapel Worship.....</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Church School.....</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sanctuary Worship.....</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Sermon.....</b>	<b>"A Cup of Water, A Sharp Tool, A Warm Blanket".....Rev. Don Angle</b>
<b>Scripture.....</b>	<b>Matthew 25:35-40</b>
<b>Anthem.....</b>	<b>"My Life Flows On".....Chancel Choir</b>
<b>Special Music.....</b>	<b>Kelsey Stark</b>
<b>Special Music.....</b>	<b>"Joyous Praise".....JYF Bell Choir</b>
<b>Elders: 8:00—Bob Greenhaw;10:15—Gary Hula, Madge Loomis</b>	

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### Calling All Golfers

The first night of the Central Christian Church golf league was cancelled due to rain. We will be ready to play Tuesday, May 8th at the Golden Oaks golf course. Tee off will be between 5:45 and 6 PM. Come out at 5:30 and hit some practice balls and join in the fellowship. Like last year, we will play a 3-person scramble format. Because we only play nine holes and this is a par 3 course, it only takes a little over an hour to play. We will have grilled hot dogs (Nathan's Finest) after the golf. We are usually finished by 7:15.

The league is open to everyone, men, women, teenagers and children and the scramble format allows everyone to contribute.

Call Burl Bartlett or Don Johnson if you have any questions.

### CWF PLANS SALAD LUNCHEON

The CWF will meet Wednesday, May 9 at noon for their monthly General Meeting and Luncheon in Fellowship Hall. All members attending are asked to bring a salad.

The program will be a skit entitled "Like a Bad Neighbor" performed by Brian Meyer and Ginny Shipley. A Blessing Box dedication will be presented by Dee Smith. All members are asked to bring their Blessing Box offerings to this meeting.

So ladies, prepare your favorite salad and plan to attend!

### CARD OF THANKS

It's hard to put into words how thankful I have been for all the cards, prayers and visits I received while I was in the hospital. The visits were spiritually and mentally uplifting and I thank all the hospital callers and Caregivers for taking time to visit. I would also like to thank Rev. Johnson for his many visits.

Tom Berlie

### 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.....Margaret Dent recovering from back surgery.....Vena Poore recovering from kidney surgery.....Peg Krick continuing to recover from surgery.....

### CARD OF THANKS

Thank you Central Christian Church for all your prayers, cards, and the memorial donation in the name of my daughter Kelli Hicks. Even though I am not here to serve you, I think of you all as extended family.

Graciously,

Ron & Charla Wedel

### CARD OF THANKS

Our thanks for all the calls, cards and prayers during my recuperation from my surgery. It has been weeks since we have been able to attend church and how we missed it! It is wonderful to belong to a church like ours. Thanks again.

Earl & Peggy Rountree



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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## Central Teams Up to Fight MS

For the first time, Central Christian Church will have a team in the Enid MS Walk this month. The MS Walk is Saturday, May 19th; registration begins at Champlin Park at 9:00, and the walk itself kicks off at 9:30. Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a debilitating illness that strikes often without warning and leaves victims with paralysis that may come and go in different parts of the body for years before finally taking its toll. You have two wonderful opportunities to help fight this terrible disease -- join the Central team as we walk for those who cannot walk alone, or sponsor one of our team members with a donation to the MS Society. You can sign up to walk with us, or make a donation, by contacting Pat Lentz, Team Captain for the Central team, at 237-0110, or go online to [www.nationalmssociety.org/oke](http://www.nationalmssociety.org/oke) and connect with the Central team page. "Step by step, closer to a cure" is the theme of the Walk...help us reach our goal!

