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# Church Visitor



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**Sunday, February 8th**



## **Boy Scout Sunday**

This coming Sunday is Boy Scout Sunday! Boy Scouts from Troop 2 will provide leadership during the 10:15am worship service. All past and present scouts will be honored. Hope to see you there!

## **All-Church Bake Sale**

There will be an all-church bake sale this Sunday. The proceeds will help support the following overseas mission programs:

- ♥ Zambia Mission
- ♥ Vietnam Mission
- ♥ Congo mission: Bolenge Hospital
- ♥ Peru Mission
- ♥ Dominican Republic Mission
- ♥ Tsultrim

We are asking people to bake cookies or cakes or make homemade candy. Bring your treats to the church the Thursday, Friday or Sunday morning before the bake sale. Your baking can make a difference in the life of a child. Call Don Johnson or Janet Cox if you have any questions.



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## ...According to John

A few years ago the head of the United Church of Christ stated, “This is a great time to be the church!” Such a comment seemed antithetical to the sentiment of the day. Membership was declining. Outreach dollars were shrinking. Most congregations were getting “older,” and there were a lot of wringing of hands. I agreed with the statement then, and I agree with it now. This is a great time to be the church because the future is “wide open”. We, today, are laying the groundwork for the church of the future. It is a wonderful opportunity and a profound challenge.



Many of the titanic churches of days gone by were not able to steer past the unexpected hazards. Yet, they exist, today, only in memory. Some churches have struck the icebergs and are sinking, yet they are futility rearranging the deck chairs in an attempt to stay afloat. Some of the large churches of the post World War II era have become smaller, but are now leaner, more agile, and they are charting new courses to embrace the future. New churches are springing up (particularly among Disciples), yet they look much different than the homogenous, middle class churches that so many of us experienced. In many congregations, worship has a new face. Some congregations are embracing more contemplative experiences. Many are adding instruments and “new” songs. Screens and beautiful visuals are embraced and celebrated in many churches. It is a great time to be the church!

As we add the colors to the portrait of the church of the 21<sup>st</sup> century we must allow God’s spirit to develop the features. I believe it is our task to be streamlined, agile, and receptive; to develop an environment where the “traditional” element is comforted, yet one that is not just traditional; an environment where God calls us to new expressions in worship, ministry, and service, alongside the more familiar. I foresee a church that takes risks, tries new things, experiences failure in some ventures and success in others. I envision a church where there is excitement and hope, where there is an experience of Jesus that the members cannot live without. It’s risky, but worth it.

Central Christian Church has provided an environment for mission and ministry for almost 116 years. Today, we don’t look anything like the church in 1893, 1900, or 1920. But we are still here. Let us work together with God to mold a church for 2010, 2020, & 2030; knowing that it probably won’t look anything like the church today. It is a great time to be the church!

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

February 1, 2009

Chapel Service.....	34
Sanctuary Worship.....	245
Saturday Evening Worship.....	12

## VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

February 8, Heath Wallace  
 February 15, Brian Meyer  
 February 22, Bret Whinery

## Servers for WWNF Meals

February 11—Adult Bible Study  
 February 18—Sooners Class  
 February 25—Crusaders Class  
 March 4—Genesis Class

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## WWNF Menu

Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, dessert

## Diaconate Schedule

February 8—Team 3  
 February 15—Team 3  
 February 22—Team 1

## EARLY SERVICE DEACONS:

February 8— Glenn & Linda Crabbs  
 February 15—Glenn & Linda Crabbs  
 February 22—Jay & Janet Lohmeyer

## Current Lectionary

### Sunday, February 08, 2009

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

#### Readings:

Isaiah 40:21-31  
 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
 Mark 1:29-39

Color: Green



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

## ~ Sunday ~ February 8, 2009 ~

Chapel Worship.....	8:00 a.m.
Sermon...“The Thriving Church: Enriching & Motivating Worship”...Rev. John McLemore	
Scripture.....	John 4:23
Sunday School.....	9:00a.m.
Sanctuary Worship.....	10:15a.m.

Elders: 8:00-Thom Bushman, 10:15-Barbara Baker & Becky Meyer

**Receive your  
Church Visitor by email.**

What are the benefits of receiving the Visitor by email? Receive your Church Visitor on Wednesdays! Get it in color! Save the church money!

Call Kimberly at 233-1214.

Tell her you'd like to receive the Church Visitor by email and give her your email address.



**Sooner Anniversary Dinner**

Thursday, February 12  
Fellowship Hall

Punch will be served at 6pm, and dinner at 6:30pm. You won't want to miss this enjoyable evening! Tickets will be available for purchase Sunday, Feb. 8.

