
Church Visitor



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Blessed Be the Lord God

You will notice a number of posters around the loggia with the above mentioned “logo”. These are to remind us that November is the time for singing praises to God and giving thanks for all the blessings we have received. November, this year, is also the time for our stewardship emphasis which concludes when we dedicate our “estimated offerings” to God for the mission and ministry we are to accomplish in 2009.

Scripture teaches that God’s people are stewards when they bless the Lord—when they acknowledge that it is none other than the Lord who makes us worthy and who is the source of our strength, blessing and honor.

What, then, is our stewardship? We are first of all stewards of the message of God’s love for all people, a message that comes to us in the life of Jesus. We are also stewards of the image of God in which we were made, and we are stewards of creation, commissioned to keep it wisely and justly. We also live as stewards when we return to God a portion of what God has given us. Finally, we are stewards when we bless the Lord, when we invite God to be present with us in the temple of our faith, acknowledging that the Lord alone makes us worthy and gives us the strength and ability to bless.

Join us as we praise God. Join us as we share life and faith. Join us as we, with one voice, shout, “Blessed be the Lord God”.

...According to John

I want to thank you for the wonderful surprise at the conclusion of the 10:15 a.m. service last Sunday. I was presented with an alb for Clergy Appreciation Month. I was and am overwhelmed. “Thank you” for your generosity.

Some have ask, “What is an alb and why do you want one?” Here, then, is a brief attempt at a reply. An alb is a plain, lightweight, ankle-length tunic with long sleeves. It is generally worn with a rope cincture around the waist.

The word *alb* is short for the Latin phrase *tunica alba*, which means *white tunic*. Jesus wore a tunic, one that would have been sleeveless and ankle-length—it was the same kind of tunic that the high priest wore when he entered into the Holy of Holies to atone for the sins of the people.

In the first four centuries of the Church, people were baptized in the nude. For propriety, they were baptized in three groups: men, women, and children; and female deacons baptized the women. When they emerged from the water, they were immediately clothed in a white tunic (a *tunica alba*, or *alb*). For this reason, the alb is a reminder of baptism and a symbol of the resurrection on the Last Day.

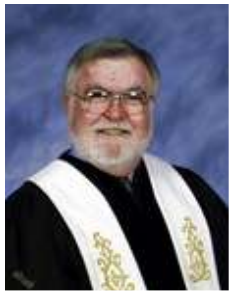
Anyone who has a leadership role in worship can wear an alb and cincture, whether they are clergy or lay people. Only clergy wear a stole over the alb. Albs are increasing in popularity not only because they are ecumenical, but also because congregations are increasingly eager to conform to the practices of the ancient Church. In addition, a person wearing an alb is dressed like Jesus.

Traditionally I have worn a robe. *Clergy robes* mark clergy who do not have a doctorate degree or who do not choose to wear their doctoral robes. Even though most clergy have a masters degree, clergy robes are a modified form of the baccalaureate robe, probably because contemporary masters robes have an odd appearance. Clergy robes are nearly identical to judicial robes, except that clergy robes often have a sort of built-in stole; a wide stripe running down both sides of the zipper in the front, often decorated with Christian symbols.

The original purpose of the robe was to indicate that the wearer had the authority of academic credentials. John Calvin started the tradition of wearing academic robes in church. He was not able to wear vestments because he was not ordained clergy, but he did have an academic law degree. Clergy robes are worn by many mainline protestant ministers.

I have wanted an alb for some time. While I am very proud of my academic credentials and will still wear my robe on occasions I choose now to wear my new alb. It is a sign of a Pastor. When I am in a robe, I am dressed like Calvin. When I am in an alb, I am dressed like Jesus.

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

November 2, 2008

Chapel Service.....	40
Sanctuary Worship.....	244
Saturday Evening Worship.....	13

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

November 9, Bret Whinery
November 16, Mack Allison
November 23, David Dell

Classes To Serve WWNF

November 12– Adult Bible Study
November 19– Sooners Class

WWNF MENU

November 12

Spaghetti, roll and dessert.

Diaconate Schedule

November 9—Team 2

November 16—Team 3

November 23—Team 3

Current Lectionary

Sunday, November 09, 2008

Twenty sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

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, Pond Creek**. Please keep them in your prayers this week.

