
Church Visitor



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Rev. Dr. Bobby Hawley to Preach Sunday

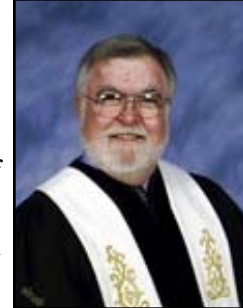
One outcome of our meeting last fall to discuss worship styles and times, was the suggestion that we have more guest preachers. This Sunday, February 28, we will have that opportunity. Dr. Bobby Hawley, Area Vice President of the Christian Church Foundation will speak at the 8:00 a.m. chapel service and the 10:15 a.m. sanctuary service. He will also meet with a number of our church leaders for a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m.

The Christian Church Foundation was established in 1961 as a way to encourage, receive and invest bequests and special gifts to perpetuate the ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Currently, the Foundation is responsible for over \$436 million of the church's money. Distributions from permanent funds held by the Foundation benefit local congregations, regional ministries and general units of the church. Central Christian Church has over \$300,000 on deposit with the Foundation. The local oversight of these funds rests with our Special Gifts Committee.

Dr. Hawley joined the Foundation in November 1998 after serving nine years as senior minister at Bethany Christian Church, El Paso, TX. Bobby received his master of divinity degree from Brite Divinity School; and his doctor of ministry from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He also has two daughters who are Phillips University Legacy Scholars. His sermon title is "Family, Faith and Finances!" based on Luke 15:11-32 and II Cor 5:16-20.



...According to John



I have always appreciated the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)'s understanding that the church has three manifestations: local, regional and general. As you know, I served the Regional Church as an Associate Regional Pastor before I was called to Central Christian Church to be your Senior Minister. I firmly believe that the local church is where the "rubber meets the road". It is the place where the church impacts the culture in the most profound ways. But the other two manifestations are also important. The Christian Church in Oklahoma has a theme, "Better Together" and that is certainly true. There are ministries the local church can do just fine by itself, but there are other ministries that cannot be accomplished singly, therefore we participate with the Regional manifestation and the General manifestation of the church.

Carolyn McLemore spoke to us last Sunday as a representative of the Week of Compassion committee, a part of the General Church. I am so pleased to serve a church that has a representative working with Week of Compassion. Having that representative as my wife is a plus.

Historically, Central has provided leadership to the larger church in a variety of ways. **Burl Bartlett** has served as President of Oklahoma Disciples Men. **Brian Meyer** now has that honor. In fact, Brian is one of the keynote speakers at the Regional Men's Retreat this Friday and Saturday. **Janet Cox** served on the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation Board a few years ago. **Merle Phillips** served recently and **David Eck** is now serving on the Foundation Board. **Don Johnson** is current Third Vice Moderator for the Christian Church in Oklahoma, and is in charge of the Regional Assembly which we will host on April 22, 23 & 24. **John Wheeler** serves on the Commission for Children, Youth and Young Adults for the region. He, along with **Sally Wheeler**, **James Phillips**, **Carolyn** and **me** have directed numerous summer church camps for the Region. **Mary Johnson** served on the Commission on the Laity which helped plan the recent Leadership School in Oklahoma City and **Sally Wheeler**. **Bea Simpson** has served on the Commission on Clergy which does in-care interviews with seminarians and also approves candidates for ordination into Christian Ministry. **Chuck Waldrip** served on a task group to assess the viability of our three campsites in Oklahoma.

In case of an emergency please call Rev. McMormore 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.

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According to John continued...

Any discussion of leadership for the larger church must include the late **Margaret Buvinger**. She served on numerous regional and national boards and was Parliamentarian of the General Assembly for a number of years.

I hesitate to list all those who have served for fear of leaving someone off the list. If I have overlooked your service, please call the church office and I will update my information.

On a personal note: After coming to Enid, I have served as Moderator of the Christian Church in Oklahoma and was recently elected to serve on the General Board of the Christian Church in the United States and Canada as the Oklahoma representative. Carolyn will serve one final year on the General Board, a result of her nomination by the General Nominating Committee. I am proud to serve a church that considers its ministry as extending beyond provincial lines.

