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## Central Church of Christ

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### Sunday Worship

1st Worship: 7:30 a.m.  
2nd Worship & Bible classes:  
9 a.m.  
3rd Worship & Bible classes:  
10:30 a.m.  
Student Ministries (7th-12th)  
6:00 p.m.

## Vision Loan Payoff Challenge news

As of December 31, 2007 the Vision Loan balance was \$162,248 and as of January 31, 2008 the Vision Loan balance was \$153,354. As of February 14, 2008 the Vision Loan balance was \$149,760. So in approximately 45 days the Vision Loan has been reduced by \$12,488. The loan has been reduced by \$24,411 since November 30, 2008. This is a great step towards paying off the loan. We still have a seemingly insurmountable mountain to climb to pay off the loan by Easter, but our God is an awesome God. If it is His will that this loan be paid off by Easter, it will be paid through His urging of a faithful people.

What can you do? First, be praying that God's will be done in this matter. Secondly, search your own heart and ask yourself if there is a way you might be able to help monetarily above and beyond your normal giving to help pay off the loan. You may feel that this is such a large amount that your dollar or so won't make a difference, but if many people contribute a little it can make a huge difference in reducing the loan and reducing the amount of interest paid. Paying off this loan will allow us to use the almost \$3600 monthly payment for other programs and to move forward with the ministry of Central Church of Christ.

You can help pay off the loan by marking the amount you are contributing to the Vision Loan on your offering envelope or you can pick up a Vision Fund envelope at the Welcome Center



## Help plan the Ladies Spring Banquet

Ladies, mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5 at 12:00 p.m. for the Ladies' Spring Banquet. The theme this year is "Cinco De Mayo in April".

Please bring your ideas to our Sunday, March 2 Women's Ministry meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the South 5 Classroom if you would like to help with the meal or decorations.

## Movie Night at the church!!

The Challengers and Agape Life-Timers C.O.R.E. groups are sponsoring a movie night Friday, February 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. This double feature night will include the movies "Radio" starring Cuba Gooding, and the movie "MOST". The approximate time the movies end will be 9:00 p.m. This free movie night will be open to anyone (this will be a good time to invite an un-churched friend). Please bring snacks and drinks to be shared during the movie (glasses and ice will be provided). There will be some tables and chairs provided, but if you want to bring a pillow, sleeping bag, and stretch out on the carpeted floor or bring a comfortable lawn chair you are welcome to do so.

There will not be any childcare provided. You may bring your child if they are capable of sitting and watching movies without disturbing others (just like at a movie theater).

# Discipleship Ministry

Butch Ringwald



## Seven Questions to Ask Before-and After-You Marry

It takes a lot of planning and preparation for an engaged couple to have the kind of wedding they want. But it is predicted that 43% of the 2.4 million couples who get married in the United States this year will not survive but end in divorce. Many couples spend more time thinking about and preparing for their wedding than they do for their marriage.

Relationship experts, Drs. Les and Leslie Parrot believe every engaged and married couple should talk about and answer seven questions before (and after) they marry. Over the past 30 years, marriage specialists have researched the ingredients of a happy marriage. These indicators of a healthy marriage form the basis for the seven questions that *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts* focus on.



Evelyn, Chad and I will begin the seven-week video series ***Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts*** on Saturday,

March 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Room of the ministry center. **Any couple planning on having a wedding at Central** must complete this series as a part of preparing for their wedding. We also invite and encourage **any newlyweds** and other **married**

**couples** to attend.

The cost for the book and workbooks for this series is \$35. (This fee is included in the cost for those who have upcoming weddings at Central.) Please sign-up on the sheet on the board in the hallway of the Main Building.

## Cookbook recipes needed by Feb. 24

A new **CCC Cookbook** is being published and we need your help. We are collecting favorite family recipes for the cookbook. You can drop off your recipes at both of the visitor centers in the box provided. Please give us your name and phone number with the recipe in case we find an error or have a question. The proceeds of the book will go to help with the cost of the mission trip to the Dominican Republic this summer.

If you have any questions, please call Margie Kreier 672-7389 or Cheryl Higbie 854-2476.



## Angel Food Ministries proposed

Central Church of Christ is considering becoming a host site for Angel Food Ministries. This ministry is an organization dedicated to providing food relief to communities throughout the United States. Angel Food Ministries has spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through each box of food they sell.

This program works monthly where you would order your boxes and they would be distributed at the church on the given day of the month. Angel Food's boxes are sold for \$30 each and have a retail value of approximately \$50-\$60 per box. One box of food can assist a family of four for more than a week and consists of the same high quality foods you would find at your local grocery store.

