
Church Visitor



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The Mystery and the Majesty

A Cantata by Joseph Martin

Each year during the Christmas season we pause to consider the miracle of Christ's birth. We are swept away by the wonder of it all, thrilled and amazed at the magnificent grace the brought God's perfect light into our world of darkness.

From the grandeur of angelic glories serenading simple shepherds to the whispered prayers of a young mother cradling the Creator of life, the marvel of that night is truly profound.

This Sunday we will gather once again to celebrate the "beautiful impossible" of the birth of Jesus Christ as told through songs sung by our chancel choir, music by a string quartet conducted by Peter Markes and liturgical dance. From jubilant glorias to gentle manger lullabies, this inspirational cantata celebrates the wonder and splendor of Christmas. Traditional carols and newly composed seasonal anthems blend to create a meaningful and unforgettable experience.

There will not be an 8:00am service or an R&R service. All three worship services will meet together in the Sanctuary at 10:15am. As we worship together as a family of faith, may the chapels of our hearts overflow with the mystery and majesty of Christmas.



******There will be no 8am or R&R Service this Sunday. All will meet in the Sanctuary to worship together and experience the Choir's Cantata******

...According to John



Below is a Prayer of Confession for the season of Advent:

O God, you search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned:

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we scoff at those who await your return, and live as though you were never here:

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we long for your coming to change the world, and yet are unwilling to change even our own hearts:

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we do not make straight paths for justice, nor offer a welcome when you come as a stranger:

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we dismiss prophets and angels and refuse to nourish your seed within us:

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

When we reduce our preparation for your coming to reckless expense and trivialities:

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.

We turn to you, O God of infinite mercy;

We renounce evil; We claim your love; We choose to be made whole.

Prayers of Confession by Janet Morley and Nathan Nettleton, All Desires Known, London:SPCK, 1992, p.40.

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.

Thank You

Dear folks at Central Christian Church,

I want to thank all that sent cards and made phone calls and said prayers for our family in the loss of my son, Danny.

I want to thank all of you for my thanksgiving day dinner. It was so appreciated and so good, especially during this time.

We love each and everyone of you for your thoughtfulness and help.

Love,
Helen Chisum, Ginger Hicks and all of our family

Pictures

We are missing between 60 and 70 individuals or families for the pictorial directory. If you didn't get your picture taken last year, your situation has changed or you're a new member, Sally will be taking pictures after church Dec. 13 in the children's Library.

Centour Luncheon December 13, 2009

The Centour Christmas Luncheon will be **THIS SUNDAY**, Dec 13, 2009 immediately following the 10:15am worship services. The menu is: chicken alfredo, dill green beans, rhubarb crisp and a Christmas dessert.

A short Christmas program by Bea Simpson will follow the meal.

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00—Adult Bible Study Christmas Breakfast
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship-Choir Cantata
- 11:30—Centour Luncheon
- 3:30—Chi Rho, 4:45—Youth Choir, 5:30—CYF

Monday, December 14

- 12:00—Noon Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 15

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

Wednesday, December 16

- 12:00—Single Men's Luncheon
- 6:00—Adult Bell Choir
- 6:30—Advent Bible Study, Rm 109
- 6:30—Choir
- 6:30—Youth Group

Thursday, December 17

- 3:00—Enid Sr Care
- 4:00—Cancer Support Group
- 4:30—Centours (Light) Trip—Reservations Through Tina Swanson

Saturday, December 19

- 5:30—Saturday Service of Communion

Sunday, December 20

Forth Sunday of Advent

Horn of Plenty Sunday

Christmas Sunday

- 8:00—Chapel Service
- 9:00—Sunday School
- 9:00—Children's Christmas Party
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15—R&R in the Chapel
- 3:30—Chi Rho, 4:45—Youth Choir, 5:30—CYF

SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

November 29, 2009

Saturday Service of Communion	9
Chapel Service	32
Sanctuary Worship	178
R&R	55

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

December 13, David Dell
December 20, Heath Wallace
December 27, Brian Meyer

Current Lectionary

Sunday, December 13, 2009

Third Sunday of Advent

Readings:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

Color: Violet

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Diaconate Schedule

December 13—Team 1

December 20—Team 1

December 27—Team 2

Homebound Communion **January 3**

EARLY SERVICE DEACONS:

Dec 13—Jay & Janet Lohmeyer

Dec 20—Jay & Janet Lohmeyer

Dec 27—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 **Covington Christian Church**. Please keep them in your prayers this week.

