

The Central Visitor



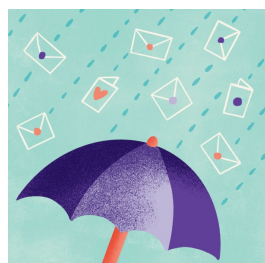
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DORCAS DISCIPLES ARE READY TO GO!

All Central women are invited to share in the re-starting celebration of Dorcas Disciples on Tuesday, May 18th at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Join in an evening of fellowship, food, a moment of remembrance for Shirlee Johnson, and a fun "look to the future". Come together safely to explore new ways to Share Christ, Change Lives and Deliver Hope as mission-inspired Dorcas women. Mark your calendar for May 18th and RSVP by Thursday, May 13th to Sandy Garver at 217-877-0800/revrag@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!



Card Shower for Claudine Nichols

Long-time member and former pastor's wife Claudine Nichols will be moving to Shawnee, Kansas, in the next couple of weeks, and we are collecting farewell/wishing well cards for her to take to Kansas with her. If you would like to bring a card, please do so by this Sunday, May 16th.

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!



Arts in the Parking Lot!

May 16th

Noon to 2:00 PM

Painting, cookie decorating, music, and more!

See page 4 for more details!

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN-PERSON (SANCTUARY) AND LIVE STREAMED ON 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.

Pandas: Leaving a Legacy

Text: Matthew 7:24-27

Michael E. Karunas



Sunday, May 16th, 2021

7:45-9:30 teams

Front table: Sandy Garver, George & Pearl Jones

Ushers: David Martin, Mike Munos

9:30-11:30 teams

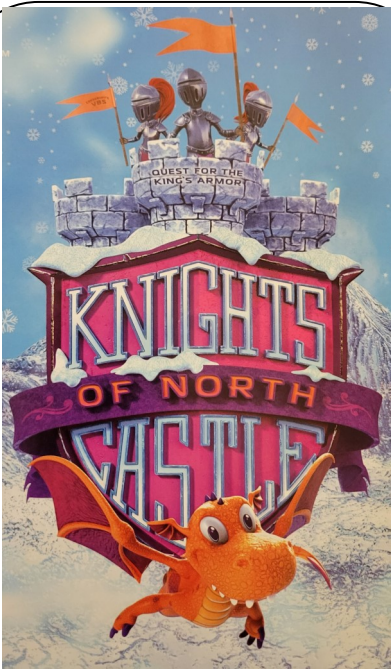
Front table: Paul Gorden, Brett Swallow
Ushers: Gretchen Kirby, David Martin

Elders: Jeannie Backes, Andy Fulk

PA: 8:00 Pat Penhallegon

10:30 Keith Backes

All Things Christian Education



KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE VBS 2021

JUNE 11 & 12

9 AM–12 NOON

**KINDERGARTEN THROUGH
5TH GRADE**

**3 & 4 YEAR OLD CHILDREN MAY
ATTEND WITH ADULT
ACCOMPANIMENT**

REGISTER BY MAY 22

Online: [https://
www.cccdisciples.org/vbs-
registration-2021/](https://www.cccdisciples.org/vbs-registration-2021/)

In person: at the welcome center

VBS Supply Boards:

Please help us collect VBS supplies.
Simply write your name in the box
that lists the items you wish to
purchase and contribute to VBS.

Drop off the items in the black
trunk at the top of the stairs in the
Friendship Center by May 30.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Vaccination Assistance

If you want some help getting your
Covid vaccine, the office has a
couple of resources for you. Call us
at 217-428-4336, and we will get
this information to you.

WOW! What an eventful and interesting school year. The school year was eventful. We learned how to navigate virtual and hybrid learning while spending more time at home and less time with our friends. The school year was interesting because new ways of thinking and performing different activities caught and held our attention.

Here at Central Christian Church, the Christian Education Department put forth our best efforts to support and nurture your continued spiritual and emotional care while cheering you on toward the goal of finishing the school year strong. We sent out cards and small gifts to our children, youth, and families throughout the year. We provided virtual Sunday School classes every week for the children. Finally, when it was safe and healthy for us to get together, we had an in-person craft event.

Now, the school year is nearly over, and we celebrate your achievements. We celebrate by inviting you attend two special events on May 16th! Please come to worship with us at 9:15 am or 10:30 am. All those who attended school (preschool through graduate school) will be honored. We will call you up to the front of the church, applaud your achievement, and gift you with a congratulatory card. But that is not all!

