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Central Church of Christ
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Sunday Worship

1st Worship: 7:30 a.m.
2nd Worship & Bible classes:
9 a.m.
3rd Worship & Bible classes:
10:30 a.m.
Student Ministries (6th-12th)
6:00 p.m.

Becoming a Christian class offered



This Saturday, February 13, we will be having a “Good As New” class for children in 2nd grade through 5th grade, in the Lower Level of the Ministry Center, (the room left at the bottom of the stairs) from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. (we will provide lunch). If you have a child who would like to take the class, give Evelyn a call at (815) 673-1581. This class is for children who are asking questions about becoming a Christian or getting baptized as well as for children who have recently been baptized so they can better understand what being a Christian is all about. If your child is planning on attending and has not signed up please call the office by Friday, February 12 so that we are prepared for them.

Elders select officers for 2010

During the January Elders meeting, Jim Bressner was selected as Chairman of Elders, Todd Galyen as Vice Chairman and Tom Hallam as Secretary for 2010.

Neal Sanborn moves to Tennessee

Central's part-time counselor, Neal Sanborn has taken a full-time engineering position in Tennessee effective immediately. Neal started working at Central on a part-time basis in May of 2008. He has been a great asset to Central in his time here.

Please be praying for Neal and his wife Julie as they enter this new phase of their lives.

How Can I Help Haiti??? Continued..

Central Church of Christ supports Haitian Christian Outreach (HCO) in Haiti. HCO has a number of facilities in Port-Au-Prince and throughout Haiti. The magnitude 7.0 earthquake (worst in over 200 years in Haiti) occurred on January 12, 2010 just 10 miles west of Port-Au-Prince affecting more than three million people in and around the city. Central, with generous contributions from others, has sent over \$10,000 to Haiti. In addition, during the week of February 8 Central, with the generous help of some area schools, churches, businesses, and many individuals will be sending (in part) to Haiti:

- 10 pallets of bottled water
- 2 pallets of medical supplies
- 2 pallets of food
- 1 pallet of work gloves
- 1 pallet of crutches
- 1 pallet of linen
- 1 pallet of baby supplies

If you want to help even more, there are several ways you can help:

- Number 1 is pray, pray, pray for the people of Haiti.
- If you are a regular member or attendee you can designate “Haiti” or “Earthquake” on your offering envelope an offering (hopefully above your regular tithe and offering). You can put that in the offering plate on Sunday.

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Charles' Corner

Charles Cline



I was asked to reprint part of my message from yesterday to help evaluate our attitude when it comes to ministry. Here it is in part...

"Faith always leads to work. It has been said, **"We are not saved by faith plus works, but by a faith that works."** Does your faith lead you to work for God's kingdom to fulfill His plan? What is your attitude when you work to fulfill God's plan to lead people to salvation?

Some people have a job in the church; others are passionately involved in ministry. What is the difference?

If you do it just because no one else will, it is a job. If you do it to serve God, it is a ministry.

If you quit because someone criticizes you, it is a job. If you keep on serving, it is a ministry.

If you'll do it only as long as it doesn't interfere with other things, it is a job. If you're committed to staying

with it, even when it means being bothered, it is a ministry.

If you quit because no one ever praised or thanked you, it is a job. If you stay even though no one notices your efforts, it is a ministry.

If you do it because someone else said it needs to be done, it is a job. If you do it because you feel it needs to be done, it is a ministry.

It is hard to get excited about a job. It is almost impossible not to be excited about a ministry. An average church is filled with people doing a job. A growing church is filled with people passionately involved in ministry. So realize when you serve others to fulfill God's plans, it needs to be done in faith."

Let me encourage you today evaluate what you do for the Kingdom of God: is it a job or is it a ministry?



Kid Central

Evelyn Taylor, Children's Director



This week's Awana theme is "You are Loved" and this is Bring-a-Friend Night!

We will celebrate Valentines Day with

much talk of love for friends, family, and God. Awana clubs are for children three-years through 5th grade. We meet on Wednesday nights at 6:15 p.m. and end promptly at 8:00 p.m. It is a Bible club where we have fun, memorize God's Word, and learn more about Him. You can join club any time throughout the year, so come and see what it is all about!

Special thanks to all of our preschool volunteers who have taken the time to come to our planning meetings! Thank you so much for your dedication of your time and talents to the Lord and His kids. You are each appreciated more than words can ever begin to explain. You are the reason we have the awesome children's ministry here at Central Church of Christ! Thank You!

There will be a planning meeting for our elementary workers (this is also for those who teach or help in Sunday School and those who work in Jr. Worship) at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 21, in the chapel.



Sign up early for camp to get the Super Early Bird pricing! There are camp brochures in the brochures rack in the front foyer. Church Camp is a great way for kids to have fun, meet new people, and learn about God. Check out what camp has to offer for your family this year. There are many things for adults and children alike. There is a bulletin board in the west wing with more information about Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL. Remember, the Early Bird gets the best discounts!

If you register with Central for a full week of camp before April 30, 2010 you receive a \$20 discount from camp and a \$10 voucher from Kid Central. Register with Central before April 30 for Teddy Bear/First Chance Camp and get a \$10 discount from camp and a \$5 voucher from Kid Central. For more about camp visit Rock River Christian Camp's web site at www.rockrivercc.net.



Central Student Ministries

Chad Kennedy

The Schedule

Feb. 10, Jr. High Ignite at 6:15 p.m.

Feb. 11, Valentine's Day Dinner

Feb. 12, Faith and Family Night. Bus leaves at 5:00 p.m.