**The Cancer Support  
Group will meet on Feb.  
26th at 3:30pm,  
not Feb. 19 as previously  
advertised.**

**There will be a WORK DAY  
on Feb. 21. Church members  
and parents of Kids Central  
are invited. More details to  
follow.**

**Sunday, February 8**

*All Church Bake Sale*

*Boy Scout Sunday*

8:00—Chapel Worship

9:00—Sunday School

10:15—Sanctuary Worship

11:30—Centour Luncheon

2:30—Burgundy Place Service

4:00—Chi Rho

5:00—Snack Supper

5:30—CYF

6:00—Elder Meeting

**Monday, February 9**

12:00—Noon Prayer Service

6:30—Kicking Habits study

**Tuesday, February 10**

*Election Day in the Fellowship Hall*

*CWF Day at the Legislature*

12:00—Noon Bible Study

3:15—Greenbrier Service

5:00—Kids Central Board

6:30—CWF Agape

7:00—Quilt Central

**Wednesday, February 11**

**See WWNF Schedule!**

10:00—CWF Naomi, Ruth, Sarah

1:30—CWF Esther, Lydia

5:15—Hospital Ministry

**Thursday, February 12**

6:00—Sooner's Anniversary Party

**Friday, February 13**

6:30—Civitan Dance

**Friday-Sunday, Feb 13-15**

Chi Rho Midwinter Retreat

**Saturday, February 14**

5:30—Saturday Evening Service

**Sunday, February 15**

8:00—Chapel Worship

9:00—Sunday School

10:15—Sanctuary Worship

4:00—Chi Rho

5:00—Snack Supper

5:30—CYF

## Do You Use a Room at CCC?

This is a reminder that committees and groups who use rooms at Central Christian Church need to complete a Building Request Form denoting times, dates, requirements and contact persons. This is true for member groups and non-member groups. Those who meet regularly need only to complete one form at the beginning of the year. **UNLESS THERE ARE SPECIFIC ROOM ARRANGEMENTS OR EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPECIFIC MEETING.** In such case a Building Request Form needs to be completed for the specific gathering.

There is a notebook on the receptionist's counter which is to be used for cleaning and maintenance notifications only. Next to the notebook you will find a box with blank Building Request Forms. If your request is for a new meeting, then it will be reviewed and approved by the staff during their weekly meeting on Mondays. If it is for specific room arrangements or equipment for an already scheduled meeting, then, based on availability, no approval is needed.



Eight Caregivers, along with Don Johnson & John McLemore, helped Goldia Rasmussen celebrate her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.

### WWNF Schedule

- 5:15pm—Meal: *Spaghetti w/meat sauce*
- 5:30pm—Youth Choir
- 6:00pm—Chapel
- 6:00pm—JYF choir (grades 3 – 6)
  - CCF free play time (ages 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
- 6:30pm—JYF bells (grades 3 – 6)
  - CCF art time (5yrs to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
  - Adult Chancel Choir
  - Adult Class, Kicking Habits
  - Youth Group
- 7:00pm—CCF (ages 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
  - JYF (grades 3 – 6)
- 7:30pm—Adult Hand bell Rehearsal

### Giving Report

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	O/U BUDGET	Y/TO/D GIVING	Y/T DATE	BUDGET	O/U BUDGET
1-Feb	\$17,934.36	\$11,770.83	\$6,163.53	\$55,880.78	\$58,854.16		-\$2,973.38
8-Feb		\$11,770.83			\$70,624.99		
15-Feb		\$11,770.83			\$82,395.82		
22-Feb		\$11,770.83			\$94,166.65		
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$47,083.32			\$94,166.65		

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## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Updated 3 February 2009

All Caps reflects additions or changes

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

*Judi Heller, Debbie Nerich (Birdene Schoonover's granddaughter), L.V. Powell, & Jerry Reinhart.*

### **Please remember the following as they battle cancer:**

*Elbert Wheeler, Julie Bloom Schroeder (Steve Bloom's sister), Eric Koegel (Connie Koegel's son/Cindy Worthington's brother), Marilyn Sommer (Virginia Spencer's daughter), Ann Herndon, Mary Simpson, Ann Riley, Darrell Herndon, Brenda Brown, & Edna Womack.*

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

*Leonard Edwards is facing health challenges at home.*

*Stephanie Hayoz is recovering from major jaw surgery (Paul & Mickie's daughter)*

*Deloras Oringderff for health issues*

*Court Loomis is fighting serious health issues (Bud & Madge Loomis's son/Bob & Tess Gregory's son-in-law)*

*Albert "Lefty" Ramirez is struggling with his health (Terri Carpenter's 94 yr old uncle)*

*Skip Woods as he mourns the loss of his father.*

*Mack & Kay Allison as they travel back and forth from Texas, caring for Kay's Father*

*Jennifer Garrett Kirk continues to undergo medical testing (Sherry Garrett's daughter)*

*Shera Shirley as she recovers from knee surgery.*

*KATHERINE McLEMORE is suffering with side effects in her shoulder from a previous car accident. (John & Carolyn McLemore's daughter).*

*BOB O'BRIEN as he recovers from hospital stay.*

*FRANK BECKER as he recovers from a hospital stay.*

*MASON BRINLEY is recovering at home from OU Medical Center  
(Glen & Linda Crabbs grandson)*

**BASS:** Danny Baker (no visitors, prayers appreciated), 225

**BASS PAVILLION:** Mary Simpson has moved to Golden Oaks Skilled Nursing

**ST. MARY'S:** Hermine Woelke in room 505, Melva Dean Vance in room 523, Lucille Teemley in room 451, Davida Whitsitt in room 404, and Dale Vance (room unknown).

