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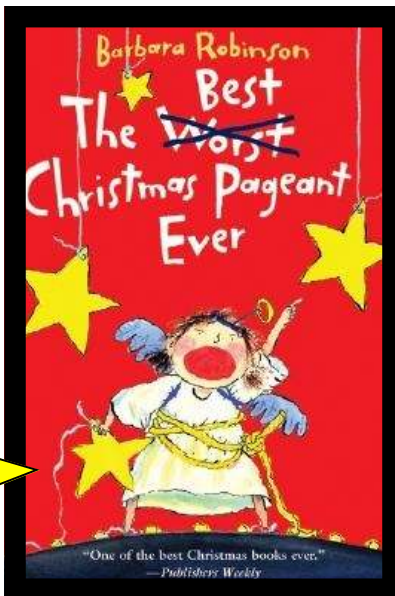
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Central Christian Church Presents:



December 5 at 7pm

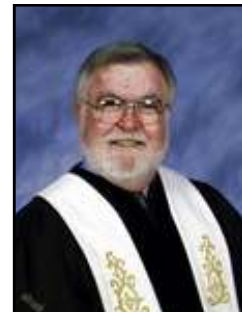
December 6 at 7pm

December 7 at 2pm

Come experience this Christmas classic! Bring a friend, your neighbor and anyone else you can think of! Admission is free!

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...According to John



Greetings to one and all! I missed being in church and seeing you this past Sunday, but I have certainly been the beneficiary of wonderful thoughts and prayers. Daily our mailbox is filled with scores of cards expressing your wishes for a speedy recovery. I will tell you (and the veterans of knee replacement surgery will chuckle), I set a very ambitious personal goal of being at the Hanging of the Greens Service (as a congregant) Sunday evening. In fact I am asking Don to preach again this next Sunday morning. Everyone tells me I am doing well, but my progress is much slower than I had naively hoped for. I began my outpatient physical therapy yesterday (Monday) and will be doing that three days a week for a while. The therapist, Julie, has given me a workout routine to do at home twice a day and (once again the veterans will chuckle) IT HURTS. But I am strong willed and will be back in the swing of things as soon as possible.

Carolyn has been a real trooper during all of this. She is performing her normal functions within the household, taking very good care of me, and doing my normal household duties as well. So her workload has tripled, but, bless her heart, she is performing “above and beyond” the call of duty. She blesses me everyday.

I understand the first Sunday in Advent went very well. I hope you will plan to attend one or more of the “Best Christmas Pageant Ever” performances as well as our normal services of worship.

God Bless You All,

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.



December 7

DEACONS

John Petersen
Kay Allison
Beth Tefft
Lois Tilley
Mack Allison
Jan Newkirk
Kacy Wallace
Heath Wallace

ELDERS

Burl Bartlett
Becky Meyer
Gary Hula
Bea Simpson
Sherry Shaw
Chuck Pritchett
Max Johnson
Pat Novak

SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

November 30, 2008

Chapel Service.....	40
Sanctuary Worship.....	175
Saturday Evening Worship.....	8

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

December 7, Mack Allison
 December 14, Bret Whinery
 December 21, Brian Meyer

The Central Christian Legacy Endowment Funds:

- ✠ Youth and Children Endowment Fund
- ✠ Christian Education Endowment Fund
- ✠ Mission Outreach Endowment Fund
 - ✠ Property and Maintenance Endowment Fund

*Turn the energies of your life
 into ministry.*



For questions, contact a
 special gifts trustee.

Diaconate Schedule

December 7—Team 1
 December 14—Team 2
 December 21—Team 2

Current Lectionary

Sunday, December 7, 2008
 Second Sunday of Advent

Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-11
 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
 2 Peter 3:8-15a
 Mark 1:1-8

Color: Violet



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

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~ Sunday ~ December 7, 2008 ~

Chapel Worship	8:00 a.m.
Sermon	"Peace and the other Golden Rule"Rev. Don Johnson
Scripture	Psalm 85, Mark 1: 1-8
Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship	10:15 a.m.
Special Music	Chancel Choir

Elders: 8:00— Jim Cox 10:15— Willa Jo Fowler, Jerry Blankenship

Celebrate

Come out and celebrate the 90th birthday of Vern Thornburgh on Saturday, Dec 6th, from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall!

CCC Members

The Crusaders Sunday School class has chosen Kids Central as the recipient of this year's Christmas Project. We usually pick a family but this year the class members decided to help our own children. Kids Central needs help to set up a new 2 year-old class as well as many other items needed to provide a quality day care center. I urge individual members as well as other Sunday school classes to consider Kids Central for their Christmas giving project this year. What a wonderful opportunity this is for our church to embrace this special ministry of Kids Central through our gifts to them at this special season.

Mary E. Beach

For a list of items needed to start the 2 year-old room, see page 7.

To My Church Family

Thank you for your visits and prayers during my stay in the hospital. Special thanks to Rev. McLemore and Rev. Johnson for their visits. Thanks to the caregivers and for the many cards and visits. You are greatly appreciated.

God bless you,
Leonard Edwards

Sunday, December 7

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 2:00—Best Christmas Pageant Ever Performance
- 4:30—Chi Rho
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF

Monday, December 8

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Service
- 6:00—Central Staff Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 9

- 12:00—Noon Bible Study
- 6:30—Agape CWF Group
- 7:00—Quilt Central

Wednesday, December 10

- 1:30—Esther and Lydia CWF Groups
- 5:15—Hospital Callers
- 6:30—Worship Committee
- 6:30—Youth Group
- 6:30—Chancel Choir
- 6:00—Adult Handbell Choir

Thursday, December 11

- 3:30—Cancer Support Group
- 5:30—CACS
- 6:00—Centours Christmas Light tour

Saturday, December 13

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Service

Sunday, December 14

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 9:00—Kids Art Party
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship (Chancel Choir Cantata)
- 11:30—Centour Luncheon
- 2:30—Burgundy Place Service
- 4:30—Chi Rho
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF
- 6:30—Elder's Meeting

Diaconate Team 1 Serves Dec 7

If you are not on Team 1,
please check the sign up list
to see if you may be needed
to fill in.

