
Church Visitor



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Central Christian Provides Leadership for the Wider Church

One of the marks of a faithful church of Jesus Christ is that congregation's willingness to share leadership with the wider church. Central has historically done a good job of that and our current leaders are continuing the tradition. Below you will see those members who have served in leadership positions in the last five years.

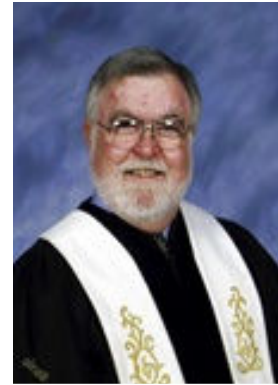
- **Rev. John McLemore:** Current member of the Board of the Disciples Retirement Community of Oklahoma; former Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma; former member of the General Board of the Christian Church (DOC) in the United States and Canada; Former Church Camp Director.
- **Rev. Don Johnson:** Currently Third Vice-Moderator of the Christian Church (DOC) in Oklahoma in charge of the 2010 Regional Assembly to be held here at Central; Member of the Region's Faith and Action Commission in charge of coordinating Regional Mission Trips to the Dominican Republic; Member of the Region's New Church Establishment Council.
- **Carolyn McLemore:** Currently a member of the General Board of the Christian Church in the United States and Canada; Member of the 8 person Week of Compassion Advisory Committee comprised of members from around the country (she will be participating in a meeting of the committee this weekend in Indianapolis); Treasurer for the NW Area of the Christian Church in Oklahoma; Former Church Camp Director; Former Church Camp Counselor.
- **John Wheeler:** Member of the Region's Commission on Children, Youth and Young Adults; Member of the Regional Youth Council; Church Camp Director.
- **Brian Meyer:** President of the Christian Church in Oklahoma, Disciples Men's organization; Former president of the NW Area Disciples Men.
- **Burl Bartlett:** Former President of the Christian Church in Oklahoma, Disciples Men's organization.



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...According to John

This week most of you, the readers of this article, received a Statement of Giving from the church. The document showed your gifts to God through Central Christian Church from January 1 through September 30. It detailed your gifts to Operations and Preparing the Way. It also showed your Estimate of Giving (referred to as a pledge). The statement is not sent as a bill reflecting amounts due. Rather, it is sent as an acknowledgement and reminder. Please review this statement and call the church office if there are any discrepancies.



To all who give, let me say a heartfelt ‘Thank You’. Your generosity allows the church to do mission and ministry in the name of Jesus, stretching across our city of Enid, our state of Oklahoma, and around the world. Your giving to God’s church is a private and personal matter. Only three people see what you give: our Treasurer, our Financial Secretary and me.

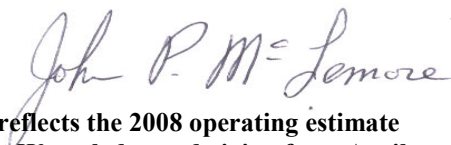
Each year we ask members and friends to complete an Estimate of Giving card which allows us to budget for programs and ministries. We call these “estimates” because we are fully aware that life circumstances change. Most people meet or exceed their projected giving. Others do not. Regardless of your situation, thank you for your generosity.

We are coming into the final three months of the fiscal year. Many times offerings drop off during the summer. Most often they are “made up” during the fall. As you can see elsewhere in this newsletter, we are behind on our projected income. The Stewardship Committee adjusted the budget by 2% last month. Even so we need \$1,621.16 a day to meet our obligations and support the total mission of Central Christian Church.

Please review your Statement of Giving. If you are able, please make every effort to “catch up” if you are behind. If you are not able, then please know that God’s grace and love are not diminished one iota.

Remember, we can never out give God and all gifts are blessed.

Grace and peace,



CLARIFICATION: The Statement of Giving Pledge Summary reflects the 2008 operating estimate of giving and gifts received and also the three year Preparing the Way pledge and giving from April 2007.

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- **Bea Simpson:** Member of the Region’s Commission on Clergy.
- **Tina Swanson:** Member of the NW Area Committee to develop a re-organization plan.
- **Merle Phillips:** Former Vice-President of the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation.
- **Max Johnson:** Former Treasurer of the Central Oklahoma Camp and Conference Center.
- **Austin Hula, Caitlyn McAnally and Mark Johnson:** Members of the Regional Youth Council.

