
Church Visitor



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We Need YOU! At the Church Work Day This Saturday!!



Begins at 9 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts

We have jobs for everyone. All skill levels and physical levels are welcome.

We will paint a classroom on the first floor of the Education Wing, that will be used as a classroom for Kids Central, and finish painting the stairwells to the basement.

We will be working outside; cleaning out the gardens, edging the sidewalks, trimming hedges and monkey grass borders and spraying for weeds. Tools will be provided, but we could use a two or three hedge trimmers. Work gloves will be helpful.

Tell other members and encourage them to join us. We plan to finish by noon.

Week of Compassion Offering

The Week Of Compassion Offering is being taken this Sunday. See Rev. McLemore's article on page 2 for more information on Week of Compassion.



...According to John

We're going on a treasure hunt! We won't be digging holes around the church searching for buried gold, though. Instead, we're searching for God's treasure.

Scripture provides the map. For God, we are treasure: "You are children of the Lord your God. . . . It is you the Lord has chosen . . . to be his people, his treasured possession" (Deuteronomy 14:1-2). Although those words were spoken long ago to people in another part of the world, Galatians 3:26 assures us that we are included, too: "For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith." "Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight," goes the children's song, voicing the truth that God treasures all people, throughout the world.

One of the gifts of being God's children is that sometimes we are called to be "treasure tenders" for God. We tend God's treasure here in our congregation with the love and care we show each other through special meals, visiting the sick and shut-in, teaching Christian discipleship, and praying for each other. We are also invited to tend God's treasures beyond our congregation by participating in Week of Compassion.

Life can be tough at times. Hurricanes, earthquakes, cyclones, and tsunamis smash communities to bits. Wars and ethnic conflicts shatter the very foundations of life, shoving people out of their homes and transforming them into frightened refugees. Persistent hunger, drought, poverty, lack of education, and ill health shrivel the life and dry the spirit, leaving individuals to crumble from the inside out.

Through Week of Compassion, we gently, persistently, and strongly care for God's treasures. By sharing some of our earthly treasure — our money, our time, our energy — decisive aid can be sent when disaster strikes. Refugees receive help in the long term as they rebuild their lives. We help people help themselves through education, health care, tools, seeds, and resources to improve community infrastructure. And the sharing is mutual. When we care for people, we can be transformed by experiencing the presence of God. Seeing what others have lost, we are reminded what matters most in life. Seeing what others live through, we are inspired to live courageously. Seeing that new life is possible, our hope rises. Working with others, we realize that God reaches out to all of us. Relying on God for the outcome, our faith increases.

First Timothy 6:18-19a exhorts us, "to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up . . . the treasure of a good foundation for the future." Our treasure is doing God's will, loving God, and loving God's treasured people, so we all "may take hold of the life that really is life" (1 Timothy 6:19b). Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). May you find your treasure, and your heart, by sharing resources and changing lives with a generous gift to Week of Compassion.

Grace and peace,



John P. M. Lomare



SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

February 15, 2009

Chapel Service.....	30
Sanctuary Worship.....	230
Saturday Evening Worship.....	13

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

February 22, Bret Whinery

March 1, Mack Allison

March 8, David Dell

Servers for WWNF Meals

February 25—Crusaders Class

March 4—Genesis Class

March 11—Adult Bible Study

March 18—Sooners Class

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WWNF Menu

Ham & Beans, cornbread, dessert

Diaconate Schedule

February 22—Team 1

March 1—Team 1

March 8—Team 2

EARLY SERVICE DEACONS:

February 22—Jay & Janet Lohmeyer

March 1—Jay & Janet Lohmeyer

March 8—C.E. & Georgie Haltom

Current Lectionary

Sunday, February 22, 2009

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Readings:

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

Color: Green



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

~ Sunday ~ February 22, 2009 ~

Chapel Worship	8:00 a.m.
Sermon	"We Have Never Seen This Before" Rev. John McLemore
Scripture	Mark 2:1-12
Sunday School	9:00a.m.
Sanctuary Worship	10:15a.m.
Sermon	"Telling His Own Story" Mr. Bob Parks

Elders: 8:00-Butch Phillips, 10:15-Mickie Giberson & Willa Jo Fowler

Receive your Church Visitor by email.