R&R Speakers

December 13—Meeting in the Sanctuary for the Choir Cantata

December 20—Dramatic Presentation "Service of the Nativity"

~ Sunday ~ December 13, 2009 ~

Sunday School 9:00am
Sanctuary Worship 10:15am

Choir Cantata

10:15am—(Elders) Pat Novak, Denny Krick



The Christmas Food Tree

The Christmas Food Tree is up and looking good. The Tree committee decided to list names of those donating food items, and those who would still like to make a monetary donation in honor or in memory of someone special, in the church bulletin on Sunday, December 20.

For those making a monetary donation, please make your check out to the church with the Horn of Plenty in the memo section and turn it into the office.

Please be sure to sign the register next to the Food Tree. We can't list your name or even know who donated, if you do not sign the register.

Thank you for your donation to the Horn of Plenty. Every little bit (or can of food) helps. We don't always get to see the faces of those being helped, but as the song goes, "we can only imagine."

God Blesses us all, in many ways.

We're still collecting warm clothing!
Bring **hats, gloves, scarves and coats** to the church for the Warmth Project sponsored by CACS.



Giving Report

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	O/U BUDGET	Y/T/D GIVING	Y/T/DBUDGET	O/U BUDGET
12/6/2009	\$14,764.21	\$11,770.83	\$2,993.38	\$520,876.06	\$529,687.40	(\$9,244.61)
12/13/2009		\$11,770.83			\$541,458.23	(\$7,140.89)
12/20/2009		\$11,770.83			\$553,229.06	(\$11,642.57)
12/27/2009		\$11,770.83			\$564,999.89	(\$11,182.27)
TOTAL	\$14,764.21	\$47,083.32	(\$32,319.11)	\$0.00	\$564,999.89	(\$11,804.72)

Kids Central Giving Tree

As you all know, Kids Central operates as a non profit child-care center and is a ministry of Central Christian Church. Our monthly tuition allows us to maintain our monthly obligations such as payroll, food expenses, classroom curriculum etc... unfortunately this leaves very little left over each month for the extra things that we need in our classrooms.

In the spirit of giving this time of year we have placed a "giving tree" in our front hallway. On this tree are wish list items that our teachers would like for their classrooms. If you would like to help out, please choose an ornament and purchase that item. Then return the wrapped gift with the ornament attached to the top to the Kids Central office no later than December 18th.

The classrooms will then open their presents during their Christmas parties. There is a list of each classroom and their ornament hanging beside the tree to help you identify the classroom that you would like to donate to.



Kids Central's Christmas Celebration



On Friday, December 18th the PTA will be hosting a Christmas celebration for all the children here at Kids Central. The celebration will include a snack at 2:00 and then a visit from Santa! Each child will have the opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa if they so desire (we know Santa can be kind of scary so we won't force any child to visit with him!) We would love to have you join us for our Christmas celebration!

Email your prayer requests to Prayers@centralenid.org



Memorial Established

*Charles Lipps, father
of Chuck Lipps*



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

KIDS CORNER

- ★ Nobody has done the Memory Verse! Let's get some names on the list this Sunday!

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.

(Matthew 2:11)

- ★ December 20 will be our Christmas Party!! I need Parents to bring snacks (fruits (no strawberries) or anything breakfasty so that we don't hype them up on sugar!) or we won't have any snacks for the party!
- ★ December 22 is a Tuesday. We'll be having a **Movie Day** in Central Cinema. We'll start at 11am by watching The Santa Clause 2 and then watch The Santa Clause 3. We should be done by 2pm. If you're parents work but you'd like to come, call and I'll come pick you up! Bring \$2 and we'll order pizza for lunch! I'm excited! See you there!
- ★ Hey, if you have a Christmas program coming up, and you have a part, let me know!! I'd love to come see you in it!!
- ★ Carolyn is practicing with the Children's Choir one more Wednesday at 5:30pm Call her from more information!
- ★ Parents and church family! **I'm still looking for a few teachers to add to the Kids Time rotation! If your interested give me a call...** who knows, I may be calling you! Sally Wheeler

ACOLYTES – December 13

Kaylee, Courtney
(Substitute – Sarah)

TEACHERS—December 13

Tammy, Art, 1st & 2nd
Laurie, Story, 3rd & 4th
Carolyn, Science, 5th

KIDS TIME – December 13

NO Kids Time, we'll stay for the Cantata!

Coffee Stains

We are coming up on the third week of advent. Are you ready? There are lots of things happening at the church these days; Christmas parties, building renovations, and plans being formed. I want to remind you that on December 20th the youth group will have a gift exchange where you bring a \$5 gift you want to receive. We will take these gifts to the YWCA then we will deliver the Horn of Plenty food to the food bank. After making these deliveries we will have our own gift exchange back at the church. Don't forget the mystery trip happening December 30 and 31. If we have 12 youth at every event between now and Christmas, we will have a lockin sometime in January. Look forward to seeing you again soon. Peace, JW.

Overnight Lock-in

