
Church Visitor



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Summer Blood Drive

We will host our summer blood drive this Sunday, July 27 from 8:30 am to 1 pm. We are changing the blood drive from a weekday to Sunday to make it more convenient to give blood and increase our participation which has been declining in recent years. Most churches now do their blood drives on Sundays. If you haven't scheduled a time, call Margaret Day at 234-8978 or the church office at 233-1214 if you can give blood and arrange a time on Sunday. Walk-ins are also welcome. The Sooners Class will meet in the Chapel to allow the Blood Drive to take place in the Fellowship Hall.

Membership Committee's

SUMMERTIME SOCIAL - FELLOWSHIP DINNER

When: July 30th, 6:00pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

The church will provide meat, bread and drinks. We ask that you bring an additional dish in accordance with the first letter of your last name:

A-I Salad

J-R Vegetable Dish

S-Z Dessert

Please join us for a wonderful meal, fellowship and good times to be had by all!

According to John. . .

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The front page on last week's Church Visitor detailed how Central is connected to the larger church. The church's mission is certainly from our "our doorsteps to the ends of the earth". We had Boy Scouts in Canada, men at Sessions 2008 in Edmond, youth and adults in California at ICYF and members in Peru. That is quite a reach for a faith community in Enid, Oklahoma. We have members regularly preaching in surrounding Disciples churches. Our "shut-ins" are

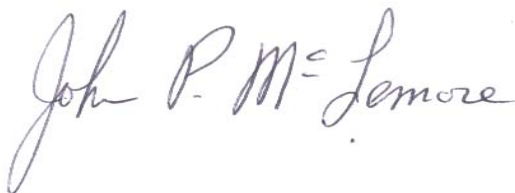


actively being contacted. Our CWF is collecting school supplies for needy children and Kids Central is expanding its program by adding another 2 year old classroom. The Christian Action and Community Service Committee is gearing up to repeat last year's "shoe project" for underprivileged children in a number of area schools. The Evangelism Committee is continuing plans for another "pig roast" for the community. We have a new digital sign in front of the church that is now fully functional and will give us greater visibility. We had a GREAT Vacation Bible School. We are adding new members at a pace that is ahead of recent years. And, to top it all off, our worship attendance is on the upswing!

I am excited and hopeful! A few months ago I was concerned about Central being in the doldrums. Now I sense a new spirit and renewed optimism. I thank God and celebrate our 100 Days of Prayer. I firmly believe that we our mission and ministry is undergirded by the faithful prayers of our dedicated members. God bless you all.

Sunday my sermon title is "The Invitation". This is the beginning of a new sermon series on the qualities of the true church of Jesus Christ.

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.

SUNDAY'S STATISTICS
July 20, 2008

Chapel Service.....	36
Sanctuary Worship.....	225
Saturday Evening Worship.....	14

Diaconate Schedule
July 27—Team 1
August 3—Team 1
August 10—Team 2

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE
July 27, TBA
August 3, David Dell
August 10, David Dell

Current Lectionary


July 27, 2008
 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Readings:
 Genesis 29:15-28
 Psalm 105: 1-11 45b
 Romans 8:26-39
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Color: Green

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
January—June, 2008

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Income		
Pledges	236,906	256,000
Identified.....	33,443	39,563
Worship Offer.	2,519	2,500
S.S. Offering	831	500
Other	17,782	2,938
TOTAL	291,481	301,900
Expenses		
Operations	291,786	301,900
YTD	(305)	

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

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SUNDAY, July 27, 2008

Chapel Worship.....	8:00 a.m.
Sermon.....	"The Invitation".....Rev. John McLemore
Scripture	Ephesians 4:11-13
Church School.....	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship.....	10:15 a.m.
Special Music.....	"My Life Goes On"Chancel Choir
Elders: 8:00– David Eck, 10:15–Tom Stout, Willo Clark	

The Family of Max and Mary Johnson invite you to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, August 3rd, 2008 Central Christian Church Come-N-Go Reception In the Fellowship Hall 2:00 to 4:00pm The couple requests no gifts... Cards welcome!

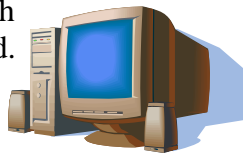
WELCOME!!!!

We welcome

Bessie Holmes

into the membership of Central Christian Church. She transferred her membership during our 10:15 a.m. service on July 23rd.

We are currently updating our membership database. Please take some time and fill out the informational page insert and return it to the church office by August 3rd. Thank you for your help!



