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Hear Timothy Byram-Wigfield

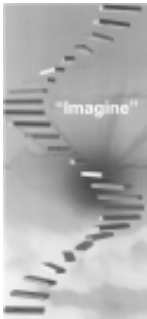
One of the amazing resources of our congregation is **Leslie Peart** and his annual tour of British (and/or Irish) pipe organs each of the last seventeen summers. In his travels, he encounters the best and brightest of the organists in the United Kingdom. And this year his influence is bringing to our church one of the finest organists of Europe.

Timothy Byram-Wigfield is organist, choir master, and director of music at the royal Chapel of St. George inside the walls of Windsor Castle, one of the favorite residences of British monarchs for the last nine hundred forty years. Appointed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to his position, he has played at some of the most significant services of her reign.



Timothy Byram-Wigfield will play the Diller Memorial Organ at Central Christian Church on **Sunday, October 28 at 4:30 p.m.** Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to hear this world-class performance. Thanks to generous benefactors of our church, this concert is free and open to the public.

Imagine!



Can you imagine a victory for the gospel of Christ and for the mission of our congregation this Sunday? Victory is possible if every family in our congregation will prayerfully complete a 2008 Giving Card this week. Your best and most sacrificial giving plan for next year will propel our church to a victory of faithfulness. Giving cards are available in the pew pockets, at the window to the church office, and in the mail with your phone call (428-4336). Please complete your giving plan this week, so that a realistic budget can be prepared for our church's work. Do your best for Central so that your church can do its best for God!

All Church Hayride

Central members and friends are invited to the All-Church Hayride, Sunday, October 28th. We'll begin to gather at 4:00 p.m. and will eat around 5:00 p.m. at Hayrides & More in Blue Mound. This annual event always promises good food, fun and fellowship! The cost is \$6 per person with a maximum of \$15 per family. This includes the hayride, hotdogs, buns, s'mores, condiments, drinks and table service. Please bring a dinner item or munchie to share. Remember, it can get pretty cold on the hayride, so dress appropriately. Purchase tickets this Sunday in the Friendship Center or call the church office at 428-4336 for a reservation.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007

WORSHIP AT 8:15 AND 10:45

The Price of Victory!

Text: Joel 2:23-32

Charles Watkins

Victory Sunday Dinner

Have you made your reservation for lunch at the church on Victory Sunday, October 21? If you have not turned in a reservation card, please call the church office today to reserve a place at lunch this Sunday, October 21.

Order Your Christmas Poinsettias!

Yes, Fall is only beginning but now is the time to order your Holiday Poinsettias! We are selling them as a fund raiser for future mission trips. The poinsettias are grown at a local greenhouse. Each plant is in a 6 1/2 " pot with a decorative wrap and beautiful handmade, wired bow. Plants are available in red, pink, white, peppermint (peach) and marble (pink center with white on outside of leaves) and sell for \$12.50 each. Order forms are available in the Friendship Center. Orders will be accepted through October 28th and payment must accompany the order. Order one or several for yourself or others (they make great gifts) but don't miss this opportunity to pre-purchase beautiful holiday plants and support future mission trips. The plants will be available for pick-up the first Sunday of December. For more information, see **Pastor Gretchen**.





Central Youth

Sunday, October 21st Cardboard Pick up Day

Youth grades 6-12 will travel throughout Decatur to pick up cardboard to be recycled from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Youth Sunday Practice 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Youth Sunday Worship October 28th

It's Hard to be Humble
Luke 18: 9-14

ALL Central Youth grades 6-12 are encouraged to participate. Youth grades 3-5 are needed to help with ushering and greeting. Plan to be a part of Youth Sunday 2007!

**All Church Hayride
Hayrides & More
in Blue Mound
Sunday, October 28th
Mark your calendar
and plan to attend!**

Young Adults to Gather for Dessert!

A gathering for young adults (18-30something) is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the church. We will share desserts, light and meaningful discussions, laughter and prayer. Join us!

