

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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Employment Opportunity: Nursery Attendant

Central Christian Church is a friendly and growing church! We're seeking a part-time Nursery Care Attendant.

Nursery ages are newborn through 5 years old.

15-20 hours per month

Sunday morning service from 8:45 am-12 noon & attendance at special services

Send resume and cover letter to:

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50 Backpacks for Benjamin Franklin Elementary School

The Christian Education Committee is collecting backpacks and school supplies for Benjamin Franklin Elementary School students! **Our goal is to bless 50 students with backpacks!** Please choose from the list of supplies and **drop off donations at the church by Sunday, August 18.** We will deliver to the school Monday, August 19. THANK YOU.

~~SUPPLY LIST~~

Backpacks	Pencil top erasers
24 ct. crayons	Kleenex
Yellow highlighters	Earbuds
Pocket folders	Ziploc bags (sandwich size)
Wide-lined notebook paper	Ziploc bags (gallon size)
#2 lead pencils	Clorox disinfectant wipes

Note: Backpacks can be purchased for as low as \$5.00 at Dollar General Stores.

SUNDAY, August 4, 2019

WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Text: Joel 2:12-17, 25-27

Michael E. Karunas

Chalice Class

Title: *Focus Groups and Faith*

Focus: Even in an age of widespread data analysis, in-person focus groups remain central to market research. How do focus groups shape the marketing messages we encounter on a daily basis? As Christians, how do we respond to competing messages about what we should desire?

Next Week: *Surprise Billing*



Food Collection

The food collection for August 4th will be cereal. The shopping cart is located in the Connection Café for your convenience.



God loves you!!

Counting On You

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Worship Attendance 212

Sunday School & Small Groups.....69



Enhance Your Vision

The theme for the August 14th 3D's meal (formerly known as Elderberries) is a Cookout on the Grill. Program begins at **11:30 AM** in the Great Hall. We will be celebrating Vernon Wimberly's visit from Florida (he was a custodian for years). We will eat at **12:00 PM**. RSVP by Friday August 9th by calling the church office. Menu: Cheesy Hot Dogs, Pasta Salad, Chips and Salsa, Ice cream bars, and cookies.



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Lost and Found Items

Did you lose something? We may have found it! Lost and Found is located in the church office. Please contact us to see if we might have your lost item.

Thought Seeds

Midwesterners understand the Law of the Harvest. We live it! It appears around every corner; we see green corn and bean fields filled with a promised yield, and we observe how single seeds exponentially multiply into great harvests. In witnessing the Law of the Harvest, we might be reminded to remain true to our faith beliefs and practices that lead to peace. Let me explain by using the *Law of the Harvest Formula*.

Thoughts are carried out or realized through actions (one's interactions with God, self, others, and the environment). Repeated actions are habits. Habits form character. Character is an essential element in shaping a (our earthly and our eternal) destiny. ~ 1856, The Essex Standard

Consider a thought as a seed planted in your heart and mind. In following *The Law of the Harvest* formula, we see that a single thought properly nurtured holds tremendous power (exponential multiplication) to shape one's destiny toward or away from peace. Thoughts that support healthy faith beliefs and practices will produce a harvest of peace (the fruit of righteousness). Thoughts that contradict healthy faith beliefs and practices will produce a harvest of distress, agitation, and conflict.

Prophets of God have good understanding about the Law of the Harvest and how seeds of thought lead to or away from peace. The Old Testament is filled with examples of a prophet's Message.

Old Testament stories reveal that God's people were tempted to think like others who lived in the same territory. Thought leads to action and eventually God's people worshiped foreign Gods, participated in idolatry, and joined pagan ritual practices—all of which contradicted God's law.

God sent the prophets with a Message. Prophets reminded the people that they were set apart and chosen by God. God wanted the best for them. Thinking like others and getting caught up in faith practices and beliefs that pulled God's people away from God would lead to distress, agitation, and conflict. The prophets declared Warning and Restoration, Truth and Grace!

The prophets confronted bad thought seeds God's people had and challenged them to do better. Prophets exhorted the Israelites to keep the Word of God first place in their hearts and minds so thought seeds of peace would be planted and abundant peace would be harvested.

Prophecies of the Old Testament were fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Through Christ, we are all chosen by God. Today God offers relationship, His Word, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to help us with planting healthy thought seeds that yield a peace for ourselves and others.

Maybe the midwestern fields are your reminder to ask, "What seeds have I planted in my heart and mind today?"

Peace,
Tina Miller



The Fruit Of Righteousness
Will Be Peace; The Effect
Of Righteousness Will Be
Quietness And Confidence
Forever.

Isaiah 32-17

BibleWordings.com





Coming in August... "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 discover the wonderful ministries happening 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. Be on the lookout for dates and times offered in August!

Save the Date: Financial Peace University is coming

Another 10-week Financial Peace University class is coming this Fall at Central! It will be held on Mondays from 6 – 8 p.m. beginning on September 9 and concluding November 4. Look for details on how to register, coming soon! Cost of the class is \$109 per person (or couple).



