

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Compassion Update!

Last Sunday we collected \$442.00 for Haiti. That brings our total to \$2352.00.

Thank you for all you have donated. We will keep you updated each week on how much we have raised for Haiti. More is still needed if you would like to donate.

Congregational Concerns

Ed Howard
 Charlie Lynch
 Jean Hagerman
 Cal Wise - Home
 Debra Gleghorn
 Sue Brown
 Bonnie Montgomery



Please keep the office informed of those who need our prayers.

Thank you!

Central Christian Church,

I would like to thank everyone for the calls and the cards in response to the death of my son, Dwight.



God Bless,
 Sarah Mallard & Family

We extend our sincere sympathies to Candy French and family at the loss of her father **Ronald Lee Affolter** who passed away.
 Visitation will be 6:00-8:00pm Wednesday, February 3 at Greenlawn East in Springfield.
 Funeral services will be Thursday, February 4th at 2:00 pm at Greenlawn East in Springfield.

From the Children...

Reminder 1: Bring back your baby bottles from Haiti. Thank you to everyone who donated change!

Reminder 2: For this coming Sunday morning, we are going to make a mini golf course. I need to borrow either children's golf clubs or real clubs. They will be at the church and be used about 30 minutes. Please leave them in the church office with your name on it or them. I need one per child, so probably 8 would be a safe bet. Thanks so much! I'm looking forward to our memory verse game!

Liz Cook

February 2, 2010

Pastor Speaks...

The New Year is underway and so is the Winter weather. Meeting participation has been down because of the weather, however, progress is being made. The Education Committee is active and preparing the revitalization of our Church library. Culture Club has been meeting and the volunteers, Drury Students and the Culture Club kids are having a great time in a safe and nurturing environment. The outreach of the church is continuing in very concrete ways. Our Ambassador for Children program participation has included the provision of beds and bedding and children's items in support of children and families in stressful situations.

We are also responding to needs through our Local Benevolence. This is a fund directed to the acute needs of our neighbors. We have helped people with gas, food, housing support, work clothes, and transportation and a wide variety of other issues. And this brings up a concern I want to share with you.

We have had a large increase in requests for help especially on Sunday mornings. Historically this has been a time for people seeking financial assistance to approach members for help when they are in larger numbers and to be quite honest, vulnerable to those reaching out for help. After all, your pastor has just preached a sermon on Jesus' call to serve the downtrodden. Folks who are in need know that this is the case and they have the belief, founded in reality, that Central Christian is a giving church and a giving congregation. With all other helping agencies closed the local church is the place to go for help on the weekend, especially on Sunday morning.

Often when we are caught off guard and wanting to respond quickly we have a tendency to reach into our pockets and hand out cash. This is the last thing we need to do. And yet, how do we respond to the needs of our neighbors?

At Central Christian, as at most all churches, we look for a wide range of sources for help before we distribute in-kind help. That is to say we go first to the groups we support such as Salvation Army and Crosslines before we commit to helping. We contact local agencies both private and governmental to see if resources have been utilized before we commit our funds. Local ministers share information and resources. We also contact other churches to see if there is duplication of help being given. This is not being selfish or uncaring. It is rather helping us utilize our resources to the fullest and being sure needs are truly being met. We never give cash to anyone. And we ask that you never give cash as well.

If you are asked for a cash gift at church, please direct the individual to the church office or the list of services that are at the door near the West entrance. Do not give out cash. The needs are great and if you want to help please make contributions designated for Local Benevolence and know that efforts to meet the greatest needs are being made.

People in need are just that, and they are all God's children. However, there are some who have problems larger than we can address and who need specific professional help. If you are ever confronted when you refuse to give help please let us know right away. Do not feel pressured to respond and never give anyone you don't know a ride in your car or your personal information. Allow us to respond and know that needs are being met even in these difficult times. Thank you for your support.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. John

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UPCOMING EVENTS



CWF Assembly Day

February 9th at 9:30 am

Please join us as Becky Windham discusses Identity Theft.

Coming...
THIS WEEK!

- Wednesday, February 3**
 - 5:30 pm Worship Committee
- Thursday, February 4**
 - 3:00 pm Culture Club
- Sunday, February 7**
 - 9:30 am Worship
 - 10:45 am Sunday School
- Monday, February 8**
 - 9:00 am Men's Fellowship
 - 1:00 pm Domino's & More
 - 3:00 pm Culture Club
- Tuesday, February 9**
 - 9:00 am Quilters
 - 9:30 am CWF Assembly Day
 - 3:00 pm Culture Club
- Wednesday, February 10**
 - 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Serving February 7, 2010

Elders:
Sharon Martin
Wilma Frazier

DEACONS:
Everett French - 742-2877
Sammy Beard
Becky Gardner Bell
Mary Bermond
Diana Criger
Barbara Dixon
David Ferguson
Nancy Kays
Vicki Nelson
Sandy Peterson
Dwayne Rout
Ann Schultz
Patsy Tipton
Larry Wakefield
Kay Walton
Ray West
Ginger Williamson

Junior Deacons:
Ben Huggins
Jeremiah Williamson
Josie Hoover

Ushers:
Kay Parrish
Ginger Williamson

Communion Preparation:
Darrell & Linda Zweerink

Fellowship Preparation:
Darrell & Linda Zweerink

Greeters:
Lisa Lynch

1/31/2010

Sunday School

Nursery: 2
Elementary: 6
Faith Builders: 5
Bilshan: 7
Loyal Workers: 9
Builders: 3
General: 15

1/31/2010

General Fund
Contributions:
\$3,549.00
Attendance:
117

Ministry Team

John Bermond, Board Chair
Rev. John Andrews, Senior Pastor
Rev. Don Brown, Parish Minister
Candy French, Music Director
John Cook, Organist
Geoff Weinman, Youth Director
Liz Cook, Children's Director
Jennifer Lilley, Nursery Director
Kimberly Clark, Office Administrator
Raul Juan Duran, Custodian
Office E-mail:



Don't Forget!
There are still a few 2010 Pledge Boxes on the table. After Sunday they will be in the office.

Due to printer difficulties, this week's newsletter was printed on a smaller size of paper. This is a one-time occurrence. Next week The Call will be back to it's normal size.

For more information about the Disciples of Christ response to the earthquake in Haiti please go to:

www.weekofcompassion.org/haiti

February 7, 2010

Isaiah 6:1-8
"Hear am I"