Sunday, July 27

8:00—Chapel Worship
8:30-1:00—OBI Blood Drive
9:00—Church School
10:15—Sanctuary Worship
4:00—Chi Rho

Monday, July 28

12:00—Noon Prayer Meeting
1-2:30 —Betty Owen's Small Group
6:00—Quilter's Guild

Tuesday, July 29

7:00-7:00— Elections, Fellowship Hall
12:00—Noon Bible Study
5:00-6:30 Emmaus Women's Reunion Group, Parlor
6:30 - Personnel Committee - Conf. Room

Wednesday, July 30

9:00-11:30— TOPS
1:00—Emmaus Men's Reunion Group
6:00—Membership Committee Mtg
6:30—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:30—Youth Group
7:30—Adult Bell Choir Rehersal

Thursday, July 31

11:45-12:15—CCF/JYF Mall Shrek III
6:00— Young Adult Evening

Friday, August 1

9:00am-10:00pm—PUAFA Event
10:00am-4pm—PULF Board Mtg.

Saturday, August 2

8am-10pm— PUAFA Event
5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

Sunday, August 3

8:00—Chapel Worship
9:00—Church School
9:00— Disciples 101
10:15—Sanctuary Worship
4:00—Chi Rho
5:30—CYF

CWF Collecting School Supplies

During the month of July, the CWF will be collecting school supplies for children in need, in the Enid Public Schools.

We are asking the congregation, Sunday school classes and anyone willing to donate supplies to help us with this worthwhile project. Please bring supplies to the church and place them on the school supply table in the Loggia. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please make check payable to CWF, with school supplies in the memo line.

Thank you,
CWF Service and Action

- ◆ #2 lead pencils
- ◆ 4 oz white washable school glue
- ◆ glue sticks
- ◆ crayons
- ◆ large boxes of tissue
- ◆ scissors (blunt and pointed)
- ◆ box of Ziploc bags (any size)
- ◆ back pack
- ◆ rulers (English and metric)
- ◆ water base magic markers, 8 basic colors
- ◆ red, blue and black ball point pens
- ◆ permanent markers
- ◆ loose-leaf wide ruled paper
 - ◆ 3 ring binder
 - ◆ clip board
 - ◆ map pencil
 - ◆ brown lunch sacks
 - ◆ paper plates
 - ◆ Play dough (4 pack)
 - ◆ large erasers



Recently Established *Memorial Funds*

Dorothy Cassody Heydman
7/10/2008

Bobby Smith
7/11/2008

Gilbert Ott
7/13/2008

The Central Christian Legacy Endowment Funds:
Youth and Children Fund
Christian Education Fund
Mission Outreach Fund
Property and Maintenance Fund

“Turn the energies of your life into ministry”
For questions, contact Thom Bushman

Because you have played an important part in their lives, please join us for a 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception in honor of our parents
Bob and Joyce Greenhaw
on Saturday, August 9th between two and four in the afternoon at Central Christian Church. Joe, Jon, Ann and Families.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Compiled 7/22/2008)

All Caps reflects additions or changes

Please remember the following people as they deal with chronic illness: Carolyn Beck (friend of Judi Jordan), Casey Cribley (submitted by Debbie Miranov), Paula Hay (daughter of Paul & JoAnn Hopkins), Marty Hoad, Ashlyn Maphet,(granddaughter of Ron & Pat Maphet), Ron Maphet, Shannon Mason (nephew of Kay Allison), Scott Perkins (son-in-law of Max and Ginger Hicks), Emily Rhodes (daughter-in-law of Beryl Bigger), Jessica Steffen (granddaughter of Denny & Peg Krick), Elbert Wheeler.

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Court Loomis, son of Bud and Madge Loomis, is continuing to heal at home. (Son of Bud and Madge Loomis)

Sandra Law is recovering at home from her recent stay in the hospital. (Vera French's daughter)

Duane Traylor is recovering at home from skin cancer surgery.

Tom Berlie has moved to Greenbrier Skilled Nursing room 87B

Taylor Beckton has Tuberculosis and begins treatment this week. (John and Carolyn McLemores' nephew)

Fig Newton is having hip replacement surgery July 23rd.

The family of GILBERT OTT He passed away July 13th. A graveside service will be held July 23rd.

Gene Morahan is recovering from a procedure.

Ryan O' Banion has been diagnosed with Crohnes Disease.

Mary Ann Oblander has been diagnosed with breast cancer. (David Dell's sister).

Jeremy Winne Shellady who has a brain tumor. He is the grandson of Josephine Carthel and nephew of Betty Shellady.

Maxine Moore, the mother of Glennis Holler.

Mel Bloss who recently found out he has treatable lymph cancer.