This is a first blush attempt to recognize our members who are serving the wider church. Future articles will list those who are serving on local boards and ecumenical ministries. If someone was inadvertently left out. Please inform the church office.

SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

October 5, 2008

Chapel Service.....	36
Sanctuary Worship.....	196
Saturday Evening Worship.....	02

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

October 12, Mack Allison

October 19, David Dell

October 26, Heath Wallace

Classes To Serve WWNF

October 15– Sooners Class

October 22–Crusaders Class

October 29– Volunteers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

November 5– Genesis Class

WWNF MENU

October 15

Frito Chili Pie and dessert

Diaconate Schedule

October 12—Team 3

October 19—Team 1

October 26—Team 1

Current Lectionary

Sunday, October 12, 2008

Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost

Readings:

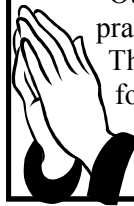
Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Color: Green



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

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~ SUNDAY ~ October 12, 2008 ~

Chapel Worship.....	8:00 a.m.
Sermon....."Sorry, I'm Busy".....	Rev. John McLemore
Scripture	Matthew 22: 1-14
Church School.....	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship.....	10:15 a.m.
Special Music.....	Chancel Choir

Elders: 8:00– Butch Phillips

10:15– Offering—Fig Newton, Communion—Willa Jo Fowler

Thank you

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the wonderful Bible. It is a gift I will cherish forever. Thank you for all your prayers.

Love,
Matthew Johnson

Volunteers Needed on Monday, Oct. 13!

On Monday, October 13 we will be pressing and hanging curtains in the Multi-Purpose Room. We need lots of help. If you would like to be involved, we'll start at 9 AM. Bring a steam iron if you would like to press, we will provide everything else. Call Mickie Giberson if you have questions, 237-5770.

Donations Needed for Civitian Dance

The CACS committee is asking for donations of 2 litter bottles of pop. Coke, Sprite, orange soda, Dr. Pepper and also diet Coke and diet Dr. Pepper will be used at the Civitian Dance for the physical and mentally challenged adults of Enid. The dance is on Friday, October 24th in the fellowship hall from 7-9pm.

Donations should be dropped off in the church kitchen by noon on Friday, Oct 24th.



Sunday, October 12

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
 - 9:00—Sunday School
 - 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
 - 5:30—CYF Movie
- Elders Meeting has been moved to Oct 19

Monday, October 13

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Service
- 6:30—Property Committee Mtg

Tuesday, October 14

- 10:00—LifeLong Learning
- 12:00—Noon Bible Study
- 5:30—Kids Central Board Mtg
- 7:00—Quilt Central
- 7:30—Personnel Committee Mtg

Wednesday, October 15

See WWNF Schedule on next page

- 12:00—Single Men's Lucheon
- 5:15—Dinner
- 6:30—Youth Group
- 6:30—Chancel Choir
- 7:30—Adult Handbell Choir
- 7:30—Cabinet Meeting

Thursday, October 16

- 8:00—Failing Retirees Coffee
- 10:00—LifeLong Learning
- 3:30—Enid Senior Care

Saturday, October 18

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

Sunday, October 19

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30—Centour Luncheon, rescheduled from 10/12
- 2:30—Burgundy Place Service
- 4:00—ChiRho
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF
- 6:00—Elders Meeting



Share the Warmth

Autumn is here. Mornings are already quite cool. It's time for jackets, coats, hats, and gloves – and the CACS committee's annual SHARE THE WARMTH project.

Each year the CACS committee invites us to reach out to those in need in our community with a tangible gift of warmth – a coat, hat, mittens, or gloves. This year we will be collecting these items for three Sundays, beginning October 5th. A table has been set up in the loggia for your donations, or you may leave them in the church office. Coats, jackets, hats, mittens, and gloves will be distributed through the Enid Public Schools and schools in surrounding communities – wherever the need is identified. We appreciate donations of coats and jackets in all sizes – children, youth, and adults. Help us SHARE THE WARMTH with all God's people. For more information contact Pat Lentz at 747-2115.

