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## Consecration Day and Thanksgiving

This Sunday, November 23rd, will be a day of great celebration. We will gather to give thanks to God for the wonderful history and meaning of the Thanksgiving Holiday and we will enjoy our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is always the largest fellowship meal of the year. You won't want to miss it.



*Blessed* Be the Lord God Sunday is also Consecration Sunday when we offer and dedicate our Estimates of Giving to God during the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services of worship. Isn't Thanksgiving Sunday an appropriate time to do this, celebrating God's gifts to us and dedicating our 2009 gifts to God?

Enclosed you will find a Commitment Card. Please prayerfully consider your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Central Christian Church during 2009. Complete the card and bring (or mail) it to the church this Sunday. This estimate of 2009 giving is for operations. It DOES NOT include the commitment you have already made to the ongoing Preparing the Way capital campaign.

*Remember, Jesus the Christ, becomes more real to us as we give ourselves: our time, our talent and our resources. Please give generously.*

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## ...According to John



This is my favorite time of year and Thanksgiving Sunday is one of my favorite Sundays. We will enjoy a wonderful worship experience with great music and we will enjoy amazing fellowship as we share our Thanksgiving Luncheon. This year is a first for us. We will also be bringing our Commitment Cards with our estimates of giving for 2009. As a thankful people, we will celebrate God's gifts to us and our gifts to God.

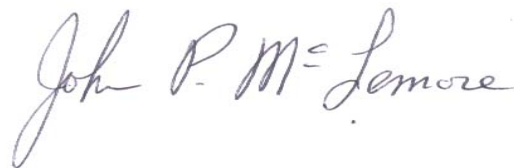
Most of you know that I will be having total knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, November 25th, which will take me out of the normal ebb and flow of church activities for a while. Don Johnson and the Elders will be doing all of the pastoral care. The church will certainly function normally and I will return to my activities as your senior minister as soon as I can.

I do have a request. I know that many will want to visit with me during my surgery and recovery. Frankly, and Carolyn will attest to this, when I am sick or hurting, I want to be left alone. There is a joke in our family. "When John is sick, leave him alone, don't talk to him, don't look at him, just let him sleep." I ask you to honor my privacy and not visit me, particularly in the hospital.

I love his community of faith and I know you love me. Certainly I covet and welcome your prayers and your cards.

The decision to have this surgery has been long in coming, but, frankly, the procedure is not occurring a moment too soon. I am optimistic about my speedy recovery and I pledge to do what the doctors and therapists say.

See you in church this Sunday. Grace and peace,



### All Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Join your church family this Sunday for our All Church Thanksgiving Dinner. Stay after the 10:15am service to begin Thanksgiving by eating with your church family! Bring your appetite!  
It's Turkey time!

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 16, 2008

Chapel Service.....	46
Sanctuary Worship.....	516
Saturday Evening Worship.....	11

## VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

November 23, David Dell  
November 30, Heath Wallace  
December 7, Mack Allison

## Thanksgiving Visitor and Bulletin Deadline

All articles for the Nov. 26 Visitor need to be submitted to the church office, or by e-mail (to [sallyw@centralenid.org](mailto:sallyw@centralenid.org)) no later than **10am on Mon, Nov 24**. All items to be included in the **November 30th bulletin** need to be submitted to the church office, or by e-mail (to [sallyw@centralenid.org](mailto:sallyw@centralenid.org)), by **10am, Tues. Nov 25**. The church office will be closed Nov. 27 & 28th.

Thank you!

