

PROMOTION
S U N D A Y

PROMOTION SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY

It's that time of year again. Promotion Sunday will be this Sunday, August 12th. Promotion activities will begin during the Sunday School hour with *only* last year's sixth graders actually going to a new class. They will promote to Chi Rho at 9:45 a.m. Kids going to Chi Rho are Katie Bushman, Kayci McClendon and Austyn Riggs. All other classes will actually promote on Sunday, August 19th.

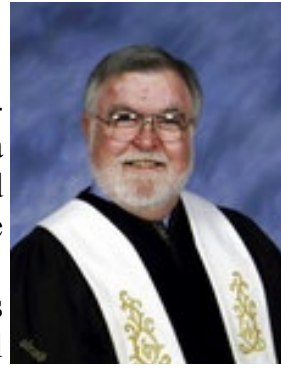
On the 12th, Mary Johnson, 3 and 4 year old teacher, will take new kindergarteners to "visit" their new class (basement room 10) and teachers Dr. Ruth Ann Erdner and Abbi Ogden. *They will go to kindergarten class Sunday, Aug. 19th.* New first graders *will go to their new class on the 19th,* and become part of our "rotation model" Sunday School. That Sunday, they will meet at the loggia gazebo at 9:00 a.m. with the rest of our elementary children and will follow a topical, 8-week schedule of "rotating" classes, such as art, science, computers, etc. 1st/2nd grades will meet together. Our other elementary classes are 3rd/4th grades and 5th/6th grades. There is a board in the loggia that shows what grades go to which classes, who is teaching and where they meet. Be sure to check so you'll know where your kids are.

Ninth graders will promote to CYF this Sunday.

There will be a special recognition for Promotion Sunday on the 12th during the 10:15 a.m. worship service so we hope everyone will be present to receive their certificates and gifts. This will be our official time together to rejoice in the growth our kids have experienced in the last year. Come join us!!!!

According to John.....

This Saturday, August 11th, a number of our church leaders and interested persons will gather in the Multi Purpose Room for a "Dreaming and Visioning Retreat". We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude promptly at noon. All are welcome and childcare will be provided.



Churches, like all institutions, have life cycles and each stage has certain characteristics. Most depictions of these life stages are bell curves. And in most situations these life cycles are equated to human stages: birth, infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, maturity, empty nest, retirement and old age.

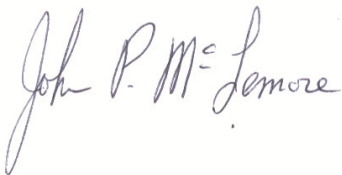
Dr. George Bullard, whose model I am using, has done significant research on these cycles and he suggests the following: From time to time an institution needs to re-focus its mission and vision. There are times when a congregation can redevelop or transform and move forward to a new partial life cycle.

In certain stages Vision is no longer dominant or fully developed. The congregation is no longer living out the vision that God has given them. Without the driving aspects of Vision, the congregation is being motivated by Management. Often congregations will plateau numerically during these stages.

I am not suggesting that we are at that point, but a healthy congregation always evaluates its calling and purpose. These are points in the life cycle of a church when it needs to refocus and redefine itself.

This Saturday we are going to celebrate our current ministries as well as dream about our future mission. I want us to get ahead of the life cycle so that we can maintain or even increase our vitality. Plan to join us in the Multi Purpose Room at 9:00 a.m. The church needs your input.

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

August 5, 2007

Chapel Worship.....	34
Sanctuary Worship.....	248
Saturday Evening Worship.....	14

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 12, Brian Meyer

REPORTED ILL

St. Mary's: Davida Whitsitt, Ed Jorden
Bass: Fred Harmon, Steve Campbell
Bass Pavillion: Ron Maphet
Dismissed: Thelma Gungoll, Melanie Novak

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting Sunday, August 19 at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. worship service to approve the following members to serve as Deacons: Kacy Wallace, Tom Hryhorchuk, Jay Lohmeyer and Janet Lohmeyer.

