



**Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
General Assembly**

*July 21-25
Ft. Worth, Texas*

Uplifting worship and opportunities to learn about congregational transformation will headline the 2007 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Meeting Saturday - Wednesday, July 21-25, in Fort Worth, Texas, the biennial Disciples event will take place in a city that is known for its Old West heritage as well as its laid back and welcoming atmosphere.

Keynote speakers include social change advocate Jim Wallis, Editor-in-Chief of Sojourners magazine and co-organizer of Call to Renewal, a federation of churches and faith-based organizations seeking to fight poverty. Also speaking is Daisy Machado, a prominent Latina theologian, currently serving as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean at Lexington Theological Seminary. General Minister and President, Sharon Watkins, will share the state of the church in her address. Disciples Moderator, William "Bill" Lee, will also speak. He is pastor of Loudon Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Roanoke, Virginia.

The assembly theme, "Share the Feast," is based on Matthew's account of Jesus feeding the crowd of 5,000. Jesus offers a healing touch and an invitation to share in the feast of his abundance. Following the example of Jesus, Disciples are invited, in joyful, faithful response to such a gracious gift, to "Share the Feast" with others. The 2007 assembly will offer new learning tracks as well as hands-on mission, youth and young adult events, and numerous special meal gatherings. Sunday night will bring the entire assembly together for an All Assembly Fiesta where food, festival games and a celebration atmosphere will prevail in the convention hall.

Rev. John and Carolyn McLemore will be attending the assembly. Willo Clark will also be in attendance. If anyone would like to attend and be a delegate for Central Christian Church please call the church office.

According to John.....

What are the characteristics of a true Christian community? Faithful worship? Sacrificial outreach? Compassion? Loving acceptance? Radical hospitality? Service to friend, neighbor and stranger?

The answer, of course, is “yes” to all of these and we could each add additional qualities. How do we measure up at Central Christian Church? Often times the failure is to turn words into deeds. Our report card will have some “A’s”, maybe some “C’s”, perhaps even an “F” or two. It is easy to grade someone else’s behavior, but how do you grade your own?

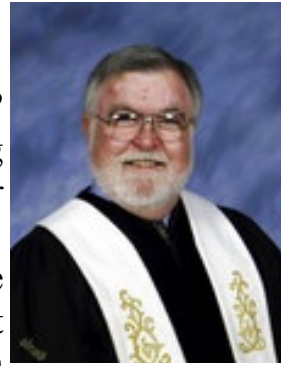
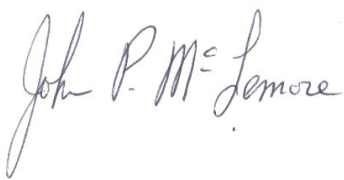
True Christian community, the Living Body of Christ, is what the world desperately needs and wants. People want to fill the emptiness that is a part of the human condition and only God can do that....and it is only filled in community.

So how are you participating in the spirit, mission and ministry of this congregation? How are you fostering a welcoming environment? How are you allowing God’s love to flow through you? What kind of grades are you making?

This Sunday I am preaching about our vision to “Love God, Love Neighbor and Make Disciples”. In the sermon I will discuss where we are as a congregation. I will also be talking about my sermon plans for the Fall.

It’s good to be back. Central is a great place with many opportunities and challenges before us. Come to worship and Sunday School this Sunday and open your hearts to the spirit of God in our midst.

Grace and peace,



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

July 8, 2007

Chapel Worship.....	43
Sanctuary Worship.....	271
Saturday Evening Worship.....	13

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 15, Heath Wallace

REPORTED ILL

St. Mary's: Eunice Barnes, Paige Klemme

Bass: Lloyd Hicks

Dismissed: Mae Clark, Davida Whitsitt, Evelyn Tarpenting

Sunday, July 15

8:00—Chapel Worship

9:00—Church School

10:15—Sanctuary Worship

2:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys

Monday, July 16

12:00—Noon Prayer Service

Tuesday, July 17

8:15—Single Women's Breakfast

11:45—Brown Bag Bible Study

5:30—Golf at Golden Oaks

Wednesday, July 18

12:00—Single Men's Luncheon

4:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys

6:30—Chancel Choir Practice

7:30—Chancel Handbell Practice

7:30—General Board Meeting

Saturday, July 21

5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

THANK YOU!!

