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# Church Visitor



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Thanksgiving  
**2008** Offering

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Undergraduates and Seminars

Stay tuned...  
Learning and Leading!

The Thanksgiving Offering supports OUR Disciples Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses  
This offering will be received in most congregations on November 16 and 23.

For two centuries, Disciples colleges and universities have trained Disciples leaders to think clearly and rationally and to minister to the world around them. While those first instructors and students might not recognize modern campuses, those classic values live on in the 21st Century.

Disciples undergraduate institutions serve nearly 27,000 students in a wide variety of settings; from a rural college town with several hundred students, to a metropolitan setting with almost 9,000 students. Despite those differences, these schools all share a commitment to the church, emphasizing in spiritual faith, values, and cherish a commitment to a liberal-arts education.

Your gift to the Thanksgiving Special Offering supports the training of our church's emerging leaders - an investment in our church's future.

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## ...According to John



Our stewardship emphasis this year is during the first four Sundays of November. This week you will receive a special mailing about the mission and ministry possibilities for 2009. Included in that mailing, you will find a commitment card to complete and bring to worship on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Commitment Card begins with this statement: “With a grateful heart for God’s boundless generosity and as an expression of my Christian stewardship, I make this commitment to Christ’s church and the ministry of this congregation”.

Last Sunday evening during the Elders meeting the chair, Thom Bushman, asked for personal stories (testimonies) from the Elders about how giving has impacted their lives. It was an amazing meeting where various Elders told their stories and, in some instances, they mentioned other members of Central Christian Church and how the witness of these members had impacted their lives.

Giving is an essential part of the Christian faith. It has been said that Christian stewardship is everything one does after saying “yes” to Jesus. It is always more than dollars and cents, but it does involve the management of our resources.

In my sermon last Sunday, I asked what God might be calling us to do. Then I answered by suggesting we consider what it means to make a lifelong commitment: organizing one’s affairs to be available for God’s work; consciously saving time and financial resources; giving of ourselves....our time, talents and resources; and understanding it’s not just about money in the offering plate, budgets and buildings.

When we allow God to use us, we are transformed. When we surrender to God, we allow God to use us, and we are “all in”. **When we give of ourselves....our time, talents and resources, the Risen Christ becomes real in us in ways we could never imagine before.** When we as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) say “Open your hearts”, “allow Jesus to come into your heart” it means DOING something, not just SAYING something. The Christ becomes more alive in us when we give.

I hope to see you Sunday. 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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## SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

November 9, 2008

Chapel Service.....	34
Sanctuary Worship.....	247
Saturday Evening Worship.....	11

## VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

November 16, Mack Allison

November 23, David Dell

November 30, Heath Wallace

## Classes To Serve WWNF

November 19– Sooners Class

## Thanksgiving Visitor Deadline

All Visitor articles need to be submitted to the church office or by email to [sallyw@centralenid.org](mailto:sallyw@centralenid.org) no later than **10am on November 24**. Thank you!



## Diaconate Schedule

November 16—Team 3

November 23—Team 3

November 30—Team 1

### Current Lectionary

Sunday, November 16, 2008

Twenty seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Readings:**

Judges 4:1-7

Psalms 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

**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, Putnam**. Please keep them in your prayers this week.

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## ~ SUNDAY ~ November 16, 2008 ~

Chapel Worship .....	8:00 a.m.
Sermon .....	"Blessed Be the Lord God: Benedictus" . . . Rev. John McLemore
Scripture .....	Luke 1:67-79
Church School .....	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship .....	10:15 a.m.
Special Music .....	Chancel Choir

Elders: 8:00— Dan Harris  
10:15— Offering—David Eck , Communion—Max Johnson

## Thank You Ruth Ann and Abbi!

We want to say an extra-special thank you to RUTH ANN ERDNER and ABBI OGDEN for all the years they have given to the kindergarteners of Central Christian Church. They are both taking a well-deserved time off from their duties as teachers. They exhibited such wonderful, loving and God-centered care for these kids during their kindergarten years. When you see them, tell them thanks. Blessings on you Ruth Ann and Abbi!!!!