## Diaconate Schedule

November 23—Team 3  
November 30—Team 1  
December 7—Team 1

### Current Lectionary

**Sunday, November 23, 2008**

Twenty eighth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Readings:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

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

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## ~ Thanksgiving Sunday ~ November 23, 2008 ~

Chapel Worship .....	8:00 a.m.
Sermon .....	"Blessed Be the Lord God: Gloria"..... Rev. John McLemore
Scripture .....	Luke 2:14
Church School .....	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship .....	10:15 a.m.
Special Music .....	Chancel Choir
Special Music .....	"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"..... JYF Choir & Plus One
Special Music .....	"Now Thank We All Our God".... Chancel Handbell Choir
Elders: 8:00—	Barbara Baker 10:15— Thom Bushman , Gary Hula

## **Work Day a Success!**

Our second Work Day was a success in spite of cold windy weather and a low turnout. Thanks to those giving of their weekend morning to improve our church. The north stairs were painted, more tree trimming was completed and the playground was finished. A short dedication service was held at the conclusion of another successful day.

A belated thank you to Eunice Barnes for curtains that she made for our children. They were hung in the toddler room.

## **Holiday Bake Sale**

Central Christian Church is holding its annual holiday bake sale on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> before and after church in the Loggia. This is a time to buy different delicious homemade holiday baked goods. All proceeds will go to support overseas mission activities supported by your church in Vietnam, Peru, Dominican Republic, Zambia, Congo and for Tsultrim.

For this sale to be a success, we are accepting and need lots of holiday baked goods of all kinds – pies, cakes, cookies, candy, breakfast pastry and cinnamon rolls. Please bring your baked goods to the church on either Friday or Saturday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. Of course baked goods can be brought to the church on Sunday morning.

The delicious baked goods that you supply will make a difference in the lives of children supported by our overseas missions. Thank you.

### **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

### **Monday, November 24**

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Service

### **Tuesday, November 25**

- 12:00—Noon Bible Study
- 2:00—Inactive Members Comm. Mtg
- 7:00—Quilt Central

### **Wednesday, November 26**

- 5:15—Best Christmas Pageant Ever Rehearsal
- 6:30—Youth Group
- 6:30—Chancel Choir
- 7:30—Adult Handbell Choir

### **Thursday, November 27**

**Thanksgiving**

**Office Closed**

### **Friday, November 28**

**Office Closed**

### **Saturday, November 29**

- 9:00—Putting up Christmas Trees, Sanctuary
- 10:00—Christmas Decorating in the Ed. Wing
- 5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

### **Sunday, November 30**

#### **All Church Bake Sale**

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 9:00—Children's Christmas Decorating Party
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 3:00—Best Christmas Pageant Ever Rehearsal
- 4:30—Chi Rho
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF
- 6:00—Grief Service
- 7:00—Hanging of the Greens
- 8:00—Tasting Party

## Diaconate Team 3 Serves 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

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Our congratulations go to **Terry Scoggins, the daughter of Pat Wagner**, on the publication of her first book. It is a children's story called Electric Ellie and Lightning Lucy: Firefly Friends Forever.

She is now working on her second book. Terry even did the illustrations. The book will be placed in the Children's Library. Check it out!



## 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.

## Weekly Giving Report

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GIVING</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>O/U BUDGET</u>	<u>Y/TO/D GIVING</u>	<u>Y/T DATE BUDGET</u>	<u>SHORTAGE</u>
2-Nov	\$13,252.26	\$9,862.06	\$3,390.20	\$487,523.73	\$502,965.35	(\$15,441.62)
9-Nov	\$10,972.71	\$9,862.06	\$1,110.65	\$498,496.44	\$512,827.41	(\$14,330.97)
16-Nov	\$7,306.93	\$9,862.06	-\$2,555.13	\$505,803.37	\$522,689.47	(\$16,886.10)
23-Nov		\$9,862.06			\$532,551.53	
30-Nov		\$9,862.08			\$542,413.61	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,531.90</b>	<b>\$49,310.32</b>		<b>\$505,803.37</b>	<b>\$542,413.61</b>	

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## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Updated 19 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, Ann Herndon, 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).

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).

Birdene Schoonover is recovering at home after outpatient surgery.

Mary White is facing serious health issues (friend of Beverly Brant).

Dee Smith is recovering from a broken leg.

The family of WILMA BEATY in her passing this week. Services will be held at Central Christian Church on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 2pm.

