

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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IN THE BEGINNING *Art Quilts by Carol Garver*

Her quilts illustrate the creation story as told in the first chapter
of Genesis.

JOIN US FOR THIS ALL-FAMILY JOURNEY

TUESDAY - JULY 12, 2022
6:30 PM

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**FREE-WILL OFFERING TO BENEFIT
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRE-SCHOOL**

DORCAS DISCIPLES WILL SERVE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

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

True Community: Our Responsibility

Text: Galatians 5:13-25
Michael E. Karunas

Thank You!

Capital Campaign Update

Thanks to everyone who has submitted
a pledge to the 2022-2025 Capital
Campaign, *Setting the Table*. We've
received 75 pledges for a total of
\$441,548, which is 93% of our
goal! Your generosity is truly
appreciated.

Small Groups this Week

If you're in a small group, let us know what your small group's focus is for the week, and we'll let others know about it! If you would like to attend any of these groups, simply show up! If you would like more information before attending, let us know (central@cccdisciples.org).

Sundays - Ecclesia

(mixed Sunday School class)

Room 340 at 9:15 a.m.

Reading through the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum.

Tuesday Journeymen

(men's bible study)

Connection Café at 7:00 a.m.

Conversation led by Brian Maple, Jim Fitzpatrick, or Pastor Michael

Thursday Journeymen

(men's bible study)

Connection Café at 4:00 p.m.

Conversation led by Jack Dixon or Paul Gorden

Thursdays - Koinonia

(mixed small group)

Room 412 at 5:30 p.m.

Discussing Tony Evans book "Kingdom Disciples" (focus on leading a Christ-centered life and sharing faith with others).

Upcoming July

Decatur Muni Band Dates

July 10 Fairview Park 6pm

July 11 Central Park 7pm

July 17 Fairview Park 6pm

July 18 Central Park 7pm

July 24 Fairview Park 6pm

July 25 Central Park 7pm

July 27 DEVON 7pm

July 31 Fairview Park 6pm

Minister's Article

Survivors Sunday

When my wife Amy received her cancer diagnosis in the Spring of 2021, and as we made the news public to you – the church – a few months later, one of the more encouraging things I remember experiencing was how many people pulled me aside and said to me, "I had cancer too." I took the intent of those comments to be hopeful. The implication was that Amy could get through this. And having seen Amy go through what she has during this past year, those initial comments have taken on a humbling character as well.

All around us were people who had gone through – and maybe were still going through – their own personal struggle with cancer. In many cases, neither Amy nor I would have known this about them. But there they were, coming out of the woodwork, to remind us that we were not alone; that there was hope for us and what Amy was facing. As someone who has watched the cancer process unfold, it is true that cancer arrives as a most unwelcome guest and threatens to take away many freedoms and choices otherwise taken for granted. Yet at the same time, it reveals a true community of love and support that is there to help whoever needs it endure the challenges ahead of them.

With that in mind, **Sunday, July 17** will be a special day at Central. It just so happens that the preceding Friday – July 15 – will be the annual Macon County Relay for Life. Moreover, our worship focus for that day will be endurance; how it takes perseverance to build true community (which is the title of our current sermon series). So we are bringing these ideas together on a day we will call Survivor's Sunday.



First – we want to give a special invitation to all our members who have battled – or are still battling cancer of any kind – to come to worship that day. We also encourage you to invite a friend you may know who has battled cancer to come to worship with you for that day. And if you have a loved one whose surviving cancer took the form of God calling them to their heavenly home, we hope you will come. We will honor and recognize you as well because everyone "survives" cancer, even if survival takes different forms.

Second – during worship we will recognize all cancer survivors with prayers, acknowledgement, and a special gift.

Third – we will, in the coming month(s), make a generous contribution to cancer research and the services provided to cancer survivors.

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Lastly – we hope everyone leaves worship that day with this thought in mind – that whether the challenge you are facing is cancer or something else, you are not alone. You are part of a true community which will surround you with love and support and will persevere with you as you embrace your future with confidence and hope.