Grace and peace,

John P. McLenore



Sunday, February 28

Second Sunday in Lent

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15—R&R Worship
- 3:30—ChiRho
- 4:45—Youth Choir
- 5:15—CYF

Monday, March 1

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Service
- 6:00—Guild Dinner, with CWF

Tuesday, March 2

- 10:00—Life Long Learning
- 12:00—Noon Bible Study
- 5:00—Caregivers at Western Sizzlin
- 6:30—Membership Committee

Wednesday, March 3

WWNF

- 9:30—CWF Lesson Leaders
- 10:30—CWF Executive Committee
- 5:00—Adult Bell Choir
- 5:15—WWNF Dinner
- 6:30—Classes
- 6:30—Choir
- 6:30—Youth Group
- 7:30—R&R Planning Meeting

Thursday, March 4

- 10:00—Life Long Learning
- 6:30—WWNF Planning Committee

Saturday, March 6

- 5:30—Saturday Service of Communion

Sunday, March 7

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- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15—R&R Worship
- 3:30—ChiRho
- 4:45—Youth Choir
- 5:15—CYF

SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

February 21, 2010

Saturday Service of Communion	11
Chapel Service	38
Sanctuary Worship	165
R&R	39

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

February 28, Heath Wallace
 March 7, Brian Meyer

Current Lectionary

Sunday, February 28, 2010
 Second Sunday in Lent
Readings:
 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 Psalm 27
 Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Luke 13:31-35

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WWNF Meal

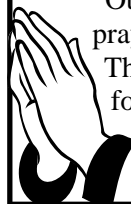
March 3, 2010
 Turkey Tetrazzini, Salad & dessert

Diaconate Schedule

February 28, Team 3
 March 7, Team 1
 March 14, Team 1
 Homebound Communion March 7

EARLY SERVICE DEACONS:

Feb 28—Glenn & Linda Crabbs
 March 7—Jay & Janet Lohmeyer
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Our congregation is continuing to pray for other churches in our area. This week we have been asked to pray for **Firs Christian Church, Gage.** Please keep them in your prayers this week.

WWNF Meal Set Up and Cleanup

March 3—Crusaders Class Setup,
 Genesis Class Cleanup
 March 10—Crusaders Class Setup,
 Genesis Class Cleanup
 March 17—Adult Bible Study setup,
 prepare & cleanup
 March 24—Sooners Class

~ Sunday ~ February 28, 2010 ~

Worship Traditional Chapel 8:00am Traditional Sanctuary 10:15am
 Sermon "Family, Faith and Finances" Rev. Bobby Hawley
 Scripture Luke 15:11-32 and II Cor 5:16-20.
 Sunday School 9:00am
 Worship Contemporary R&R Chapel 10:15am
 Message Rev. Sherry Shaw

Elders: 8:00am —Denny Krick; 10:15am—Sherry Shaw, Willa Jo Fowler



During the months of February and March CACS will be sponsoring the **Horn of Plenty Tree**. Bring your non-perishable food items to the church and place on the green tree. Items will be taken to the Horn of Plenty on the 3rd Sunday of both months. Help the Horn continue to serve.


Communion
for the
Homebound DEA-
March 7

ELDERS	CONS
Phil Adams	Lorene Harnish
Devon McAnally	Jimmy Davis
Burl Bartlett	Carol Ingram
Becky Meyer	Roger Groves
Gary Hula	Fred Overstreet
Chuck Pritchett	Kathy Eck
Max Johnson	Jana Davis
	Randy McWilliams

Willo Clark is celebrating the successful adoption of Da Sheng Qui (pronounced Chew) in China by her son Kevin and his wife Karen and GeGe (older brother) Nate who is delighted to have a DiDi (younger brother). Sheng's English name will be Ian Matthew Qui McHarg, which means 'Gracious Gift of God, August'. Ian's birthday is December 23, 2005 and his 'Gotcha Day' is February 21, 2010. Willo, Kevin and Karen wish to thank all who have kept them in prayer during this long process.

Deacon Team 3

Kacy Wallace, Mike O'Banion
LaVena Hardin, Jill Stuever
Van Schuermann, Natalie Schuermann
Chuck Waldrip, Sonya Waldrip
Lawrence Yunker, Stephani Yunker
David Chael, Terry Henneke
Tammy Hromas, Lori Hunter
Aaron O'Banion, Tim McAnally

24 Hours That Changed the World

The Boomer Sunday School class is beginning a study of the most important event in history – the last 24 hours of the life of Jesus Christ. This study is based on the Gospel of Mark and uses videos of the city of Jerusalem and videos of the path that Jesus took from the Garden of Gethsemane to the cross on Calvary. This study also uses Old Testament scripture to put into perspective the events of these 24 hours.