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Sunday, August 12

Promotion Sunday
 8:00—Chapel Worship
 9:00—Church School
 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
 11:30—Centour Luncheon
 2:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
 5:30—Elder Meeting

Monday, August 13

12:00—Noon Prayer Service

Tuesday, August 14

11:45—Brown Bag Bible Study Begins
 5:30—Golf at Golden Oaks
 5:30—Kids Central Board Meeting
 7:00—Master Planning Task Force Mtg
 7:00—Quilt Central

Wednesday, August 15

12:00—Single Men's Luncheon
 4:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
 5:15—First Friends Meeting
 6:30—Chancel Choir Practice
 7:30—Chancel Handbell Practice
 7:30—Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, August 18

5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

ELDER MEETING

There will be an Elder Meeting this Sunday, August 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2007

Chapel Worship.....8:00 a.m.
Church School.....9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship.....10:15 a.m.
Sermon.....The Future of Central Christian Church, Part Two:...Rev. John McLemore
“Maintain the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace”
Scripture.....Ephesians 4:1-16
Anthem.....“Only Jesus”.....Chancel Choir
Special Music.....Kristal Bell Choir
Elders: 8:00—Fig Newton, 10:15—Peggy Goodrich, Butch Phillips

Children's Sabbath Is Coming!

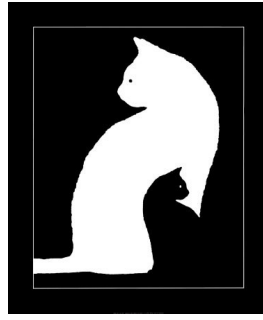
Do you have a special talent that you would like to share with our church? Can you sing, play piano, or any other kind of instrument? Do you love to pray? If you would like to be a part of the worship service, please get ready! We are asking that all children, who will be in grade 6 and below this coming school year, consider participating in a worship service. Details will be coming soon, so get ready to share your gift and talent with Central Christian Church!

WILLOW ROAD FOOD SHARING

Willow Road Christian Church is now sponsoring SHARE: A Purchase with a Purpose on Saturday, August 25th. The program is a division of SHARE Colorado and is available to anyone, regardless of income. (It is very similar to the program that Hope Outreach sponsored until fairly recently.) Information sheets are at the Welcome Center in the loggia. Final order deadline is Aug. 17th either online at www.sharecolorado.com (VISA or MasterCard) or toll-free at (800) 933-7427. SHARE Colorado serves communities in states such as Colorado, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.



**SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK
WATCH OUT FOR THE KIDS
AND THE SCHOOL ZONES**



C.A.T. is Coming

Sunday, August 19th, all teachers of adult Sunday school classes and other interested persons are invited to stay after worship and share a light meal together. After the meal

we will talk about **Curriculum and Teaching**. Displays will be set up to explore various adult Sunday school curricula. This will be an informative and fun event. If you teach an adult class on a regular basis, substitute, are in a teaching rotation or are just interested in curriculum, then you are invited to attend. Childcare will be provided if needed. We will be done by 1:00 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Vicki in the church office at 233-1214.

THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES

The Jubilee Sunday School Class issued a challenge to other Sunday school classes to donate money to buy at least two pairs of Starbury shoes for local children. Several classes have met and exceeded that challenge.

The Crusader class has given \$200 for the purchase of shoes and the Seeker class has given \$90. These funds will help purchase 19 pairs of additional shoes for school children.

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W W N F TO BEGIN

It's time for WWNF (Wonderful Wednesday Night Fellowship) that will begin Wednesday, August 22nd. Some things will be different this year. We're looking forward to a good time with experiences that will enable spiritual growth for those who attend – which, hopefully, will be YOU!!!!!! Be sure to read the following schedule:

- 5:15 p.m. – WWNF meal (ends at 6:00 p.m.)
- 6:00 p.m. – JYF choir (grades 3 through 6) meets in adult choir room
Chapel meets in the chapel by the fellowship hall
- 6:30 p.m. – JYF bells (grades 3 through 6) meets in the bell choir room
- 6:30 p.m. – Adult choir meets in the adult choir room
- 6:30 p.m. – Adult classes meet ending at 7:30 p.m.
 - “*Becoming a Woman of Prayer*” for all women led by Stephanie Riggs. Stephanie is active in Emmaus and Central Christian Church with an emphasis on prayer. This class will help the women of Central become more frequent “pray-ers” and grow spiritually.
 - “*The Spiritual Disciplines*” will be small-group based and will focus on Maxie Dunnam’s spiritual disciplines book. Dunnam wrote the founding “curriculum” for Emmaus experience.
 - “*What is a Disciple?*” to be led by John McLemore, will explore what a Disciple is, based on Duane Cummins’ book about the Disciples of Christ. Class is open to those interested in what it is to be a Disciples of Christ.
- 7:30 p.m. – Adult bell choir meets in the bell choir room

Please come and join us in this WWNF experience. It will be better because you come.

NEED TO RUN AN ERRAND????

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

If you need a ride to the bank, to the doctor or to the grocery store, call the church office. One of our members would like to volunteer their time to help others and she is willing to help those who are unable to drive.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE HEADS

If you are in need of childcare during your scheduled meeting times please call Carolyn McLemore at least 48 hours prior to your meeting so that she can schedule someone to be here.

CENTOUR MONTHLY LUNCHEON

A delicious brunch of Panhandle Casserole, fruits and coffee cake will be served following the 10:15 a.m. worship service Sunday, August 12.

Mike Klemme, the official photographer of the Oklahoma Centennial, will bring us highlights of completing the Photographic Survey "Celebrating Oklahoma."

Please join us for good food, fun and to learn more about the Centennial. Cost of the meal is \$3.50.

CARD OF THANKS

A special thanks to my church family for your prayers, cards, calls and visits during my recent heart procedure.

Eunice Barnes

CARD OF THANKS

Dear Central Christian Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful cross and heart-felt card. It was a joy and an honor to be acknowledged for sharing God's gifts with the children of Central. I especially appreciate you, the parents, for allowing me to spend many years with your very special youngsters. I have enjoyed participating in the spiritual growth of the youngest members of Central Christian Church and look forward to still being a part of their exciting future here. I will miss the hugs and the youthful chatter I have experienced each Sunday and Wednesday, but know that I will continue to receive God's blessings and continue to serve in new ways, His people, the wonderful congregation of Central Christian Church.

Love in Christ,
Jana Davis

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..... Melanie Novak recovering from a tonsillectomy.....Steve Campbell recovering from surgery.....Paula Hay, Paul & JoAnn Hopkins daughter who has had a recurrence of cancer.....The family of John Moncrief. Graveside services will be held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. John McLemore officiating.....

CARD OF THANKS

Dear Blessed Church,

Thank you once again for allowing the Northwest Oklahoma Emmaus Community to use your wonderful facility for 2 walks in July.

We felt welcome by all and appreciate you so much—from the office and custodial staff, to the Sunday school classes who allowed us to use their classrooms, to the Sunday morning greeters.

We were warmed by your graciousness and delighted in watching the teachers and their small students. It is so good to see the Body of Christ at work!

Yours in Christ,
Annette Parham
Community Lay Director



HELP!!!!

School will be starting in just a few weeks and we need your help. Each year CWF collects supplies for school kits. The following is a list of contents for each kit:

- (2) lined writings pads (8-1/2x11 inch)
- (1) blunt scissors
- (1) metric ruler (30 cm, ruler with inches on one side and centimeters on reverse side are acceptable)
- (1) pencil sharpener
- (6) unsharpened pencils with erasers
- (1) 2-1/2 inch erasers
- (12) sheets of construction paper
- (1) box crayons (8)
- (1) 12 x 14 inch cloth bag with handles
- Back packs

The Board of Education has suggested that we give these supplies to Adams School which will be given to underprivileged children.

Cash donations are acceptable and can be brought to the church office. If you write a check please make it out to CWF. Please put school supply donations on the table in front of the Library.

ATTENTION!!!

If you are needing to use any type of video equipment for an event, Sunday school class or meeting at the church please call the office to reserve the equipment. Several groups are in need of this equipment and it will be used on a first come, first serve basis by request only. Thank you..