### Why I Will Walk for MS

The month before my cousin graduated from college, the world was an exciting and amazing place. She had a job already lined up teaching school; she was an accomplished organist; and she was engaged to be married. Without warning multiple sclerosis struck, and less than four weeks later my cousin hobbled her way across the stage to accept her hard-earned degree. By the end of summer she had been in and out of the hospital several times, abandoned her teaching contract, found herself in a wheelchair, and faced the trauma of a broken engagement. My cousin has had MS for more than 30 years. Some years the symptoms receded and she was able to work and live independently, but eventually they returned, and finally she moved back into her parents' home. Today she is unable to move any part of her body except her eyes and mouth. She is legally blind and is losing her ability to swallow and speak, yet her mind remains sharp and active. Trapped in a body that no longer complies with her wishes, she has attendants that clothe her, bathe her, feed her, place her in a wheelchair that she must now be tied into in order to remain upright, and put her into bed at night. Throughout all this she has served on community boards, has been an active member of her church board, and has struggled each day to keep up with the world around her and to communicate with it as best she can.

Someday, someone's contribution -- no matter how small -- will allow one researcher to have the tools necessary to find a cure for this insane illness. Maybe it will be your contribution that does it. Pat Lentz

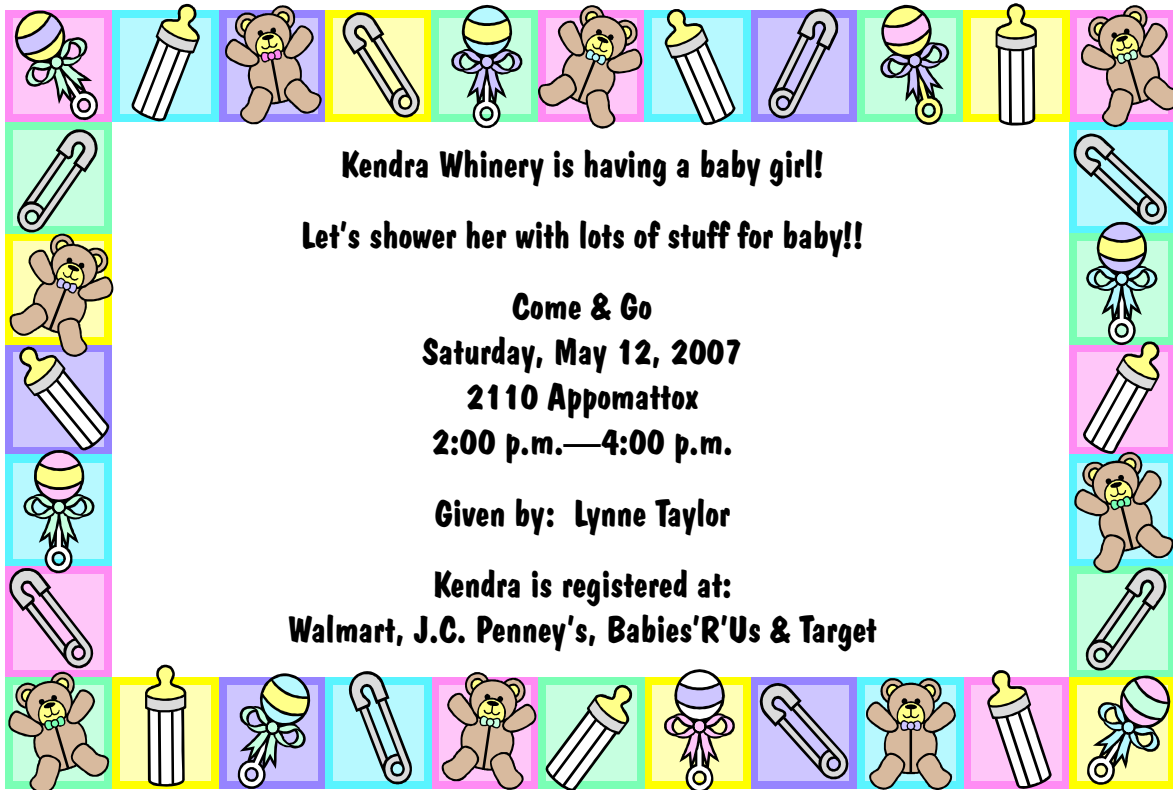
### CATERESS HIRED

Suzy Floyd has been hired as the Central Christian Church Cateress. She will begin Monday, May 7 and plans to observe during the Guild and CWF ladies' activities to get an idea of what will go on.

