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# Church Visitor



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## LAST CALL FOR PICTURES

Representatives from Olan Mills Church Directories have been in the church taking portraits for our new Church Pictorial Directory. If you haven't scheduled an appointment to have your picture made, then **YOU NEED TO DO SO TODAY!**

Times are available on Thursday – December 8<sup>th</sup>, Friday – December 9<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday – December 10<sup>th</sup>. To schedule your time you must call 1-800-866-2263, select option “1” and tell the attendant you want to schedule your portrait. **DO NOT CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.** All the scheduling is now being done through Olan Mills. Of course, if you have problems, call Kimberly at 233-1214.

It has been three years since we have published a church pictorial directory and a number of changes have taken place since then. The new directory will have the member information for every member, but it is nice to have pictures to go with the names. It is important to have as many family and individual pictures in our directory as possible, so **PLEASE** have your portrait made. There is no cost to you and you will receive a free 8 X 10 portrait. You may also want to purchase additional pictures, but there is no obligation.

Call 1-800-866-2263, option “1” to schedule your picture **TODAY!**



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## ...According to John



### WWNF BEGINS NEXT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

It is *Wonderful Wednesday Night Fellowship* Time again! This is the time when the church gathers for a meal, fellowship, singing, adult classes, and children/youth activities.

All adults of the church, including elected leaders, are encouraged to attend the first session of classes beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are going to read a book together entitled: Kicking Habits: Welcome Relief for Addicted Churches by Thomas Bandy and use a study guide entitled Coming Clean. This study is in concert with a current series of sermons I am preaching entitled "The Church: Crucible of Faith".

We will use these resources to explore issues of church transformation. Our time together will include Bible study, group discussion and group exercises. This series of classes should provide the opportunity for honest discernment of the realities of our church and give us spiritual insight into the original purpose of the body of Christ. Outcomes will include mutual support and a positive attitude for change so that we may find confidence in the future.

Every member of Central has a vested interest in today and tomorrow's shared ministry. Come to *WWNF* so that we might learn and grow together. If we have an exceptionally large group we will divide into manageable sub-groups.

Please join your church friends and me in this venture.

Grace and peace,



Retraction: Rick Little's MOTHER died on Dec 20th, not his father.

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

January 4, 2009

Chapel Service.....	28
Sanctuary Worship.....	241
Saturday Evening Worship.....	10

## VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

January 11, Brian Meyer  
 January 18, Bret Whinery  
 January 25, Mack Allison

## WWNF Menu

January 14  
 Pancake Supper for  
 Youth Fundraiser!

## Memorials Established

**George McCormick**  
 December 26, 2008

**Robert Qualls**  
 December 28, 2008

## Diaconate Schedule

January 11—Team 1  
 January 18—Team 1  
 January 25—Team 2

### Current Lectionary

**Sunday, January 11, 2009**

First Sunday after Epiphany

#### Readings:

Genesis 1:1-5  
 Psalm 29  
 Acts 19:1-7  
 Mark 1:4-11

Color: Green



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

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## ~ Sunday ~ January 11, 2009 ~

Chapel Worship ..... 8:00 a.m.  
 Sermon ..... "Our Mission"..... Rev. John McLemore  
 Scripture ..... Luke 10:27 & Matthew 28:19-20  
 Church School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sanctuary Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.

Elders: 8:00— Gary Hula, 10:15—Dan Harris, David Eck

## Cancer Support Group

The Enid Community Cancer Support Group will meet at Central Thursday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM. We will plan some of our 2009 activities and we will have time for prayers, scripture reading, personal sharing and caring. The meeting will be in the parlor, with light refreshments.

This support group is spiritually based and is for people who have cancer, caregivers for cancer patients or anyone interested in learning about cancer. Call the church office for details.

## Tuesday Bible Study

You can still attend the last four classes on the psalms and learn about:

- Lament or criticizing God in the psalms
- Grace and Repentance in the psalms
- Love and wrath in the psalms
- Hallelujah and Amen in the psalms

The class meets from noon until 1pm in the church library every Tuesday.