### **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)*

*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)*

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## Thank You Teachers!

I want to say thank you to all the following for their steadfast work in our kids' departments in the last months. They have given and shared and loved our kids in every way possible: **Becky Meyer, Laurie Bushman, Lois Tilley, Mary Johnson, Gail Novak, Ruth Ann Erdner, Kristy Petersen, Tammy Hromas, Janet Jones, Pat Wagner, Sonya Waldrip, Sally Wheeler, Melissa Hula, Abbi Ogden, Beth Tefft, Kara Hryhorchuck, Virginia Mead, Penny Angleton, Jane Johnson, Sue Chael, Melissa Yniguez, Stephanie Yunker, John McLemore, Amanda Phillips, Meredith Wagar, Nancy Hohmann, Allison Angleton, Macy Hula, Jana Davis, Cindy Johndrow, and Lisa Bloom.** As you can see, our ministry to children could NOT go on without the help of many, many people. God bless each and every one of you for what you do.

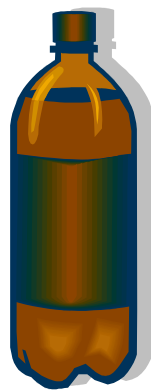


### Centour Luncheon February 8th, at 11:30

**Menu:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, applesauce-jello-salad, & cake.

**Program:** Highlights of the Sooner Sunday School Class by Mary Ruth Cooper.

### 2 Liter Pop & Cookies



The CACS committee needs 2 liter bottles of pop and cookies for the Civitan Dance to be held Friday, Feb. 13th. A variety of each are needed, including diet soda and some diabetic cookies.

Please bring your donations to the church during the week of Feb. 9th and designate them for the Civitan Dance.

## Week of Compassion Partner Named by Forbes

Forbes magazine and Forbes.com has named IMA World Health (IMA) as one of the 20 most skilled and efficient managed charities in the United States. IMA is a partner with Week of Compassion. It has been selected to lead a monumental effort to bolster war-torn Southern Sudan's ability to sustain its own healthcare systems.

In Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), IMA helps provide primary healthcare for roughly 10 million people, while increasing the ability of national and faith-based healthcare systems to sustain that care. Week of Compassion is very pleased to be working in partnership with IMA.



## **KIDS KORNER**

CONGRATULATIONS TO HALEY for bringing back the most Bible bookmarks anyone has ever brought back on one Sunday – 9!!!! You did a good job, Haley.

Our new Bible verse is: “Who do you say that I am? You are the Messiah, son of the living God.” Matthew 16:15-16. You can learn this Bible verse and your name will go on hour Memory Verse Honor Roll. Go for it!!!!

★ Don't forget our Bible bookmark challenge – the boys against the girls. The girls had 16% return rate Sunday so they are ahead right now. Everyone get busy and read 3 of the 5 Scriptures on your bookmarks and start bringing them back. We will have a pizza/movie party when it's all over!!!!

★ Be sure to let me know about any ball games you are playing in or school plays or programs you're in so I can come!!!!

### **ACOLYTES– Feb. 8**

Casey Easter, Britton Yunker  
(Substitute: Sarah Johnson)

### **TEACHERS – Feb. 8**

Beth Tefft, 1st & 2nd (video)  
Janet Jones, 3rd & 4th (art)  
Lois Tilley, 5th & 6th (storytelling)

### **KIDS TIME – Feb. 8**

Sue, Stephanie, Macy, Brent, & Kayley

## **Coffee Stains**

This weekend is Directors Training. James Phillips, Sally Wheeler, and I will learn how to perform the duties of Camp Director, for camp, later this summer. Please take a little time to pray for our safe travel this weekend, and our future camp experiences. Camp is always good, but we need help finding the right counselors for camp. Not that I am begging for help from the church, we just need your prayers at this time.

Please continue to pray for our youth that are trying to raise funds for International Affairs Seminar. That experience takes off in less than seven weeks. These guys have done one great job dedicating themselves (and their families) to raising funds to go on this trip.

IF you want to go to Chi Rho Midwinter, I need your application and money NOW!!! As of this moment Katherine, Ivey, Destiny, Rachel, and Katie are the only Chi Rho going. Forms are on the wall outside my office.

Peace, J Dubs.