

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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Welcome 101

Have you been attending Central Christian for a while and are interested in learning more about us? Would you like to hear about ways you can plug in and connect to what's happening here? Would you like a tour of our building and a chance to learn the wonderful ministries housed here?

If so, then we'd love to have you join us at "WELCOME 101." This is a 90-minute info-gathering hosted by our ministerial staff here at Central. We will meet in the Connection Café for an hour and then go on a walking tour of the building.



Monday, August 23 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Please reserve your place at this event by contacting the office (217-428-4336 or central@cccdisciples.org).

Back to School Sunday

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM

Classrooms for:

K - 5th Grade

6th - 12th Grade

Bible Presentations to 3rd graders.

All services.

Fellowship Picnic Reminders!

August 22nd, after 2nd service

EVERYONE is invited!

Please RSVP to the church office.

Please remember to bring your own lawn chairs.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (SANCTUARY)
AT 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
AND LIVE STREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND FACEBOOK LIVE
AT 10:30 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (GREAT HALL)
AND LIVE STREAMED ON
WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AND FACEBOOK LIVE
AT 9:15 AM

Text: Romans 12:2, Luke 2:8-14,
John 21:18-19
Michael E. Karunas

School Supplies Needed:

24 pack of crayons
Colored pencils
Washable Markers
Dry Erase markers
Glue sticks
Pencil boxes and pouches
2 pocket folders (paper and plastic)
1 inch 3 ring binder
Clorox Wipes
Gallon zip lock bags
Sandwich zip lock bags

Transportation Opportunity!

We are so thankful for your presence and ministry at Central Christian Church! You know our church values offering meaningful times of worship, outreach, fellowship, and service. As our church transitions into Autumn and Winter, we could offer new opportunities in these areas. A particular area of growth could be transportation.

From time to time, we have requests for drivers, and we happen to have one now. Please call the church office if you are available to serve in this capacity. It is a unique way to share Christ, change lives, and deliver hope. Thanks so much for considering!

May the Peace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you,
Tina Miller



Food Collection for NECF

Food collection for the shopping cart for September 5 will be cereal, canned tomatoes, & canned or bagged beans. Thanks.



In Sympathy

In sympathy, we mourn with Nancy Turner and family on the passing of Lawrence Turner, who died this week. At the time of printing of this Visitor, funeral arrangements were still being made. Please join us in prayer for the whole Turner family.

"Summer Favorites – Also Rans "

I hope you enjoyed the summer sermon series – "Summer Favorites" – as much as pastor Tina and I enjoyed delivering the weekly messages. As we mentioned nearly every week, the primary goal was to take your responses to the question "What are your favorite things to do in the summer?," and pair them with a scripture passage that references something similar. As the series was being put together, I noticed that we were leaning toward choosing passages that might not be as familiar to a wide audience as some others we could have chosen. Four (4) of the six (6) Sundays were based on Old Testament passages, and the Old Testament tends to be the part of the bible (compared with the New) with which many people have less familiarity. So I hope you felt that you were exposed to God's Word in a way that broadened your knowledge of it's breadth and depth.

As with anytime we ask for your responses to questions, there will be some we simply cannot incorporate. For this series, the most common responses to our question were the ones we *did* incorporate. As a reminder, they were:

Grilling (backyard cookouts)

Camping

Traveling to places up north

Traveling to places down south

Boating

Spending time with family and friends

Not wanting anyone to feel excluded, here are the next four (4) responses – the "also rans" – along with scriptures that might (if you use your imagination) speak to them.

Summer favorite also-ran #1... GARDENING

*"I will restore the fortunes of Israel... they shall plant vineyards... and they shall make **gardens** and eat their fruit."* Amos 9:14

*"The Lord will guide you continually... and you will be like a watered **garden**..."* Isaiah 58:11

Summer favorite also-ran #2... SWIMMING

*"Though they spread out their hands... as **swimmers** spread out their hands to swim, their pride will be laid low..."* Isaiah 25:11

Summer favorite also-ran #3... RUNNING

*"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall **run** and not be weary..."* Isaiah 40:31

Summer favorite also-ran #4... RIDING MOTORCYCLES

*"In your majesty, **ride on** victoriously for the cause of truth..."* Psalm 45:4

Blessings – Michael

Help Wanted this Sunday, August 22nd, 9:15 AM Service!

