



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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IN THE CHAPEL

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WEDNESDAY



Thank You!

I'll never forget the kindness

Thank you for the calls, cards, and prayers during a recent surgery and recovery. You do not know how much it means until you are on the recovering end.

Best to All,
Everett French

Congregational Concerns

Larry Graham **Greg Walton** **Helen Gunther** **Howard & Lynda McCoy** **Richard Lee**
John & Patty Thurman **Carol Newman** **Joyce Mallard** **Rhonda Stewart**
 Lisa Lynch Rhonda Stewart Sharon Lowry Charles Marshall Jim & Elaine Spradlin Kitty Manary
 Wilma Frazier Gary Wright Mike & Robin Shirley, Friends of Ray & Sharon Lowry Paula Walton
 Frank & Pat Dodd Annie Anderson, Daughter of Charlie & Carol Mabry Betty Jo Gardner Patty Soukup
 Duane & Dana Powell Rebecca Ebert, Daughter of Ray & Sharon Lowry Gloria Brown and family Steve Vestal
 Dan Hicks Jean Hagerman Winnie Young Don Nix Robert & Beth Taylor William Francis
 Shirley Potter Evelyn Looney Paul Martin James Willingham Barb Rossetter Karen Hahn
 Karen Sunderwirth Diana Criger Zach D., Friend of Jayden W. Tammy Larimore, friend of Carol Pyles
 Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier Barbara Richardson & Leslie Clements, mother & sister of Vicky Claborn
 Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs *(Please notify the office when a concern can be removed)*

**Livestream our Sunday morning
 service—starting at 9:30—at
www.centralchristianspringfield.org.
 Connect with us on social media:**



SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel at
Central Christian, Springfield, MO



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FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

2/4/2024

General Fund
 Contributions: \$11,848.00
 Attendance: 89
 Online service views: 38*

2/11/2024

General Fund
 Contributions: \$17,307.00
 Attendance: 98
 Online service views: 38*

*As of 2/13/2024

	<u>February 18</u>	<u>February 25</u>	<u>March 3</u>
Elders	Bill Fischer Phil Brown	Jim Ferguson Joe Pyles	Kay Parrish Luther Young
Deacon Team Leader	Everet French	Patsy Tipton	Bill Fischer
Invocation and Offering		Carol Pyles	Carolyn Deeds
Communion & Fellowship Prep.	Bill & Karen Fishcer	Jim & Marilyn Ferguson	Bob & Dorothy Thurman
Usher		Christine Peter	
Greeter	Ginger Williamson	Jan Peter	

In the Community

Love Thy Neighbor Tuesdays



Our next opportunity to help out those in our community who are in need of a little food will be on Tuesday, February 20th.

Just like every month, Central Christian Church will be able to help out our neighbors who are in a need of a little assistance. On February 20th we will be preparing food and taking it to Grace United Methodist Church to serve to those in our community who are in need of food and shelter. Because of the cold weather that has been around us from time to time, the number of those coming to get food and shelter has risen. When the temperature drops below freezing the Crisis Cold Weather Shelters open and the only way get a spot in the shelters is signing up at the feedings. That means there are more people attending the meal than usual. In January, Central Christian fed 272 people on our Tuesday, and since then, the number of people have gone up. Because of that, we are going to prepare to serve 300 people, just in case the weather is below freezing on that day. If you can help with food donations, volunteering to prepare, transport, or serve the food, we would greatly appreciate all help given. There is a sign-up sheet on the desk outside of the church office with the needs for the upcoming meal. Thank you for all your support and everything that each one of you do for Central Christian, the community of Springfield, and all God's children.

Going on at Central

Memorial Scholarship Application Available

Students entering college or vocational training school in the fall are invited to apply for the scholarships Central Christian offers yearly.

To be eligible, the applicant should:

1. Be a member or active participant at Central . (Or applicant's family member)
2. Have a connection with Central, or be an active member of another Disciples of Christ Church, or a past participant in Culture Club
3. Have at least a 2.5 GPA
4. Have been approved/accepted for enrollment into a post secondary school.

Stop by the office for applications, which are due with accompanying letters of recommendation by April 1st.

Time to Fellowship

We now have different opportunities for everyone to fellowship together with one another. We have a Men's Fellowship group, a Women's Fellowship group, and, as always, we fellowship together on Sunday morning for worship, Bible study, and community.

General Fellowship—

Every Sunday beginning at 9:30am

Women's Fellowship—

Second Thursday of every month at 10:00am

Men's Fellowship—

Second & Fourth Monday of every month at 9:00am

Thoughts from the congregation

We're all familiar with the song "*They'll Know We Are Christians.*" You will find it in our Chalice Hymnal under the heading "*Christian Unity.*" We could probably sing it by memory right now. The words of the last five stanzas of the first verse are: "*and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.*" The dictionary describes **unity** as: "1. the state of being one... 2. something considered complete in itself... 7. an arrangement of parts or material that will produce a single harmonious design..."

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1, NASB)

Unity gives us a sense of completion and makes us happy. The idea of dwelling together should probably be taken literally. David was more than likely referring to spiritual unity for God's people. Many of us are frustrated by the disunity among Christians. There are, however, Christians who do worship together. Their fellowship is a joy for everyone. They know exactly what David meant in the above verse. It is indeed good and pleasant for brothers and sisters to dwell together in spiritual unity.

The Apostle Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians told them and us: ***"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...; 'For the body is not one member but many.' 'Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.'*** (1 Cor. 12:13a, 14, 18, 27, NASB) ***"We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord."*** An arrangement of parts or material that will produce a single harmonious design. ***"But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired."*** ***"Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it."*** The state of being one.

