



The Central Visitor

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

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Sunday Breakfast Club Begins June 3rd

This Sunday, June 3rd the Christian Education Department will resume the Sunday Breakfast Club. SBC will serve a continental style breakfast from 8:45-9:15 a.m. in the Great Hall every Sunday during June, July & August. The menu will include pastries, fruit, yogurt, cereal, milk, juice, and coffee each week. Following breakfast, children grades K-5 will meet on the Great Hall Stage for the *Joyful Noise Bunch* based on Psalms 95, 98 & 150. The children will be introduced to various instruments and learn a few songs to present for worship later in the summer. Our goals are to deepen our children's spiritual lives by learning the importance of music in our corporate worship and to develop our children's appreciation for our music ministries. Youth grades 6-8 and 9-12 will combine for a Christian Music Survey of the various styles of Christian music from traditional to contemporary to contemplative. Parents are welcome to stay with their child(ren) and enjoy breakfast before returning to their regular Sunday School class or stay and help with cleanup.

It's Not Too Late to Sign Up for MUSICAMP!

MUSICAMP begins Monday, June 4 through Friday, June 8 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1329 Arbor Drive.

Again this year, we will combine forces with First Baptist Church to present Musicamp for children grades K-6. There will be a harpist, a puppeteer, Cajun musicians, singing and other musical activities.

Registration forms are available in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact **Don Martin**.

Will You Attend the 2007 General Assembly?

Disciples from around the United States and Canada will meet in the Fort Worth, Texas, Convention Center July 21-25, 2007 to worship, carry out mission work and conduct the business of the church. We'll gather to share with each other and explore the theme of the Assembly, "Share the Feast," based on Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 in the Book of Matthew. You can also register by mail or fax. For more information, visit www.disciples.org/ga/registration

Please let the church office know before the Church Council meeting on June 21 if you are planning to attend the assembly, so that you can be considered for one of Central's voting representative slots.



SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2007
WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:00
**God's Love Poured
Into Our Hearts**

Text: Romans 5:1-5
Gretchen Barron

Celebration in Song

You are invited to an afternoon of music and singing at Crestview Christian Church on **Sunday, June 3rd at 3:00 p.m.** Our Chancel Choir will be previewing some of their tour music. Groups from neighboring Disciples churches will be participating in this event of praise. Come and join the celebration.



Peace and Justice Task Force Planning Next Film Series

The Peace and Justice Task Force of Central Christian and the Peacemaking Committee of First Presbyterian are planning another film series that will begin this fall. We will be meeting this summer to select films and are looking for thought provoking films, either current or older, which deal with peace and justice issues. If you have any suggestions for films, please leave your suggestions at the church office or call the church office, 428-4336 or email **Pastor Robert rbushey@ccdisciples.org** by June 30. In previous years, we have seen films as diverse as *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Hotel Rwanda*. After each film there is usually a lively discussion.



Central Youth Summer Activities!

Wednesday Night Specials

Central Youth (grades entering 6th - finishing 12th) are invited to Pastor Robert's home, June 6th, 13th and 20th. We will enjoy supper, games, movies and swimming. Check for a menu on the CCC FORUMS. Central Youth will not meet on Sunday afternoons from June through August.

Summer Camp

Deadlines are nearing
for Summer Camp!

Koinonia Camp Grades 3-8

June 25-June 30

ADDaM Camp Grades 8-12

June 24-July 2

Shalom Camp Grades 9-12

June 11-16

Grades listed reflect

Current School Year.

Wisconsin Dells Trip

July 8-15

Glacier Canyon Inn

Youth entering 6th grade

- finishing 12th grade

Spend the week with your

friends

from Central!

Indoor/Outdoor Water Parks

Camping Trip

August 9-12

More to follow...

Registration Deadline this Sunday!

The registration deadline is here for this summer's mission trip to Slidell, Louisiana. Please return your registration form and deposit to the church office by Sunday, June 3rd. This trip will be a wonderful opportunity for you to exercise and grow in your faith as you live your call to serve Christ through serving others. This is an intergenerational mission trip (for adults and youth at least 16 years of age) and would be an unforgettable experience for families to share together. We will leave on Saturday, June 23rd. During the week in Slidell, participants will help rebuild homes that were destroyed in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. The group will return to Decatur on Sunday, July 1st. Cost for the trip is \$250 and scholarships are available for Central members. For more information, pick up a registration pack in the Fellowship Center or speak with Pastors Robert or Gretchen. To see photos and read the stories of the participants of the March trip to New Orleans, check out our website at www.cccdisciples.org.