Thank you for the prayers for my father Bill Rogers. He had had a heart attack, and an emergency heart surgery following a Mediflight to OKC. He had his final surgery this last week, and has been given a grand result! His doctors say he is fine now. It is amazing—the power of God! Thank you all for praying for him. We appreciate it so much. He is 100% now; praise to God for that gift of health!

Sherry Garrett



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

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SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2007

Chapel Worship.....	8:00 a.m.
Church School.....	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship.....	10:15 a.m.
Sermon.....	“The Word is Very Near to You”.....Rev. John McLemore
Scripture.....	Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Anthem.....	“Old Time Religion Medley”.....Chancel Choir
Special Music.....	“With Praises Ring”.....Chancel Handbell Choir
Elders: 8:00—Bob Greenhaw, 10:15—Joyce Greenhaw, Bea Simpson	

FROM THE MAILBAG

Dear Friends:

I want very much to tell you how very grateful we are for your gift. So much can be done because of your support.

Thanks to donors like you, we can provide food, health care, clean water, and sanitation to people who struggle just to survive. With your help, we can assist thousands of refugees, build schools, and support literacy programs. We also support relief and recovery efforts following a disaster.

Because of your gift, Church World Service brings hope to thousands of people around the world each day. May God bless you for your heart-felt generosity.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. John L. McCullough
Exec. Director & CEO
Church World Service
(Central sent \$2,464 for Blankets.)

FYI

Again, we now have two different specific funds our church members are supporting. The Preparing the Way and also the Operating Budget. Please state on your check or the front of your envelope which fund you are paying toward. This will help us keep our accounting records straight. Thank you.

DONUT FUND

The donuts that are provided each Sunday morning have been bought through a self-funded account. This fund has now been depleted and we would like for anyone who could donate to continue Sunday morning donuts to please drop by a donation to the church office. Thank you.

IN MEMORIAM
IMA MOORE
JULY 15, 1919—JULY 7, 2007

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, Becky Cox, Gene Olbert, Cody Miller, Tim Hopkins, Joan Winterringer, Barbara Hunter, Terry Moulton, Marilyn King, Elbert Wheeler, Karen Holloway, Brenda Brown, Mary Simpson and Ray Townley.....Eunice Barnes recovering from heart surgery.....Paige Klemme recovering from back surgery.....

NEW ADDRESS

Robert Qualls
1509 Bedford Lane
Appleton, WI 54915-4667
(920)734-9015

He is under Hospice care and is living with his son.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

***“Dust off your sewing machines
and help Kids Central!”***

Seamstresses wanted to help make scrub tops for our Kids Central caregivers. The Kids Central Board has decided to provide scrub tops for each of our caregivers to wear in the classrooms. The scrub tops will help identify our workers and provide uniformity in the way everyone dresses. The caregivers are excited about this idea, and we believe it will provide one more way to encourage them as well as recognize the valuable work they perform for our young families. We are hoping to provide 2 tops for each worker. We already have patterns purchased and material. If you would be willing to make a few tops, please contact the church office or call Pat Lentz at 237-0110. Thanks!"

Thank you all for the bears. We have plenty.

Malaria and the Gospel of Luke

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' overall message about possessions is that they should be used to welcome and help outsiders, particularly the poor who are not part of "normal" society. And these poor always included men, women and children who were sick and couldn't be helped.

Today, in Africa, south of the Sahara desert, malaria has become epidemic, particularly in children. On any given day in sub-Saharan Africa, 3000 children die – that's a million children a year! To put this in perspective, this death rate is equivalent to about 20 children dying each and every week in Enid, Oklahoma.

Malaria is a plague of the poor, because in developed countries, it has been largely contained. A generation ago in Africa, only 1500 children died each day of malaria. The tragedy of 3000 children dying every day today in Africa is that malaria has been prevented through the proper use of the insecticide DDT, mosquito netting and drainage. And malaria, once contracted, can be treated through prompt medical attention. There is no reason why deaths from malaria can't be dramatically and quickly reduced in Africa.

