

# The Central Visitor

*A weekly visitor to your home bringing  
you news from Central Christian Church  
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,  
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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## Vision Round Tables

We have now held 2 Vision Round Table meetings at Central to discuss our vision for the future. Vision Team leader Gregg Foltz wants to make sure that everyone who wished to attend a Round Table has the opportunity to do so. We don't currently have any more Round Tables scheduled, but if there is enough interest, we may hold another. Please contact Gregg Foltz (g55foltz@gmail.com) or central@cccdisciples.org for the church office to let us know if you are interested in participating.



## Food Donations for Northeast Community Fund

Let's fill up the shopping cart again! We will collect food on the first Sunday of each month. As when we did this before the pandemic, cereal is always in demand. Also pasta & pork & beans are needed. Bring your donations for May 2 to the shopping cart in the cafe. Thanks for your Christian generosity!

## Summer Planning – Your Help is Needed!

As the Easter season comes upon us, the days become longer and the temperatures slowly rise, we are already beginning our summer planning for worship at Central. And you can help us out. Please answer these four (4) simple questions with as much or as little detail as you wish and email me your responses! Or just answer the one(s) you want to. We will use your responses in our planning! Blessings...

- 1) What are your favorite things to do in the summer? Favorite summer activities?
- 2) What is your favorite summer vacation spot?
- 3) What is a scripture that always gives you HOPE?
- 4) What is your favorite Psalm?



## SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN-PERSON  
(SANCTUARY) AND LIVE STREAMED  
ON [WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG](http://WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG)  
AT 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP  
IN-PERSON (GREAT HALL)  
AND ON FACEBOOK LIVE  
AT 9:15 a.m.

## ***Poets: Imagining What is Possible***

Text: I Corinthians 12, 13, & 14  
(selections)

Michael E. Karunas

## IT'S A NEW DAY FOR DORCAS DISCIPLES!

All Central women are invited to share in the re-starting celebration of Dorcas Disciples on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Join in an evening of fellowship, food and fun, with a moment of remembrance and a "look to the future". Come together safely to explore new ways to Share Christ, Change Lives and Deliver Hope.

Mark your calendar for May 18<sup>th</sup> and  
RSVP by Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> to Nancy  
Ellen Taylor at 217-872-9174  
([xstr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:xstr@sbcglobal.net)) or Sandy Garver at  
217-877-0800 ([revrag@comcast.net](mailto:revrag@comcast.net)).

Hope to see you there!



**Mark your calendar:**  
**GRADUATION SUNDAY**

May 16, 2021

ALL SERVICES

Bring your children to celebrate  
another year of school,  
"in the books!"

Join us in-person as we celebrate  
your achievements and announce  
scholarship winners!

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

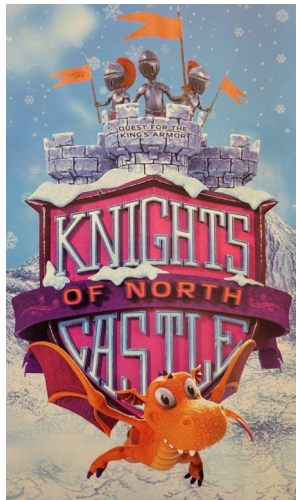
**Available Online and**  
**at the Welcome Center**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**DATES:**

**Available: now!**

**Return Deadline: May 1, 2021 @  
3:00 pm**

Click [HERE](#) for the fillable PDF.  
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version.



**VBS Registration**

VBS registration is now open!  
Go to [https://www.cccdisciples.org/  
vbs-registration-2021/](https://www.cccdisciples.org/vbs-registration-2021/)

**Minister's Article**

**Volunteer Opportunity**

As the vision team continues its work on the strategic plan it is preparing to present to the church council, the team's work has shifted to **Focus Areas** where our work and witness would be directed over the next 4-5 years. These Focus Areas would not be the *only* things we would be doing. Rather, they would receive *special* focus and attention. One of those Focus Areas, which were shared at the roundtable sessions on April 7-8, is "Neighborhood and Community" - working to address relevant needs in our immediate neighborhood (the 2x2 block area around the church) and/or the wider Decatur community.

