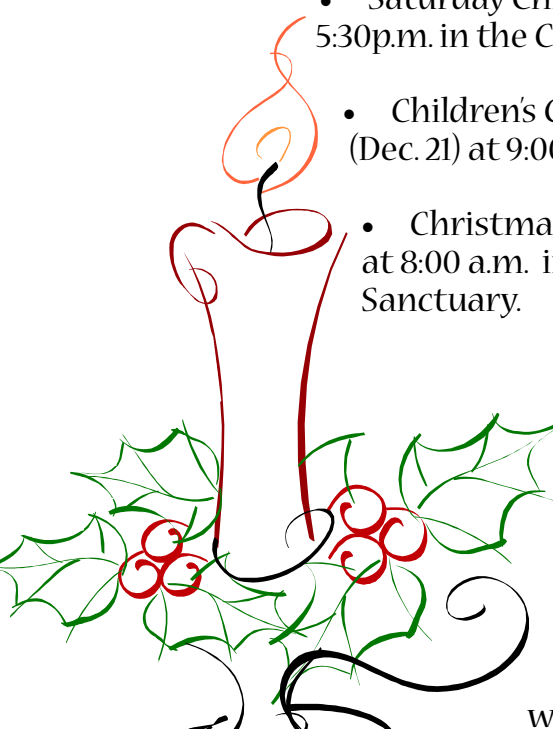




Christmas Events

- "Christmas Variety Show" starring Mixed Company Saturday (Dec. 20) & Sunday (Dec. 21) at 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday Christmas Worship on Saturday (Dec. 20) at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Library
 - Children's Christmas Party (grades 1 – 6) on Sunday (Dec. 21) at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room
 - Christmas Services of Worship on Sunday (Dec. 21) at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary
 - Christmas Eve Services with Candlelight Communion on Wednesday (Dec. 24) at 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
 - The Church Office will be closed on December 25 & 26.
 - There will not be a *Church Visitor* next week.
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...According to John

Christmas is just around the corner. Saturday evening and Sunday we will have our traditional Christmas Services of Worship with wonderful music and a very festive spirit.

Mixed Company will present their Christmas Variety Show this Saturday and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. You will want to be sure to attend and invite family and friends.



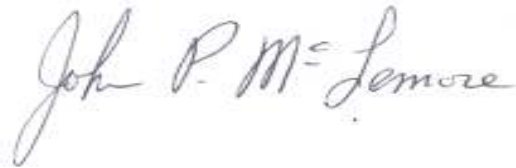
On Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., we will gather in the sanctuary for our traditional **Christmas Eve services**. As has become our custom, we will have a “Pick-up Pageant” at the 7:00 p.m. service where ALL the children will come to the front, quickly dress in costumes and reenact the Christmas Story. There will be a place and part for everyone. Casual dress is appropriate for either Christmas Eve service.

The Church Offices will be closed on Thursday, Christmas Day, and on Friday, December 26th. There will be NO Church Visitor next week.

NEW YEARS IN RIO (NYIR) will be 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, New Years Eve. Plan now to attend because there will be activities and entertainment for ALL AGES. Neighbors and friends always enjoy an invitation to this event. The youth will participate in a lock-in after NYIR.

On a personal note, I am still getting stronger each day, but I am not back to “full steam”. The phone calls, cards and letters are greatly appreciated. You are a kind a gracious congregation. Thank you for your patience during my recovery.

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

December 14, 2008

Chapel Service.....	42
Sanctuary Worship.....	315
Saturday Evening Worship.....	13

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

December 21, Brian Meyer
 December 28, Heath Wallace
 January 4, David Dell

Picture Time!!!

Thank you for making your Directory/
 Family Portrait Appointments! Olan Mills
 will be at Central
 Christian Church Jan
 2nd-3rd, & Jan 8-
 10th.

Expect an ap-
 pointment reminder
 call from Olan Mills
 in the next couple of
 weeks. Please arrive
 15 minutes prior to
 your appointment time. Any questions? Call
 the church!



Diaconate Schedule

December 21—Team 2
 December 28—Team 3
 January 4—Team 3

Current Lectionary

Sunday, December 21, 2008

Christmas Sunday

Readings:

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Color: White



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

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~ Sunday ~ December 21, 2008 ~ Christmas Sunday

Chapel Worship (In the Fellowship Hall)	8:00 a.m.
Sermon	Have I Got News for You!
Scripture	Luke 1: 26- 38
Church School9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship10:15 a.m.
Special MusicChancel Handbell Ringers
Elders: 8:00- Jim Cox 10:15- Joyce Greenhaw, Becky Meyer	

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.



Consider an Alternative Gift

If you haven't completed your Christmas shopping (or even if you have), consider giving an "alternative Christmas" gift to the Week of Compassion. Week of Compassion is now actively working in Zimbabwe and Darfur (in addition to many other countries around the world) to bring succor and relief to the thousands and thousands who are suffering so much. ANY amount - \$1.00 on up will help. Donations can be made online at www.weekofcompassion.org or by sending a check to Week of Compassion, P. O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Sunday, December 21

Forth Sunday in Advent

- 8:00—Chapel Worship in Fellowship Hall
- 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

Monday, December 22

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 23

- 2:00—Inactive Member's Task Force
- 7:00—Quilt Central

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

- 7:00—Christmas Eve
Candle Light Communion Service
- 11:00—Christmas Eve
Candle Light Communion Service

Thursday, December 25

Christmas

Office Closed

Friday, December 26

Office Closed

Saturday, December 27

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Service

Sunday, December 28

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 9:00—Kids Christmas Party
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 2:00-4:00—Zee Congdon 80th Birthday
- 4:30—Chi Rho
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF



Diaconate Team 2 Serves 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.

