

Church Visitor



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Congregational Meeting This Sunday

There will be special congregational meetings at the conclusion of both services of worship this Sunday, January 18th, for the purpose of approving the budget for 2009. A number of people have been working diligently over the last few weeks to establish a budget that will allow us to accomplish our mission while being fiscally responsible. In a special meeting last Sunday the Board approved this budget and it comes to the congregation with their recommendation.



	Proposed 2009 ANNUAL BUDGET	2008 ANNUAL BUDGET	ADJUSTED 2008 ANNUAL BUDGET
INCOME:			
OPERATING INCOME:			
PLEDGES	450,000	512,000	501,760
IDENTIFIED GIVING	89,000	79,925	78,327
WORSHIP OFFERING	5,000	5,000	4,900
SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING	1,000	1,000	980
OTHER	20,000	5,875	5,758
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	565,000	603,800	591,724
EXPENSES:			
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
OUTREACH	20,000	26,500	25,970
KIDS CENTRAL	12,000	6,000	5,880
ADMINISTRATION	23,500	27,950	27,391
CACS	7,500	12,000	11,760
EDUCATION	17,400	20,150	19,747
EVANGELISM	1,400	2,500	2,450
MEMBERSHIP	1,000	1,500	1,470
SALARIES/ALLOW/ BENEFITS	372,700	383,300	375,634
PROPERTY/BLDG MAIN	105,000	118,000	115,640
WORSHIP	4,000	4,851	
STEWARDSHIP	500	950	931
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	565,000	603,701	586,873

...According to John

I just received some interesting news. Rev. Dr. Sharron Watkins, our General Minister and President, has been invited to preach at the President's Prayer Breakfast the day after the Inauguration. Below is part of the press release:



Ms. Watkins, the first woman ever selected to lead the service, is the president and general minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a small Protestant denomination with 3,754 congregations and about 690,000 members in the United States and Canada. Ms. Watkins was elected to the post in 2005, the first woman ever chosen to lead a mainline Protestant denomination.

Ms. Watkins is not well known nationally. She came to the attention of Mr. Obama at a meeting he held during the campaign last summer to introduce himself to a politically and theologically diverse group of ministers. At that closed-door meeting, some of the conservative ministers bluntly questioned Mr. Obama on certain issues. Ms. Watkins was asked to give the closing prayer. "Sharron was able to conclude in a way that tied everyone together," said the Rev. Joshua DuBois, director of religious affairs for the Presidential Inaugural Committee, who was at the meeting. "It left folks on a buoyant note, with a degree of hope and optimism that we could find some common ground." "Her appeal is that she delivers a message of unity, inclusivity, tolerance, and hope — and those are all central themes we've heard from the president-elect."

Rev. Watkins said "Coming out of that context, the kind of message I want to reflect on is the deeper unity we have as a human family," she said of the sermon she planned to deliver at the National Cathedral. The sermon will be 10 to 15 minutes and will not be vetted by the Obama team, Ms. Watkins said. She added that she would preach in a way that was authentic to her Christian tradition but did not exclude people of other faiths. The service is traditionally attended by the president and vice president; members of the Supreme Court, Congress and the diplomatic corps; and a host of clergy members and dignitaries.

Please be in prayer for Sharron as she preaches to an assembly of the most powerful people in the country and as she represents the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

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

January 11, 2009

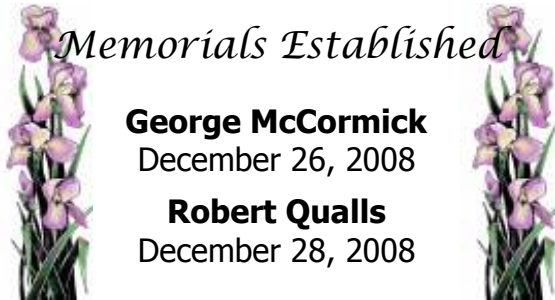
Chapel Service.....	35
Sanctuary Worship.....	253
Saturday Evening Worship.....	09

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

January 18, Bret Whinery
 January 25, Mack Allison
 February 1, David Dell

Servers for WWNF Meals

January 21—Sooners Class
 January 28—Crusaders Class
 February 4—Genesis Class
 February 11—Adult Bible Study



Memorials Established

George McCormick
 December 26, 2008
Robert Qualls
 December 28, 2008

Diaconate Schedule

January 18—Team 1
 January 25—Team 2
 February 1—Team 2

Current Lectionary

Sunday, January 18, 2009

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Readings:

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 John 1:43-51

Color: Green



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

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~ Sunday ~ January 18, 2009 ~

Chapel Worship 8:00 a.m.
 Sermon "Leadership: Using Our Spiritual Gifts"..... Rev. John McLemore
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
 Church School 9:00 a.m.
 Sanctuary Worship 10:15 a.m.

