



Central Christian Church



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Philippians 4:4-8 (NIV)

Final Exhortations

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

“Good advise for all of us.....all the time” John

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August Calendar of Events

*CWF MEETING
Tuesday August 7th @7:00pm*

*CCC CHURCH WORK DAY
Saturday August 11 @8am*

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We Welcome All – and All Means ALL

I hope you give some thought to our motto/ identity statement once in a while. A great many people say they welcome everyone – but very few really understand the comprehensive nature of the word “Welcome”. There is something there far beyond tolerance that moves through a spirit of acceptance – a celebration of diversity – and an understanding that we are not necessarily the people with the “right” answers and “they” are the people we need to convince. If we welcome others, we welcome them as God created them – equal. We may have more to learn from the other than they have to learn from us.

Which is why the concept of Mutual Ministry connects so well with the spirit of our newly claimed identity. Cooperation, communication, even compromise are real parts of honest relationships. To be “mutual” suggests we sit side by side and work hand in hand with equals from the community regardless of who they are and what they bring to the table. The recovering addict telling us what she really needs from the community has an equal voice to the church elder. The spouse of an incarcerated addict may be demeaned or marginalized by the community at larger, but not here. When we “listen” we do so to learn - not to figure out a way to persuade or convert.

We had identified some steps to take in pursuit of our Identity statement. We have already made some impressive progress. We have placed about half of the proceeds from the 2016 sale of the parsonage into investments with the Christian Church Foundation. That is one way in which we claim a closer connection with our denominational ministries but maintain full ownership of the investments. We also intend to use the annual proceeds of those investments for designated mission projects that will be decided by the Church Board. So we are a little more “Disciple” and a little more “mission outreach focused”. Both reflect the original spirit of the congregation that emerged in the 1920’s.

Our budget also designates \$500 to be used for denominational outreach – so we become a more outward looking – serving – group of Disciples. The way we establish priorities through a budget will be part of the ongoing process. True “Welcome” becomes more obvious when we care about others as we care about ourselves. We are moving more in that direction.

The Board recently approved the renovation of the large room adjacent to our fellowship hall. Some remember it as the old youth room – or as the Christmas Jubilee room – or for other purposes it has served. But regardless of the name, it has needed a lot of work – which will begin in August. We will have that room for any needed use including our Recovery Central. Excellent progress!!

We will continue to offer opportunities for the congregation to more fully understand our Recovery Central efforts and our Mutual Ministry project – how the two are related but different – and how you can help us identify and achieve goals. That, too, is part of being a welcoming community of faith!
John

August News: (Recovery Central)

BREAKING THE SILENCE

Much of our challenge with society's addiction problem is in the need to break the silence. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said "He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it." Much of our society lives in places where people do not seem to know what to do in response to the wrongs. In that silence, there is actually much more going on than we would expect.

As believers, we know that silence carries profound implications of God's inattention or inability. The courage of the faithful does not mobilize our material resources as much as it gives us the confidence to allow God to do powerful works through us. By faith, we live in resistance to the fear of confrontation, as we also refuse the rationalizations, manipulation, domination, and other worldly tactics. In many cases, the silence has even settled upon church life—as if to convince people there are no real answers to be found in Jesus Christ. If the silence is allowed to continue, it will accommodate the aspirations of those who seek their own conveniences at the expense of the greater community.

In America today, there is already a growing movement in favor of breaking the silence which is directly tied to the stigma around addiction. Leading health experts today are telling us addiction should not be treated differently from other health problems. They have recognized the harm done when appropriate help is exchanged for lectures about morality. The time has come when people in Washington DC, as well as Washington (Daviess County) Indiana, will arise to break the silence and penetrate the darkness; to exchange the intimidation for a much more glorious invitation. This invitation is for those willing to become accountable, to listen to the wisdom of friends who can share experience, strength and hope in recovery, and to step out with new determination to live above the influence.

Peace,

Daniel Sherar

Scripture Readings:

Looking for inspiration?

Week of August 5

Psalm 38

SU Ezekiel 17:22—24
M Ezekiel 18:1—9
TU Ezekiel 18:25—32
W Ezekiel 33:1—20
TH Ezekiel 34:11—24
F Ezekiel 36:22—28
SA Ezekiel 37:1—14

Week of August 12

Psalm 51:10—19

SU John 7:25—31
M John 7:32—36
TU John 7:37—39
W John 7:40—53
TH John 8:1—11
F John 8:12—20
SA John 8:21—30

Week of August 19

Psalm 69:13—18

SU 1 Corinthians 1:1—9
M 1 Corinthians 1:10—17
TU 1 Corinthians 1:18—31
W 1 Corinthians 2:1—5
TH 1 Corinthians 2:6—16
F 1 Corinthians 3:1—15
SA 1 Corinthians 3:16—23

Week of August 26

Psalm 146

SU John 8:31—38
M John 8:39—47
TU John 8:48—59
W John 9:1—12
TH John 9:13—34
F John 9:35—41
SA John 10:1—10

Our Stewardship Answers God's Call to our Mission

2018 Budget Requirement Averages \$1306 Weekly

Tithes & Offerings

June 3 - \$1353	July 1 - \$1145
June 10 - \$1812	July 8 - \$1223
June 17 - \$1245	July 15 - \$1621
June 24 - \$1186	July 22 - \$634

We celebrate every dollar as a witness
to the love and grace of God at work among us.

We also received generous contributions in recent weeks for special ministries like:

Pentecost Offering, Week of Compassion and the children's "Milk Bottle" gifts that help families in the Congo.

Financial Highlights

Your generous giving continues to keep up with our budget needs—and our spending remains frugal and appropriate to our situation.

Your faithful giving and God's extraordinary grace allows us to make a positive impact on the world. Not only can we rest assured that normal expenses are managed well, but we can look at opportunities to make an even bigger impact on our world.

Thank you for that great sign of life among us!

BIRTHDAYS

1 – Dakota D Mattes
1 – Andrew T Woods
3 – De Odell
9 – Jacqueline Breeden
10 – Bill Lundy
11 – Ranita McMurtrey
13 – Vanessa Christie Kleinschmidt
15 – Holly Payton
16 – Hannah G Skomp

ANNIVERSARIES

4 – Carol and Marilyn Lents
28 – Charles and De Odell

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary listed (or if its incorrect) please call or email the church office.



Scheduled to Serve in

Elders: Alan Christie & Dan Renneker

Deacons: Breana Mattes, Elaine Osha
Anthony Doscher, Jake Fox

Communion Prep: Bob & Barbara Smith

Greeters:

August 5: Alan & Sally Christie

August 12: Larry & Pam Lagle

August 19: Carmen Kane & Larry Gilley

August 26: Deb Breeden & Debbie Folsom



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