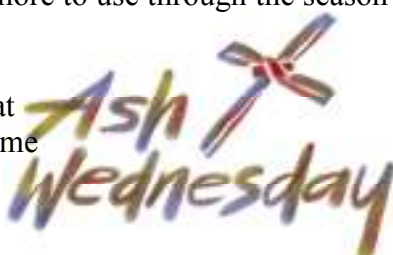
What are the benefits of receiving the Visitor by email? Receive your Church Visitor on Wednesdays! Get it in color! Save the church money! Call Kimberly at 233-1214. Tell her you'd like to receive the Church Visitor by email and give her your email address.

Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Service

On February 25th, we will have an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. These services have increased in popularity over the last few years and provide a meaningful beginning to Lent. The service of worship is in lieu of our regular Wednesday evening Chapel Gathering. There, we will pray, read scripture, sing hymns, and conclude with the Imposition of Ashes. Plan to attend.

If you are interested, there will be a Lenten Devotional Guide compiled by Rev. McLemore to use through the season of Lent.

These are available at the Welcome Center.



There will be a Congregational Meeting March 1, 2009 at the conclusion of both services.

Saturday, February 21

All Church Work Day
5:30—Saturday Evening Service

Sunday, February 22

8:00—Chapel Worship
9:00—Sunday School
10:15—Sanctuary Worship
—Bell Choir Rehearsal following svc.
4:00—Chi Rho
5:00—Snack Supper
5:30—CYF

Monday, February 23

12:00—Noon Prayer Service
6:30—Kicking Habits study

Tuesday, February 24

Fat Tuesday

10:00—LifeLong Learning
12:00—Noon Bible Study
2:00—Inactive Members Task Force
3:15—Greenbrier Service
7:00—Quilt Central

Wednesday, February 25

Ash Wednesday

See WWNF Schedule!

6:00—Ash Wednesday Service in Chapel

Thursday, February 26

10:00—LifeLong Learning
4:00—Cancer Support Group

Saturday, February 28

5:30—Saturday Evening Service

Sunday, March 1

8:00—Chapel Worship
9:00—Sunday School
10:15—Sanctuary Worship
—Bell Choir Rehearsal following svc
4:00—Chi Rho
5:00—Snack Supper
5:30—CYF

A NEW worship experience, R & R, is coming in March. Watch for more details!



Noon Bible Study – Romans

On February 24th, the Tuesday noon study group will begin a new study on Romans. It is difficult to overstate the importance of Romans in Christian tradition. Some say it is the cornerstone of Protestant Christianity. Our worship and our beliefs have changed dramatically because of Martin Luther, John Calvin, and John Wesley's reading of Romans. Come and join us for this significant Bible study. There is an accompanying video. The class will meet every Tuesday from 12 noon until 1 pm in the church library.

Do you want to make a difference in someone's life?
Do you want to feel the presence of God and experience God more fully?
Be a Caregiver!
Call Worth or Dorothy Bracher for details at 237-4120



Isaac Dale Jones
8 lbs 2.1 oz
21 1/4 inches long
Born January 28th,
2009. Proud parents are
Justin and Wendy Jones.

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	\$11,494.04	\$11,770.83	-\$276.79	\$67,374.82	\$70,624.99		-\$3,250.17
15-Feb	\$5,225.20	\$11,770.83	-\$6,545.63	\$72,600.02	\$82,395.82		-\$9,795.80
22-Feb		\$11,770.83			\$94,166.65		
TOTAL		\$47,083.32			\$94,166.65		

Welcome to Our Newest Member!



Natalie Rogers

She joined Feb 15, 2009. We're so glad you're part of the family!

Thank You

What fun 175 participants had at last Friday night's Civitan/CACS Valentine's Dance. Thank you to each who helped or donated pop or cookies. You brought joy to those we served as our friends.



WWNF Schedule

- 5:15pm—Meal: *Ham & Beans!*
- 5:30pm—Youth Choir
- 6:00pm—Chapel-**Ash Wednesday Service**
- 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)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Updated 17 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, Mason Brinley (Glenn & Linda Crabbs grandson)

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, Brenda Brown, & Edna Womack.

Please lift up the following in your prayers:

Deloras Oringderff for health issues.

Laura Deatherage for health problems.

Vera French's daughter, who had a stroke.

Virgil Tapp as he recovers from a hospital stay.

Shera Shirley as she recovers from knee surgery.

DALE VANCE as he recovers from a hospital stay.

Cyrilla Mette for health problems. (Cal Mettee's wife)

Larry & Loretta Drennan Richey for health problems.

MARTY HOAD to continue healing from the hospital.

Leonard Edwards is facing health challenges at home.