Wayne Rutherford needs someone to help with advancing the slides during the worship songs during the Contemporary Service at 9:15 AM this Sunday. If you can help with this, please call Wayne at 217-433-1207 or email Wayne at wayne@rutherfordphotovideo.com

Faith in 60 Seconds

Last Spring, 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? As people have taken up that challenge and shared their testimonies in worship, we have then published their words in *The Visitor* the following week. One of our elders, Janet Lyman, offered her faith in 60 seconds this past Sunday. Here is what she said:

I was raised in a Disciples church not far from here. Every Sunday our family went to Sunday School and church. As I got older, I participated in youth group. Went to church camp and yearly week-end gatherings with other youth from our region. In high school as a Girl Scout I earned the God and Country award. I learned all the books of the bible and various bible verses. Along the way I began to grow each day in my faith. It was important to me to attend church every Sunday. After leaving my hometown and living on my own it was also important to me to attend church every Sunday which I did and became actively involved in another Disciple church. In 1990 I had the opportunity to tour the Holy Land and be re-baptized in the Jordan River. That was a life changing event and my faith in God continued to grow. Later in my adult life I had a major health crisis which was a major turning point for me. As I have continued to grow in my faith I ask myself each morning of Where did I see God today?



Northeast Community Fund Seeking Volunteers

The NECF is currently looking for volunteers to work either in the clothing room or along the food line. It operates between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The greatest need is on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. Anytime within those hours on those days would be fine. Responsibilities include:

- Unload trucks and/or stock the food pantry warehouses
- Sort donations
- Keep common areas clean
- Help clients choose from a variety of options

If interested, contact Josh Perkins at 217-350-3458.



Thank you, Central

To: Central Christian Church - Ministerial and Office Staff - Church Members
We so deeply appreciated your prayers, cards, calls, texts, E-mails, and verbal signs of caring following the passing of my brother David Spry in Joplin, Missouri. Central is a wonderful caring church and we felt so blessed by your actions. Thank You. -Tom and Robyn Spry



Sunday (22) - Back to School Sunday

Autumn Sunday School begins

- 8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live & Live Stream
- 10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live & Live Stream
- 11:30-Luncheon

Monday (23)

- 6:00-Welcome 101

Tuesday (24)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207

Wednesday (25)

- 10:30-Ministers' Meeting
- 5:30-PR Committee, Connection Café

Thursday (26)

- 10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 5:00-Christian Ed Committee, 240
- 5:30-Koinonia, 212
- 6:00-Choir, Choir Room

Friday (27)

Saturday (28)

Sunday (29)

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



Counting On You

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Total worshipping online = 158
Total worshipping in-person = 205

**Serving Schedule—Sunday,
August 22, 2021**

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Kevin Miller &
David York
9:00 - David York

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Jerry & Susie Bean,
Karen Penn
10:30 - Team 9 - Kim Miller, Capt., Audrey Miller,
Bill Modlin

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar
10:30 - Jim Hinze



Happy Birthday!! (8/22—8/28)!

Jared Carter, Donna Dash, Pamela Ferguson, Jane French,
Bill Hawks, Robyn Spry, Larry Thicksten, Seth Martin,
Connie Schabowski, Trey Larrick, Marla Winkleblack,
Lois Whitaker, Vicky Woolridge, Ken Jacoby, Levi Horvath,
Tonya Morelli, Lora Wright, Bob Muschal, Dennis Miller,
Barb Leihser, Libby Baum

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Jim Denzer Caretaker
Andrew Evans Caretaker
Toby Jones Caretaker

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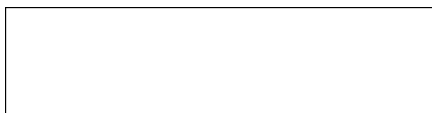
Prayer Request Text-In!

Have a prayer request? Text "PRAY" (all caps) to 217-212-2173, or use the QR code to the left. We would love to pray with you and follow up, if you wish.

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