America's Legacy of Freedom with Dr. J.R. Fears

The final lecture, titled "America's Legacy of Freedom: Can we keep it?", will take place on Monday, Oct 13th at 7pm in the Enid Symphony Center (downtown Enid). The event is sponsored by Enid Public Schools, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Northern Oklahoma College and other Corporate Partners.

Admission is free to the public.

Iglesia Cristiana El Shaddai is selling Tamales!

These authentic pork tamales are \$9 a dozen.

Orders can be placed and paid for by calling or stopping by the church office by October 15th. Orders can be picked up on Sunday, October 19th in the kitchen.

Questions? Call Kimberly, 233-1214

WWNF Schedule

- 5:00pm—Elder Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel
- 5:15pm—Meal
- 5:30pm—Youth Choir
- 6:00pm—Chapel
- 6:00pm—JYF choir (grades 3 – 6)
 - CCF free play time (ages 3 – 2nd grade)
- 6:30pm—JYF bells (grades 3 – 6)
 - Chancel Choir
 - Adult Classes
 - CCF Creative Crafts with Sally (grades K—2nd grade)
- 7:00pm—CCF Story time and activities (ages 3 – 2nd grade)
 - JYF (grades 3 – 6)
- 7:30pm—Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Boomer Sunday School Class Schedule

We continue to talk about controversial issues through the lens of the Bible. The class schedule follows:

- October 12 - Homosexuality
- October 19 - Abortion
- October 26 - Abortion

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Updated 8 Oct 2008

All Caps reflects additions or changes

Please remember the following people as they deal with chronic illness:

Taylor Beckton (John and Carolyn's nephew), Janice Blevins (wife of Pat Blevins and friend of Peg Krick), Mel Bloss, Casey Cribley (submitted by Debbie Miranov), Eric Koegel (son of Connie Koegel/brother of Cindy Worthington), Paula Hay (daughter of Paul & JoAnn Hopkins), Judi Heller, Elbert Wheeler.

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Jerry Reinhart is recovering from surgery.

Abe Preston is struggling with health issues and is currently residing with his daughter (Karma).

Wendall Welker is recovering at home.

Virgie Pryor is struggling with illness at St. Mary's (friend of Cal & Cyrilla Mettee/Sally Keeler).

Max Johnson is at home after a brief hospital stay.

Caitlyn Castle & Mother are suffering from a recent family tragedy.

Marilyn Sommer is recovering from Breast Cancer surgery (Virginia Spencer's daughter).

JESSICA THORTON is experiencing difficulties with Juvenile Diabetes (good friend of Mickie Giberson).

PEYTON WHETSTONE is recovering from an emergency Appendectomy (granddaughter of James & Janet Cox).

GEORGE McCORMICK is dealing with the passing of his sister and sister-in-law.

WILMA McCORMICK is having problems walking.

AUSTIN & DONNA WADE are fighting illness.

JIM BAKER is recovering from a heart attack (relatives of Maribel Moore, Mary Ruth Cooper, and Vera Sue Bunch).

BILL LITTRELL, of Cleo Springs, is recovering from a motorcycle accident (friend of Bill Shaw).

DEVON GORRE's grandfather has cancer.

Bass

Wilma Beaty, 209

St. Mary's

Mae Clark, 591

Mary Simpson

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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Prayers for those in the armed services:

Caleb Holden (son of Robert and Carolyn Holden)

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 in Iraq. (nephew of Fig Newton)

Phillip Schwitz in Iraq (Judi Heller's cousin)

RYAN MAPHET (grandson of Ron & Pat Maphet/nephew of Van & Natalie Schuermann)

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Brandon Randles has returned home from Iraq (son of Kids Central employee Kelly Straw).

Cory Krick has returned home from Iraq.

Ben Lentz has returned home from Iraq (son of Tom & Pat Lentz).

Congratulations to the new great-grandparents, Stanley and Ginger Hitt.

Email your prayer requests to Prayers@centralenid.org

2009 Dominican Republic Mission Trip



Are you interested in going on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in the spring of 2009?

We are looking at three dates.

March 27 – April 3, 2009

May 14 – May 21, 2009

April 16 – April 23, 2009

If you are interested in going on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, call the church office and let us know which date you are might be interested in. Call Don Johnson for more details.

