



The Central Visitor

A weekly visitor to your home bringing you news from Central Christian Church

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CPR/AED Certification Course

Central members and friends have an opportunity to sign up for one of three CPR/AED (automated external defibrillator) Certification courses that will be offered at Central this fall. The class, which includes lunch, will meet from 9:00-3:00 p.m. in the Disciple Room on Saturdays September 23rd, October 14th and October 21st. Ed Kemnitz, from Decatur Ambulance, will be our instructor and will go over all the new guidelines from the American Heart Association. Whether you are seeking re-certification or this is the first time you've taken such a course, all aspects of CPR and use of the AED will be addressed using videos, written materials and demonstrations. Those who took the course two years ago need to take it again to renew certification. You will need to wear comfortable clothing and come prepared to do return demonstrations on a table manikin as well as take a written test at the end of the day. You will also receive a training manual which is yours to keep. Successful completion of the one-day course will grant you a two-year certification by the American Heart Association. Please call the church office (428-4336) as soon as possible to register. Class size is limited to ten participants each day. The cost of this course is subsidized by the church, however we do ask that each participant pay a \$5 registration fee.

Church Picnic – Fun for All!

Nearly 200 members and friends of Central attended our all-church picnic last Sunday at noon on the west lawn. Beautiful weather, great food, enjoyable fellowship and exciting activities for our young people made for a perfect celebration. In addition, new executive officers, deacons, elders and trustees were voted into office. A special thanks to the Fellowship Department, chaired by **Keith** and **Jeannie Backes**, our custodians who helped with set-up and tear-down, our “grilling” guys, **Matthew Swarthout** for his beautiful music, and all who planned, worked, and enjoyed!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

WORSHIP AT 8:15 AND 10:45

Mistaken Identity

Text: Mark 8:27-38

Robert Bushey

Welcome New Member



Welcome to **Olive Twyford**, who became an Associate Member of Central on September 10.

Central Women Invited to Smart Women-Smart Money Conference

Central women are invited to the Smart Women-Smart Money Conference in Springfield, Wednesday, October 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The conference is sponsored by the Smart Women-Smart Money Educational Foundation with support from Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka. Topics include Financial Building Blocks, Disaster Planning, Health Awareness and more. The conference and luncheon are FREE, but space is limited and reservations need to be made by Sunday, September 17. Let Gretchen know if you are interested. We can carpool or take the church van, if necessary.



Central Youth Sunday, September 17th

Central High School
Youth are welcome to attend the Peace & Justice film, *Crash in the Great Hall* at 6 p.m. The award winning film which is rated 'R' carries a strong message about the pervasiveness of racism in our society. Youth attending without parents present will need a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian. A discussion session will be held after the film.

**Watch this Column
for a
Full Fall Schedule
Coming Soon!**

New ChristCare Study Begins

The ChristCare Power of Prayer group will begin a new study on Tuesday, September 26 at 1:15 p.m.

The study will be based on the Book: "*It's Not About Me, Rescue from the Life We Thought Would Make Us Happy,*" by Max Lucado and will meet for seven weeks, ending on Tuesday, November 7. As with all ChristCare groups, there is always room for one more. If you plan to attend, please notify **Ernestine Mrozinski**. Books will be \$7.25 and have been ordered to arrive at the church office for pick up by September 24. Part Two of this study will begin on January 9.

Any questions, contact Ernestine at 217-944-2365 or emroz@bwsys.net.

Robert's Reflections

Have you ever stopped and thought about the many ways our lives intersect as members of God's human family? If you have, then you may have concluded that we truly live in an amazing web of interconnectedness and interdependence. What happens to one of us ultimately happens to all of us. Whatever we do to one person, we ultimately do to everyone. The action or emotion may decrease in intensity as it ripples out from its source, but the truth is that in some way great or small our lives make differences in the lives of others.