Please join us for this class- you will enjoy the opportunity to discuss these events. Adam Hamilton, the author of Confronting Controversies, is the author of this study.



Lent

Lent 2010

For those of us in the Protestant tradition, Lent is a recently reclaimed liturgical season, forty days of preparation for Easter. In the last few years we at Central Christian Church have marking the beginning of Lent with a 30-minute Ash Wednesday service.

Why is Lent 40 days? Because, Jesus fasted and was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days. Lent, then, is our time of fasting, prayer, temptation and repentance. Lent is not required anywhere in scriptures, but it has been a custom, which Christians have practiced for most of the last two thousand years.

In many languages, the word "Lent" actually means "fast." This is where the custom of giving up something for Lent originated. However, just to confuse things, Lent is actually 46 days rather than 40 days. Why? Because the 40 days of Lent are supposed to be days of fasting, which means days of discipline and self-restraint. But Sunday, the Lord's Day, should never be a day of fasting, but a day of celebration! So each Sunday we suspend our Lenten disciplines and celebrate. Lent is 40 "fasting" days spread out over a total of 46 days beginning on Ash Wednesday.

The focus of Lent was always threefold:

- It was a time to prepare new converts for baptism through intensive classes and instruction.
- It was a time for long-standing Christians to review their lives and renew their commitment to Jesus Christ.
- It was a time for backsliders to be restored to the faith.

In every case, it is a time for serious, disciplined self-examination, a time spent in intensive prayer and repentance before the cross of Calvary. Put simply, Lent is a time to examine ourselves carefully. Here are some questions upon which you might pray and meditate during Lent:

- Am I sharing gladly what I have with others, especially the stranger and the poor?
- Do I have a gracious and patient attitude with others, especially those who irritate me?
- Do I feel the power of connection to God and the church in corporate worship?
- How is my devotional and prayer life progressing? Am I listening to God more and complaining less? Is it time for a change or a growth in my Bible study and prayer life?
- What are the lurking sin problems, which still plague me?
- Am I as thoughtful and forgiving of family as others, or do I take my frustrations out on them?
- Do I speak up for the maligned and oppressed, or do I remain silent in order to remain popular?

There are special devotional books available to direct you through the Lenten Season at the Welcome Center. Elders, Deacons, staff and interested members are also praying for each member of the congregation by name. May God bless our Lenten journey.

KIDS CORNER

* “Now I am certain that God treats all people alike.” Acts 10:34.

- * I'd love to see you on Wednesday's at WWNF! 6pm Bells, 6:30pm Choir, 7pm Fun & Games!
- * Did you get your newsletter? It has all the details about the new competition, boys vs. girls bringing canned food for the Horn of Plenty!
- * I'll be putting an Idea Box in our room. I want your ideas (and your parent's ideas) of what we should be doing!
- * Still collecting **empty paper towel rolls** and **round aluminum pie plates**. So if you have some bring 'em! They'll be used at VBS and Kid's Time. Sally

ACOLYTES – February 28

Brent Tilley, Alex Angleton
(Substitute – Harley Ynieguez)

TEACHERS—February 28

KIDS TIME – February 28

Amanda, Kelsey, Briley, Meg,
Molly, Kensey

Coffee Stains

You saw last week a picture of some of the amazing kids we have in youth group. Let me tell you I have been amazed by the number of youth that have been attending our Wednesday night programming. Last week we had 22 in attendance! I could hardly believe it!

Now, on Sunday nights we are really not as strong as I would like us to be. We are currently looking at how we share our faith with other people. How do you share your faith with others? St Francis of Assisi told us to preach the gospel and when necessary use words, so his point is to perform deeds that unmistakably inform others of your faith. When our deeds inform others of our faith and these people ask you about your faith, what will you say? Sundays for the next two weeks we will be going over this. I hope to see you there.

Coming soon... Our CYF will be attending a 30 hour Famine in Kingfisher. This will be a challenge for all who attend. It will not be easy, but it will be safe. We will not be eating for 30 hours and we will break our fasting together. I hope all our CYF might attend.

Have a happy Lenten season day! Peace, JW.