



The Central Visitor

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

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You're Invited to the All Church Picnic

We hope you're making plans to attend the annual All-Church Picnic at noon on Sunday, September 9. This year's festivities include great fellowship and food (grilled pork barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs and all the fixins); games and activities for the young and young at heart and more! Dress casually for worship and stay for the celebration! A new feature of this year's picnic is that the Fellowship Department has teamed up with the Christian Action/Community Service Department and we are inviting our neighbors to join us on the lawn for this special and fun time together. Watch for more information and begin thinking of the ways you can welcome our guests to the table on September 9th. We've put in our order for beautiful weather and now all we need is YOUR RESERVATION! You can sign up in the Friendship Center this Sunday or call the church office (428-4336) and let us know how many chairs to set up for you and your family. The church picnic is also an excellent opportunity to invite friends, neighbors and co-workers to come for worship and stay for the picnic. Don't forget to include them in your reservation!

Disciples Class Begins New Study!

All are invited to join with the Disciples Class beginning Sunday, September 16th, for an exciting new eight-week study of the book, Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism. This promises to be an exciting, enjoyable and interactive study as we unpack what it means to be excited about our faith and become intentional in praying for and sharing in the Good News with others in our families, workplaces and neighborhoods. This study is open to *EVERYONE*, not just existing members of the Disciples class. We will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, beginning September 16th. Let us know if you are interested and we'll make sure to order you a book. Cost of the study book is \$13 and scholarships are available. Plan to join us as we Unbind the Gospel!

We Are Interested in YOUR Personal Story!

Our Evangelism Department wants to celebrate the extraordinary members of the Central Christian family, so we are embarking on a story-telling project. We are compiling a printed collection of your personal faith stories. Everyone has a story to tell. There are many reasons for being a part of Central Christian Church, and many ways of getting here: relocation, baptism, marriage, divorce, invitation, inspiration, desperation are but a few. You can help tell the story of Central Christian Church by telling your own story in your own words. The stories will be published in a booklet and made available around the first of November. The deadline for story submission is September 15th. Stories should be limited to 250 words (or half a single-spaced typewritten page). You may submit your story to the church by e-mail (preferred) at central@cccdisciples.org (please put "Faith Journey" in the subject line) or by dropping it by the church office. More information will be available in the Friendship Center this Sunday.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:00

Entertaining Angels

Text: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Charles Watkins

Summer Schedule

Continues this Sunday

For the first time the summer worship schedule is being extended through the Labor Day weekend. Worship this Sunday will be at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. We will return to the fall schedule on September 9.

Congregational Meeting

The congregation will meet at 11:55 a.m. on Sunday, September 16 in the Great Hall for the purpose of electing trustees, deacons, elders, and honorary permanent officers. All members of the church are invited to attend and vote.

Watch Your Mail

Have you given your church two-thirds of what you plan to give in 2007? You can make sure by looking carefully at the grateful acknowledgment of all your gifts to the church this year, which was mailed to you this week. If you find an error, please phone the church office right away; it is easier to correct an error now than it will be later. Every gift in any amount is appreciated and strengthens your church's ministry in Decatur and around the globe.



Central Youth

New Youth Ministry Project

The Youth of Central will begin a Cardboard Recycling Curb-side Pick Up Project once per month on Sunday Afternoon. The youth will come to your residence, carry out your cardboard (from tissue boxes to heavy corrugated boxes), and the cardboard will be taken to a local recycler during the week. There is no charge for the service. A Schedule of Pick-up Dates and place to sign up will be available in the Friendship Center soon.

CCIW Miracle Day 2007
Saturday,
September 29th
Camp Walter Scott
REGISTER
THIS SUNDAY!

Fall Planning!

Mark your calendars for the following Fall events for Middle School and High School Youth!

Youth Sunday Worship
October 28th

Summit 2007
November 16th-18th
 UR Connected to God.com
 Right Here in Decatur
 Registration Information
 in Your Mailbox Soon!