Children of all ages are invited to attend Arts in the Parking Lot from 12 noon until 2 pm. If you like to create and admire art, this event is for you. Enjoy playing instruments, painting (with balls), and creative cookie decorating at this event. It is a carefree way to begin summer fun.

Summer fun will continue at Central with an early 2-day VBS! Children (kindergarten through 5th grade) and youth (6th grade through 12th grade) are invited to participate in VBS this year. Youth will serve as volunteer helpers. Join us June 11 & 12 as we take on the role of Brave Knights and begin a quest as Knights of the North Castle!

Children will explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor — the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation — at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Part of serving God is caring for ourselves. I believe this summer is the best time to do just that! After VBS, the Central Christian Church Christian Education department will take a short break, and we hope you do the same. We hope you take the opportunity to play hard, spend lots of time safely gathering outdoors with family and friends, and rest and renew your body, soul, and spirit. Then, come back strong next Autumn for an active, eventful, and interesting year at Central!

May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you now and always,

Tina Miller
Associate Minister
CE & Family Life
Central Christian Church

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. 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. Tom Spry, regular attender of the 10:30 service, elder, and long-time member, offered his faith in 60 seconds this past Sunday. Here is what he said:



I believe the root cause of my Christianity is the teachings of my parents and the resulting beliefs and way of life instilled in me as a child. I am the fifth of six children born into a southwest Missouri family. My Dad was a carpenter and often worked evenings and weekends to help provide for his family. During my childhood, Mom and Dad did not go to church regularly, but they insisted that I and my siblings must go to learn about the bible and Jesus. Together they taught us about faith, sharing, hard work, honesty, commitment, and helping others. They often talked about Grandma and Grandpa being in heaven and

shared with us the hope they had of someday joining them there. They made sure we knew why we celebrate Easter and Christmas and why we too have the hope of eternal salvation.

During my lifetime, there have been times that I too did not attend church on a regular basis. Thankfully there were many people along my life's journey who helped me find my way back to Christ but it was those early childhood teachings that made me want to come back. On this Mother's Day, I thank God for my Mom, and for my Dad, and for the love and guidance they gave me and my siblings throughout their lives. I give thanks for the seed they placed in me as a child that developed into a Christian foundation, upon which, I have built my life. Thanks be to God.

Bottle Cap Collection Deadline

The last day for collecting bottle caps will be THIS SUNDAY, May 16th.



In Sympathy We Mourn

In sympathy, we mourn with the family of Louise Boline, who passed away on May 5th. Her services were held May 9th at Graceland Fairlawn.

Elevator Repair Work Starts May 17th!

Watch for more info to come soon!

Sunday Door Hosts Needed

While elevator repairs are being made (for about 6-8 weeks), we will need extra sets of hands at the Ramp doors to assist members with check in. We also need more volunteers for the West Entrance (Please contact the church office at 217-428-4336 or central@cccdisciples.org if you can help us with this.



Sunday (16) - Graduation Sunday!

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
- 2:00-Arts in the Parking Lot

Monday (17)

Tuesday (18)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
- 12:00-Personnel, Disciples Room
- 5:30-Dorcas Disciples, Great Hall

Wednesday (19)

- 10:30-Ministers' Meeting
- 5:00-Church Council-Committee Mtg.

Thursday (20)

- 10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 5:15-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
- 5:30-Koinonia, 212
- 6:00-Choir, Choir Room

Friday (21)

Saturday (22)

Sunday (23) - Pentecost

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



Happy Birthday!! (5/16—5/22)!

Samuel Andrews, Michele Bafford,
Marci Baumann, Claudia Curry,
John Flanders, Jaxon Flower,
Janet Gray, Duff Knudsen,
Julina Lindsey, Zach Martin,
Matt Moma, Bradley Munos,
Danielle Patricio, Claudia Quigg,
Kim York

Counting On You

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Total worshipping online = 213
Total worshipping in-person = 206

CCC ARTS IN THE PARKING LOT!

COME OUT AND ENJOY A FUN AFTERNOON FULL OF ART. WHETHER YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE OR JUST APPRECIATE, THERE WILL BE A LOT TO SEE AND DO! THERE WILL BE DRAWING, CRAFTING, PAINTING, AND EVEN COOKIE DECORATING. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A MUSIC STATION WHERE YOU CAN TRY OUT (OR SHOW OFF) YOUR MUSICAL TALENT.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

12:00-2:00

North East parking lot next to the playground

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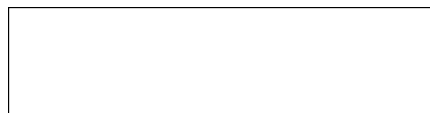
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