*Dear Members,*

*The Poinsetta is one of my favorite decorations for Christmas. I received a beautiful plant. I want to thank Margaret Day for her kindness in bringing it to me.*

*Love, Goldia Rosmussen*

**For economic reasons, use of the EDUCATION WING on TUE/THURS/FRI after 6pm will require special permission.**

*Special thanks for sharing the true spirit of Christmas with me. I loved the minister's Christmas gift!* *Rev. Don J.*

## Sunday, January 11

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship: Special Board Meeting following service
- 11:30—Centour Luncheon
- 2:30—Burgundy Place Service
- 4:00—Chi Rho
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF
- 6:00—Elder's Meeting

## Monday, January 12

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Service
- 6:30—Property Comm. Mtg

## Tuesday, January 13

- 12:00—Noon Bible Study
- 5:00—Kids Central Board Mtg
- 6:30—Agape CWF in the Parlor
- 7:00—Quilt Central

## Wednesday, January 14

### **WWNF Begins!**

- 10:00—Naomi, Ruth, Sarah CWF
- 1:30—Esther, Lydia CWF
- 5:00—WWNF-Pancake Supper FUNdraiser
- 5:15—Hospital Callers
- 6:30—Youth Group
- 7:30—Kitchen Comm. Mtg

## Thursday, January 15

- 3:30—Cancer Support Group
- 6:30—NW Area Men's Mtg in Fairview

## Friday-Sunday, January 16-18

CYF Midwinter at Central Christian Camp

## Saturday, January 17

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Service

## Sunday, January 18

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 4:00—Chi Rho
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF

**New deadlines for inputs...**  
 The Visitor: Monday, 5pm  
 The Bulletin: Thursday, 10am.

### Time to Un-Decorate!

Janice Stout and Carolyn McLemore need helpers to take down the Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary and the Education Building. *Janice and Carolyn* will meet with their “crews” on Saturday, January 10th, at 10am. Janice especially needs TALL PEOPLE to help take down the decorations off the trees in the Sanctuary and to help take down the trees. Carolyn needs help in the Education Wing. PLEASE come help. It goes so much faster with helpers.

### Young Adults!!!

Don't forget about Sunday School...  
**Breakfast & Bible Study at McDonalds, 9am.**

If you or someone you know is not receiving emails, postcards or phone calls, call John Wheeler 402-8348.

### 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	\$10,305.30	\$12,327.58	-\$2,022.28	\$566,518.29	\$579,396.35	(\$12,878.06)
28-Dec	\$36,996.00	\$12,327.58	\$24,668.42	\$603,514.29	\$591,723.93	\$11,790.36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$78,600.33</b>	<b>\$49,310.32</b>	<b>\$29,290.01</b>	<b>\$603,514.29</b>	<b>\$591,723.93</b>	<b>\$11,790.36</b>

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	O/U BUDGET	Y/TO/D GIVING	Y/T DATE BUDGET	O/U BUDGET
4-Jan	\$10,845.74	\$11,770.83	-\$925.09	\$10,845.74	\$11,770.83	-\$925.09
11-Jan		\$11,770.83			\$23,541.66	
18-Jan		\$11,770.83			\$35,312.50	
25-Jan		\$11,770.83			\$47,083.33	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$47,083.33</b>			<b>47083.33</b>	

### Afternoon Homebound Communion

CCC Members,

Are you are a homebound member and unable to attend church? Would you like communion brought to you in your home on the 1st Sunday afternoon of the month? Call Mary Beach at 234-5767.

Also CCC has a phone ministry that calls homebound members daily. If you would like to receive these daily calls, call Mary.

### Thank You

Compassionate Christians,

I thank all those involved in the phone ministry through the years that called Mr. Qualls. He loved getting those daily calls. I'm also most grateful to those who, during the last five months of Mr. Qualls life, provided him with meals on the weekends that enabled him to stay at home and helped bring joy and peace to his life.

Mary Beach



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## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Updated 5 January 2009

All Caps reflects additions or changes

Please remember the following people as they deal with chronic illness:

Judi Heller, Ann Herndon, Eric Koegel (son of Connie Koegel/brother of Cindy Worthington), L.V. Powell, Jerry Reinhart, Julie Bloom Schroeder (Steve Bloom's Sister), Marilyn Sommer (Virginia Spencer's daughter).

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

- Leonard Edwards is facing surgery.
- The Little Family, as Rick mourns the loss of his MOTHER, services were held in Stillwater on 24 Dec.
- The Wallace Family, as Heath mourns the loss of his mother. Services were held on Tues, December 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The McCormick Family, as they mourn the loss of George. Services were held at Central Christian Church on Monday, 29 Dec 08.
- The Qualls Family, as they mourn the loss of Robert. Services were Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Central Christian Church.
- Jim Cox and family, as they mourn the loss of his brother-in-law, John Ebisch. Services were Tuesday, Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, in Hooker, Oklahoma.
- TAYLOR BECKTON is preparing for heart tests. (John and Carolyn McLemore's nephew).