Report of the 2007 Nominating Committee

Serving on the Nominating Committee this year are **Bruce Campbell '08** Chair, **Jane Davis '07**, **Chloe Hoaglin '08**, **Al Fagin '08**, **Richard Ward '07**, **Mike Holbrook**, ex-officio and **Charles Watkins**, ex-officio. The Nominating Committee will recommend to the congregation the election of the following officers at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 16 in the Great Hall following the 10:45 service. All members of the congregation are invited to attend and cast a ballot.

Nominees for the office of **Trustee** (term January 1, 2008—December 31, 2010)

Dale Ford
Larry Foster

Nominees for the office of **Elder** (term January 1, 2008—December 31, 2010)

Connie Bordner	John Graham
Randy Brooks	Kevin Miller
Dick Cain	Cindy Soebbing
Jo Carter	Felicity Williams

Nominees for the office of **Deacon** (term January 1, 2008—December 31, 2010)

Jim Ash	John Flanders	Kevin Morrison Otis
Cathy Ash	Carol Graham	Jan Patrick
Jeannie Backes	Dean Gray	Jean Pease
Neil Baird	Janet Gray	Judson Pease
Mary Boyle	Bob Hoaglin	Diane Reed
Ann Carnock	Chloe Hoaglin	Robert Reed
Larry Chapman	Sherri Hood	Roger Rutherford
Carol Charlton	Jane Latshaw	Linda Shambaugh
Claudia Curry	Bob Linton	Joan Stewart
Donna Dash	Christine Lyman-Harm	Don Swallow
Jane Davis	Julie Martin	Virginia Swallow
Dennis Downey	Mark McAfee	Don Tankersley
Al Fagin	Carol McClure	Nancy Ellen Taylor
Chris Fagin	Darla Otis	Lawrence Thicksten
Becky Flanders	Andrew Otis	Kathy Thornton
		Lois Whitaker

Nominees for the honorary office of **Deacon Emeritus**

Jim DeZarn
Joe Lewis

Nominees for the honorary office of **Elder Emerita**

Norma Mason
Claudine Nichols

News from Children & Youth Sunday School

The children and youth Sunday School classes will not meet this Sunday, September 2nd as we prepare for promotion and the beginning of our new classes on Sunday, September 9th at 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school classes are not affected by the change in schedule for the children and youth classes.

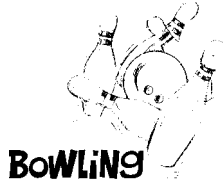
News From the Pews.....

Congratulations to **Matt & Kristin Fagin** of Webster Groves, Missouri on the August 20th birth of their son, **Jonas Allen**. Proud grandparents are **Al & Chris Fagin**.

CCC Bowling League Sign-ups

Sign up this week for the Central Christian Church Monday Night Mixed Bowling League. Our non-sanctioned league will play for 16 weeks on Monday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m. on September 17th at Pla Mor Lanes. The cost is \$9 per night plus shoes if you need them. Our goal is fun and fellowship. You

need not be an exemplary bowler to join us. The league is open to all high school youth and adults. Substitute bowlers will also be needed. If you are interested in joining us, sign up the Friendship Center this Sunday, or contact **Pastor Robert** at 428-4336 or at rbushy@cccdisciples.org



Public Education Forum – September 16th

Supporting the availability of quality education for all children has always been one of the values of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Peace & Justice Task Force invites you to attend our second panel discussion and forum addressing the current challenges facing public education on **Sunday, September 16th from 4-6 p.m.** in the Great Hall. For this forum we will focus on equitable funding for schools. We have invited a panel of persons experienced in the topic area including: David Bottom, former Superintendent of Argenta-Oreana Schools; John Dunn, former State Representative; Alida Graham, President of the Decatur Education Association; and Dan Winters, current member of the Board of Education for Decatur Public Schools. After their brief presentations on the topic we will open the floor for a moderated discussion. Join us as we continue our honest conversation about the challenges facing our education system.

Note of Thanks Received

We want to thank the congregation for their prayers during my hospital stays. Also, thanks to all the Pastors for their visits and prayers. And a special thanks to Theresa Fulk for her visits, prayers, and beautiful flowers.

