
Church Visitor



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Central Christian Has Many Reasons to Celebrate!



Centours Celebrate 20 Years!

The Centours will celebrate 20 years at this Sunday's Centour Luncheon. The meal will be held after the conclusion of the 10:15am worship service and will feature a wonderful summertime menu. Join them for lunch and a program highlighting the last 20 years of fellowship, programs and trips. The MC for the event will be Bob Klemme.

This Sunday is Bridge Sunday!

This Sunday we will celebrate Bridge Sunday, formerly known as Promotion Sunday, during the 10:15am service. Join us as we rejoice with our children and youth as they move to different Sunday School classes and into Chi Rho or CYF youth groups.

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...According to John

This Sunday, August 9th, is Bridge Sunday (formerly referred to as Promotion Sunday). During our 10:15 a.m. service we will recognize our children and youth and celebrate their getting a year older and moving into a new grade in Sunday school and in the youth groups. This will be a time of rejoicing.



In my nine years as your senior minister and primary preacher (August 1st was the ninth anniversary), I have preached and taught that we are all evangelists. That fact is crucially important today. In addition to children of church members and a church family, we have recently had two youth, Destiny Turner and Tommy Theademan, make their Confessions of Faith and be baptized, one on Easter and one a couple of weeks ago. Do we, as a church, realize how significant these acts are? These youth came to their baptisms as a result of an invitation, not because their families were actively involved here. There was a time when our church classrooms were overflowing. We were filled with young families who had children. That is no longer the case here or in many other churches.

Last week I was told that the Enid Public Schools is having a huge influx of younger children which was one reason for moving the sixth grade to middle school. Where are these children going to church? Where are they learning about Jesus? I can't imagine they are all Baptist, Methodist or Assembly of God. In fact they are not. Most don't go to church because they are being raised by a generation that was raised by a generation that has no, or very limited, church history or experience. So the task before us is to invite, invite, invite. We want to invite the families, but if they are not interested, then we need to offer to bring the children and youth to church. It is a great responsibility. It will take a commitment on our part to get them here every Sunday. Adults are set in their habits, but children are open to new possibilities. What a great opportunity for us to assist the Kingdom of God! Look around your family. Look around your neighborhood. Invite everyone who doesn't have an active church connection, but specifically invite the children and youth and then BRING them. They and you will be blessed.

Grace and peace,



In case of an emergency please call Rev. McLemore any time in 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.

Calling All Veterans!

There will be a meeting of all veterans (any time, place or situation, any conflict or war) on Wed., 8/12, at 6:30 p.m. in fellowship hall to talk about the November veterans observance. ALL veterans (male and female) are invited to attend. Would also like to have any "Rosie the Riveters" or other women who worked for any war effort attend. If you need a ride, call the church office.

Thank you

CWF wants to thank the congregation, Sunday school classes and all who helped with the EPS school supply project. We donated approximately \$860 in supplies.

Thanks again,
CWF Service in Action



Ron & Inez Fisher
will celebrate their
67th wedding
anniversary August 8th.
Congratulations!!



Friday, August 7

- 5ish—Young Adult Float Trip
- 6:30—Deacon Training in Sanctuary

Sunday, August 9

Bridge Sunday

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School,
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30—Reception for Becky Meyer & Janet Jones
- 11:30—Centours 20-yr luncheon celebration
- 4:00—Chi Rho
- 5:30—CYF
- 5:30—Elders' Meeting
- 6:30—R&R Worship— Rev. Devon and Caitlin McAnally

Monday, August 10

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Service

Tuesday, August 11

- 3:15—Greenbrier Service
- 5:00—Kids Central Board Mtg
- 5:30—Golf league
- 7:00—Quilt Central
- 7:00—Property Committee
- 7:00—Welcome Center Task Force

Wednesday, August 12

- 6:15—Youth Group
- 6:30—R&R Planning Committee
- 6:30—Veterans Meeting

Saturday, August 15

- 5:30—Saturday Service of Communion

Sunday, August 16

CWF Horn of Plenty Sunday

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School,
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30—Youth Group to OKC
- 6:30—R&R Worship

**The Worship Committee will meet
August 18 @ 6:30pm.**

SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

August 2, 2009

Saturday Service of Communion	7
Chapel Service	36
Sanctuary Worship	207
R&R	38

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

August 9, David Dell
 August 16, Bret Whinery
 August 23, Mack Allison

Current Lectionary

Sunday, August 09, 2009
 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Readings:
 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
 Psalm 130
 Ephesians 4:25-5:2
 John 6:35, 41-51