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~ SUNDAY ~ November 9, 2008 ~

Chapel Worship	8:00 a.m.
Sermon "Blessed Be the Lord God: Magnificent" Rev. John McLemore	
Scripture	Luke 1:39-56
Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship	10:15 a.m.
Special Music	Chancel Choir

Elders: 8:00– Bea Simpson
10:15– Offering— Peg Krick, Communion—Fig Newton

CWF Health Kits

CWF put together 64 health kits to be sent to Church World Service. They will be dedicated, along with others, on Nov 7, World Community Day. We want to thank all who helped us by donating health kit supplies and monetary gifts.

CWF Service and Action



Our Daily Bread Needs Your Help!

Volunteer 1 hour a week to help feed the less fortunate this holiday season!

Stop by an hour before work,

or contribute 30 minutes of your lunch hour.

Volunteers are needed to help prep (6am-10am), serve lunch (10am-noon), and clean up (noon-2pm)!

CENTOUR EVENTS

Luncheon: Sunday, Nov 7, 11:30am.

Program: Honoring our Veterans by Bob Klemme. We'll be devouring Chicken Alfredo, scalloped rhubarb and patriotic cake.

Seating is limited to 60 so get your tickets now! Tickets are \$4 each.

Sack Lunch & Movie: Tue, Nov 18 at noon.

RSVP w/ Tina Swanson by Nov 15th.

Sunday, November 9

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 9:00—Disciples 101
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 11:15—Centour Luncheon
- 4:30—Chi Rho
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF
- 6:00—Elder's Meeting

Monday, November 10

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

Tuesday, November 11

- 12:00—Noon Bible Study
- 5:00—Kids Central Board Mtg
- 7:00—Agape CWF Group
- 7:00—Quilt Central

Wednesday, November 12

See WWNF Schedule on next page

- 10:00—CWF Sarah, Ruth & Naomi
- 1:30—CWF Esther & Lydia
- 5:15—Dinner
- 5:15—Hospital Callers Mtg
- 6:30—Youth Group
- 6:30—Chancel Choir
- 7:30—Adult Handbell Choir

Thursday, November 13

- 5:30—CACS Comm. Mtg

Saturday, November 15

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

Sunday, November 16

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 9:00—Disciples 101
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 2:30—Burgundy Place
- 4:30—Chi Rho
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF

Diaconate Team 2 Serves Nov 9

If you are not on Team 2, please check the sign up list
to see if you may be needed to fill in.

Roy Smith
Sue Dell
Lorene Harnish
Jimmie Davis
Bill Brant
Fred Overstreet
Roger Groves
Kathy Eck
LaDonna Groves
Beth Tefft
Jana Davis
Randy McWilliams
Rhonda Robinett
Dee Smith
Tim McAnally
Mark Johnson
Jance Davis
Zack Jones



The JYF Bell Choir played on November 2.

WWNF Schedule

5:00pm—Prayer time in the Prayer Chapel
5:15pm—Meal
5:30pm—Best Christmas Pageant Ever Rehearsal
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

Disciples 101

Class Meets Sunday in
the Multi Purpose Room
At 9:00am!

Weekly Giving Report

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	O/U BUDGET	Y/TO/D GIVING	Y/T DATE BUDGET	SHORTAGE
2-Nov	\$13,252.26	\$9,862.06	\$3,390.20	\$496,156.34	\$502,965.35	(\$6,809.01)
9-Nov		\$9,862.06			\$512,827.41	
16-Nov		\$9,862.06			\$522,689.47	
23-Nov		\$9,862.06			\$532,551.53	
30-Nov		\$9,862.08			\$542,413.61	
TOTAL		\$49,310.32			\$550,061.23	(\$6,809.01)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Updated 5 Nov 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), Mel Bloss, Casey Cribley (submitted by Debbie Miranov), Devon Gorre's grandfather, Eric Koegel (son of Connie Koegel/brother of Cindy Worthington), Paula Hay (daughter of Paul & JoAnn Hopkins), Judi Heller, George & Wilma McCormick, John McLemore, L.V. Powell, Elbert Wheeler.

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Marilyn Sommer began chemotherapy to battle Breast Cancer (Virginia Spencer's daughter).

Donna Wade is fighting illness.

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

James & Kelsey Lantz and family need your prayers for an unexpected illness.

Anna Coffman is coping with health issues.

Megan Pearsall, 25 year old, is home recovering from her "stroke like" event (friend of the Gibersons).

Carolyn Spradlin is facing surgery November 19th (mother of Sally Wheeler).

Thelma Dodd is experiencing health problems.

Lester Gambill had a heart attack and is in the hospital in OKC (Carolyn McLemore's Uncle).