Stay Connected this Summer!

With the coming of summer vacation, we understand that many will be traveling at different times over the next several months. Wherever your travels may take you, we pray for your safekeeping. We also hope you will remember to stay connected with us, both when you are in Decatur and when "on the road." You can do that by:

- Coming to worship when you are in town. We'd love to see you and hear about your adventures
- Watching our traditional service via the "Live Streaming" feature on our website. [Click here.](#)
- Following our Facebook pages daily!
- On our church's main page ([click here](#)), we will provide regular updates of what's happening at Central.
- On our contemporary page ([click here](#)), we will also be posting video highlights of each week's service.

Wherever your travels take you, we want you to feel connected to your church family at Central!

2019 Autumn Sunday School: Dig Into Epic Teachings of the Bible

Digging Into Epic Teachings of the Bible explores the enduring lessons of the Old and New Testaments. We'll dig into Scripture such as the Fruit of the Spirit, Armor of God, and Psalm 23.

Do you like to help children learn, grow, and get excited about God's love? Do you like games, crafts, and snacks? WE NEED YOU! Autumn Sunday School is gearing up to begin and we need Kindergarten through 5th grade class leaders. Our leaders serve Two Sundays a month. 8:45 through 10:15 am. Lessons, hand-outs, crafts, games, and snacks are provided.

Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes...?

Do you have a new address? Did you change cell phone numbers? Did you decide to change your email address? What about changes for the prayer list, including members of military or those in assisted living or nursing homes? Remember to call the church office with any changes to your information so that we can stay in touch. We also offer email versions of the Visitor. Just ask!



Sunday (4)

8:00-Traditional Worship Service
9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
9:00-Fellowship Coffee
9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes
9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes
10:30-Traditional Worship Service
12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

Monday (5)

Tuesday (6)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
9:30-Card Ministry, 240
10:30-Staff Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday (7)

10:30-Ministers' Meeting
4:15-Marketing/Evangelism, Conf. Room

Thursday (8)

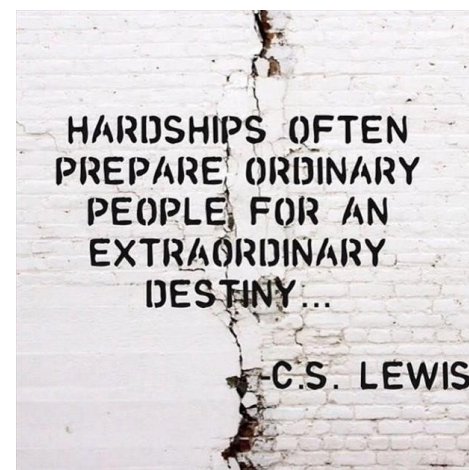
10:00-Al-Anon, 240
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Cafe
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (9)

Saturday (10)

Sunday (11)

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Sunday School Classes	Floor	Room
Koinonia	2	212
Ecclesia	2R	240
Chalice	2	207
6th grade - 12th grade	2R	280
Kindergarten - 5th grade	2R	230
Nursery (Birth - 5 years old)	1R	150

Serving Schedule—Sunday, August 4, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Andy Fulk & David Wagner
9:00—David Wagner

Imboden Creek:

Krista Rohrscheib & Kim Maple

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert,
Al & Chris Fagin, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner
9:00—Laura Chapman
10:30 -Team 2 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Janet Lyman, Dale Ford,
Jeannie Rade, Erik Harm, Kathy Kauzlarich, Ron Oliver, Steve
Swarthout, Cindy Grabowski, Janelle Beedle, Tom & Diane Ritter,
Paul Gorden, Roberta Gorden, Thomas Karunas, Linda Helton

Ushers:

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

Greeters:

8:00 - Gregg & Linda Foltz, Charlotte Ballance
9:00—Laura Chapman
10:30 - Andy & Theresa Fulk

Acolytes:

10:30 - Luke Karunas & Zedekiah Auten

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash
10:30—Keith Backes

Preparation of Communion:

Bob & Carol Bischoff, Karen Baird, Nancy Hanover

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Mark Beal 433-6081
Sunday School and 10:30 service - John Baird 429-5651

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30—Don Martin
9:00—Sandy Schultz

Hospitality:

9:00—Cindy Grabowski

Tech:

9:00—Jodie Walwer & Mike Tanzyus

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

August 5 N/A
August 6 8:30-12:00—Gretchen Kirby
August 7 8:30-12:00—Suzie Miller
August 8 8:30-12:00—Nancy Taylor
August 9 N/A

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Cordelia "Dee Dee" GainOrganist
David Williams.....Organist
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Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
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Cheryl Williams.....Nursery Attendant
Hannah BrimnerNursery Attendant
Jennifer Van Dyke.....Preschool Director
Angela Moore.....Teacher Assistant
Paula Partain.....Teacher Assistant
Lisa Coates.....Preschool Teacher
Kay Villarreal.....Preschool Teacher
Sharon Renfro.....Preschool Teacher
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