Our faithfulness to God is demonstrated when we extend hospitality to the poor. Helping build the Bolenge hospital in the Congo, which we are sponsoring through the Sooner Class at Central Christian Church, is an excellent example of Biblical hospitality - maybe the best example. Any contribution you make to the hospital in the Congo will save the lives. For example, a contribution of \$3 will buy three pills that will cure a person of often fatal cerebral malaria!

For more information on the epidemic of malaria, visit the website of the National Geographic – ngm.com/0707 or see the July 2007 issue of this magazine which also discusses how the inappropriate banning of DDT and subsequent unavailability of it to poor countries has caused millions of deaths. For more personal information about malaria, talk to Don or Barbara Angel who contracted it and helped fight it when they were missionaries in the Congo.

YOUR HELP NEEDED

Do you know of a homebound church member who would like to be checked on daily through our phone ministry? If so, please call Mary Beach at 234-5767.

MEMORIAL FUND STARTED

A Memorial Fund has been started in memory of Ima Moore. 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.

THANK YOU!!

Pastor McLemore, Pastor Johnson, Caregivers of Central Christian, Monday Noon Prayers, and all those for their time, cards prayers and love, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Also, for the nice brunch Mary Beach, Dorothy Bracher and others who prepared and served our family.

The support of church, friends and family really does make a difference.

Kelly loved Central Christian Church—we will miss her so very, very much.

Love and blessings,

Joe & Jean Morris & family

Coffee Stains

Well that is it. I have officially completed my first summer of camp as a youth minister. Wa-a-hoo! I had a lot of fun but I am now ready to focus on the ministry of the church. Youth group is happening on Sunday at 5:30 to 6:30. Youth group will be a regularly occurring event now that summer camps are over for me. Thank you to all who stepped in to help when I was away. You are an awesome church. We will host Wednesday night fellowship for the Chi Rho and CYF at 6:30 to 7:30. Sometime in the near future we will set a planning meeting that will give us a clear picture of what we are doing with our time in Youth Group. Peace be with you,
J.W.

NEW MEMORY VERSE

You're going to LOVE this memory verse because it's so simple even though it means a LOT!!!! "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my way." Psalm 119:05 I completely expect *everyone* to learn this Bible verse. Let's see if we can get 100% on this one. Go for it.

KIDS TIME CHAPEL

Get these dates on your calendars - We will paint the new Kids Chapel rooms (16 and 18 downstairs) on Tues., July 31st from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. and Wed., Aug. 1st from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. So put on your painting shoes (or dancing shoes if you want) and come help make those rooms ready for the kids. If we have enough help, we can complete the painting in those two days and then finish decorating the rooms in time to have chapel in the new rooms Aug. 12!

AUTOHARP FOUND

An old autoharp was found in one of our downstairs room during a cleanout. If this autoharp is yours, please call the church office. We'd like to return it to its proper owner.

KIDS CORNER

Acolytes – July 15

Sarah, Macie
(substitute: Johanna)

Kids Time – July 15

Lois, Lisa, Ivey, Taylor
(substitute – Katherine)

NEW ROTATION

We've begun our new rotation called "Digging in the Bible". We had a good time sorting out our Bible books on Sunday. Each team "won" twice. We're getting really good at knowing what books are in the Old Testament and which ones are in the New Testament. We even learned that some people call them the First Testament and Second Testament although we will continue to say Old and New Testaments. We're going to continue learning about the books of the Bible like what is history and law and poetry and general letters and so on. Get your thinking caps on and get ready to learn!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **7/14**—2:00 p.m.—bowling—through 6th grade. Cost: \$2.50 per game bowled. Pick kids up at 3:30 p.m. Bring money for snacks. Meet at bowling alley at 2:00 p.m.
- **7/28**—10:00 a.m.—**TIME CHANGE** - Putt Putt—through 6th grade. Cost is \$2.50 with 10 people or more. Bring money for snacks. Meet at Putt-Putt at 10:00 a.m. and be picked up by 11:30 a.m.
- **8/4**—Pool party at Max and Mary Johnson's house. 4:00-6:00 p.m. Bring a towel. Pool toys provided. Bring a snack to share. Drinks provided. Meet at the Johnsons' house at 2722 Sunnybrook Circle in The Meadows by going in the side gate on the west of their house. Be sure to pick up your child at 6:00 p.m.