



## **Bring Your Children & Youth to Sunday School**

Sunday School celebrated its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary a few years ago. Initially it was begun in England to educate poor children, but eventually Sunday School evolved in Protestant churches as a means of providing religious instruction. One of the initial concerns was that the church was usurping the family's responsibility to teach the scriptures. One wonders if that criticism was prophetic. Teaching children and youth about God and Christ is a function shared between families and the church. Sunday School is important. It is

where the church teaches the basics of the Bible.

We provide Sunday School for children, youth and adults. Our children and youth gather at 9:00 a.m. in the following locations:

3 & 4 year olds Room 110 (Main Floor in Education Building)

Kindergarten Room 10 (Downstairs in Education Building)

1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Ted's Place (Gazebo in the southeast corner of Loggia)

Children gather there for opening and then go in age groups to various classes.

Chi Rho Room 206 (Upstairs in Education Building)

(7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

CYF Room 202 (Upstairs in Education Building)

(9<sup>th</sup> through 12 Grades)

By attending Sunday School on a regular basis the student will be exposed to all the major personalities, stories and themes of the Bible. As the student progresses he or she will be taught to reason faithfully and faithfully reason, reflecting on scriptural truths and life. Watch the Visitor next week for a review of the fall curriculum.

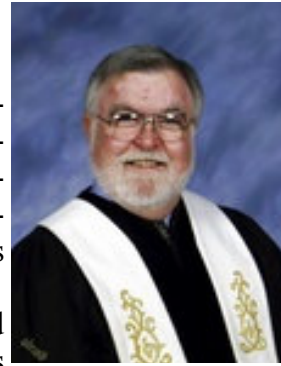
**BRING YOUR CHILDREN & YOUTH TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!  
MAKE IT A PRIORITY!**

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## *According to John.....*

We just received the 2007 Yearbook and Directory for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In it one can find a number of facts, figures and reports about our congregation, sister churches and our denomination. Like most pastors, I look forward to receiving this "report". Naturally I check to see how we are doing in relation to other Disciples churches.



This yearbook shows the statistics for 2006. I am very pleased with where we are. Congratulations (again) to the Christian Women's Fellowship (Disciples Women) and the Fellowship Guild. The combined giving to the Disciples Mission Fund by our two women's groups ranks them second in the denomination. We have always done well, but only one church, Central Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky, gave more money to this outreach effort. THANK YOU CWF AND GUILD. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

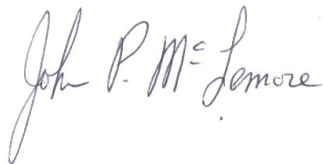
This yearbook shows that we are the fourth largest Disciples congregation in Oklahoma based on average worship attendance. Our numbers were down a little from the previous year, but we still maintained our place as one of the strongest Disciples congregations in Oklahoma. Our worship attendance puts us behind First Christian Church in Norman, First Christian Church in Edmond, and Wildewood Christian Church in Oklahoma City, in that order.

As a matter of curiosity I compared our average worship attendance to other Disciples congregations around the country. We rank 46<sup>th</sup> overall with an average worship attendance of 368. The largest Disciples church in the country is New Directions Christian Church in Memphis with an average worship attendance of 4200. Needless to say, we are a great distance from that mark, but overall we are in the top 2% of Disciples congregations.

One other fact is worth noting. Congregations are ranked by size in various categories. Among all the churches in our denomination with 501-1000 participating members, we rank 19<sup>th</sup> in congregational giving to Disciples Mission Fund.

We made a good showing in 2006. I believe that we are a vital church with a great history and a great future, but we can't become complacent. Being Christ's church is so much more than numbers. It is about transformation and faithfulness. It is about compassion and service. But, numbers are indicators. May God continue to bless us on our journey.