Charles's Column

For the first thirty years of our marriage, Jane was always ready for the fall desperation. Every year in late September and October, I would come dragging in after work to announce that I wanted to quit my job and go somewhere else. Somewhere better. Maybe just anywhere. She patiently and graciously listened to all this threatening moaning, and she would say, "There, there, it's just that it's fall and you think you should be getting a new pencil box and a new spiral notebook and get promoted to a new year grade in school." This was certainly insightful and understanding on her part, because indeed, I had been in school for twenty years before I began my life in ministry. And the old patterns get pretty firmly entrenched. So just how significant is it that I began my ministry at Central in autumn fifteen years ago?

The reality is that my restlessness and unhappiness with my job always coincides with the fall stewardship campaign. Year after year, in church after church (both of them before this one), it was clear to me that we weren't going to make it this time. The pledges would not be sufficient to carry the mission of our church forward for one more year. People were too reluctant, too resistant, too resentful of the church's plea to support Christ's ministry in the world. My dearest and closest friends in each parish were not responding sufficiently to the stewardship campaign, and so I knew it was time for me to go.

These days I recognize that the response to the annual fall stewardship campaign really is not about me personally. Yes, I am deeply involved, but the issue is way bigger than I. In each family which takes discipleship seriously, there is a huge struggle going on. It is a struggle between self and God. Certainly we know that all good gifts come from God, and that the greatest gift of eternal salvation is thanks to Jesus Christ our Lord. But we have plans and needs and bills and demands, and it's just so hard to know the right thing and to do it.

As we come to Victory Sunday this week, I am praying that it will be a true victory, not just for our church and its mission and ministry, but a true victory for you. I hope that it will be a victory of will and intention to do God's will. I hope it will be a victory of love and charity over self. I hope it will be a victory of the best we know and the best we can do over daily necessity. And I hope it will be a victory of tomorrow's opportunity over "the same as last year."

Now that I am mostly grown up, I have not threatened Jane with my need to quit my job this year. But I must confess that the old anxiety draws very close once again. Please complete a Giving Card this week that really shows your commitment to Christ's ministry through the amazing Central Christian Church. And may God bless you in your generosity.

Charles Watkins

Dorcas Disciples Meet October 23rd

Central women are invited to an evening of music at the home **Chris Fagin** on Tuesday, October 23rd for the Dorcas Disciples' program "Inviting Others to the Table: Opening Our Hearts to New Voices." During the evening, **Don Martin** and company will present songs from our church's past and present and introduce music with a New Voice to speak to us today and tomorrow. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. Fellowship and food will follow.

News From the Pews....

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Mary Jane & Ron Oliver** following the death of her aunt, *Catherine Jenkins* of Phoenix, Arizona on October 9th.



Hope Homework Oasis News

Central's One Church One School after school program H2O, which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at Hope Academy will resume on Tuesday, October 23rd. Volunteers need to be at the school library at 4 p.m. We are anticipating serving nearly thirty students during the next academic quarter. Volunteers are still needed for the program and do not need to be available every Tuesday or Thursday. Contact **Pastor Robert** if you are interested in helping with H2O.



Sign up for Cardboard Pick Up

The Youth Cardboard Recycling Project will pick up on Sunday, October 21st from 1:30-3:30 p.m. All you need to do is save your cardboard, sign up in the Friendship Center for curbside pick up and we will do the rest.

Join us For Ladies Night Out!

All Central women and friends are invited for an enjoyable Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, October 30th at 6 p.m. at Rusty's Clubhouse & Grill, 3010 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Enjoy delicious food from Rusty's extensive and diverse menu which includes steaks, chicken, seafood and sandwiches. We will order off the menu and the gratuity will be added to your total. Plan to join us on October 30th and sign up this week in the Friendship Center. As always, fun, laughter, and door prizes guaranteed!