Paul Wagner
Tom Ireland
Kyle Hohmann
Sue Chael
Steve Chambers
Lois Tilley
Mack Allison
Jan Newkirk
Kay Allison
Nancy Hohmann
Margaret Day
Tammy Hromas
Lori Hunter
Austin Hula
Macy Hula
Adam Hohmann

Holiday Joy is Focus for Cancer Support Group Gathering

Finding the joy during the upcoming holiday season is this month's focus for the Thursday, December 11th meeting of the Enid Area Cancer Support Group that meets at Central Christian Church. The meeting will be held from 3:30-5:00 pm in the church parlor.

We want to make our December meeting a time to reflect on the upcoming festivities and how we can make this an uplifting time with family and friends.

We encourage anyone in the area with a cancer diagnosis or with a family member who is a cancer survivor or undergoing treatment to join others at the support group for holiday refreshments and an opportunity to visit and share ideas on making the most of this special time of the year. There will be a small Christmas gift for everyone who attends.



CWF Pecans!

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

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 Dec. 7 & 14. Proceeds go to CWF Missions.

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	\$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	\$9,625.04	\$9,862.06	-\$237.02	\$515,428.41	\$532,551.53	(\$17,123.12)
30-Nov	\$9,485.55	\$9,862.08	-\$376.53	\$524,913.96	\$542,413.61	(\$17,499.65)
TOTAL	\$50,642.49	\$49,310.32	\$1,332.17	\$524,913.96	\$542,413.61	(\$17,499.65)

Young Adults!!!

Dec 18 is our Christmas party! 7pm!
Dec 19-21 is the **Regional Young Adult Retreat**. Mark your calendar. And don't forget about Sunday School...**B&BS (Breakfast & Bible Study)**! Meet us at **McDonalds, 9am**. We're talking about Faith.

If you are not receiving emails, post-cards or phone calls, call John Wheeler to update your information! 402-8348.

Dear Friends

On Oct 11, when I became ill, I called on Rev. McLemore and he was at my side and took me to the emergency room. He made arrangements with Becky Meyer to look after Luke and his cousin Drake while I was looked after. Becky made arrangements with Sonya Waldrip to look after Luke until John and Sally returned from Six Flags with the youth. I thank them all for their help, I was reminded of the scripture "I was a stranger and you took me in."

Since that time you have remembered me with prayers, cards and concerns. I appreciate each expression of concern extended to me.

God is awesome and so very gracious. I thank you for I have seen Gods love put into action and I know from your actions toward me that many others see, feel and hear God through you.

Many thanks and much love,
Carolyn Spradlin

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 14th and 21st. You may pick up your flower after the second service on the 21st. Those that are left will be taken to the homebound and members in nursing homes. Please include your payment with your order by December 5th.

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

"Best Christmas Pageant Ever" STILL NEEDS SHEPHERDS!!!!!! *If you haven't signed up to be in the play, let me know. Shepherds don't have any speaking parts so they are easy to do!!!!!!*

ANNOUNCEMENT - ANNOUNCEMENT
PARENTS: **NO Kids Time** on **12/14** (cantata Sunday) and **12/21** (Christmas Sunday). Children ages 4 and younger can go to the toddler room if parents wish.

NEW YEAR'S IN RIO – New Year's in Rio is Dec. 31st (naturally) from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Come and have a good time. Parents, sign up and work at a booth. We're going to have a GREAT time!!!!!!

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- **12/5-7: Best Christmas Pageant Ever (7:00 on Fri. and Sat.; 2:00 on Sunday)**
Dress rehearsal is Thursday night so you need to be there.
- **12/14: Grades 1 – 6 arts and crafts party. Meet in loggia at 9:00 as usual and then we'll go up to the multipurpose room. We'll be through by 10:00.**
- **12/14: Adult choir cantata in 10:15 a.m. service (No Kids Time)**
- **12/14: Burgundy Place – We'll leave the church at 2:30 and be back at 3:30. We'll go to Braum's as usual.**
- **12/20: We will record our CD at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Be here and ready to go BY 10:00.**
- **12/20 and 12/21: Mixed Company program, 7:00 p.m.**

Coffee Stains

Carolyn and the kiddos did a fabulous job decorating the tree and sharing their talents with us on Sunday morning. It was a lot of fun listening and watching you all.

This year's Hanging of the Greens was wonderful. Thank you to all that helped in doing the work. I particularly enjoyed my son running down the aisle, and from what I have heard, many of you enjoyed it too.

We are going to continue having youth group on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings throughout this month. Same usual schedule Sundays Chi Rho at 4, supper at 5, and CYF at 5:30. Then on Wednesday the whole youth group meets at 6:30 for fellowship and fun. Peace be with you this holiday season as we journey to the manger.

Peace, J Dubs.

ACOLYTE–Dec. 7

Casey Easter

(substitute –Brent)

KIDS TIME STAFF – Dec. 7

Sue, Stephanie, Brenna, Katie, Karsten

ROTATION TEACHERS – Dec. 7

Laurie Bushman, 1st and 2nd (games);
Carolyn McLemore, 3rd and 4th(science);
Lisa Bloom, 5th and 6th (art)