CAROL COOPER is recovering from a stroke (friend of the McLemores).

KATHY ECK'S MOTHER will be dismissed from a hospital stay to hospice in Memphis.

JULIE BLOOM SCHROEDER has been diagnosed with Breast Cancer (Steve Bloom's Sister).

SONYA WALDRIP is recovering from a bad ankle sprain.

St. Mary's

Mary Simpson, 586

Alta Mae Berkenbile, 504

Ila Crain, 410

Jerry Reinhart (outpatient surgery)

Jean Long (outpatient surgery)

The Surgery Center

Fred Overstreet (outpatient surgery)

SAVE THE DATE!!

Central Christian Church/Kid's Central

Will host one final workday &

celebration lunch on Saturday,

November 15th.

details to follow

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)

Tavin Aaron Little

6lbs, 14 oz

Parents are Zachary and
Tara Little and big brother is

Collin. Proud grandparents
are Rick and Yvonne Little.



Email your prayer requests to Prayers@centralenid.org



Saturday Work Day Success!

"Ask and it shall be given unto you!" The Lord provided the most spectacular day EVER for an outside workday last Saturday. More folks than I can name here were present to pick up trash, clean flower beds, trim trees, paint stairways and hang curtains. A large contingency of Kids Central parents were able to finish preparing the outdoor playground for the new woods chips to be delivered soon. When the heavy

equipment rolled up, you knew they meant business. With the aid of a backhoe, all the old materials were lifted up over the wall in nothing flat. Food just started appearing and by noon we had a feast of grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, pie and soft drinks. Thank you to everyone who shared their Saturday.

Board Members

Please mark your calendars for the CCC Board Christmas Dinner, Thursday, December 4th at 6pm.

A second work day will be scheduled very soon to paint the second stairwell, railing and finish up a few other items. Watch the Visitor for specifics.

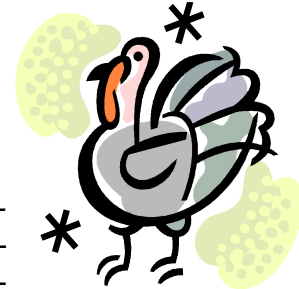


Community Thanksgiving Celebration Sunday, November 16th, 6:30pm Chisholm Trail Expo Center

On Sunday, November 16th the Ministerial Alliance, Chisholm Trail Expo Center and Eagle Marketing will present, to individuals and families, the Second Annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration featuring a live concert with nationally known Christian artist and comedian Mark Lowry.

The Thanksgiving Community Celebration will include a live performance from over 500 local school children (from grade school to high school) to an estimated crowd of over 4,000!

You too can be part of this uplifting celebration. Tickets are \$10.00



KIDS KORNER

Parents, remind your kids to invite other children to church. Ask them to tell those who haven't been coming lately that we miss them, and that God would love it if they came to church.

New Memory Verse: Our new memory verse for our "Love Your Enemies" rotation is "**But I say to you that listen: love your enemies, do good to those that hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.**" **Luke 6:27** Let's see if we can get 100% of you to learn it. Break it down into small parts and learn the parts separately and then you can remember the entire thing!!!!!!!

CHANGE – CHANGE – CHANGE-----*We will NOT be going to Burgundy Place on Sunday, Nov. 16. All but two of us will be involved in play practice so we will have to wait until December after the play is over to go to Burgundy Place.*

- I will be announcing the time for our CD recording in the next week or two. Get your singing voice on and we'll be ready to go. Be sure to listen out for the time.
- 11/16/08 – All church bake sale with our proceeds to benefit Tsultrim and other missions of the church. I'll be calling you and sending a card so parents can sign up to bring baked goods.



Coffee Stains

A HUMUNGOUS Thank you goes out to all those volunteers who helped with our dance on Oct 31. You guys are amazing! Pierce & Janet Jones, John & Carolyn McLemore, Pat & Gail Novak, Tammy Hromas, Karen Foster, Kyle Evans, Keith Clingman & Lynne Taylor, Ashley Hughes, Brian & Becky Meyer, Jimmy & Jana Davis, Laurie Bushman, Sally Wheeler, Butch Phillips and the other Sheriffs Deputy, you are all wonderful putting up with me and loud music and helping our teens. Thank you so much. For those that don't know we brought in 88 Junior High students and had a fun night of dancing and fellowship. We will try this again and next time I will find a better disc jockey.

Peace, J Dubs