As it so happens, an opportunity to begin working in that direction is given to us this Saturday. The Millikin Heights Neighborhood Association (formerly NWRAPS for those that remember) is hosting a **Neighborhood Cleanup Day** on **Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Central Christian will be the meeting point from which volunteers will go out to:

- Pick up litter
- Edge sidewalks
- Tame and trim any shrub blocking sidewalks

The precise area to be cleaned just happens to be our 2x2 block area (more or less) – the area between N. Pine and Monroe, and Eldorado and W. Main.

All tools will be donated and available at Central and a Pugsley container will be stationed on the northwest corner of our parking lot. (continued on page 3...)





All hands are welcome. This will be a great opportunity to meet some of the neighbors in our neighborhood. Hope to see as many of you there as possible.

-Blessings, Michael



### **Your Faith in 60 Seconds**

During the weeks preceding Easter, we introduced a challenge to everyone: Describe why you are a Christian in 60 seconds. There is nothing “magical” about 60 seconds. But this number does help to give focus. Moreover, the purpose is to get us all thinking about “why we are here?” (and not somewhere else)? Why we believe in Christ and not something (someone) else? Many have taken us up on this challenge and have shared their testimonies with us. As they do, we are asking them to share them in worship. We will then publish the testimony in *The Visitor* the following week. David York, regular attendee of the 9:15 service, elder and vision team member, shared his faith in 60 seconds this past Sunday. Here is what he said:



*I was raised in the church and my father has basically started three churches. I have been a Sunday School teacher, a youth leader, a praise band leader, and the captain of the bible quiz team. I suppose I could sit and quote tons of scriptures that would make me sound really studious and thought provoking as to why I am a member of the church. But my basic reasons have nothing to do with scripture. I love the feeling that I have when I am in church. The overwhelming presence of God that I can honestly say I have felt in a very personal way. When I am at home strumming on my guitar singing an old hymn and suddenly choking back tears for the way in which God reveals himself through the song.*

*The miracles that I have witnessed when Doctors told me my mother would never be whole again and would probably be left in a vegetative state. Since then we have spent many nights together in prayer as she still stays strong in her walk with God. I believe in a God who desires a personal relationship with his people. Who comes to me when I need him most and just makes me feel at ease. There are a hundred good reasons to belong to a church but the reason for my faith is a personal reason. That is to go to the home of the one who loves me without reservation, and in whose presence I feel joy. 1 Peter 1:8 "Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy."*

### **OPEN NURSERY CARE STAFF POSITION**

Are you happy, energetic, and patient? Do you have good communication skills? If so, I have the perfect opportunity for you! We are looking for individuals who want to engage with infants and toddlers as part of our nursery care staff. The position includes minimal hours (five to twelve hours per month): perfect for college students. Please pass this along to anyone who might be a good fit for the position. Send resume' to: Tina Miller (tmiller@cccdisciples.org) Thanks in advance!

### **Sunday (25)**

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
- 4:00-Youth Group

### **Monday (26)**

### **Tuesday (27)**

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
- 5:30-Women's Group, Disciples Room
- 5:30-Concert Series meeting, Great Hall

### **Wednesday (28)**

- 10:30-Ministers' Meeting
- 5:00-PR Committee

### **Thursday (29)**

- 10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 5:15-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
- 5:30-Koinonia, Connection Café
- 6:00-Choir, Choir Room

### **Friday (30)**

### **Saturday (May 1)**

### **Sunday (2)**

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
- 4:00-Youth Group



### **Happy Birthday!! (4/25—5/1)!**

Sarah Andrews, Charlotte Ballance,  
Alison Chumbley, Jennifer Hartwig,  
Lynn Potter, David Sheffer,  
Lawrence Turner, Marda Young

### **Counting On You**

**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

Total worshipping online = 253  
Total worshipping in-person = 185



**Sunday, April 25th, 2021**

**7:45-9:30 teams**

Front table: Sandy Garver, George & Pearl Jones

Ushers: David Martin, Mike Munos

**9:30-11:30 teams**

Front table: Gregg & Linda Foltz

Ushers: Gretchen Kirby, David Martin

Elders: Bruce Campbell & David Wagner

PA: 8:00 David Martin

10:30 Keith Backes

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**Church Office Hours as of**

**March 15th, 2021:**

**Monday through Friday**

**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

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