



UPCOMING EVENTS

BOYD BOOK FESTIVAL - SATURDAY MAY 22 - 11:00 - 1:00

The Boyd Book Festival is a major mission project for Central Christian Church, and a great way to reach out to the children and parents of our neighborhood. You can support this ministry in a variety of ways - volunteer to set up, paint fingernails, paint faces, do crafts, monitor book tables, do science experiments, serve lunch. Or you can donate new or "as new" children's books for kids from birth to age 12. Or you can donate \$10.00 gift cards to neighborhood businesses, such as fast food, video stores, movie theater tickets. Or you can donate funds for the purchase of books, food, or gift cards. If you can help, and need more details, call Carol Newman, 823-9231.

Coming... **THIS WEEK!**

Wednesday, May 12

- 5:00 pm Culture Club Volunteer Dinner
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 13

- 3:00 pm Culture Club

Sunday, May 16

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:45 am Sunday School

Monday, May 17

- 9:00 am Men's Fellowship
- 1:00 pm Domino's & More
- 6:00 pm Executive Meeting

Tuesday, May 18

- 9:00 am Quilters
- 10:30 am Memorial Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 19

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Meeting: May 17
6:00 pm**

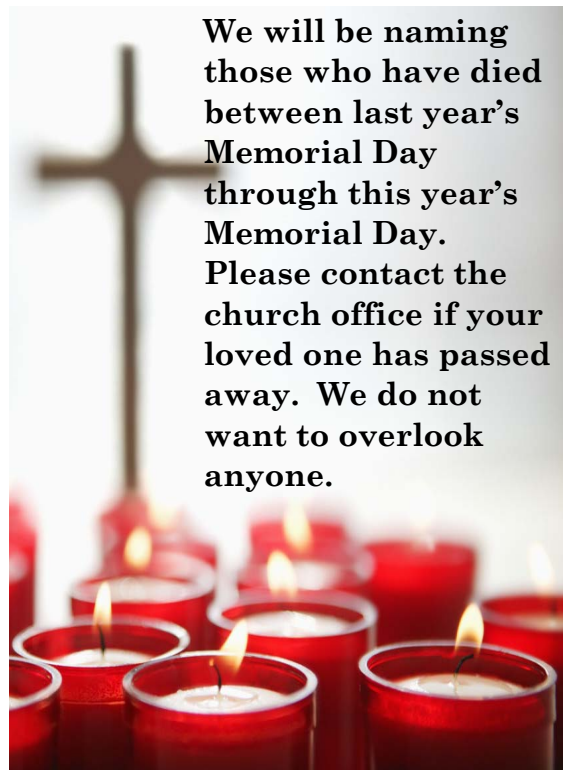


May 16, 2010
John 17:20-26
"On behalf of..."

LAST CALL!

To be considered for a scholarship from the memorial committee this year, applications must be turned into the church office by May 15.

We will be naming those who have died between last year's Memorial Day through this year's Memorial Day. Please contact the church office if your loved one has passed away. We do not want to overlook anyone.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Would you like to volunteer on Sunday Mornings?

We are always looking for people who would like to volunteer in the many capacities in the church on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in any of the following volunteer positions please contact the church office; Greeter, Usher, Communion Preparation, and Fellowship Preparation.



Please wish the following people will be celebrating a birthday in May.

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| 1-Cameron Eoff | 1-Wanda Rout |
| 3-Michelle Brown | 3-Iva Hill |
| 3-Donna McGinnis | 3-Linda Zweerink |
| 4-Pat Lane | 7-Mary Howell |
| 8-Billye Gaddie | 9-Martha Shollenberger |
| 10-Louise Holman | 11-Judy Bailey |
| 12-Doris Thornton | 13-Darrell Kays |
| 16-Barbara Roelofsz | 18-Dwayne Rout |
| 18-Ray West | 20-Faye Beachler |
| 20-Clement Engle | 21-Richard McDowell |
| 22-Christian Deeds | 23-Everett Deeds |
| 23-Charles Presley | 26-Virginia Jackson |
| 26-Patsy Tipton | 27-Evelyn Looney |
| 29-Kay Peele | 29-Karen Sunderwirth |
| 30-LaVaughn Doubt | |

Congregational Concerns

- Lenore & Kenneth Knabb
- Virginia Wisecup
- Warren Bass
- Bob Ege
- Jim Gardner
- Kay Walton
- Helen Hurst
- Charlie Lynch
- Debra Gleghorn
- Sue Brown
- Bonnie Montgomery
- Will Brown



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

Thank you!