Feb. 14, Sponsors meet for prayer 4:30 p.m.; Sponsors' Meeting at 5:00 p.m.; Unite at 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 16, DT for Sr. High at 4:00 p.m.; Sr. High Ignite at 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 17, Jr. High Ignite at 6:15 p.m.

Feb. 19-20, Jr. High Believe. Bus leaves at 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 21, Sponsors meet for prayer 4:30 p.m.; Sponsors' meeting at 5:00 p.m.; Unite at 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 22, DT for Sr. High at 4:00 p.m.; Sr. High Ignite at 6:30 p.m.

College Luncheon

Following church services on Sunday, February 28 we will be having a luncheon with representatives from Lincoln Christian University and Illinois State University. They will be talking about how to pick a college. The representative from Lincoln will also be talking about what a Christian University can offer your teens and the importance of attending a Christian University. Also, because not every student has a desire to attend a Christian University, the representative from Illinois State will be talking about the importance of getting plugged in to a campus ministry while attending a secular university. This event is for high school students and their parents. A complimentary lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to Jessica in the church office, by February 21.

Upcoming Dates

Winter Jam Normal, IL March 27

YMCA Lock-In Peru, IL April 16

Rock River Christian Camp Schedule

Sr. High Main July 11-16 Cost is \$215

Jr. High Main July 25-30 Cost is \$215

Summer Dates

CIY Move

June 14-18

Total cost is \$360

Deadlines are \$100 Deposit due on March 28; \$125

Payment on April 25 and the Balance Due on May 23.

CIY Know Sweat

July 5-9

Total cost is \$325 plus supplies.

(We won't know supplies until we know our job.)

Deadlines are \$100 Deposit due on March 14; \$125

Payment on May 9 and the Balance Due on June 20.

Attention Parents

The February Parent Link is available. You can receive it on-line at www.christiscentral.com under the parent page under the youth section, or you can pick it up at any of the brochure racks. If you would like it to be e-mailed to you, please e-mail Chad at chad@christiscentral.com.

Discipleship

Butch Ringwald



A Unique Expression of Love
With Valentine's Day approaching, many people will be looking for a unique way to express their love for their special valentine.

An Australian has come up with a unique expression of love. Josh Enwerda, an engineering graduate from Melbourne, came up with the idea to grow strawberries in a heart-shaped mold. He then teamed up with a local farmer to grow the strawberries.

Mr. Engwerda says the romantic idea just came to him while he was gardening. "I'd seen square-shaped watermelons in Japan and then I was gardening with my strawberries and something just clicked," he said. "I was trying to impress my girlfriend at the time."

They hope the heart-shaped strawberries will be available by Valentine's Day.*

A heart-shaped strawberry is a very unique way to express love but is it the best way? The best way was revealed by God.

⁹ *This is how **God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.*** ¹⁰ *This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.* ¹¹ *Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.* (1 John 4:9-11 NIV)

*ABC News, 1/20/2010, <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/01/20/2797316.htm>

Night of fun planned on Feb. 26

There will be a Euchre Tournament at Central Church of Christ on Friday, February 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up yourself, a friend, or a team in the foyer.

Childcare will be provided with advance notice only. Please call the church office (815) 673-1581 by Wednesday, February 24 at noon.

Please bring a snack or dessert for our guests. Popcorn, lemonade and coffee will be provided by Central's Outreach Ministry.



Battle the Boys!

Ladies, bring your husbands, friends, or just yourself for a night of interactions with the boys. We will be playing a game of gender trivia on Friday, February 19, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. Bring an appetizer and/or dessert to share! Please sign up at the Girlfriends table in the foyer. Childcare is available with advance notice at sign up.

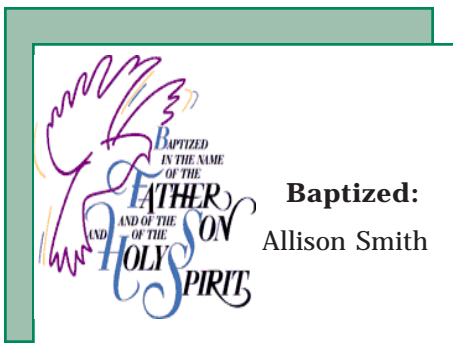
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2009 Contribution Statements are available Sunday in the Main Foyer and from the Office during the week



Statistics for Jan. 31, 2010			
1st Worship	33		
2nd Worship	189		
3rd Worship	291	Total	513
Bible classes	184		

Statistics for Feb. 7, 2010			
1st Worship	33		
2nd Worship	190		
3rd Worship	297	Total	520
Bible classes	195		

Offerings



Offerings needed to meet Budget-Y-T-D for 2010:

\$70,358.22

Offerings given to-date:

\$77,617.52

Financial Statement available at the Welcome Center or the office



Hiker Chicks Exercise
in the Upper Room
on Monday, Feb. 15
@ 6:30 p.m.

Help Haiti

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You can put a check made out to Central Church of Christ with the memo on the check showing "Haiti" or "Earthquake" in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office Monday-Friday.

If you are not a member or regular attendee you can make a contribution directly to Haitian Christian Outreach online at <http://www.haitianchristian.org/>

NOTE: At this time we are no longer able to take supplies for Haiti.

If you would like to know more about Haitian Christian Outreach you can read about them on their website at <http://www.haitianchristian.org/>.

In Sympathy



Our sympathy goes out to the family of Genelda Bundy-Braunton who passed away Sunday, January 17, 2010, in Arizona. Please remember in your prayers her daughter, Linda (John) Holocker; sister, Joan (Robert) Niles; brothers, Gene, Raymond, Cecil (Virginia), Allen (Elizabeth), and Lee (Marge) Missel.