Elders: 8:00— Sherry Shaw 10:15— Madge Loomis, Peg Krick

Blood Drive January 25th
Will you give a gift to God?

"Your life is God's gift to you -- what you do with your life is your gift to God." This anonymous quote can well be applied to the act of giving blood. In the Bible, Jesus encourages us to give unto others whatever they may need...our coats, our meals, our comfort, and concern. Right now there is an urgent need for blood throughout the state of Oklahoma. Holidays are often times when blood supplies are severely depleted. Giving blood costs you nothing except your time, but it can mean so much to a family whose loved one is suffering.

Join us on Sunday, January 25th, in the Fellowship Hall to give a gift to God by giving to His people in need. Nurses will be available from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. No reservations are needed; just come in and give. If you've never given blood before, challenge a friend or family member to come and give with you. Last time the Okla. Blood Institute was at Central they received 17 pints of blood -- let's triple that amount this month!

For more information concerning the Blood Drive, contact Kay Allison, Shirley Salisbury, or call OBI at 233-9323.



Sunday, January 18

CWF Pecan Sale in Loggia

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

Monday, January 19

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Service
- 6:00—Quilter's Guild
- 6:30—Kicking Habits study

Tuesday, January 20

- 8:00—Single Women's Breakfast @ Ramada Inn
- 12:00—Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, January 21

See WWNF Schedule!

- 12:00—Single Men's Luncheon
- 5:15—WWNF Dinner
- 6:30—Youth Group
- 7:30—Cabinet Meeting

Thursday, January 22

- 3:00—Enid Senior Care

Saturday, January 24

- 5:30—Saturday Evening Service

Sunday, January 25

CWF Pecan Sale in Loggia

CACS Sponsored Blood Drive & Youth Chili Fundraiser

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30—Blood Drive/Chili Fundraiser
- 4:00—Chi Rho
- 5:00—Snack Supper
- 5:30—CYF

Kids of Central,

That was so nice of you to remember George with your nice card.

The McCormick Family

Thanks

A special thanks for sharing the true spirit of Christmas with me. I love the minister's Christmas gift.

Rev. Don J.

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

CWF to the rescue!

Need some pecans for our all-church bake sale on February 1st? Need a special V-Day gift to complete the holiday?

Pecan Pieces, \$7

Chocolate covered Pecans, \$8

Church Cook Book, \$10

Selling in the Loggia, Sun. Jan 18th & 25th

Young Adults!!!

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

Mark your calendars for January 22 @ 7pm for our next evening gathering! Can't wait to see you!

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

WWNF Schedule

5:15pm—Meal

5:30pm—Youth Choir

6:00pm—Chapel

6:00pm—JYF choir (grades 3 – 6)

—CCF free play time
(ages 3 – 2nd grade)

6:30pm—JYF bells (grades 3 – 6)

—CCF art time (5yrs to 2nd grade)

—Adult Chancel Choir

—Adult Class, Kicking Habits

—Youth Group

7:00pm—CCF (ages 3 – 2nd grade)

—JYF (grades 3 – 6)

7:30pm—Adult Hand bell Rehearsal

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.

Giving Report

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	\$12,530.06	\$11,770.83	\$759.23	\$23,375.80	\$23,541.66	-\$165.86	
18-Jan		\$11,770.83			\$35,312.50		
25-Jan		\$11,770.83			\$47,083.33		
TOTAL		\$47,083.33			47083.33		

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Updated 13 January 2009
ALL CAPS reflect additions or changes

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

Judi Heller, L.V. Powell, Jerry Reinhart.

Please remember the following as they battle cancer:

Elbert Wheeler, Julie Bloom Schroeder (Steve Bloom's sister), Eric Koegel (son of Connie Koegel/brother of Cindy Worthington), Marilyn Sommer (Virginia Spencer's daughter), Ann Herndon.

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Leonard Edwards is facing surgery

THELMA DODD coping with ear problems

Taylor Beckton (John and Carolyn's nephew)

JENNIFER GIBERSON approaching laser eye surgery

Debbie Nerich has a brain tumor (Birdene Schoonover's granddaughter)

STEPHANIE HAYOZ is facing major jaw surgery (Paul & Mickie's daughter)

THOM BUSHMAN'S BROTHER mourning the unexpected loss of his mother-in-law

The Little/Lehew Family, as Nicholas Little mourns the loss of his mother-in-law, Betty
Lehew

PAT LENTZ and FAMILY as they mourn the passing of her aunt, OLEEVA EVANS.