### 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.

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**Kendra Whinery is having a baby girl!**

**Let's shower her with lots of stuff for baby!!**

**Come & Go**

**Saturday, May 12, 2007**

**2110 Appomattox**

**2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**Given by: Lynne Taylor**

**Kendra is registered at:**

**Walmart, J.C. Penney's, Babies'R'Us & Target**

**CARD OF THANKS**

The display of love shown for Nita Billings by the entire congregation was outstanding. The lunch after the funeral by the church ladies was perfect and the Caregivers were specially caring. What a wonderful church to belong to! A special thanks to Rev. John and the rest of the staff.

With Christian love to each of you,  
Roy Billings & Family

**CARD OF THANKS**

To my church family,

Denny and I want to thank all of you for your prayers, flowers, gifts and visits during my recent surgery. A special thanks to Don Johnson for his wonderful prayers. I went to surgery knowing that the Lord was going to take care of me. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful "life support" in our church. A special thanks to my Sunday school class. There are not enough words—thanks again.

Peg Krick

**Sunday School Class Schedule  
To Serve WWNF**

- May 9—Genesis Class
- May 16—Bible Study Class
- May 23—Sooner Class

**IN MEMORIAM  
LOUISE PAZZO**

**August 30, 1918—April 17, 2007**

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## *A New School Year Begins In Puno*

The new school year has just begun for the children in Puno, Peru. The children who attend Mi Peru started this year in their newly built school. Construction was finished on the school in late March. There are still projects to be completed (i.e. the skylights). The community spent weekends constructing this school for their children.

Benjitos explained when he was here how the attitudes of the fathers are changing in these families. Before, education was not the top priority and now is. We are not only providing these children a chance for an education but also we are bringing families much closer together.

In April, school supplies were distributed to children attending Girasoles (1<sup>st</sup> school built), Mi Peru and Cancharni, the poorest schools in the Puno area. By distributing school supplies to these children they are now able to be on more equal footing with the children who can afford supplies. The children are scoring in the top percentage of children taking tests to enter 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Before we built Girasoles and furnished school supplies, the children from these schools were not allowed to even take the test to enter 1<sup>st</sup> grade. In tracking the children in 1<sup>st</sup> grade last year, it was found that the children from these schools were at the top of their classes.

We want to thank everyone for making the dream of an education for these children become a reality. God is looking down on these three schools in Peru and smiling today. Thank you!



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## Coffee Stains

Thank you for the warm welcoming my family and I have received. It is truly a blessing to work for you all as your youth minister. Sally and I are so excited about moving this weekend, it is just great!

There was a rumor floating around that the youth were going laser tagging on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup>. I am afraid that is not possible. With so much moving going on and the welcome events, there just isn't time to make a trip to Oklahoma City. I promise we will go laser tagging soon though.

Please be aware!!! Camp is quickly approaching. This year it is important for us to get our registrations in before May 31, otherwise there may not be a bunk at camp with your name on it. The camp dates for Central Christian Camp are as follows:

- Chi Rho Campout—You will be sleeping in tents! (\$TBA) June 10-14;
- Chi Rho II—You will sleep in cabins (\$127.50);
- Mid-High Camp—Involving students that have completed 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade (\$127.50); and CYF Conference (\$127.50) June 17-22.

If you are interested in going to camp or have any questions about camp, don't hesitate to call me at the church office, 233-1214. I'll be more than happy to help.

## KIDS CORNER

### Kids Time – May 6

Kinsey Bloom, Macy Hula, Sue Chael  
Stephanie Yunker  
Sub: Casey

CAMP!!!!!! CAMP!!!!!! CAMP!!!!!! This year, unlike past years, REGISTRATION FORMS FOR ALL CAMPS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE REGIONAL OFFICE BY MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>!!!!!! There will be a \$45.00 late fee assessed if the registration comes in after May 31<sup>ST</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>. Dates for camp are (with your share in parentheses):

- Discovery I (\$65.00) June 22-24 (For kids who have finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> grades).
  - Junior I (\$112.50) June 18-22 (For kids who have finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades).
  - Discovery II (\$65.00) July 6-8 (For kids who finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> grades)
  - Junior II (\$65.00) July 9-13 (For kids who finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
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