MEMORIAL FUNDS STARTED

Memorial Funds have been started in memory of Dorus Munsinger and Irene Akers. Donations to these individual Memorial Funds can be made by designating "Memorial Fund" and the person's name on the bottom of your check or on the outside of your envelope and placing it in the offering plate. A donation can also be made by dropping your check off at the church office.

NEWS FROM THE ADULT LIBRARY

Mike Klemme's new book "Celebrating Oklahoma" has been in the library display window this past week and will continue to be in this week. After that, it will be placed on a round table in the southeast front reading section with four comfortable chairs where you can relax and enjoy looking at the beautiful places in Oklahoma Mike has chosen to photograph. You will not want to miss reading the forward by the Governor of Oklahoma and Mike's journey starting with "The Art of Seeing." I know a number of you have already purchased this book, but if not, after looking at it, you may want it for your home or give it for a beautiful gift.

This book is for in-library viewing only, and is not available to be checked out.



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

Coffee Stains

Last week coming home from our trip in Florida, Sally, Luke and I boarded planes, rode a train and eventually drove an automobile. Well not Luke, but anyway it occurred to me as we were traveling in the middle of the night, "I'm glad I've got headlights because it is very dark outside." It was a decent trip. We had some fun but I was ready to come home and those headlights were the only way I was going to get my family anywhere in a timely fashion. I was reminded of a verse in Psalms 119:105, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." It means that the Bible, God's Word, is a leading lamp. It shows us the way to live our life, to watch out for traps, and to obey God. Similarly my headlights were helping me stay on the path, keeping me from driving into ditches and to obey the traffic laws. I dare you this week to open up your Bible and learn something you didn't already know. Peace, JW.

Coming Soon...

- August 11 @ 12:30 is a calendar planning meeting for the Youth Council bring your schedules!
- August 12 Promotion Sunday we will have ChiRho and CYF together at 5:30
- August 19 ChiRho and CYF will go to the movies.
- August 26 ChiRho and CYF will have a game night.

Young Adults!!

Are you interested in a region wide young adult ski trip? There is a ski trip being planned for December 15-19. The total cost is \$395 for snowboarders and gets less from there. You'll get to ski at Monarch Ski Resort in colorful Colorado for three days and stay four nights at the Monarch Cabins. A registration deadline is set for September 15 when an initial deposit of \$125 is due. If you want to go please give John Wheeler a call, or you can register and pay online at www.okdya.org.

KIDS CORNER

Acolytes – August 12

Johanna, Katherine (substitute: Brenna)

Kids Time – August 12

Laurie, Britton, Austin H.
(substitute – Austyn R.)

Rotation Teachers – August 12

1st & 2nd – Becky Meyer, games;

3rd & 4th – Carolyn McLemore, storytelling

5th & 6th – Gail Novak, Art

THANK YOU, LAURIE!!!!!! Thank you, Laurie Bushman, for teaching storytelling on Sunday. It was so good of you to step in and work with the kids.

Don't forget our back-to-school party at Splash Zone!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We will all have a great time. See our "dates to remember" above for the details. PARENTS – I WILL NEED SPONSORS FOR THIS EVENT. I won't be able to watch every child all the time so will need your help!

Changes to WWNF activities: 6:00 p.m. - JYF choir (grades 3-6) will meet in the choir room. 6:30 - JYF bells (grades 3 through 6) will meet in the bell choir room. 7:00 p.m. – JYF and CCF will meet until 7:30 p.m. for 30 minutes. Becky Meyer will be leading JYF and Sally Wheeler will be leading CCF so plan on being here for LOTS of good fun, food and fellowship. The meal will still be at 5:15 p.m.

FOR TSULTRIM – We're going to start gathering items to send to Tsultrim. His school year starts soon so we need to get school "stuff" to him. Bring notebook paper, pencils, pens, scissors, markers, and other school supplies and put them in the box outside Carolyn's office. Please, please, please let's all participate in this support of Tsultrim. We will also be sending him letters that will be written during our Sunday morning "Mission Day" on August 19th. Don't forget him. He needs our help.