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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# Church Calendar

## SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

**August 26, 2007**

Chapel Worship.....	46
Sanctuary Worship.....	248
Saturday Evening Worship.....	14

## VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

**Sunday, September 2, Bret Whinery**

### REPORTED ILL

**St. Mary's:** Bobbye Buck, Wilma Beaty

**Bass Pavillion:** Ron Maphet

**Dismissed:** Maxine Moore, Mac McWilliams, Jerry Reinhart, Opal Clements, Opal Gerhard

### Tuesday Noon Bible Study

We will begin a study of "The Letter to the Hebrews" on Tuesday, September 4, from 12 Noon to 1 p.m. in the church library. This class will last approximately 12 to 14 weeks, but since each lesson is relatively independent of others, a person can attend as many or as few of these lessons as they can.

The Letter to the Hebrews begins by emphasizing that Judaism and Christianity are both religions revealed by God. But the writer goes to great lengths to prove that Jesus Christ is far superior to everything these early Christians have left behind for his sake. Hebrews presents both the sufficiency and superiority of Christ. It teaches about both Christianity and the role the Old Testament plays in leading up Christ, because Hebrews has over 30 citations and 70 allusions to the Old Testament.

Hope to see you on Tuesdays.

### Sunday, September 2

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Church School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 2:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 4:00—ChiRho Meeting
- 5:00—Youth Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF Meeting

### Monday, September 3

Church Office Closed for Holiday

### Tuesday, September 4

- 11:45—Brown Bag Bible Study Begins
- 5:30—Golf at Golden Oaks
- 5:30—Membership Meeting

### Wednesday, September 5

- 9:45—CWF Lesson Leaders
- 10:45—CWF Executive Meeting
- 12:00—CWF Luncheon
- 4:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 5:15—WWNF Meal
- 6:00—Youth & Teen Choir
- 6:30—JYF Bells
- 6:30—ChiRho/CYF Meet
- 6:00—WWNF Chapel Fellowship
- 6:30—WWNF Classes
- 6:30—Chancel Choir Practice
- 7:00—CCF/JYF Meet
- 7:30—Chancel Handbell Practice

### Saturday, September 8

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service
- 6:30—Kids Night (Movie Room)

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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

Chapel Worship.....	8:00 a.m.
Church School.....	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship.....	10:15 a.m.
Sermon.....	"Basic Beliefs: Thinking About God" .....Rev. John McLemore
Scripture.....	Exodus 20:2-3, 1 John 4:7-8, Psalm 42:1-2
Anthem.....	"It Is Well With My Soul".....Chancel Choir
Elders: 8:00—David Eck, 10:15—Denny Krick, Bob Greenhaw	

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### CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the church for so many things!

God bless you all!

Roger & Betty Gene Munsinger

### MEMORIAL FUND STARTED

A Memorial Fund has been started in memory of Imarie Bowlan. 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.

*The family of  
George & Wilma McCormick  
request the honor of your presence  
at the celebration of their  
65th Wedding Anniversary  
Sunday, September 9, 2007  
2:00—4:00 p.m.  
133 Greenleaf Court  
Enid, OK 73703*

*Thank you to Paula Stroup for providing  
homemade relish for the Tuesday golf out-  
ing.*

### Sunday School Class Schedule To Serve WWNF

September 5—Crusader Class

September 12—Genesis Class

September 19—Bible Study Class

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following individuals are either undergoing cancer/leukemia treatments or have been diagnosed with cancer Paula Hay, 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.....Ron Maphet recovering from surgery.....Terry Moulton now under Hospice care in Oklahoma City.....Vicki Harris recovering from hand surgery.....Sandy Manahan's father, A.K. Manahan in Veteran's Home in Norman and is very ill.....

### QUILT CENTRAL

The ladies of Quilt Central have been busy!! So busy that we have a good problem and a bad problem. Our good problem is that we have over 50 quilt tops ready to go to the next stage of completion. Our bad problem is that we have run out of quilt batting. Please consider a donation of 1 King Sized Low Loft package of quilt batting. Four quilts can be made from one package. Quilt batting can be purchased at Hobby Lobby or Wal-Mart. Your gift of batting or cash will be truly blessed.

### CWF RESUMES MEETINGS

CWF will hold its September general luncheon and meeting Wednesday, September 5 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be a video entitled "Touring South Korea" as this is the country CWF will be studying this year.

Leaders training will be held on the 5th at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room. Barbara Angle will teach the lesson "Preparing the Table."

Executive Board will meet at 10:45 a.m. in Room 109.