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Diaconate Schedule

August 9—Team 1
 August 16—Team 1
 August 23—Team 2
 Homebound Communion **September 6**

EARLY SERVICE DEACONS:

August 9—Jay & Janet Lohmeyer
 August 16—Jay & Janet Lohmeyer
 August 23—C.E & Georgie Haltom



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

Upcoming Speakers for

R & R

August 9—Rev. Devon McAnally and Caitlin McAnally

~ Sunday ~ August 2, 2009 ~

Chapel Worship	8:00am
Sermon "Live in Love"	Rev. John McLemore
Scripture	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Sunday School	9:00am
Sanctuary Worship	10:15am
R&R in the Chapel	6:30pm

Elders: 8:00am - Chuck Pritchett; 10:15am—Sherry Shaw, Dorothy Bracher



Positions Open

The Personnel Committee has announced two openings in the Music Department of Central Christian Church. Anyone interested in the position of Children's Music Choir Director and/or Children's Handbell Choir Director please fill out an application.

The applications are available in the church office. Both of these positions are part-time. The Personnel Committee and Randy Johnson, Director of Music will review applications and conduct interviews. Please have applications completed by August 7, 2009.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Gail Novak, Chairman of Personnel.

Deacon Team 1

Paul Wagner
Tom Ireland
Kyle Hohmann
Trigg Snyder
Dee Snyder
Lois Tilley
Mack Allison
Jan Newkirk
Kent Beaty
Kay Allison
Jane Johnson
Irene Green
Steve Castle
Lana Ellis
Forrest Ridgeway
Linda Ridgeway

Pictures of the Bolengi Hospital



Giving Report

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	O/U BUDGET	Y/TO/D GIVING	Y/T DATE BUDGET	O/U BUDGET
8/2/2009	\$14,225.60	\$9,416.66	\$4,808.94	\$313,108.74	\$338,999.95	(\$25,891.21)
8/9/2009		\$9,416.67			\$348,416.62	
8/16/2009		\$9,416.66			\$357,833.28	
8/23/2009		\$9,416.66			\$367,249.94	
8/30/2009		\$9,416.67			\$376,666.61	
TOTAL		\$47,083.32			\$376,666.61	

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Updated 05 Aug 2009 - ALL CAPITAL LETTERS reflect additions or changes

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

Judi Heller, Lisa Hamilton

Please remember the following as they battle cancer: Elbert Wheeler, (Eric Koegel (Connie Koegel's son/Cindy Worthington's brother), Ann Herndon, Mary Simpson, Brenda Brown (Darrell Herndon's friend), Lisa Wehrenberg, Patty Melott, Court Loomis, L.V. Powell, Susan Shields, Roberta Roberts, and Al Johnson (Don Johnson's brother), Roy Smith, Ronny Shaw (friend of John and Sally Wheeler), Ethel Jorgenson (the sister of Ron Maphet and Olive Traylor).

Please lift up the following concerns in your prayers:

- Darrell Herndon- four family members battling cancer.
- Ron Waldrip-(Chuck Waldrip's father) was in a motorcycle accident.
- Corey Krick- pending surgery (Denny and Peg Krick's grandson).
- The family of Stephen Jones-(Tammy Hromas' cousin, John Ingram's nephew.)
- Bill Hicks- health issues.
- Chip Hicks- (Bill Hick's son) prostate cancer.
- Anita Townley-health issues.
- The family of Randy Weldon-Margy Weldon's son.
- JOE FREI- continuing health concerns.
- EMMA LOU COOPER- (Louis Tilly's mom) surgery.
- LORI SHUELEIN- surgery.
- Sympathy to MARY RUTH COOPER- on the death of her daughter-in-law --Cynthia Wanzer Cooper (Brad Cooper's Widow).
- THE RIVERS FAMILY- on the death of Richard Rivers mother.
- SANDRA SPARKS- battling cancer.