## 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)!

For more information, contact Sandy Howard M-F (7am-3pm) @ 242-5718, or on her cell 402-3664.

### Sunday, November 16

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 3:00—Best Christmas Pageant Ever Rehearsal
- 4:30—Chi Rho
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF

### Monday, November 17

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Service
- 6:00—Quilter's Guild

### Tuesday, November 18

- 8:00—Single Women's Breakfast, Ramada Inn
- 10:00—NW Area Mens in Fairview
- 12:00—Noon Bible Study
- 6:00—Stewardship Comm. Mtg

### Wednesday, November 19

#### Last WWNF for the fall

- 12:00—Single Men's Luncheon
- 5:15—Dinner
- 5:15—Best Christmas Pageant Ever Rehearsal
- 6:30—Youth Group
- 6:30—Chancel Choir
- 7:30—Adult Handbell Choir
- 7:30—Board Meeting

### Thursday, November 20

- 3:30—Enid Senior Care
- 4:00—Cancer Support Group
- 5:30—Cancer Support Group
- 6:00—NW Area Men's Dinner

### Saturday, November 22

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

### Sunday, November 23

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30—All Church Thanksgiving Dinner
- 3:00—Best Christmas Pageant Ever Rehearsal
- 4:30—Chi Rho
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF

**Diaconate Team 3  
Serves Nov 16 & Nov 23**

If you are not on Team 3, please check the sign up list to see if you may be needed to fill in.

- Heath Wallace
- Kacy Wallace
- Rob Schlecht
- Martha O'Banion
- Bob Parks
- Mike O'Banion
- Thomas Hryhorchuk
- Kara Hryhorchuk
- Van Schuermann
- Natalie Schuermann
- John Petersen
- Tonia Schlecht
- Chuck Waldrip
- Sonya Waldrip
- Lawrence Yunker
- Stephani Yunker
- Kinsey Bloom
- Caitlin McAnally

**CENTOUR EVENTS**

Sack Lunch & Movie: Tue, Nov 18 at noon. Enjoy a sack lunch and Simpson Brothers movie (Tary and Don Johnson are in the movie.) for \$3.00. RSVP w/ Tina Swanson by Nov 15th by calling 233-2866.

Centour Christmas Luncheon: Dec. 14

Enid Christmas Lights Tour and Dessert at Don and Tary Johnson's Dec. 18th. Call Tina for reservations. Meet in West parking lot at 6pm.

**CWF Pecans!**

The pecans are here! Choose from chocolate, caramel clusters, cinnamon glaze halves or pieces.

All are \$8 per bag except the pieces which are \$7 per bag. The pecans are this year's crop, fresh as can be, and great for gift giving and cooking.

They may be purchased at Kimberly's desk in the church office or by calling Tina at 233-2866. They will also be on sale in the Loggia Nov 23 & 30, Dec. 7 & 14. Proceeds go to CWF Missions.

**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	\$10,972.71	\$9,862.06	\$1,110.65	\$498,496.44	\$512,827.41	(\$14,330.97)
)16-Nov		\$9,862.06			\$522,689.47	
23-Nov		\$9,862.06			\$532,551.53	
30-Nov		\$9,862.08			\$542,413.61	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,224.97</b>	<b>\$49,310.32</b>	<b>-\$25,085.35</b>	<b>\$498,496.44</b>	<b>\$542,413.61</b>	<b>(\$43,917.17)</b>

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## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Updated 12 November 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), Paula Hay (daughter of Paul & JoAnn Hopkins), Judi Heller, Eric Koegel (son of Connie Koegel/brother of Cindy Worthington), John McLemore, L.V. Powell, Jerry Reinhart, Marilyn Sommer, Donna Wade, Elbert Wheeler.

### **Please lift up the following in your prayers:**

Carolyn Spraldin is facing surgery on November 19<sup>th</sup> (mother of Sally Wheeler).

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

Hazel Young passed away, please keep Kathy Eck & family in your prayers (Kathy Eck's mother).

Julie Bloom Schroeder has been diagnosed with Breast Cancer (Steve Bloom's sister).