Ladies, plan to attend and kick off our new year!!! All ladies of the church are welcome.

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### Children Provided the Necessary Books in Peru

The children, who attend the Girasoles school in Puno, received the necessary workbooks that the Galdos Gamera family talked of during their visit in March. We want to thank everyone who donated funds in the spring to make this possible.

They also received a puppet stage built by the Galdos Gamera family and a dollhouse that was donated by a family here in Enid.

It is hard to imagine that two years ago, the children attending this school did not even have a suitable room to meet in. Two years later they are now learning in a beautiful classroom that is supplied with the materials they need to become successful in school. Children who leave this school and enter the public grammar school are at the top of their classes.

With God, everything is possible. Thank you for making the dreams that this community has for it's children become reality.


Work is continuing on the school at Comunidad Campesina Cancharani. The community has come together and constructed the bricks that will be used in building the new school building. The people who live in this community are very excited about the opportunity that is being given to their children to better themselves.

Together we are providing hope in these poor communities in Puno, Peru and showing God's love for all of his children. May God bless and keep us all! -Que te vaya con Dios-



### Guild Taking Flower Bulb Orders

Fellowship Guild is taking orders for flower bulbs. All funds from sales will go to our missions. You can place an order with any Guild member and on Sunday mornings at a table in the Loggia. Guild will take orders until September 24. The bulbs will be shipped directly to Enid from Holland and will arrive the 3rd week of October. Prices range from \$10 to \$20 and payment must accompany your order. Please make checks payable to Fellowship Guild. Thank you for helping to make Central Christian Church a blooming success.



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

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**WWNF MENU**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**  
**Sloppy Joe's, Chips, Dessert**

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## Coffee Stains

A great time was had by all Sunday night. We had a game night including some candy, name games, silliness, and some socks. It was super fun. We have a lot to do this month, so keep this newsletter and your "Visitor" handy.

Saturday, September 1 we will have a back to school bash at the Johnson house. The party starts at noon and will last until 5 p.m., IF you can take the heat. If you want a ride, the van leaves from the church parking lot at 11:45 a.m. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs provided if you want to bring a two-liter of pop, or bag of chips that would be great.

Sunday, September 2, ChiRho will meet at 4 p.m. for an hour. Snack supper starts at 5 p.m. provided by Jana Davis. CYF will start after snack supper at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday September 5 CYF FallFest registration form and money is due if you want to go.

Peace,  
JW

### September Youth Activities

- Youth will meet every Sunday except September 16.
- WWNF is every Wednesday with Youth Activities starting at 6:30 p.m.
- CYF FallFest Registration forms and money due September 5.

Sept. 1—Pool Party at Max Johnson's—12-5 p.m.

Sept. 14 thru 16—CYF FallFest

Sept. 22—4R Kids Walk

Sept. 23—Youth Fundraiser providing lunch at 11:30 a.m.

## KIDS CORNER

### Acolytes – Sept. 2

Britton Yunker, Braylin Russell  
(substitute: Johanna)

### Kids Time – Sept. 2

Jance Davis, Zach Jones, Aria Justice  
(substitute – Kyley Lang)

### Rotation Teachers – Sept. 2

Beth Tefft/Meredith Wagar, video (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>)

Laurie Bushman, art (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>)

Gail Novak, storytelling (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>)

**UPDATE ON CHANGES to WWNF activities:** 5:15 – Meal. 6:00 - JYF choir (grades 3-6). 6:30 - JYF bells (grades 3 through 6). 6:30 to 7:00, CCF (3 years old-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) in toddler room for FWM (Fun with Melissa). 7:00 p.m. – JYF/CCF meet in the Sanctuary with the Children's Sabbath committee. (We'll begin JYF/CCF in late September.)

**We had** more volunteers come to paint room 16 on Saturday. They were: Kristy Petersen, Thom Bushman, Laurie Bushman, Keith Klingman, Rob Schlecht, Lisa Estill, Steve Castle, Kaylee Petersen, Sarah Johnson and John McLemore. We had a good time!

**ACOLYTE TRAINING 9/8 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**This is for any kids who haven't been through training yet.**



*The girls had a great time at the sleep over.*

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