
Church Visitor



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Christmas Offering Received This Sunday

Have you heard the good news about the Oklahoma Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? This Good News is that our Regional Church is doing great things in partnership with all 171 Disciples Congregations here in Oklahoma:

We can celebrate the fact that more churches and leaders are participating in regional church life.

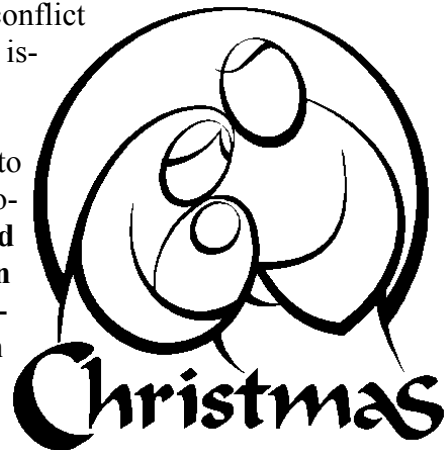
Services of ordination and pastoral installation continue through the regional church. Our regional church ministry teams are all highly involved in planning and coordinating their various ministry assignments.

Important news of regional church and congregational ministries is being effectively communicated.

The regional church board continues to provide effective financial and programmatic oversight of our extensive ministries.

Regional Church Pastoral Staff continue to provide important assistance to congregations in the areas of Search and Call of pastors, conflict resolution, coaching on a variety of congregational issues, support and encouragement to the congregations, pastors and lay employees.

Your support of the 2009 Christmas Offering helps to assure that these important ministries that we share together will continue in the coming year. **One hundred per cent of the Christmas special offering given in Oklahoma Disciple congregations is returned to support the many ministries of the Christian Church in Oklahoma.** Please give generously this Sunday.



*****Christmas Eve Services 7pm and 11pm in the Sanctuary*****
No Visitor the week of Dec 29th

...According to John

Christmas is a season of giving. We reflect on Immanuel, God With Us, and we then seek to translate that reality into actions we initiate. Certainly we give gifts to family and friends, sometimes perhaps to excess, but, nonetheless we give. As a church we are particularly sensitive to the needs of the less fortunate during the Christmas season. A sense of generosity peaks during the holidays, although the needs exist year round. While we are more attuned to giving in December, Central Christian Church provides support throughout the year for a variety of causes.

Last Sunday, Charles Hattendorf, our Associate Regional Minister, expressed thanks to our congregation for its strong support of Regional and General Church ministries. We need not be boastful or complacent, but we do a good job with our support of regional and global mission projects.

A few weeks ago we learned of a single mother with two children who was homeless because of a fire. Church members stepped up, some through the church and some outside the church, to provide clothing, utensils and even housing.

This Saturday Max Johnson and I will pick up frozen dinners from Food Share America at Willow Road Christian Church and deliver them to La Mesa Apartments and Meadows Point Apartments. As you know, we are participating with other churches in an attempt to pick up the slack for the cutbacks in the Wheatheart Nutrition Program. These meals will provide nutrition for Senior Citizens during the holidays and for the Fridays in January. Central Christian is a major supporter of this effort.

The "Food Tree" in the loggia is a brilliant idea. Instead of buying poinsettias, it was decided that families were encouraged to bring food items or financial gifts for the Horn of Plenty. The tree is overflowing.

We continue to care for our own elderly, grieving and recently hospitalized. Mary Beach, Don Johnson and others are constantly delivering casseroles which are always greatly appreciated.

Christmas is a season of giving. Our holiday giving at Central Christian Church is an exclamation point on a full year of reaching out.

May the Spirit of Christmas encourage you to bring Light into Darkness,



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.

SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

December 13, 2009

Saturday Service of Communion
Sanctuary Worship

VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE

December 20, Heath Wallace
December 27, Brian Meyer
January 3, Bret Whinery

Current Lectionary

Sunday, December 20, 2009

Christmas Sunday

Readings:

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Color: Violet

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Diaconate Schedule

December 20—Team 1

December 27—Team 2

January 3—Team 2

Homebound Communion January 3

EARLY SERVICE DEACONS:

Dec 20—Jay & Janet Lohmeyer

Dec 27—C.E & Georgie Haltom

Jan 3—C.E & Georgie Haltom

**Warm mittens, gloves, and coats are still
needed for the Warmth Project!!**

Please continue to bring in your used ink
cartridges, we need 30 a month to recycle.

R&R Speakers

December 20—Dramatic Presentation
"Service of the Nativity"



Congratulations to Beth Henneke on her recent retirement from Enid High School! Beth has taught at Enid Schools and Waukomis High School for the past 28 years. If you see Beth, congratulate and commend her for touching the lives of so many children!

~ Sunday ~ December 20, 2009 ~

Chapel Worship 8:00am
Sermon "The Miracle of Christmas" Rev. John McLemore
Scripture Luke 2:1-20
Sunday School 9:00am
Sanctuary Worship 10:15am
R&R in the Chapel 10:15am

Elders: 8:00am —Don Angle; 10:15am—Willa Jo Fowler, Gail Novak

ACOLYTES – December 20
 Kaylee, Courtney
 (Substitute – Sarah)
TEACHERS—December 20
 Christmas Party!
KIDS TIME – December 20
 Melissa, Amanda, Meg, Karsten, Ivey,
 Katie



Christmas Staff Party
2pm to 4pm
Come & Go
Open House for volunteers and staff



Please lift up the following concerns in your prayers:..

- **Marvin May—continuing serious health issues.
- **Larry Richey—Major health issues
- **Ann Herndon—surgery (cancer) in OKC.
- **Patty Melott—recovering from heart surgery at Oklahoma Heart Hospital.
- **John Stephens (Lana Ellis' brother) health issues.
- **Darrell Thomas (Friend of Lori Woods)-recovering from shoulder surgery.
- **Bob Emery—recovering from foot surgery.
- **TINA SWANSON—recovering at home
- **GENE MASON—recovering at home from pacemaker surgery.
- **BIRDENE SCHOONOVER—recovering at home
- **HARRY CONGDON—health issues.
- **LESLIE BALLEW—recovering from knee surgery.
- **TREBOR FISHER—(Ron & Inez Fisher's grandson) battling cancer & pneumonia
- **ANNABEL NEIMAN-(Chester Ross' sister) lung cancer.
- **JOE GREENING—(Barbara Newton's cousin in Wichita)—serious heart attack

Share your love with those Hospitalized

ST MARY'S Shera Shirley 590
 Ella Fearnow (Bertie Krausse's sister) 501
BASS Esther Grimes 239
VA—OKC Larry Richey

Share your love with those in Skilled Nursing

Skilled Nursing Marvin May 153
Golden Oaks Keith Johnson & Maxine Bassett
Skilled Nursing
Methodist Home Bob O'Brien 118
Skilled Nursing Twyla Tefft 203
Greenbriar Abe Preston 91

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—ALL YOUTH!!!! Christmas Party.

Monday, December 21

12:00—Noon Prayer Service
 6:00—Quilter's Guild

Tuesday, December 22

11:00—1st –5th Grade Movie Party
 2:00—Staff Christmas Party Open House

Wednesday, December 23

2:30—Nursery-Kindergarten Movie Party
 6:00—Adult Bell Choir
 6:30—NO Choir
 6:30—NO Youth Group

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve

7:00—Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
 11:00—Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 25

Christmas

Office closed

Saturday, December 26

5:30—Saturday Service of Communion

Sunday, December 27

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—NO Youth

Wednesday-Thursday, Dec 30-31

Youth Mystery Trip

Tuesday Noon Bible Study will not meet again until January 5.

Church Calendar