The many ways our lives intersect is the basis for the award winning film *Crash* that will be shown this Sunday, September 17th at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall co-sponsored by the Peace Making Committee of First Presbyterian Church and our Peace & Justice Task Force. The Rev. Jim Montgomery from FPC will lead a discussion afterwards and I have been told there will also be delightful desserts available. The film, which is rated R for language, sexual content and violence and is not suitable for younger children, depicts not only the ways our lives intersect, but also the ways we often *crash* into one another when our choices lead to consequences that plow into the lives of others. The film makes us stop and think about the many ways our lives intersect with those we have never met before and how our beliefs and choices can have serious consequences for others.

I am especially excited by the ways our church has been working ecumenically in recent months with other congregations. Our partnership with First Presbyterian on the film series and other peace & justice ministries, our recent work with First Congregational United Church of Christ in hosting the CrossWalk America walkers, our partnership with Prairie Avenue Christian Church in our One Church One School ministry with Hope Academy, and countless other ecumenical relationships through various agencies only begins to describe the ways that our mission and ministry intersects with those of our sisters and brothers in Christ in our community. In a time of isolationism by extremists from every direction, and individualism built with our amazing technologies, I am encouraged by the cooperative and communal spirit that I have found when working with other progressive ministers in our community.

Where does your life intersect with the lives of others? I pray that one of your answers is the church. So, until our paths cross again...

Peace & Joy, *Robert*

Four New Small Groups to Begin Soon!

Registration continues this week for four new small groups which will begin the week of September 19th. Sign up this week in the Friendship Center! More information is available on our website and in the Friendship Center. The short-term study courses include:

- *What's So Amazing about Grace* – Tuesday nights at the home of **Coleen and Mike Myers**, from 6:30-8 p.m. Study books are \$10.
- *Living the Questions* – A study for Young Adults (age 18-30 something) Tuesday nights at the home of **Pastor Robert and Teri Bushey**. Begins with a shared meal at 6:00 p.m. and concludes by 8:00 p.m.
- *The Spiritual Life* – Thursday nights at the church. Begins with Supper at 5 p.m. and concludes by 7 p.m. Meal and Childcare provided. Cost of the two study books is \$12.
- *The Book of Job* – Thursday nights at the church. Begins with Supper at 5 p.m. and concludes by 7 p.m. Meal and Childcare provided. Cost of the study book is \$10.

News From the Pews....

Betty Beebe would like all her friends at Central to know that she has recently moved to Imboden Creek Gardens.

Congratulations to **Amy Jo Whitaker**, of Naperville, on the August 30th birth of her daughter, **Tannon Juliana**. Proud first-time great-grandparents are **Jim & Lois Whitaker**.

Frank Beaman, 101 years old, recently had a four-day emergency hospital stay. He's home now and doing better, but would greatly appreciate your prayers.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Gretchen Barron** and family following the death of her cousin, *Ron Barron*.....and to **Sandy & Gene Garver** following the death of her step-father, *Ken Rice* in Florida last week.



Habitat House Update

Work continues inside and out at the Central Christian Church Habitat House. On a visit to the site last week, volunteers were completing the installation of vinyl siding and were installing electrical wiring and duct work inside the house. Volunteers are needed each Thursday and Saturday morning at 1735 North 28th

Street. No building experience is necessary. For more information, contact **Norm Lienemann** at 422-7571. See more photos and progress reports on our website at www.cccdisciples.org.

Counting On You

September 10

Worship Attendance 325
Sunday School Attendance 78

During the month of August, Central received gifts for the General Operating Fund of \$38,881 which is \$8,119 below the giving goal for the month.

Expenses to operate the church in August were \$57,795 which is \$1,226 below the budget for the month. The cost of carrying on our church's ministries in August exceeded total income by \$18,734. In the first two-thirds of this year, it has cost \$38,002 more to do the work of our church than our church has received. The year-to-date accumulated deficit doubled during the month of August.

All outreach commitments for August both locally and globally were paid in full.

Gifts to the *Preserving our Past...Securing our Future* capital campaign during August were \$11,523. The church's total building indebtedness stands at \$105,000.

Your regular and generous giving keeps Central going! We're counting on you! Be sure to do your best for your church, so that your church can do its best for God. Detailed monthly financial reports for the congregation and for the Board of Trustees are always available on the counter in the Friendship Center by the church office. You can pick up a copy and see exactly where the congregation stands financially.