Come and Go Celebration

For *Zee Congdon's 80th Birthday* will be held on Sunday Dec. 28th between 2pm and 4pm in the Fellowship Hall.

No Visitor next week. The next Visitor will be mailed out Dec 29. The Deadline for articles will be Dec. 27 (Saturday).

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	\$12,530.10	\$12,327.58	\$202.52	\$556,212.99	\$567,068.77	(\$10,855.78)
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 16 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, and 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).

John McLemore is recovering from knee surgery.

Leonard Edwards is facing surgery.

June Glahn as she transitions from the hospital to skilled nursing last week (David Glahn's mother).

Robert Qualls as he transitions from Highland Park to home.

George & Wilma McCormick as they settle in with their son.

JIM STROUP is recovering at home from surgery.

BOB O' BRIEN is recovering from heart surgery.

DANNY BAKER is recovering at home from heart surgery.

WENDALL WELKER is recovering from surgery.

BASS

Mary Simpson, 239

St. MARY'S

Birdene Schoonover

OKC Heart Hospital

Larry Swink is recovering from heart surgery.

Prayers for those in the armed services:

Joshua Avants in Iraq (friend of Barbara Baker)

Doug Carpenter (Caitlyn Castle's uncle)

Caleb Holden (son of Robert and Carolyn Holden)

Ryan Maphet (grandson of Ron & Pat Maphet/nephew of Van & Natalie Schuermann)

Phillip Schwitz in Iraq (Judi Heller's cousin)

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)



Tuesday Noon Bible Study

Will ***NOT*** meet on

Tues, Dec 23rd.

Meetings will resume on

Tues, Dec 30th.

Email your prayer requests to Prayers@centralenid.org

New Year's in Rio

Start gathering your white elephant gifts for NYIR, we will start collecting them soon!

NYIR is Dec 31,st 6 to 9pm. **We will have sign-ups for volunteers on the 21st and 28th in the Loggia!** Invite your friends and neighbors!!

Bingo, games, inflatable's, door prizes and pizza!!



Central Christian Church Sunday School Singers visit Burgundy Place to entertain their "grandparents."

Thank You

From Vern Thornburgh's family

Thank you, Central Christian Church, for welcoming us to celebrate our daddy's 90th birthday.

Thank you to the custodians for arranging the Fellowship Hall, and to all others for your Kindness.

Merry Christmas!

Vern Thornburgh, Pat & Joyce Thornburgh, Christie & Tim Jackson, Harold & Cathie Whipkey

Thank You

We want to thank John McLemore for going to the city and being with us when Roy had his heart procedure in November. Also a big thanks to all who sent cards, made phone calls, provided food and transportation for me when I broke my leg. Most of all, thank you for your prayers as they really helped during a very difficult time.

God Bless All Of You,
Roy & Dee Smith

Thanking our Troops

Tis' the season to be thankful and a great time to say thank you to our troops serving overseas. Visit the Xerox' web-site www.letsaythanks.com. There you can select an art piece drawn by a child and a message to go with it. It is then sent to a member of the armed forces. This is an ongoing site so feel free to do it as many times as you want.

KIDS KORNER

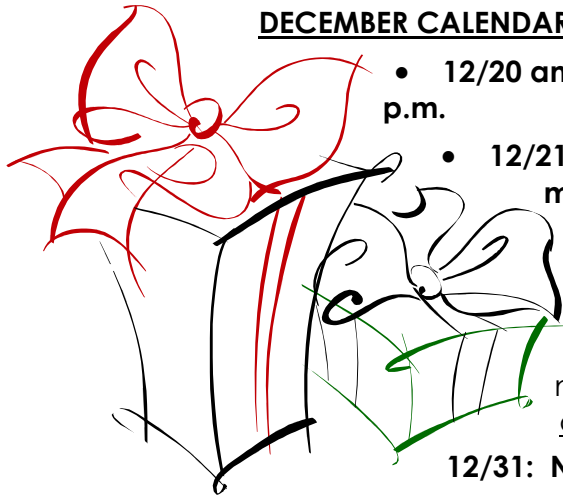
ANNOUNCEMENT - ANNOUNCEMENT - ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

ACOLYTE–Dec. 21
Brenna & Nicole Bushman
(substitute– Molly Bloom)
NO KIDS TIME – Dec. 21
CHRISTMAS PARTY– Dec 21
Carolyn, Becky, and others

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



- 12/20 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 – NEW INFO – 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. 10:00 a.m.

12/31: New Year's in Rio, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Coffee Stains

Now that school is out for me it really is feeling like the holidays, that and all this freezing weather! I pray that you are all having a wonderful time preparing for the Christ child. The anticipation of the birth of Christ is such a joyous time. It provides us with an excuse to join up with friends and family, and gives us a reminder of how much God truly loves us. Let us all keep in mind that Jesus is the reason for this season.

Peace J Dubs

Don't forget all the cool things going on at church these next couple of weeks. Let's really make this NYIR one to remember!!!