Blessings – Michael

Drivers Wanted

If you are willing to be a volunteer who brings someone to and from worship (on either a regular or periodic basis), we would love to know who you are. Please contact the church office and let us know. You would need only to:

- Tell us which service you prefer to attend, and we would match you up with someone who would like to attend that service.
- Provide us a copy of your driver's license and proof of personal auto insurance.

Many thanks for considering. The people who want to come to worship but are unable to, *really* want to come, and this will no doubt be a blessing to them.

UPDATE: We have a driver for the 10:30 a.m. service! We could always use more, though!

Thank You from Familia Dental

Recently, Familia Dental hosted a community-wide baby shower for new and expecting mothers in the community, and they held the shower here. This is a lovely note from the Familia staff member who coordinated the party:

"I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to the entire church for allowing me to host my event. Your church is beautiful! And your staff is amazing. Thank you for everything."

-Brianna Wade

Community Relations Coordinator
Familia Dental

One-year Anniversary!

July 3 marked the one-year anniversary of Dr. Ben Hawkinson serving as our choir director at Central! We are so grateful for Ben's presence, his leadership and his wonderful family!



Survivor Celebration



July 15th RCC Ice cream social following Survivor Lap 6pm



Register at
relayforlife.org/maconil



Happy Birthday!! (7/10 - 7/16)!

Jerry Bean, Karen Neuman,
Wayne Rutherford,
Linda Foltz, Bryan Morgan,
Bellamy Schrock



Sunday (10)

Imboden Creek Worship

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

Monday (11)

12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
1:00-Golden K, Disciples Room
5:00-Elder Planning

Tuesday (12)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:30-Christcare Stitchers, 3R
11:00-Support Staff Meeting
6:30-"In the Beginning" Quilt Event, GH
7:00-Millikin Heights, Disciples Room

Wednesday (13)

1:30-Prayer Shawl Ministry, Conn. Café
5:00-Elders

Thursday (14)

10:00-Alanon, 340
5:00-Koinonia, 412
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
7:00-Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday (15)

Saturday (16)

Sunday (17)

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



Food Collection for NECF

Due to the 4th of July holiday, the food collection for Northeast Community Fund will be July 10. The CACS shopping cart will be in the Connection Cafe. The usual cereal & canned foods are needed. Thanks for your generosity.

Counting On You Sunday, July 3, 2022

Total worshipping online = 203
Total worshipping in-person = 213

**Serving Schedule —
Sunday, July 10, 2022**

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Dick Cain &
Matthew Swarthout

9:15 - Dick Cain

Imboden Worship Elders:

Dick Cain & Matthew Swarthout

July Prep Deacons: Sid & Krista Rohrscheib

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Gene & Sandy Garver

10:30 - Roberta Gorden & David Wagner

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad
Munos, Brittney Moran, Bobby Munos

10:30 - Team 10 - David Martin, Capt., Gretchen Kirby

Greeters:

8:00 - George & Pearl Jones

10:30 - Jan Dobbs & Suzie Miller

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar

10:30 - Keith Backes



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Cordelia "Dee Dee" Gain Organist
David Williams Organist
Kathleen Dudley Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Boyd Administrative Assistant
Kattina Williams Nursery Attendant
Abigail Smith Nursery Attendant
Bri Lockwood Nursery Attendant
Andrew Evans Caretaker
Jenny Goodman Caretaker
Sam Hawkinson Caretaker
Cheri Russell Caretaker

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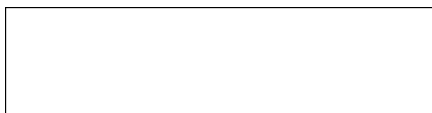
Prayer Request Text-In!

Have a prayer request? Text "PRAY" (all caps) to 217-212-2173, or use the QR code to the left. "PRAY" is the only word you should type. Your phone then sends you a link to the prayer request form to fill out. We would love to pray with you and follow up, if you wish.

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