Share your love with those Hospitalized

ST MARY'S	Maxine Moore	522
BASS	Anita Townley	307

Share you love with those in Skilled Nursing

Skilled Nursing	Vela McGugin	142
Golden Oaks	Bill Hicks	137
	Joe Frei	111
	Fran Hoad	136
Skilled Nursing	Bob O'Brien	118
Methodist Home	Erma Fields	224

Prayers for those in the armed services:

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 Johnson's grandson)
Delyn Lipps at Mt. Home, USAF (Chuck and Misti Lipps' son)
Ryan Maphet (Marine grandson of Ron and Pat Maphet/nephew of Van and Natalie Schuermann)
Justin Ray Diel in Iraq (Vern Thornburgh's grandson)
Kevin Vendetti in Iraq (nephew of Kids Central employee Kelly Straw)
Andrew Wiles in Italy/ Paul K. Wiles (sons of Roger and Catherine Wiles)

Thank You

I wish to express my thanks to Central Church members and friends who have kept me in their prayers and thoughts, sent cards, and provided food or physical assistance before, during and since my recent surgery.

I have had and felt the support of Christian friends, not only in Enid, but across the country. This has meant a great deal to me and I know it contributes greatly to my recovery.

It is truly a blessing to be a part of the family of God!

May God richly bless each of you in return.

Willo Clark

Veterans' Task Force Members Needed

If you want to help with the Veterans' Observance in November, please call Carolyn McLemore at 233-4214. We will plan the event itself and then be responsible for making and/or setting up displays for the day of the observance, Nov. 8, 2009. Please call if you're interested. It will be a lot of fun!

Thank You

Dear Central Friends,

The Family of Randy Weldon thanks you for your thoughtful acts during his sudden illness and death. We are most appreciative of our ministers, John McLemore and Don Johnson, for their visits to the hospital and their involvement with the service.

The funeral dinner was delicious and we thank all who prepared the food as well as those ladies who served. We are most fortunate to have such caring people at Central.

Margy Weldon and Family

Paige Waldrip would like to announce the birth of her little sister,

Brooke Raya Waldrip

Born July 28

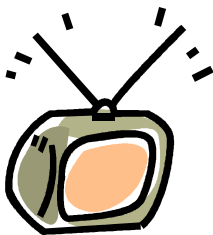
5 lbs 5 oz

18 ½ inches long

Proud parents are Chuck and Sonya Waldrip.



!!!!DVD Player and TV Still Needed!!!!



If you have a DVD player and/or DVD-compatible TV you would like to donate to the children's department, please call Carolyn at the church. We will be using this "new" TV and DVD player in conjunction with our new Kids Time curriculum.

(Please don't bring them in without calling. We don't want to end up with more than we need!) Please let me hear from you. Bless you!

KIDS CORNER

8/9/09 - "Bridge Sunday" (Promotion Sunday). It will be Bridge Sunday now because each of you will be crossing a bridge to a new time in your life. NOTE IT IS AUGUST 9. LAST WEEK'S VISITOR WAS A TYPO.

About Bridge Sunday – We are doing a special celebration this year, so all of you will want to be here for it. Be sure to read your postcard when it comes!!!!

ACOLYTES – August 9

Sierra Yniguez, Nicole Bushman
(Substitute – Matthew Easter)

TEACHERS – August 9

Carolyn

KIDS TIME – August 0

Carolyn, Becky, Caitlyn, Sierra,
Macy, Kinsey

Coffee Stains

A lovely little story in the book of Mark illustrates the importance Jesus placed on children. It starts in chapter 13 where children are brought to Jesus for him to bless. As the story goes, Jesus rebukes his disciples, telling them they are out of line. "Permit the children to come



to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these," Jesus said. "For those who do not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." We studied this passage and five others while at church camp this summer, and had a great time doing it. This summer has been full of activities, where we have sought the kingdom of God. We have seen glimpses in the fun we've had, the joy we shared, and the journey we have walked. Now we walk a little further. Some will leave us behind, some will join us anew, and some will move up the ranks.

Bridge Sunday is here, where you will cross over into a new chapter of your life, and our lives as a fellowship of believers will change just a little. There will be a new ceremony that celebrates the achievements of old and supports the promises of tomorrow.



Your participation is required. We need all of you to come in support of those who are moving up. As we grow, we continually need people like you to support and guide us in the ways we ought to go. Proverbs 22 says, "Train up a child in the way he/she should go; when he/she is old they will not depart from it." You have as much influence as anyone when it comes to making a youth feel welcome in our church. As John said, "Invite, invite, invite," I will add, "And support, support, support." Thank you for all that you do to support those in our church who need **you** the most. Peace, JW.