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

Joan Petersen, 501

Leonard Edwards, 484

June Glahn, ICU-354

### **BASS**

Mary Simpson, 226

George McCormick, 310

### **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).

### **Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

On behalf of the Disciples Retirement Community of Oklahoma, Inc, please accept our sincere thanks for your generous contribution of \$571.66. Your gift has been placed along side other concerned donors who wish to support ministries to older adults.

Please know that your gift is directly benefiting those who have put their faith in the church. Thank you for contributing toward the care of those in need.

Sincerely,

Clarice Morrison & Diana Brown

### **Thank You**

Dear Friends of Central,

I want to thank you with all my heart for your prayers, calls and cards while I was in the hospital and since I have come home. A special thanks to Don and the Caregivers for their visits while I was in the hospital. You don't know how much it lifted me up.

Thank you again. May God bless each and everyone.

Ila Crain

## Poinsettia Tree

Tis' the Christmas season and there are plans to build another poinsettia tree. If you would like to donate \$15 to purchase a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one, a teacher, a minister, or someone that is special in your life, please be sure to fill out the form that is enclosed.



The tree will be set up for December 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. You may pick up your flower after the second service on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Those that are left will be taken to the homebound and those members in nursing homes. Please include your payment with your order.

Because of the diminishing number of flowers ordered, we have had to make the tree smaller and we have had to buy more flowers than ordered to fill the tree for the last two years. Although the price is a little more than the cost, it still does not cover the full purchase of extra flowers. Please get your orders in ASAP, so we will have an idea of how many to order and to know how big to build the tree.

## Save the Date! December 20 & 21

Mixed Company present's their Christmas Program.

## Extra Christmas Card

When doing your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address:

A Recovering American Soldier  
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

## Board Members

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

## Help Kids Central open a new 2-yr-old classroom!

- 1: changing table (@ \$175)
- 8: mats or cots w/sheets
- 4: large floor toys
- 2: push toys
- 8: stacking/nesting/2-4 piece puzzles/table blocks
- 3: balls
- 6: hand-held trucks/cars
- 4: plastic or rubber animals
- 4: texture toys
- 4: dolls
- 8: kitchen/tool play items
- 1: shatterproof mirror
- 2: CDs / 1: CD player
- 2: mitten puppets
- 8: picture books



## **KIDS KORNER**

**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!!!!!!!

***HELP-HELP-HELP!!!!!! 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!!!!!!!***

- Parents – I'll be calling you to sign up to bring baked items to the all-church bake sale.
- We are learning our songs really well for our CD. I'm looking forward to getting it ready. I'll let you know when.

***NOV. 30*** – We will decorate our Christmas tree during Sunday School. I will have the handouts for you next Sunday (the 23<sup>rd</sup>) so you can practice at home. ***PARENTS*** – We'll need cookies, so be prepared to say "yes" when I call to ask you to bake some.

- Keep **John McLemore** in your prayers for his knee surgery on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. Please pray he doesn't have too much pain and that he heals quickly and well.

### **ACOLYTE– Nov. 23**

Brenna Bushman

(substitute –Caitlyn Castle)

### **KIDS TIME STAFF – Nov. 23**

Kristy, Sally, Michael, Macy,

Brent, Kaylee

### **ROTATION TEACHERS – Nov. 23**

John McLemore, 1st/2nd (computers);

Lois Tilley, 3rd/4th (storytelling);

Jana Davis, 5th/6th (video)

## **Coffee Stains**

Even though this is the last WWNF of the year, the youth group will continue to meet. We are planning on having youth group the same ole' time Wednesday night at 6:30 to 7:30pm, except on Christmas Eve. Then on Sunday's we will have the same plans. Sunday school starts at 9am and later in the afternoon Chi Rho starts at 4pm, snack supper at 5pm and then the CYF meet at 5:45pm.

The holiday season is quickly approaching and I want to extend some peace to you. God gave us the Son, Jesus, and Jesus is the reason for the season. Remember when you are fighting the shopping crowd that Christ loves us and wants us to love others.

Peace, J Dubs.