Lucille Teemley as she recovers from her hospital stay.

Delcea Batterman as she recovers from pacemaker surgery.

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

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

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

DON ECK as he recovers from two recent surgeries in OKC. (David & Kathy Eck's nephew)

GALER FAMILY as they mourn the loss of MADELINE GALER. Funeral Services were held in Helena, Wednesday, February 18th. (Terri Galer's grandmother, Wayne Galer's mother)

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

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

HERMINE WOELKE's FAMILY as they mourn her passing. Funeral Services were held at Central Christian Church on Monday, February 16th.

ANABELLE ALLEN as she recovers from surgery (Randy McWilliam's sister-in-law)

STAN LOGAN as he battles illness in Tulsa. (Peggy Hall's grandson-in-law).

KERI RILEY is having back problems. (Mary Beth Hinderliter's friend)

BASS

Danny Baker, 237

Bob O'Brien, 214

Linda Crabbs, 325

St. Mary's

Joan Ingmire, 205

Don Wentworth, 388

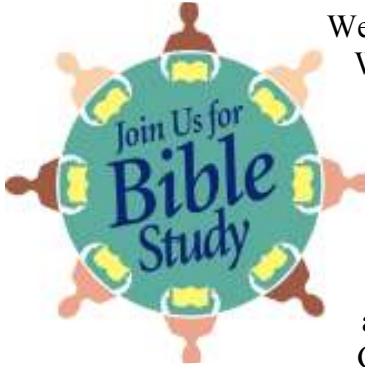
David Whitsett, 527

Melva Dean Vance, 576

Arlene Parrack

Robert Gregory

A New Bible Study



We are beginning a new Bible study called “Discernment–Acting Wisely.” The introductory meeting is Tuesday Feb. 24th at 2pm. Topics include Discerning God’s presence in our midst and Discerning God’s presence in our work.

This study will help us learn about, and put into practice, various character traits associated with the Christian faith: attentiveness, forgiveness, discernment, intimacy, humility and hospitality. The study will also help each of us begin to answer the following questions: Where is God, and how does God work in the world? How should I respond to God? How

do I practice the habits of Christian living, and how do I live a better life?

After this introductory class, the class will meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 2 pm in the church library. Each class will include a video and will last about 75 minutes. All are welcome.

Email your prayer requests to Prayers@centralenid.org

Walk to Emmaus

What it is... and what it is not.

Walk to Emmaus is a gift God has

prepared for you by the hands of many fellow believers in Jesus Christ who form the local Emmaus Community. They are from churches of many denominations in Northwest Oklahoma.

Walk to Emmaus is a 72-hour experience for ones who already have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and are active in their own congregation. While the purpose of Emmaus is to develop leaders for the local church, it is not a training seminar. While it is deeply scriptural and entails teaching, sharing and discussion, it is not a Bible course. And while it has unique and cherished moments of introspection and celebration, it is not a club, lodge or cult.

It is, primarily, an experience that immerses you in an outpouring of the grace of God in the form of love and encouragement from fellow Christians who have—like the two in Luke 24 after walking the road to Emmaus with Jesus— found “their hearts burning within them.”

Walks will be: Men #75 April 17-19, 2009 and Women #76 April 24-26 here at Central Christian Church. Application deadline is 3/13/09.



Loving support for cancer patients and their caregivers February 26th Cancer Support Group Gathering



Cancer patients and their caregivers finding loving support is the focus for the Thursday, February 26th meeting of Enid's Cancer Support Group. The meeting will be held from 4 to 5:30pm at Central Christian Church in Enid. Note new starting time – 4 pm, not 3:30.

An oncology nurse will be in attendance at this meeting to answer any and all questions. We will also celebrate Valentine's Day at this meeting. A "listening ministry" will be introduced where cancer patients or caregivers can talk with a person who has gone through similar experiences. For example, a woman in her 40's with breast cancer, might like to talk with another woman who has gone through breast cancer treatment. Similarly, a man taking care of his wife who is struggling with advanced cancer might like to talk with another man who helped his wife and family deal with these difficult times.

With cancer patients, and their caretakers, each month brings its own set of challenges and opportunities. Through our faith, and with the support of other people who are willing to listen, we can overcome these challenges and take advantage of the opportunities. Each month, Central Christian Church hosts a meeting for cancer patients, cancer survivors, their families, and caregivers of cancer patients. These meetings are designed for spiritual support, outreach, and education to those facing cancer. Anyone with a cancer diagnosis, or is caring for a cancer patient, is encouraged to join others at the support group.

