

The TORCH

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Central Church of Christ

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Sunday Worship

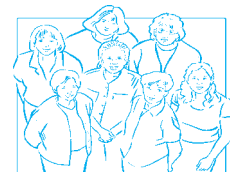
1st Worship: 7:30 a.m.
2nd Worship & Bible classes:
9 a.m.
3rd Worship & Bible classes:
10:30 a.m.
Student Ministries (6th-12th)
6:00 p.m.

Women's Conference "Living in Unity"

Lincoln Christian University presents a Christian Women's Conference on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. "Living in Unity" will be addressed by three gifted speakers with topics that will challenge and inspire. Equally uplifting are the music and worship opportunities and the fellowship of what hopes to be a gathering of over 1,200 Christian women.

Come and enjoy the messages of all three key speakers, plus an all new lunch hour venue to be held in the Laughlin Center arena. Box lunches will be provided during the noon hour. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., with the first session beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Registration is \$30 each before April 18 and \$35 after that date. Ladies may register at Central's Church Office at the Welcome Center.



Family Movie Night is this Friday

Don't miss a fun family event! Friday, March 12, here at 6:00 p.m. We will start with dinner (pizza), have games, door prizes, popcorn, and watch the newest Veggie Tale Movie "Pistachio". A movie that will help teach children about respecting their parents. Bring your family and come out for the fun!



Central's Egg Hunt is April 3

Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to this year's Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3. The hunt will start with lunch, games, prizes, candy, crafts, Magic Mark, a kid-friendly presentation of the gospel message of Easter, and the Egg Hunt!

March 19
is
Girlfriends Game Night
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Upper Room



Bring a GREEN Snack to share because we're going green for St. Patrick's Day!
Drinks are provided but bring your favorite game to play!

Join us for worship
Easter Sunday Morning
"Eyes of Faith"

April 4, 2010
7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

All services will be in the sanctuary to see the dramatic story of Christ's death and resurrection. We will hear from characters, Simeon, Judas, Mary Magdalene, and Peter. We will see how their lives were affected and changed by Jesus.

There are Sunday School Classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Charles' Corner

Charles Cline



Dear Christian friend,

As Senior Pastor of Central, it is my privilege to share with you two opportunities to join God in changing lives. As followers of Christ, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on a day we call Easter. God used tremendous power to raise the dead to life and He does use that same power today to change people's lives.

Many of you connected to Central know that a special Easter offering is received each year for special projects or emphasis. The Easter offering is given above and beyond your normal tithes and offerings. In this brief space, let me share with you what this offering will be used for this year.

In the first project, we will use half of the offering to continue our work in our Foyer remodel. As you've seen this project is moving along steadily, but we have made the commitment to pay as we go. We have nearly exhausted our funds to finish the project. Currently it is estimated we will need \$30,000 to finish the project. We have tremendous volunteers who have worked countless hours which has saved the church a lot of money. For future updates, please read upcoming articles in the *Torch* and check out our website at www.christiscentral.com for the most up-to-date information.

In the second project, we will partner with Haitian Christian Outreach as we come along this mission to help meet the many needs of those who have lost lives, loved ones and their livelihoods. So far, in the last two months we have given more than \$10,000 and shipped more than 22 pallets of food and supplies to this impoverished nation. The \$10,000 has provided more than 35,000

meals. God has blessed and will continue to bless the efforts of those meeting needs in Haiti.

The Easter offering will be divided equally between these two projects. In the past five years, we have averaged around \$9,000 in our special Easter offering. Our largest offering was \$23,000 during that same five-year period. I would like to establish some goals to stretch our faith.

Goal one: \$9,000 – this meets the average Easter offering

Goal two: \$23,000 – this matches our largest Easter offering

Goal three: \$30,000 – this exceeds our largest Easter offering

In spite of our downturn in the economy, I believe we can make a few sacrifices in our lives that God will use to change lives. Join me in making this Easter special as we sacrifice financially to give thanks for the sacrifice that God made for us.

Enclosed with this letter is an Easter Offering envelope. I ask you to prayerfully make a special offering and return it to the church on or before April 4th.

In Christ,

Thank you to each and everyone of you who expressed kindness in any way. Thank you to everyone who brought food. Your kindness is very much appreciated. God bless all of you.

--The Family of Charles Pence



Women of Faith 2010 Conference Payment Due

If you are registered for the Women of Faith 2010 Conference, your next payment of \$64 is **due no later than March 28**. Total cost is **\$150**. Please contact Deb Kelly at 815-672-1409, 815-257-1428 (after 4:30 p.m.) or on Facebook if you have any questions. Please make your check payable to CCC.

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March Foyer Update

The Foyer Project is still progressing along well, although it will probably not be completed by Easter. The chapel should be completed by Easter depending on whether carpet has arrived and is placed by then.

The major items to be completed are lights for the south end of the foyer, wooden panels for the south and east outside sanctuary walls, ceiling panels, carpeting for the foyer, painting, furniture, a new welcome center, and welcome sign. You can view the concept pictures on the easel in the foyer to better understand what the final product will look like.

