
Church Visitor



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Christmas Cantata This Sunday



This Sunday, December 14th, the Chancel Choir of Central Christian Church will present their Christmas cantata, "Festival of Carols". This work follows the order of the traditional Lessons and Carols service and includes all nine Scripture lessons. Each lesson has been written in a more contemporary form, while attempting to keep the lyrical flow of the older texts. The order of our normal worship experience will be altered to follow the "lessons and carols" format.

Join us at our 10:15 a.m. service to celebrate Christmas with rich carols and beautiful new songs. You won't want to miss it.

There will also be an 8:00 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall for those who can't attend the cantata. See you Sunday!

...According to John

“GOD Has Done GREAT THINGS” is the theme for the 2008 Christmas Special Offering, which will be received here at our church on December 14 and December 21. We will be joining other Disciples congregations in Oklahoma in contributing to this offering – which goes in its entirety to supporting our ministries here in Oklahoma.

One of these Oklahoma ministries is the support, planning and oversight given to a growing number of mission and work projects here in the United States and around the world. In 2008, Oklahoma Disciples journeyed to the Gulf Coast; Greensburg, Kansas; and Boca Chica in the Dominican Republic to engage in “least of these ministries” to those affected by disasters and dire life circumstances. Our support to the Christmas Offering will help to assure that important outreach ministries, like the one mentioned above, continue into the new year.

Please give generously to the Christmas Offering when it is received on December 14 and 21. Special envelopes are being provided.

John P. McLemore



2008 Christmas Offering

**“GOD
Has Done
Great Things”**

Luke 1:47-55

“To support, bless and encourage the ministry of your Region.”

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

This offering will be received in most congregations on December 14 and 21

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

December 7, 2008

Chapel Service.....	38
Sanctuary Worship.....	255
Saturday Evening Worship.....	10

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

December 14, Bret Whinery

December 21, Brian Meyer

December 28, David Dell

Picture Time!!!

Portrait appointments are now being taken for our new Church Directory. Sign up in the Loggia this Sunday (Dec 14th) or call the church office to reserve your time. Available appointment times vary from 3pm-9:20pm. Jan 2nd-3rd, & Jan 8-10th. Don't delay, sign up today!



Diaconate Schedule

December 14—Team 2

December 21—Team 2

December 28—Team 3

Current Lectionary

Sunday, December 14, 2008

Third Sunday of Advent

Readings:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

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~ Sunday ~ December 14, 2008 ~

Chapel Worship (In the Fellowship Hall)	8:00 a.m.
(8:00) Sermon	Rev. Don Johnson
(10:15) Sermon	Chancel Choir Cantata
Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship	10:15 a.m.

Elders: 8:00— David Dell
10:15— Chuck Pritchett, Butch Phillips

DISCIPLES DVD TO SHOW

The Disciples-produced video "Connecting Threads" will air on KFOR-TV at 2:00 a.m. Christmas Day after the special "Story of the First Noel" from 12:00am to 2:00am. If you set your DVR/VCR please make sure you add extra time to the end of your timing because the Christmas Eve Mass might run long and if it does this will make the rest of the programming slide, according to Christy Jones at KFOR.

This video is presented and produced by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the airing was made possible by the efforts of a Central Christian Church member.

Central Christian Church

We celebrated our mothers' (Wilma Beaty) life and wish to thank Rev. John McLemore, Rev. Don Johnson, Tary Johnson, Rick Hill and Terri Galer for a wonderful service. She thought the world of all of you.

Mom became ill this past January and had many health issues. She had a difficult time rehabilitating and Don Johnson appeared at her side every day to help her through. What a blessing he has been.

The church had always been the center of Mom's life and not going was what she missed most when her health failed.

Thank you to all who supported us during this difficult time.

Kent and Liz Beaty
Linda Scofield

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday In Advent

CWF Pecan Sale/Church Directory Photo Sign Up

- 8:00—Chapel Worship (In the Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00—Sunday School/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

Monday, December 15

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

Tuesday, December 16

- 8:00—Single Women's Breakfast, Ramada Inn
- 12:00—Noon Bible Study
- 6:00—Mixed Co. Practice

Wednesday, December 17

- 12:00—Single Men's Luncheon
- 5:00—Mixed Co. Practice
- 6:30—Youth Group
- 6:30—Chancel Choir
- 6:00—Adult Handbell Choir

Thursday, December 18

- 5:00—Mixed Co. Practice
- 6:00—Centours "Enid Christmas Light & Dessert Tour"
- 7:00—Young Adult Gathering