### **BASS Pavilion**

Mary Simpson

### **Prayers for those in the armed services:**

*Joshua Avants* in Iraq (friend of Barbara Baker); *Doug Carpenter* (Caitlyn Castle's uncle); *Johnathan Hale* to Iraq in March of 09 (nephew of David and Sue Dell); *Caleb Holden* (son of Robert and Carolyn Holden), *Brandon Kasper* in Ft. Riley, KS (Don Johnsons Grandson); *Ryan Maphet* (grandson of Ron & Pat Maphet/nephew of Van & Natalie Schuermann); *JUSTIN RAY DIEL* in Iraq (Vern Thornburgh's grandson); *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).

### **Diaconate Team 1 Serves Jan 11 & Jan 18**

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

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

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## GLOBAL MISSIONS UPDATE

January 2009: Giving Abundant Thanks

Written by Doug and Elizabeth Searles

January 1, 2009

*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1: 3-5*

We have much to be thankful for this year, write Doug and Liz Searles (missionaries to Poland), as we walk with the church in Lodz, and ten other cities in Poland. We are giving thanks for all of you. It is you who have gifted us with work that we feel uniquely called to do.

We are newly arrived and it is great to be where worship matters – really matters. Attending worship in the past had been a political, and sometimes very dangerous, act. Even now it can be difficult. The Evangelical Reformed Church is a marginalized denomination in a country where less than 4% are Protestant. This means that those who worship other than in the Catholic Church may have their patriotism questioned. Protestant youth are treated differently in school. Therefore, church camps, youth events and music (!) are crucial to the future of the Evangelical-Reformed church in Poland.

Individual U.S. churches are beginning to gift us with bells, choir music, Sunday School materials, "karaoke" CDs of back-up for gospel and other Christian music, and more for the tiny new church starts in the Polish cities. We ask you most importantly, for your prayers. Please pray:

- for continued tenacity and energy for language study—challenging for both of us;
- for doors to open as we walk with the church, seeking to serve their desire to become a more missional and inviting denomination in a very challenging environment;
- for positive and nurturing mutual connections to develop with our partners in ministry in the U.S. in Poland, and worldwide.
- for our children in the U.S., Mackenzie (20) and McCleary (16) and for the challenges our work in Poland brings to our relations as a family.
- And may God's Peace and Joy be yours this New Year no matter what your circumstances may be!!

*Doug and Elizabeth Searles serve with the Evangelical Reformed Church in Poland as mission workers for church growth and outreach.*

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## **KIDS KORNER**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 1/10/09 – Take down Christmas decorations in education building. Epiphany will have come and gone so they can come down.
- 1/11/09 – Kids will go to Burgundy Place. We'll meet at the church at 2:15 and be back by 3:25. We'll go to Braum's as usual.

**01/14/09** – WWNF begins again. 5:15 is the meal. 6:00 is chapel and JYF choir (grades 3-6). 6:00-6:30 is CCF play time. At 6:30, 3s and 4s stay to play and 5s through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade go with Sally. Also, at 6:30 there is JYF bells (grades 3-6). At 7:00 is JYF (grades 3-6) and CCF (3 yr thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade). Becky will teach JYF and Sally will teach CCF. Come have a good time. If you have any questions, just call Carolyn, Becky or Sally.

*DON'T FORGET to check the new, rolling bulletin board in the loggia where I will post everything I send you in case you need it for reference. Also I will put up reminders of upcoming events and all kinds of things. It is two-sided so be sure to look on both sides.*

DON'T FORGET TO BRING OFFERING ON SUNDAYS FOR TSULTRIM. Hopefully, we'll hear from him soon about how he likes his new shoes!!!!!!

### **ACOLYTE–Jan. 11**

Matthew Easter, Casey Easter  
(Substitute – Brent Tilley)

### **KIDS TIME STAFF – Jan. 11**

Laurie, Sonya, Macy, Kinsey, Sarah,  
and Austin H.

### **ROTATION CLASSES – Jan. 11**

Carolyn, science (1st & 2nd); John,  
computers (3rd & 4th); Beth, video  
(5th & 6th)

## **Coffee Stains**

Hello to all. I am currently spending the week in Tulsa to continue my studies in seminary. Pray for me and my family during this short period of separation. I wanted you all to be aware of the Pancake Supper we are hosting next Wednesday night, January 14. We will be raising money for two candidates to go to International Affairs Seminar. International Affairs Seminar is a program where I first experienced my calling to serve others. This program, while fun, also gives our youth an opportunity to experience the larger world around us. They will go to Washington, D.C., and New York City, where they will receive opportunities to see monuments, art, government centers, museums, and a different culture. Please come to WWNF on Wednesday night to support these youth at 5:00 by eating some pancakes and sausage.

See you there. Peace, J Dubs.

**Patrick Little  
graduated from  
OBU on Dec 19th,  
Congrats!!**