Completion of the foyer project will be largely be determined by how quickly we have the money to pay for materials.

For a more detailed progress report please visit CCCNews..... at www.christiscentral.com.

Central Student Ministries

Chad Kennedy

The Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

March 23, DT for Sr. High at 4:00 p.m.; Sr. High Ignite at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Dates

Winter Jam Normal, IL on March 27

YMCA Lock-In Peru, IL on April 16

RRCC 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: March 28 - \$100 Deposit; April 25 - \$125 Payment; May 23 - Balance Due

CIY Know Sweat

July 5-9

Total cost is \$325 plus supplies. (We won't know supplies until we know our job.) Deadlines are: March 14 - \$100 Deposit; May 9 - \$125 Payment; June 20 - Balance Due

Attention Parents

The March Parent Link will be available on Sunday. 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 welcome centers. If you would like it to be e-mailed to you, please e-mail Chad at chad@christiscentral.com.

Discipleship

Butch Ringwald

“Even the Wild Guy Can Find the Light”



When Olympic gold medalist Chad Hedrick went to the Olympic Games in Vancouver, he was looking forward to more than a medal in speedskating. He was looking forward to sharing his new-found

faith in Christ.

Hedrick had earned more than just the three medals he won in 2006 at the previous Olympics. His active nightlife had also earned him a wild reputation as the 'Paris Hilton of speedskating'.

Hedrick, in recent months, began noticing how people around him were living, including the quality of the lives of those who profess to be Christians. He was intrigued by what he saw. He began asking questions of those people and investigating Christianity. He ultimately chose to place his faith in Christ and he and his wife Lindsay were baptized in November 2009.

Hedrick's life was transformed. He used to be abrasive and rough, especially when he lost, but now he is a much better sport. He used to have a "me against the world" attitude in which he felt a strong compulsion to prove that he was the best. Now he says his values and perspective are different and that his personality has been polished by God.

"I feel like I'm—I don't want to be conceited and say a role model—but I'm proof that somebody who had an active nightlife as the wild guy in his sport could even see the

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Kid Central

Evelyn Taylor, Children's Director

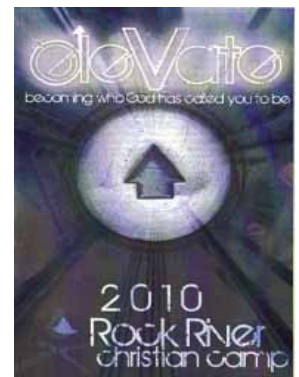


Sign up to help out at Kid Central's Annual Egg Hunt. This is our spring out reach event. If you have been looking for a place to serve, this is a great place! Sign-up sheets are on the first bulletin board in the west wing. We are in need of candy for this event as each child will be given a bag of candy as they leave. The other way to be in service for this

event is to pray for the children and their families who will be attending, that God would prepare their hearts to receive the gospel presentation that will be part of this event.



Don't forget that the Super Early Bird gets the best prices for camp! There is something for everyone at Rock River Camp this year. Check out the brochures displayed by the entrance doors. There is also a bulletin board in the west wing with information and pictures for last year's Jr. Main camp. Camp is a wonderful way for children to grow and learn about God, His love, and being a part of a larger than just our home church body of Christ. If you have any questions about camp feel free to ask, call, or email Evelyn.



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Finley Cole Roederer

A son, Finley Cole Roederer, born to Adam and Amanda (Cole) Roederer on January 27, 2010. He weighed six pounds, 12 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Grandparents include Ralph and Laurie Cole.

Amanda and Adam live in Louisville, Kentucky.

Logan David Mueller

Dave and Dawn Mueller are the parents of a son, Logan David Mueller born on Saturday, February 20, 2010. He weighed eight pounds, nine ounces and was 21.5 inches long.

He is welcomed home by sisters Megan and Macy.

Statistics for Feb. 28, 2010

1st Worship	44	
2nd Worship	182	
3rd Worship	244	Total 470
Bible classes	179	

Statistics for March 7, 2010

1st Worship	36	
2nd Worship	175	
3rd Worship	233	Total 444
Bible classes	154	

Offerings



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

\$117,263.70

Offerings given to-date:

\$130,332.40

Financial Statement available at the Welcome Center or the office

Discipleship

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light and made the best of the situation," Hedrick said. "When people see that I'm a Christian, there's proof that even the wild guy can find the light."*

Chad Hedrick is also proof that we cannot give up in our efforts to reach others for Jesus Christ. We must continue to pray for them, love them, reach out to them and be a faithful witness for Jesus Christ.

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

Tim Ellsworth, " American speedskater says 'even the wild guy can find the light'", *BP Sport*, (Nashville, TN; Baptist Press) © Copyright 2010 Baptist Press, retrieved February 25, 2010 from <http://www.bpsports.net/bpsports.asp?ID=6148>