Funeral services will be held at the Central Christian Church Chapel, on Saturday,
Jan 17th, at 9am.

THELMA HARPER as she mourns the loss of her sister, DOROTHY NEWKIRK-

HORTON. Services will be held in Buena Park, CA. on Saturday, January 17th.

Bass: Meryl Phillips (gall bladder surgery)

Bass Pavilion: Mary Simpson

St. Mary's: Davida Whitsitt, 501 (no visitors, in isolation, calls appreciated)

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 Mar 09 (nephew of David and Sue Dell)

Caleb Holden (son of Robert and Carolyn Holden)

Brandon Kasper, Ft. Riley, KS (Don Johnsons grandson)

COREY KRICK to Iraq (Denny & Peg Kricks 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)

New deadlines for inputs...

The Visitor: Monday, 5pm
The Bulletin: Thurs. morning, 10am

Christmas in Peru 2008

This Christmas we were able to send \$1,100 from donations received to EMCOP to help sponsor loans to the poorest women living in the Puno area. This money will go to help these women start their own businesses making it possible for them to educate and feed their families, access basic health care and in instances, escape from violent situations in the home. These loans will help these women living in desperate poverty with the resources they need to begin successful businesses, so that it is possible for them to lift themselves out of the poverty they face. Below is the correspondence that was received last week from EMCOP.

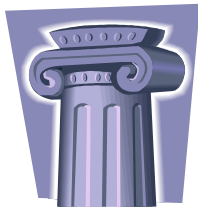
Happy New Year 2009! We hope that your hopes and dreams become reality. We, from Puno send our greetings and thanks to the community in Enid who believe in the work that EMCOP is doing. God has overwhelmed us with many blessings.

Hilda, Reyna, Noba and Neme.

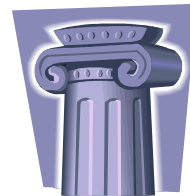


Again, this year we were able to sponsor Christmas for the children living in the Cancharani, Mi Peru and Girasoles communities. Each child received a Christmas Cake, a toy, a food package consisting of oats, rice and sugar and hot chocolate. These children are the poorest living in the Puno area. We have included some pictures that were received of the Christmas celebrations happening at the three schools. These children are now on summer break from school. In March, when it is time to return to the classrooms, we will be sending school supplies necessary for them to learn and be successful.

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 **S**pecial **G**ifts **T**rustee.

KIDS KORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 2nd grade go with Sally. Also, at 6:30 there is JYF bells (grades 3-6). At 7:00 JYF (grades 3-6) and CCF (3 yo thru 2nd grade) meet. 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.

2/08/09 – We'll go to Burgundy Place again. We only had 5 of us go to Burgundy Place this week, but it was great. The singing was really, really pretty and you did a great job leading in the worship.

OFFERING WAS GREAT THIS WEEK!!!! I am so proud of all of you for bringing offering for Tsultrim. You just keep up that good work and he'll be so thankful!!!!

Looks like we're going to have to schedule our CD recording for a Sunday afternoon. I'll look at the calendar, check with parents and then let you know the date.

IT'S PARTY TIME!!!!!! We're going to have a party soon. Maybe a movie party, maybe a pizza party, maybe a some kind of "different" party, but we'll get one put together and have a great time. I'll let you know when it's going to be. (Friday nights at 7:00 seem to be a good time.) Just watch your mailbox and our new bulletin board in the loggia!!!!!!

ACOLYTE–Jan. 18

Caitlyn Castle, Matthew Easter
(Substitute – Sarah Johnson)

KIDS TIME STAFF – Jan. 18

Kristy, Kyra, Molly, Connor, Rachel,
Emily

ROTATION CLASSES – Jan. 18

Janet, art (1st/2nd);
Lois, story (3rd/4th);
Tammy, games (5th/6th)

Coffee Stains

If you are looking for me I can be found at camp. This weekend is the CYF Midwinter Central Christian Camp in Guthrie. We will be having fun, and more importantly, learning about God's Holy Spirit and the gifts given through that Spirit. We will focus heavily on the Fruits of the Spirit, then try to rejuvenate the youth so they are ready to face another semester of school. I want to take this moment to thank you for giving your kids, and me, the opportunity to play such an important role in the ministry of our regional church. This weekend I will be directing, and I know I couldn't do it without your support. Please remember that we have some AWESOME kids in our youth group who need your support for going to camps and conferences where they learn to be leaders of the church. This month we have two fundraisers to help send two of our high school students to Washington, D.C. and New York City. They need your help. God Bless you all. J Dubs.