December 19-21

Regional Young Adult Retreat @ Camp Christi

Saturday, December 20

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Service
- 7:00—Mixed Co. Christmas Variety Show

Sunday, December 21

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 9:00—Kids Christmas Party
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 4:30—Chi Rho
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF
- 7:00—Mixed Company Christmas Variety Show

**Diaconate Team 2
Serves Dec 14 &
Dec 21**

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

Christmas Variety Show

Starring

Mixed Company

Saturday, December 20 at 7pm
Sunday, December 21 at 7pm

**HORN OF PLENTY FOOD DRIVE
DECEMBER 21, 2008**

The food shelves at the Horn of Plenty are already getting empty. Let's make the third Sunday of each month "Horn of Plenty Day!" Bring non-perishable food items and put them in the Horn of Plenty box in the Loggia. We can make a difference by helping out with food the third Sunday of each month. Thanks for all your giving.

CWF Pecans!

Last Sunday to purchase pecans! Choose from chocolate, caramel clusters, cinnamon glaze 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. Proceeds go to CWF Missions.

Weekly Giving Report

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	O/U BUDGET	Y/TO/D GIVING	Y/T DATE BUDGET	SHORTAGE
7-Dec	\$18,768.93	\$12,327.58	\$6,441.35	\$543,682.89	\$554,741.19	(\$11,058.30)
14-Dec		\$12,327.58			\$567,068.77	
21-Dec		\$12,327.58			\$579,396.35	
28-Dec		\$12,327.58			\$591,723.93	
TOTAL		\$49,310.32			\$599,371.55	

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Updated 10 December 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), 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:

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

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

Keith Clingman is recovering from surgery.

John McLemore is recovering from knee surgery.

LEONARD EDWARDS is facing surgery.

LARRY SWINK is facing surgery.

JUNE GLAHN as she transitions from the hospital to skilled nursing this week (David Glahn's mother).

ROBERT QUALLS as he transitions into Highland Park Nursing this weekend.

GEORGE & WILMA McCORMICK as they move in with family.

BASS

Mary Simpson, ICU-281

Bob O'Brien, 208

Ruth Porter (Kathie Stocksen's Aunt)

St. MARY'S

Birdene Schoonover



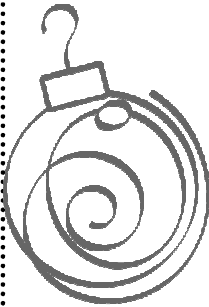
Prayers for those in the armed services:

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 (son of Roger and Catherine Wiles), 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)

Welcome New Members!

Chad and Melissa Yniguez joined by confession of faith on November 30. Melissa works in our nursery. We're so glad to have you! They are pictured here with their children Harley and Sierra.

Email your prayer requests to Prayers@centralenid.org



Young Adults!!!

Dec 18 is our Christmas party! 7pm in the Multi Purpose room of the church. Bring a snack and a \$5 gift to exchange. There will be a nursery.

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 still talking about Faith.

If you or someone you know are not receiving emails, postcards or phone calls, call John Wheeler to get us your information! 402-8348.

Thank You

Thank you for giving your time to Meadows Point and La Mesa Point apartments through the Wheatheart Meals.

We appreciate your devotion!

Sincerely,

The Staff at Meadows and La Mesa Point

Scenes from the *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*



KIDS KORNER

The "***Best Christmas Pageant Ever***" really WAS the best Christmas Pageant ever!!!!!! It was a great production of an old favorite Christmas play and all of you who were in it did a GREAT job. Turnout was good, too. Special thanks to **Janet Jones** for all her efforts and for directing the play. Also, thank you to **Jana Davis** for serving as assistant director and pianist. Don't we have a wonderful group of kids in this church as well as people who work with kids?

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

- 12/14: 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 and 12/21: Mixed Company program, 7:00 p.m.
- 12/21 – Grades 1-6 Christmas party at 9:00 in the multipurpose room. Over at 10:00 a.m.
- **NEW INFO** – – Our date for recording our CD is ***changed to Dec. 27*** in the Sanctuary. We had too many conflicts with the other date. Get this new date on your calendar, parents.
- 12/31: New Year's in Rio, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

ACOLYTE–Dec. 14

Kaylee Petersen, Sarah Johnson
(substitute –Caitlyn Castle)

ROTATION TEACHERS – Dec. 14

Carolyn

Coffee Stains



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever was GREAT!! Thanks to all the kids and adults that performed and Janet and Jana for their hard work too! And to those of you that came and watched it, thanks for the great support!
See you Sunday at 9am for Sunday school and at youth.

Peace J Dubs