In Memoriam

During the second and third quarters of 2007 Central received special gifts honoring the memories of *Vivian Adams, William Ahlenius, D. Jane Bissey, Warren Brooks, Bob & Betty Campbell, Velva Dalton, Wilma Downey, Guy C. Ferre, Dorothy Fleetwood, Margaret Fundy, Keith Gorden, W. Dale Gustin, Pete Holbert, Lyle & Thelma Huff, Virginia Isom, Doris Israel, Iona Judd, Dorothy & Clarence Keck, Lillian Lewis, Blanche & Ray March, Ernestine Mrozinski, Jo Parker, Dorothy Price, Helen Rotz, Arthur Rueff, Evelyn Sidwell, William David Smith, Janice E. Sperry, Cocoa Traylor, Robert E. Ward.*

We are grateful for the lives of these whose memories are honored here at Central and for those who have given memorial funds honoring them. Memorial gifts to Central in the first nine months of 2007 total \$40,947.

Gifts to the church honoring the memories of friends and family members are always welcome and appropriate. Each gift is recorded at the church and acknowledged to the family. Memorial gifts are used for special needs approved by the Church Council and in consultation with family members.



Sunday, October 21, 2007

8:15 and 10:45-Worship Services
Music: Offertory-The Ministers
10:45 Anthem-Chancel Choir
9:00-9:45-Parish Nurse Lucy Acheson
9:15-Fellowship Coffee, Friendship Ctr.
9:30-Sunday School
11:15-Children's Worship, 250-270
12:00-Congregational Dinner, Great Hall
1:30-Youth Cardboard Pick Up
4:00-Peace & Action Gathering,
Sanctuary Chancel

Monday (22)

6:30-Boy Scouts, Great Hall & Disciple Room
6:30-CCC Bowling, PlaMor Lanes

Tuesday (23)

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting,
Senior Pastor's Study
7:00-Dorcas, home of Chris Fagin

Wednesday (24)

9:00-Baby Talk Parents, 290
12:00-Central Singers
1:00-3:30-HSAC Tea, Great Hall
5:30-Stephen Ministers, 290
6:00-Faith Lessons, Disciple Room
6:30-Young Disciples, Parlor

Thursday (25)

10:00-Alanon, 212
1:30-ChristCare, 290
5:30-Baby Talk Pre-K Family Fun,
Disciple Room
6:00-Chancel Bells
7:00-Chancel Choir

Counting On You

October 14

Worship Attendance 283
Sunday School Attendance 74

Serving Schedule—October 21, 2007

Elders:

8:15 & 10:45 - Brett Swallow, Larry Otis

Deacons:

8:15 - 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

10:45 - 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, 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:

8:15 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Ruby Agnew, Willie Birkhead, Gerri Munos, Brad Munos, Brittney Munos

10:45 - Team 10 - Bill Blank, Marilyn Blank, Bob Harmon, Billie Harmon

Greeters:

8:15 - Norman & Darla Lienemann, Morris & Willie Birkhead

10:45 - Clyde & Jean Booher, Glen & Jody Featherstun

Parish Nurse:

 Lucy Acheson

Acolytes:

8:15 - Bobby Munos

10:45 - Jessica Brooks

P.A. Operator:

8:15 - Jim Bednar

10:45 - Jim Hinze

Fellowship Coffee Hosts:

 Mike & Gerri Munos Family

Children's Worship:

 Teri Bushey

Preparation of Communion:

Carroll & Doris Little, Jan Patrick, Hazel Perry, Yvonne Purcell

Van Drivers:

8:15 service and Sunday School - Bruce Williams

Sunday School and 10:45 service - Kevin Wilmot

10:45 service only - Karen Baird

Transportation after Congregational Dinner - Doug Soebbing

October 24 Visitor Mailing Crew:

Marge Karl, Coleen Myers

Hosts:

Oct. 22 9:00-12:30 - Darla Lienemann
12:30-4:00 - Ken Davis

Oct. 23 9:00-12:30 - Rosie Doore
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

Oct. 24 9:00-12:30 - Virginia Griffith
12:30-4:00 - Ruby Agnew

Oct. 25 9:00-12:30 - Evelyn Sperry
12:30-4:00 - Charlotte Lyon

Oct. 26 9:00-12:30 - Yvonne Purcell
12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

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