Shari Zarayasi, a former member living in Denver, who has Parkinson's disease and had her leg amputated last week. Also, Shari's mother, JUNE SMITH, who has heart problems and is watching her daughter struggle with illness and amputation.

Theo Anderson, Bob Roger's grandson dealing with ongoing illness.

BARBARA NEWTON is diabetic and undergoing several tests.

DON COULTER is recovering at home from Gall Bladder Surgery.

DONNA KUNTZ will have double knee surgery this week.

MEREDITH WAGAR is home recovering.

Saint Mary's *Bass*

Mary Simpson, 347 (open heart surgery) Abe Preston, 209

Prayers for those in the armed services: Iraq daytime temp = 140 degrees

Ben Lentz in Iraq (son of Tom and Pat Lentz)

Caleb Holden (son of Robert and Carolyn Holden)

Corey Krick in Iraq (grandson of Denny and Peg Krick)

Brandon Randles in Iraq (son of Kids Central employee Kelly Straw)

Kevin Vendetti in Iraq (nephew of Kids Central employee Kelly Straw)

Andrew Wiles in Italy (son of Roger and Catherine Wiles)

Paul K. Wiles in Tennessee (son of Roger and Catherine Wiles)

Joey Snapp returning to Iraq. (nephew of Fig Newton)

Your Old Cell Phone

“Cell Phones for Soldiers” will be collecting used cell phones from now on. Go to www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com to print out a postage-paid label so you can send your cell phone to them for free.

Cell Phones for Soldiers was started by two Midwestern teenagers who work with ATT, getting free minutes put on the cell phones which will be sent to soldiers in Iraq. Soldiers can then call home for free and not have to use their own minutes, or in some cases, not call because they can't afford to have a cell phone. This is a wonderful ministry. If you would like, drop them off that the church office and Carolyn M. will mail them in.

When you submit a prayer request on the orange prayer card in the pew, your request will be prayed for at our Monday Noon Prayer service unless you mark it confidential.



Farwell Party for Kindergartners!

Children, ages 3-6 yrs, are invited to
Miss Mary's Swimming Pool
at The Meadows: 2722 Sunnybrook
Circle

on August 9th
from 5-7pm.

Parents are encouraged to attend.

“100 Days of Prayer Campaign”

We are halfway through our 100 Days of Prayer Campaign. Please continue to be faithful to pray daily for our church, it's missions, and it's members.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

1. Pray that our ministers will be effective leaders in months to come.
2. Pray for cooperation amongst the Enid faith community to assist those in need in our area.
3. Pray for a renewed spirit among our members. May they “be alive” with their passion for God and for their church.
4. Pray for our Care Givers Ministry and the hospital callers who bring the love of Christ to those unable to attend church.
5. Pray for the new committee chairs and their committee members. May they find joy in their positions and bring new energy and excitement to our congregation.



KIDS KORNER

CALENDAR INFORMATION

7/31 – Movie (Shrek III) – Thursday - Free – meet at mall at 11:45 to get good seats. Bring money for snacks if you want them.

8/2 – Splash Zone – Saturday – 6:00 meet there \$6.00 to swim or \$3.00 for spectator only.

8/10 – Promotion Sunday – This will be the week that everyone will get their promotion certificates and our annual awards will be handed out.

8/15– Second annual mother/daughter sleepover– 7:00p.m. to 9:00a.m.– Details to come.

MOM AND DAUGHTER SLEEPOVER

I had to get the sleepover on the calendar because we are doing this week's Visitor early, so here's the date: August 15th. That's the day after school starts so you should be up for having some fun. We'll begin at 7:00p.m. on Friday night and end at 9:00a.m. on Saturday morning. I'll send out info so you'll know what to bring and what we're going to do. *Our sixth graders will be promoted to Chi Rho by then, but they are still seriously invited to come!!!!!! So get 8/15 on your calendar.*

FATHER AND SON SLEEPOVER

No date has been set for this yet. We need to get John's calendar freed up and then we'll let you know what the scoop is!!!!

PROMOTION SUNDAY is coming soon– August 10th. *Our sixth graders will be promoted to Chi Rho (boo hoo!) and we are certainly going to miss them. Everyone else will be promoted as well. Some of you may stay in the same group in rotation mode. For example, 3rd graders, who will be promoted to 4th grade, will still be in the 3rd & 4th grade class, but everyone will get promoted.*

ACOLYTES– July 27

Devon Gorre

(Substitute: Braylin Russell)

KIDS TIME STAFF – July 27

Laurie, Carolyn, Michael, Blayke, Ivey

TEACHERS – July 27

Carolyn– all grades– video

Coffee Stains



We're in Cali! See you when we get back!!