Jeff Hale is experiencing complications with an experimental treatment, treating an aggressive brain tumor (Kimberly Damron's brother).

Birdene Schoonover is recovering at home, waiting on possible surgery date.

MARY WHITE is facing serious health issues (friend of Beverly Brant).

DEE SMITH is recovering from a broken leg.

### **St. Mary's**

Joan Petersen, 501  
Leonard Edwards, 346

### **Bass**

George McCormick, 309

### **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)

Doug Carpenter (Caitlyn Castle's uncle)

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**Email your prayer requests to [Prayers@centralenid.org](mailto:Prayers@centralenid.org)**

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## **Cancer Support Group**

Bringing Lung Cancer Education Specialist to Enid

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month and the Central Christian Cancer Support Group is offering the latest information on diagnosing and treating lung cancer at its monthly meeting on **Thursday, November 20 at 4:00 pm** at Central Christian Church. This meeting is for those facing lung cancer or who are cancer survivors or caregivers.

Kyle-Anne Hoyer, an Oncology Clinical Coordinator from Genentech BioOncology, will discuss lung disease, diagnosis and treatment options as well as self-care and caregiver information at this month's cancer support meeting.

The Central Christian Cancer Support Group in Enid is open to the public and is designed to provide spiritually based cancer support as well as cancer education for area cancer patients and survivors as well as their families and caregivers.

For more information about the upcoming Lung Cancer Awareness Month education program or other services of the Central Christian Cancer Support Group, contact Central Christian Church at 580-233-1214.

### **Community Thanksgiving Celebration**

**Sunday, Nov. 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 will feature a live concert with nationally known Christian artists 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

### **Work Day & Outdoor Playground Dedication**

On Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 to 12 noon, there will be a short workday at Central Christian Church. We hope to have both parents whose children attend Kids Central, and members of Central Christian Church at this work day. Several projects that were started on our Nov. 1st workday need to be finished.

Thirty-seven cubic yards of new wood chips were delivered this week and dumped in the outdoor playground area. These wood chips need leveled and the playground equipment replaced. Then our outdoor playground will be ready for our children's use.

We will finish cleaning outdoor gardens and trimming shrubs around the church.

We will finish painting the north stair well area in the Education Wing.

Most importantly, we will dedicate this new outdoor playground for our children and have a picnic lunch at 12 noon.

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## **KIDS KORNER**

**Seen anyone who hasn't been coming to Sunday School, church, Wed. night activities? Be sure to tell them you miss them and would like for them to come back!!!!!!!**

**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!!!!!!!

*If you haven't signed up to be in the "Best Christmas Pageant Ever", call me. We still need shepherds and always have room for angels and angel choir members. Everyone else – Don't forget practice at 3:00 on Sundays and 5:30 on Wednesday. It's going to be GREAT!!!!!!!!!!*

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.

Parents – I'll be calling you to sign up to bring baked items to the all-church bake sale.

**ALL KIDS - BRING YOUR MONEY BACK THIS SUNDAY. Remember to bring back the coin you got during the children's moment plus 9 more just like it.**

### **ACOLYTE– Nov. 16**

Kaylee Petersen

(substitute –Makayla Hinderliter)

### **KIDS TIME STAFF – Nov. 16**

Carolyn, Sonya, Zach, Meg, Ivey, Taylor

### **ROTATION TEACHERS – Nov. 16**

Lois Tilley, 1st/2nd, (storytelling);

Lisa Bloom, 3rd/4th (art);

Laurie Bushman, 5th/6th (games)

## **Coffee Stains**

Hey guys and gals! Come to Sunday School! I miss your faces! Chi Rho will begin a study on the Gospel of Matthew (anyone remember Godspell?) and the CYF will be studying Old Testament prophecies of the coming of Christ.

Those of you that got a coin from Carolyn on Sunday, remember to bring it back with 9 more!

I will be away this weekend for a Commission on Children, Youth and Young Adult meeting and a Regional Youth Council meeting, both at Central Christian Camp. Caitlyn, Mark and Austin will be joining me on Saturday for the RYC meeting. See you at Youth and play practice.

Peace, J Dubs