Week of Compassion Challenge

For the past few weeks the children and youth Sunday School classes have been challenged to make a poster that depicts what offerings to Week of Compassion can do in their town, their country, and around the world. They have met that challenge. These posters will be on display in the Friendship Center for the next two Sundays, June 3 and June 10. The congregation is encouraged to vote for their favorite poster or posters by making a donation in the box for each poster. Donations will be sent to Week of Compassion earmarked for Sidell, Louisiana, the site of our June mission trip. Please support Week of Compassion and the children of Central by voting with your donations this Sunday!

Young Adults/College Students Summer Series

Beginning on Sunday, June 3rd Young Adults ages 18-30 something are invited to gather in the Great Hall at 9-9:45 a.m. for a light breakfast and brief discussion. The series on Faith and Contemporary Life will be flexible to meet the summer schedules of our younger adults and college students home for the summer. Pastor Robert will lead the series. The gatherings will be a great opportunity for you to connect with other younger adults in our congregation. We will generate our list of topics on June 3rd.

Join the Thursday Kids Club

Plans are being made for our 2007 Thursday Kids Club for children grades 1-5 beginning Thursday June 21st. We will meet on Thursdays, June 21st & 28th, July 5th, & 12th and August 2nd & 16th. We will gather at 11 a.m. followed by a variety of activities including field trips to Rockhome Gardens, New

Salem State Park, and Knights Action Park. We will return to Central by 5 p.m. Children will need to bring a sack lunch each day. A \$5 activity fee will apply to each Thursday your child attends. Watch for more details very soon!

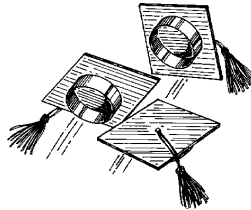


News From the Pews....

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Alice Brooks** and family following the May 25th death of her husband, **Warren Brooks**.....and to the family of **Dorothy Keck** following her death on May 29.

Central High School Class of 2007 Recognized

Jared Carter, Tessa Funk, Shelby Larrick, Alexandria Otis, Sarah Potter, Meleah Shields, Margaret Stoddard and **Melanie Weaver** were recognized during worship and treated to a Graduates Breakfast on Sunday, May 27th. Special thanks to our Junior Class parents, **Jan & John Baird, Mark Beal** and **Katie Beal** for planning the event, and to **Shirley Swarthout, Steve Swarthout, Paula Hovey** and **Julie Martin** for preparing the wonderful breakfast, and to **Lucien Smith** and **Kaylene Beal** for providing entertainment. Congratulations to our Central High School Class of 2007!



2007 Neil Ewing Awards and Scholarships Presented

Jared Carter, Shelby Larrick, Alexandria Otis, Meleah Shields and **Margaret Stoddard** were presented with the *Neil Ewing Award* at the Senior Breakfast for the Class of 2007 last Sunday. The award, in honor of the memory of *Neil Ewing*, is given in recognition of high moral character, commitment to the church and service to the community.

Our three named scholarships were presented at breakfast as well. The *Cocoa "Coke" and Lilabelle Traylor Scholarship* was presented to **Zach Martin** and **Sarah Fulk**. Zach attends Culver-Stockton College and majors in theater education. Sarah attends Eastern Illinois University in pursuit of an elementary education degree.

The *Roy O. and Rachel R. Schilling Scholarship* was presented to **Andrew Rutherford & Meleah Shields**. Andrew attends Culver-Stockton College majoring in religion and philosophy. Meleah will attend Loyola University in the fall to begin work on a degree in nursing.

The *Walter & Inabelle Kirby Scholarship* was presented to **Alexandria Otis & Shelby Larrick**. Alexandria will attend Truman State University majoring in vocal music and performance. Shelby will attend Millikin University with an English major. Congratulations to our award and scholarship recipients!

Note of Thanks Received

Dear Central Church Friends,

We have been so blessed by all your prayers, cards, visits and tasty dishes during our long stays in St. Mary's Hospital.