Sunday, September 17, 2006

8:15 and 10:45-Worship Services
Music: Offertory-Brenda Clark, Piano
10:45-Anthem-Chancel Choir
9:00-10:15-Parish Nurse Lucy Acheson
9:15-Fellowship Coffee, Friendship Ctr.
9:30-Sunday School
11:15-Children's Worship, 250
6:00-DVD & Dessert, Great Hall

Monday (18)

8:00-Wellness Walk/Light Aerobics,
Great Hall/Heritage Center
6:30-CCC Bowling, PlaMor Lanes

Tuesday (19)

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting,
Senior Pastor's Study
6:00-Young Adults, Bushey's house
6:30-Bible Study, Mike & Coleen
Myer's house

Wednesday (20)

9:00-Baby Talk Parents, 280
5:30-Church Council, Disciple Room
6:30-Fellowship Dept., Disciple Room

Thursday (21)

10:00-Alanon, 212
5:00-Spiritual Life and Job Classes,
Great Hall
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (22)

8:00-Wellness Walk/Light Aerobics,
Great Hall/Heritage Center

Saturday (23)

9:00-3:00-CPR Class, Disciple Room

Evangelism Seeds

Invite someone you know to attend worship with you at Central. It is one of the best gifts you can give your friends and loved ones!

Serving Schedule—September 17, 2006

Elders:

8:15 & 10:45 - Randy Brooks, Jan Dobbs

Deacons:

8:15 - Team 1 - Gene Garver, Capt., Tina Canfield, Jared Carter, Bev Chapman, Merle Chapman, Jim DeZarn, Dennis Downey, Al Fagin, Chris Fagin, Sally Force, Sandy Garver, Dean Gray, Janet Gray, Bob Hoaglin, Joe Lewis, Gail Prince, Larry Prince, Dean Simcox, Sue Simcox, Rebecca Smart

10:45 - Team 2 - Richard Ward, Capt., Cathy Ash, Jim Ash, Neil Baird, Debbie Bateman, Philip Bateman, Azalee Berner, Warren Berner, Dale Ford, Judy Ford, Alex Harm, Christine Lyman-Harm, Ernestine Mrozinski, Ron Oliver, Dave Phillips, Nita Phillips, Kelly Swallow, Steve Swarhout, Janet Thicksten, Larry Thicksten, Sally Thicksten, Kathy Thornton

Ushers:

8:15 - Team 4 - Ed Acheson, Capt., Carole Holbrook, Mike Holbrook, Carl Morris, Phyllis Morris, Betty Ann Roe

10:45 - Team 9 - Bruce, Carol, Allison, Jessica, & Maggie Stoddard

Greeters:

8:15 - Harold & Bess King, Charlie & Nicole Ropp

10:45 - Glen & Jody Featherstun, David & Katie Miller

Children's Worship: Katie Powers

Fellowship Coffee Hosts: Bill & Mary Alice Rule

Parish Nurse: Lucy Acheson

Acolytes:

8:15 - Sarah Funk

10:45 - Sean Beal

P.A. Operator:

8:15 - Greg Carter

10:45 - Keith Backes

Preparation of Communion:

Charlie & Juanita Reynolds, Maxine Koenig, Yvonne Purcell, Nancy Taylor

Van Drivers:

8:15 service and Sunday School - Bruce Williams

Sunday School and 10:45 service - Doug Soebbing

10:45 service only - Ron Oliver

September 20 Visitor Mailing Crew:

Sara Field, Marge Karl

Hosts:

Sept. 18 9:00-12:30 - Alice Brooks

12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

Sept. 19 9:00-12:30 - *Help Needed*

12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

Sept. 20 9:00-12:30 - Marylu Lyman

12:30-4:00 - Sally Thicksten

Sept. 21 9:00-12:30 - Jean Booher

12:30-4:00 - Donna Strong

Sept. 22 9:00-12:30 - Juanita Ballance

12:30-4:00 - Juanita Reynolds

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