The Apostle Paul also wrote these words to the church in Ephesus. ***"Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling. Until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ."*** (Eph. 4:3-4 and 14, NASB)

In the Gospel of John, chapter 17, verse 11, Jesus asks the disciples to be united in harmony and love as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united. ***"I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to you, Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are."*** (NASB) In John chapter 17, verses 20 through 23 Jesus prays for us. ***"I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."*** (NIV)

King David, Jesus, and the Apostle Paul all prayed we, God's children, would be united as one as God intended. What's happened? In the book of Genesis, chapter 1, verse 27 we're told, ***"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."*** Since then throughout recorded history there have been conflicts, competition, between humans. Since then humankind has attempted to unite, to be as one, either through conquest or through legislation. As I was writing this another song came to mind. This one sang my Bob Marley titled "*One Love.*" Some of you will remember it. Some of you are way too young. The words of this song make a beautiful message, call, for unity.

FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Sermon Title and Scriptures

February 18, 2024

Mark 1:29-39

"Teaching & Healing"

Sermon Title and Scripture

February 25, 2024

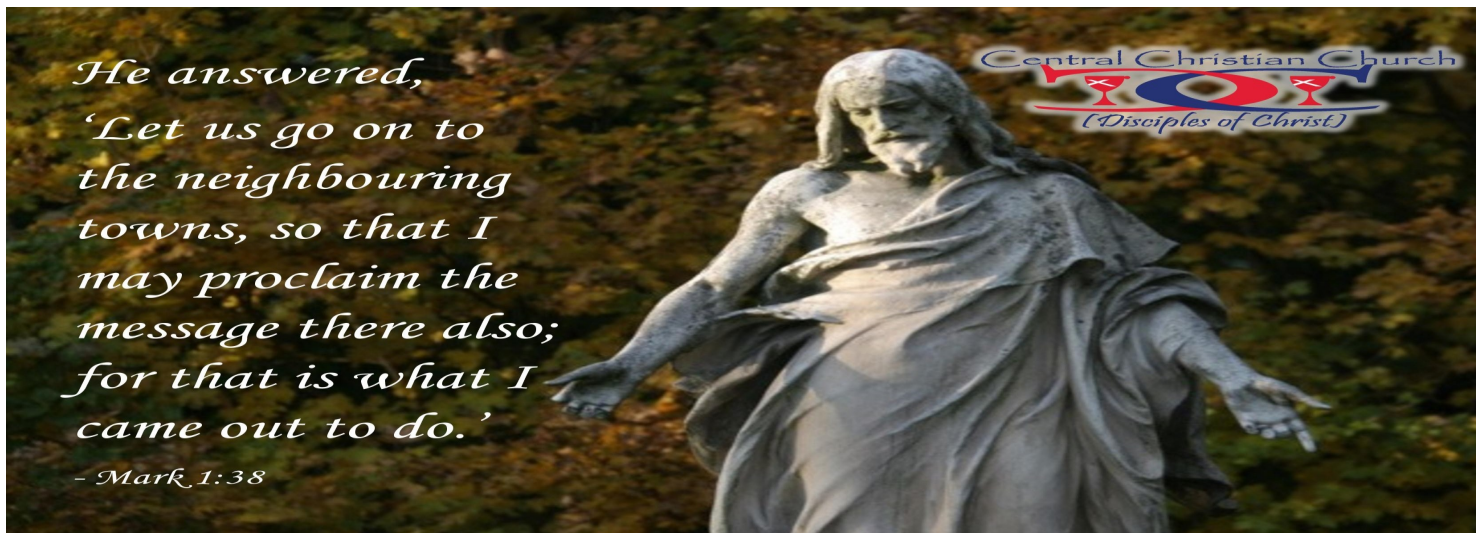
Mark 8:31-38

"Are We Ashamed?"

We apologize for this, but we will not have the Daily Lenten Devotion books this year. We had ordered them online, then received an email a few days later saying that they were out of stock and could not send them to us.

While you might not have a pre-written daily devotion during the Lenten season, there are many opportunities to be in communion with God these 40 days. Whether in personal prayer, reading Sunday scriptures before worship, or joining us for the different services on Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, you can take this time for personal reflection and prayer. We look forward to being with you for all services during Lent.

FEBRUARY 18



FEBRUARY 25



Celebrations!!!



February

2/1 – John Letterman

2/2 – Elizabeth Aull

2/3 – Don Nix

2/4 – Darrell Copeland,
Amanda Horton,
Grady Musser

2/5 – Gloria Brown,
Gary Wingo

2/9 – Marilyn West

2/10 – Betty Jo Gardner

2/11 – Carl Potter

2/12 – Joe Reichard

2/15 – Nancy Browning

2/16 – Faye Nix

2/22 – Clio Lynch

2/23 – Casey

Vandeventer

2/24 – Sharon Martin,
Donna Williams

2/25 – Patty Thurman

2/27 – Angela Miller

2/28 – David Ferguson,
Patty Soukup



March

3/3 – Vicki Nelson

3/4 – Scott Roan

3/12 – Kim Eoff

3/14 – Greg Walton

3/15 – Deyoveion
Vargas

3/16 – Carl Frazier,
Jody Hahn

3/20 – Kristine Roan

3/21 – Diane Miller

3/22 – Dennis Hahn,
Karen Hahn

3/23 – Kentraya
Vargas

3/27 – Debra Gleghorn

3/29 – Jon Thomas

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God's Beloved Child



Ministry Team

Bill Fischer, Board Moderator
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Marvin Murphree, Music Director
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Shirley Musser, Visitation Director
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Sunday Mornings

9:30 am Worship,
in person and via our
Livestream

10:45 am Fellowship

**11:00 am Sunday
School**