Our ministers are the dearest in the world, and the Disciples Class is super! We thank you all for your caring gifts.

Alice Brooks & Family

Evangelism Seeds

"We can never outgrow God or outgrow faith. We can test the limits, ask the questions of Job, challenge each other, wrestle with God. Step into the deepest place in your soul. Open your inner eye – you will see Christ there."

From *Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism* by Martha Grace Reese



Sunday, June 3, 2007

8:00 and 10:00-Worship Services

Music: Offertory-Chancel Choir

10:00-Anthem-Chancel Choir

8:45-9:15-Sunday Breakfast Club,
Great Hall

9:00-9:45-Parish Nurse Liz Campbell

9:00-Sunday School

9:15-9:45-Joyful Noise Club, Stage

9:15-9:45-Young Adults, Great Hall

Monday (4)

8:00-Wellness Walk, Great Hall

9:00-11:30-MUSICAMP, First Baptist

6:30-C.A.C.S. Dept., Disciple Room

7:00-Tour Choir Practice

Tuesday (5)

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207

9:00-11:30-MUSICAMP, First Baptist

10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting,

Senior Pastor's Study

6:30-Peace & Justice, 290

Wednesday (6)

9:00-Baby Talk Parents, 290

9:00-11:30-MUSICAMP, First Baptist

12:00-Central Singers

4:00-Bid Meeting, Disciple Room

6:00-8:30-Youth Mid-week Special
at Robert Bushey's house

Thursday (7)

9:00-11:30-MUSICAMP, First Baptist

10:00-Alanon, 212

5:00-Brooks Family Bereavement Meal,
Great Hall

6:00-Decatur Needle Arts Potluck,
Disciple Room

6:30-Warren Brooks Memorial Service

7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (8)

8:00-Wellness Walk, Great Hall

9:00-11:30-MUSICAMP, First Baptist

Saturday (9)

7:00-Choir leaves for tour

7:30-Elders' Breakfast, Disciple Room

Counting On You

May 27

Worship Attendance 272

Sunday School Attendance 56

Serving Schedule—June 3, 2007

Elders:

8:00 & 10:00 - Brett Swallow, Larry Pepper

Elders Serving Imboden Creek Living Center:

Kevin Wilmot, Larry Chapman

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene Garver, Capt., Jared Carter, Bev Chapman, Merle Chapman, Jim DeZarn, Dennis Downey, Al Fagin, Chris Fagin, Sally Force, Sandy Garver, Dean Gray, Janet Gray, Joe Lewis, Brittney Munos, Gail Prince, Larry Prince, Dean Simcox, Sue Simcox

10:00 - 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, Erik Harm, Christine Lyman-Harm, Daniel Hinze, David Martin, Ron Oliver, Dave Phillips, Nita Phillips, Kelly Swallow, Steve Swarthout, Janet Thicksten, Larry Thicksten, Sally Thicksten, Kathy Thornton

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Ruby Agnew, Willie Birkhead, Gerri Munos, Brad Munos, Brittney Munos

10:00 - Team 10 - Bill Blank, Marilyn Blank, Bob Harmon, Billie Harmon

Greeters:

8:00 - Charlie & Nicole Ropp, Betty Cox, Betty Ann Roe

10:00 - Ron & Jan Dobbs, Andy & Theresa Fulk

Parish Nurse:

Liz Campbell

Acolytes:

8:00 - Julia Funk

10:00 - Daniel Hinze

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Jim Bednar

10:00 - Jim Hinze

Preparation of Communion:

Ed & Joy Adams, Carol Charlton, Bess & Harold King

Van Drivers:

8:00 service and Sunday School - Ed Adams

Sunday School and 10:00 service - Kevin Wilmot

10:00 service only - Brett Swallow

June 6 Visitor Mailing Crew:

Janet Gray

Hosts:

June 4 9:00-12:30 - Marylu Lyman
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

June 5 9:00-12:30 - Gail Prince
12:30-4:00 - Helen Hufford

June 6 9:00-12:30 - Joan Smith
12:30-4:00 - Donna Strong

June 7 9:00-12:30 - Shirlee Johnson
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

June 8 9:00-12:30 - Harold & Bess King
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

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