To the members of Circle 1

If you have any interest in continuing as a Circle, please call me. Otherwise our Circle will be deactivated as of July 1.

Wilma Frazier

Care Partner Program

The Care Partner Ministry of Central Christian Church is looking for a few **NEW** Care Partners interested in participating in the program. Please **prayfully** consider becoming a part of this ministry. Care Partners quietly work in the background helping members of the congregation stay connected to the church. There would be a short training session offered to explain how the ministry works. If you



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the Table**

PENTECOST OFFERING 2010



PASTOR SPEAKS

Pastor Speaks...

Due to the Gulf oil spill, not much has been said about other recent natural disasters that have caused so much damage and loss of life. The need in Haiti in particular continues and our church, through Week of Compassion and Church World Service, has been very involved.

We have not heard that much about the flooding in Tennessee, especially in Nashville. The gift of \$500,000.00 to the recovery effort by teen star Taylor Swift has been reported on and is a wonderful reminder that there are young people who recognize their need to give back. I was very impressed and hope that her sense of giving is recognized by her fans, mostly young people.

The flooding in Nashville has been compared to the flooding that happened throughout the region in 1937. This flood affected a larger area including the town of Paducah where I served for almost nine years at First Christian Church. The impact of this natural disaster was evident in the culture of the whole area even fifty years later. When I would visit senior members of our congregation discussions of life experiences included those before and after the flood. My first reaction was often, "Noah's flood?"

The flood resulted in water levels that reached to the second stories of the buildings downtown. The churches were all damaged and several had to be rebuilt completely. The water didn't recede for over six months and the population had to live in tents or other temporary housing during this time and months afterward for the rebuilding. The local pastors from all different faith traditions had to work together to meet both the spiritual and physical needs of the population. This experience made them truly ecumenical and truly cooperative with one another.

It is unfortunate and yet often true that adversity brings people together to work on solutions jointly. When I was growing up in South Texas, we had hurricanes from time to time, some more devastating than others. I remember how shared resources seemed to appear immediately and my family and the neighbors pulled together. This happens in the larger community as well. In Springfield we are facing an issue with the needs of many of our neighbors for housing. Some, for a wide variety of reasons, just don't seem to be able to have secure housing on a regular basis. They end up living on the street or in temporary shelter. Others live in housing that has limited resources especially in the winter when heating is inadequate. Too many are families with children.

The Council of Churches is working with other agencies to plan for the cold weather months. A plan for emergency shelters at churches is being developed for those times when the temperature drops below a level determined to be dangerous. This does not happen often but when it does our most vulnerable are at risk. This may seem to be an odd thing to be thinking of as we approach the summer and the hot weather. However, this is the best time to make plans because the pressure is off and all options can be explored. I will be participating in these discussions and will share with our leadership in the Outreach Committee and other leaders of the congregation what is being done. Keep this process in you prayers. And keep those who struggle each day for basic needs.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Andrews

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Sunday School

Nursery: 3
Youth: 4
Faith Builders: 6
Bilshan: 6
Loyal Workers: 16
Builders: 11

5/9/2010

General Fund
Contributions:
\$4,081.00
Attendance:
153

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
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Serving May 16, 2010

Elders:

Dorothy Thurman
Faye Beachler

DEACONS:

Bill Fischer
David Edel
Jack Edel
Marilyn Ferguson
Randy Fuller
J.C. Hicks
Charlie Mabry
Bill Melton
Robert Roelofsz
Kim Schultz
Charlie Spangler
Rhonda Stewart
Debbie Strait
Larry Thomas
Lynette Thomas
Doris Thornton

Junior Deacons:

Sydney Frazier
Phoebe Hicks

Ushers:

Ed & Mary Howard

Communion Preparation:

Lisa Lynch
Patty Soukup & Helen Gunther

Fellowship Preparation:

Lisa Lynch
Patty Soukup & Helen Gunther

Greeters:

John & Mary Bermon