Carol & Robert Wade

Miracle Day in a Nutshell

- ♦ Saturday, September 29, 2007 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
 - ♦ Camp Walter Scott in Dieterich (south of Effingham)
 - ♦ Disciples coming together from all over the region.
 - ♦ Work (including painting, plumbing, carpentry, flooring, refurbishing of classrooms, cleaning and landscaping) fellowship, service, partnering in ministry, food, fun and Spirit
- all to be done in one day! All the ingredients that are needed for a miracle to happen.

This Sunday, September 2nd, is the deadline for volunteers to sign up. Sign up to be a volunteer and/or make a donation! See the display and sign up in the Friendship Center this Sunday!



Sunday, September 2, 2007

8:00 and 10:00-Worship Services
Music: Offertory-Paul Koch, Piano
9:00-9:45-Parish Nurse Clinic
9:00-Sunday School

Monday (3) Labor Day Observed
Church & Office Closed

Tuesday (4)

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
10:00-Macon County Court Watch,
Disciple Room
10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting,
Senior Pastor's Study
4:00-Aerobics, 290
6:30-Beta Sigma Phi, 207
6:45-PEO Chapter meeting, Parlor

Wednesday (5)

9:00-Baby Talk Parents, 290
12:00-Central Singers
4:00-Aerobics, 290
6:00-Shepherding Dept., Volunteer Rm.

Thursday (6)

10:00-Alanon, 212
4:00-Aerobics, 290
6:30-Decatur Needle Arts, 207
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (7)

9:00-Trustees Meeting, Disciple Room
6:30-Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday (8)

7:30-Elders' Breakfast, Disciple Room
4:00-Sanctuary Wedding, Kim Gagnon
& Garrett Hosier

Counting On You

August 26

Worship Attendance 289
Sunday School Attendance 68

Serving Schedule—September 2, 2007

Elders:

8:00 & 10:00 - Bruce Campbell, Bob Smith

Elders Serving Imboden Creek Living Center:

Mark Beal, Jan Dobbs

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 3 - Mike Holbrook, Capt., Charlotte Ballance, Jarrett Bednar, Jane Davis, Andy Fulk, Theresa Fulk, Sherri Hood, Bob Keller, Karen Keller, Shelby Larrick, Charlie Ropp, Nicole Ropp, Debbie Seaberg, Connie Shields, David Shields, Max Sperry

10:00 - Team 4 - Kevin Otis, Capt., Ed Acheson, Lucy Acheson, Jeannie Backes, Jordan Backes, Louise Boline, Mary Boyle, Shirley Brooks, Jon French, Melinda Hawbaker, Scott Hawbaker, Dee Hill, Karen McFadin, David Miller, Katie Miller, Janice Mitchell, Alex Otis, Bryan Rutherford, Gary Rutherford, Roger Rutherford, Doug Soebbing, Donna Strong

Ushers:

8:00- Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt., Debbie Downey, Kim Downey, Ryan Downey, Tina Canfield, Paula Hovey

10:00 - Team 8 - Dean Hadden, Doug Soebbing, Donna Strong

Greeters:

8:00 - Bob & Wanda Webb, Bev & Merle Chapman

10:00 - Neil & Karen Baird, Ron & Mary Jane Oliver

Acolytes:

8:00 - Sam Funk

10:00 - Avery Martin

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Greg Carter

10:00 - Keith Backes

Preparation of Communion:

Charles & Juanita Reynolds, Connie Schabowski, Jan Sperry, Nancy Taylor

Van Drivers:

8:00 service and Sunday School - Ed Adams

Sunday School and 10:00 service - Kevin Wilmot

10:00 service only - Bruce Williams

September 5 Visitor Mailing Crew:

Janet Gray

Hosts:

Sept. 3 **Labor Day Observed**

Church & Office Closed

Sept. 4 9:00-12:30 - Rosie Doore

12:30-4:00 - Helen Hufford

Sept. 5 9:00-12:30 - Joan Smith

12:30-4:00 - Donna Strong

Sept. 6 9:00-12:30 - Shirlee Johnson

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

Sept. 7 9:00-12:30 - Marylu Lyman

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

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Valerie Rozanski Administrative Assistant
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