

# 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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## Update on COVID Procedures

Beginning Sunday, June 13 we will no longer require the wearing of face coverings as we have since July of 2020. We do ask that you bring one with you every time you come to Central and that you are prepared to put one on when working with, or in the presence of, children. Our nursery staff and those leading children's messages and working directly with children will continue to wear masks when doing so. Additionally, we want those who feel more comfortable wearing masks at worship and church events to feel welcome to continue doing so. We will continue to have a handwashing and sign-in station at the entrances, but we will no longer ask everyone to follow the guidelines as it regards to wearing masks that we instituted on July 5, 2020.

## Full List of Central Christian Church Peacemaker 2021 Award Winners

Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized with the 2021 Central Christian Church Peacemaker Award! Here's a full list of all the DPS students who were honored:

1. Hope Academy – Tristin Hagaman
2. Montessori Academy for Peace – Grace Raleigh
3. Dennis Lab School – Jaimylee Porte and Charlotte Bramer
4. Stephen Decatur Middle School – Preston Dyer and Nichole Hill
5. Johns Hill Magnet School – Audrey Miller
6. Eisenhower High School – Ariyonn Banner



## New Koinonia Bible Study Series



The Koinonia group will begin a six-week study of Romans, beginning June 10, and is inviting all members and friends of Central to join us. We will meet Thursday evenings at 5:30 in Room 212. We will be using Max Lucado's "40 Days Through the Book: Romans." We will be using the accompanying DVD each week as well as using participant study

guides, which can be purchased online. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Campbell or Angie Horvath.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 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.

**Harmony: Man With Others**

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:18

Tina Miller





**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

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

Front table: Carolyn McCall,  
Gail Prince

Ushers: Dianne Devore,  
David Martin

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

Front table: Paul Gorden,  
Brett Swallow

Ushers: David Martin,  
Ron Oliver

Elders: Janet Lyman, Diana Ritter

PA: 8:00 Pat Penhallegon

10:30 Jim Hinze



**Happy Birthday!! (6/13—6/19)!**

Jordan Backes, Randy Brooks,  
Betty Chapman, Rosie Doore,  
Chris Hartwig, Jacob Hartwig,  
George Jones, Marshall Luthy,  
Suzie Miller, Kathy Pepper,  
Dottie Scholes, Sandy Schultz,  
Mitchel Swim



**KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE VBS 2021**

Central Christian Church VBS will occur this Friday and Saturday! We will see a special VBS presentation Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 service. Here is a pre-view of what kiddos will experience!

Cokesbury's VBS, *Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor*, invites **children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power by exploring how we put on the armor of God.** Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book.

They 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.

VBS will begin in the main sanctuary where Sparky the Dragon and the Armorer lead Castle Callouts: Armor up with Truth, Armor up with Justice, Armor up with Faith, and Armor up with Salvation! The group will move to the Great Hall for lessons, crafts, and snacks.

Each session is packed with music, bible adventure videos, crafts, prayers, bible stories, and activities. All the fun will make for hungry children. Our leaders are prepared with super-yummy, pre-packaged snacks and drinks.

Crafts are a favorite part of VBS. Our Knights of the North Castle are sure to create happy memories and lasting artwork during out time together. They will make a belt of truth; a reminder to stay strong and always tell the truth. A plaque of justice is useful reminder to stand up for what is right and just. The shield of faith illustrates how faith in God can give us strength to do amazing things. All knights and knight leaders will go home with a helmet of salvation. We are all part of God's family on a quest to **be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.**

Thank you for supporting VBS this year!

Peace,

Tina Miller

**In Sympathy We Mourn**



In sympathy we mourn with Pat Glasscock and the Glasscock family on the loss of Loren Glasscock. He passed away on Saturday, June 5th, and his services are today, June 9th at Central Christian Church, at 1:00 PM. Please join us in prayer for the Glasscock family.

**Bottle Cap Collection is Back!**

Our youth have finished with their collection of the bottle caps, but don't fret! Our Journeymen have decided to continue the bottle cap collection project! You may continue to bring your bottle caps to Central so that we can help create benches for different organizations in our community. The collection bins are in-between the doors of the West Entrance, as they have been for the past year. Thank you, Journeymen!



## 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. Gretchen Kirby, a very active member of Central since she and her family joined in 2016 (but attending regularly well before then) and currently an elder, offered her faith in 60 seconds this past Sunday. Here is what she said:



*I am a Christian because it is what I have known since I was child. I liked the road that it set in front of me as a worthy path to follow. I felt the journey was worthwhile because of the people in my life that brought me to church and originally set me on my road of faith. There were many different people that lived out the examples I learned from church, and I wanted to be just like them. Those who offered a hand, built others up, befriended many and tried to model Jesus' example. My sideline encouragers took on different faces through the years, but I was never out there alone. I am referring to friends, camp counselors, teachers, and most importantly, my family. They stood*

*along the sidelines cheering for me, acting like bumpers in a pinball game turning me around when I started to veer in the wrong direction and sending me back onto the road of living the life of a Christian. I didn't get here to this point in my faith on my own, lucky for me, so I hope someone else out there has heard me cheer from their sidelines as well!!*

We need  
**YOU!**

### 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 door 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](mailto:central@cccdisciples.org) if you can help us with this.



### **Sunday (13) - VBS Sunday**

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

### **Monday (14)**

- 5:30-Women's Book Club, Panera

### **Tuesday (15)**

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 240
- 5:30-Women's Group, Disciples Room

### **Wednesday (16)**

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

### **Thursday (17)**

- 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 (18)**

### **Saturday (19)**

### **Sunday (20) - Father's Day**

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

### Counting On You

**Sunday, June 6, 2021**

Total worshipping online = 200  
Total worshipping in-person = 201

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