Cancer Support Group



Thursday, October 23rd
4pm & 5:30pm
Central Christian Church

Our October meeting will include a special presentation on Breast Cancer by Dot Guccione. She is a master's level nurse with Genentech BioOncology.

Whether you are being treated for breast cancer (or any other type of cancer) are a family member, supporter, caregiver for a cancer patient or just want to learn more about Breast cancer, you are welcome!

Join us as we talk, pray, share scripture, support each other, educate ourselves and most of all, CELEBRATE LIFE!



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

January—September, 2008

YTD Actual YTD Budget

Income		
Pledges	348,995	376,320
Identified	52,277	58,744
Worship Offer.	3,555	3,675
S.S. Offering	998	735
Other	27,127	4318
TOTAL	432,954	443,793
Expenses		
Operations	443,954	443,793
YTD	(10,197)	

CWF Needs Your Help

It is time to collect items for health kits for Church World Service. CWF is asking church members to help us with this project. These kits are needed by victims of hurricanes, floods, and other disasters throughout the world. If you can help, please bring items to the donation table in the Loggia.

Items needed are:

- * Small towels
- * Wash cloths
- * Bar Soap
- * Combs
- * Tooth brush in travel container
- * Band-aids
- * Nail clippers
- * Gallon zip-loc bags



Monetary donations are also needed for postage and extra kit items. Please make checks payable to CWF.

Thank you for your help with this project.

CWF Service and Action

KIDS KORNER

- ★ To join JYF choir and bells (3rd - 6th graders), come to church on Wednesday at 6:00 in the adult choir room to practice for JYF choir. Then, go ahead and stay for JYF BELLS at 6:30. Don't forget CCF (3 year olds - 2nd grade) playtime at 6:00. At 6:30, Sally takes the K-2nd grade to crafts. At 7:00, all CCF goes with Sally to room 16.

Things were sent off to Tsultrim including: 40 markers, 130 crayons, 4 scissors, 12 glue sticks, 4 fine Sharpies, 139 pencils 40 cap erasers, 4 mechanical pencils, 13 pkg of notebook paper, two pairs of shoes, 2 sweatshirts, 2 soccer balls, 5 pairs of underwear, 8 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of jean, 1 pair of nylon pants, 1 pair of nylon athletic shorts, 1 sweatsuit, 2 long-sleeved shirts, 2 backpacks, 1 coat, extra shoelaces, 2 large erasers, 8 folders with plastic covers, and 9 regular folders. I sent him a letter letting him know that the things were on the way. I will publish Tsultrim's most recent letter soon so you can know how he is doing!

- ★ Remember to read your Glimpses. The deadline for returning them is Oct. 19th. Read them and do the back to claim your reward.
- ★ **Parents -** Offering is way down for Tsultrim on Sundays. Please be sure that your child brings offering on Sunday so we can be sure to have the \$90.00 every quarter to pay for his support.
- ★ **KIDS TIME PARENTS** – Be sure to take your little ones to the bathroom before church so we don't have a mass exodus during Kids Time. It works out okay if we do, but it would be even better if we didn't.

Coffee Stains

The Horn of Plenty went great. We had fourteen youth, including some from across the state, committed to the Horn of Plenty food drive. I saw a lot of food come from the community.

When I showed up for the drop off the newspaper lady with her camera was there and I thought I would get in the paper once again. She snapped the shot of me in my Central Christian Church T-shirt carrying some food and I thought alright some publicity, this is good. Monday I looked and looked for my picture, it wasn't there. Do you ever have those days when you think, "yes, someone is going to notice me today!" I think to that moment when the photographer took my picture, I saw the caption, "Central Christian Church, helps feed thousands."

The truth is that our church and it's people are involved in all kinds of ministries, but it seems to me, and I am guilty of it too, we have the best kept secret in town. Our church, God's church, is an amazing place to be. Let's spread the word about how wonderful our church is.

Peace, JW.

ACOLYTE-- October 12

Sierra Yniguez

KIDS TIME STAFF – Oct. 12

Sue, Stephanie, Macy, Kaylee, Casey

ROTATION TEACHERS – Oct. 12

Becky Meyer - Video