For more information on the Thursday, February 26th meeting at 4 pm, or about the Central Christian Cancer Support Group, call Central Christian Church at 580-233-1214, or Rev. Don Johnson at 580-402-2612.



*Memorials
Established*

Hermine Woelke
February 13, 2009

Chinese Woman Released



Mrs. Shuang Shuying, a 79-year-old woman, who was imprisoned for two years in an attempt to get her to inform on family members and friends who were part of a house church movement in China, was finally released. She immediately went to the bedside of her husband, who was hospitalized. Her husband died the next day. If you would like to write her a letter of solidarity or concern, please send your letter to: Mrs. Shuang Shuying, room #107, Building #23, Tai Ping Qiao Xi Li, Fengtai District, Beijing, CHINA 100076. Be assured that she would love to hear from you.

Every Member Prayer Program - Lent 2009

During Lent this year, which runs from Ash Wednesday (February 25th) through Easter Sunday (April 12th), we will lift every member of Central Christian Church and their children up in prayer. We are asking for volunteers to pray for 4-6 members every day during Lent. This program will include children and youth praying for people.



We have over 650 people we want to lift up in prayer, so we need 100-150 volunteers. There will be a sign-up sheet for "Prayer Volunteers" and people to pray for in the Loggia on Sunday, February 22nd and there will be a sign-up sheet in the church office beginning on Wednesday, February 18th. If you have any questions, call Don Johnson (402-2612).

Prayer volunteers will have the option:

- ♥ Call and tell the people you are praying for them. And if you call them, you could say: "I am praying for you and your family. Do you have any prayer requests? Any prayer requests must be kept confidential.
- ♥ Send a note or two during Lent telling them you are praying for them.
- ♥ Simply be anonymous as you pray for the people on your list.

This Lenten Prayer Program is being sponsored by the Elders of Central Christian Church.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for everyone." 1 Timothy 2:1

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 grand-
son),
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/Paul K Wiles
(sons of Roger & Catherine Wiles)

**CWF is hosting the combined
CWF and Guild meeting with a
luncheon on March 4th. All
women of the Church are invited.
Please have your reservations
turned in to Dorothy Bracher
(237-4120) by the eve-
ning of March 1. The pro-
gram will include a
"Style Show"
along with musical
entertainment.**



KIDS KORNER

CD RECORDING DATE IS MARCH 8TH at 3:00pm. We'll meet in the Sanctuary at 2:45pm, and begin promptly at 3:00pm. We will be finished by 4:00. EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE THERE. We didn't have a good response to the cards that were sent out so I had to just pick a date so we can get 'er done!!!!

ACOLYTES—Feb. 22

Nicole Bushman, Caitlyn Castle
(Substitute: None)

TEACHERS—Feb. 22

Beth Tefft, 1st & 2nd (storytelling)
Becky Meyer, 4th & 5th (music)
Janet Jones, 5th & 6th (art)

KIDS TIME—Feb. 22

Lois, Carolyn, Rachel, Katie, Zach, Meg

- * Be sure to let me know about any ball games, school plays or programs you're in so I can come!!!!!!
- * It's the girls again in our Bible Bookmark Challenge. Boys, remember it's not the number you bring back but the number of you who are bringing them back. Have your parents explain how percentage works!!!!
- * DON'T FORGET- BAPTISM CAMP IS COMING March 13th & 14th. If you'll be baptized Easter, come to Baptism Camp. AND, if baptized last Easter, you come, too, since we didn't have it last year. A card will go out.

Coffee Stains

The mission of our faith is to make more faithful followers. The youth group has decided it is time to finish what was started years ago. Once upon a time, the youth started painting in the youth room and neared completion. However in recent years it has never been finished. We are going to work on cleaning out the old room, freshen the paint up, trim the walls out, and make the place livable. We are looking forward to the changes and the new theater room coming in the next couple of months.

The young adults are now taking ownership of their own mission here in our church. We offer to our fellow congregants the gift of recycling. We want to make a difference in our community and we are going to start by collecting the bulletins after worship every Sunday. We will place baskets outside the Sanctuary and if you would like to deposit your bulletin we will happily take it to the recycle station next to the Arena. We have been doing this the last two weeks and we want to publicly announce our intentions to you all. Please help us recycle by depositing your unwanted bulletin in the baskets outside the Sanctuary and Chapel on Sunday.



Peace, J Dubs