How will this benefit Central? This program gives church members hands-on experience with a rewarding ministry. It will give our members somewhere to plug in if they don't know where to get involved.

It will also benefit our community as orders can be placed by anyone in the community and surrounding communities. If you have any questions at all regarding Angel Food Ministries or would like to pick up a menu, please see the table in the foyer this Sunday, February 24.



Please keep Sandy, Tim and Chad Sullivan in your prayers as Michael Sullivan passed away Monday, February 18. To know about his services, please call the church, 673-1581.

# Frontline Ministries

Chad Kennedy



## This Week's Schedule

**Feb. 20,** River Bible Study

Jr. High at 6:15 p.m.

Sr. High at 6:30 p.m.

**Feb. 22,** 30 Hour Famine

Start after lunch.

Arrive at the church at 6:00 p.m.

**Feb. 23,** FSM Host The Total Rec.

**Feb. 24,** Sponsors Meeting at 5:00

p.m.; SNT at 6:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

**February 29,** Movie Night at 7:00 p.m.

**The 30 Hour Famine** is this weekend. Your last meal will be at lunch on Friday. Please arrive at the church at 6:00 p.m. with your sponsorship money, bedding, a change of clothes, money for dinner on Saturday, and \$5 to get into the Total Rec on Saturday. Friday night we will hang out at the church. On Saturday, we will do a service project during the day and then after dinner, we will go to the Total Rec for the concerts. If you have any questions, please let Chad know.

**Jr. High Believe** this year will be on April 25 and 26 in Holland, Michigan. This is an overnight trip that includes music, great teaching, and entertainment. The total cost for the trip is \$80. A deposit of \$50 is due on March 9. If you have any questions, please see Chad.

Once again this year, we are going to Chicago to play **Whirlyball**. Some call it a sport. Others call it a lesson in humility. It is a game where agility, speed, and strength are not used. Although it combines lacrosse, hockey and basketball with bumper cars, WhirlyBall has caused great athletes of every stripe to laugh and holler their way to a crushing defeat. The cost to go is \$16 and it is available to the first 30 to sign up and pay. The Sr. High trip is March 30 and the Jr. High trip is April 6.

## Attention Parents

The February Parent Link should be available at the welcome centers this Sunday. If you would like it to be e-mailed to you, please e-mail Chad at [chad@christiscentral.com](mailto:chad@christiscentral.com).



# Kid Central

Evelyn Taylor, Children's Director



Good As New classes will begin on Saturday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m. till noon. They will run all four Saturdays in April at above stated time. Good As New is a class for kids 2nd grade and up who are wanting to know what being a Christian is all about. If you have a child who would like to attend there is a sign up sheet in the foyer.

Please sign up as soon as possible so that we can get the workbooks ordered.



Game time is a big part of Awana Clubs. We have a very active game time each week. This week's theme is Wacky Shoes Night. Wear your wackiest pair of shoes. February 27 will be crazy hat night.

Awana is for kids 3 years thru 6th grade and we meet on Wednesday nights from 6:15 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.



We are at 33 days and counting until the Egg Hunt!!

We are in need of CANDY!!

Each year we invite our church family and all those with children in the community to come and enjoy a fun family day with us.

This year the date is

Saturday, March 22, from noon till 2:30 p.m.

We will start with lunch.

There will be some games and craft rooms.

We will have the gospel message presented.

Then we will start the EGG HUNT.

For this to be a success we need CANDY to pass out to the children.

We will have special prize eggs.

Bring your family out to enjoy the day!

We are in need of volunteers to help to hide eggs, run game rooms, help with registration, help with general crowd control and handing out prizes. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the foyer and boxes at both entrances for CANDY.



The mission team would like to thank all of you who came out to the Valentine's Day Dinner.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our prayer is that God will bless all of you, like you all blessed us. God Bless and once again, Thank You.

### Prayer Partners

February 20. Suzy Rathbun, 21. Shirley Camp, 22. Harry Camp, 23. Edith Patton, 24. Linda Serrault, 25. Nancy Centko, 26. Brenda Dickman, 27. Carol Yedinak

### Statistics for Feb. 17, 2008

1st Worship	22	
2nd Worship	153	
3rd Worship	241	Total 416
Bible classes	180	

### Offerings



Offering Totals for Feb. 17 not available at publication time.

Financial Statement available at the Welcome Center or the office

### Leadership for Feb. 24, 2008

#### 9 a.m. Worship

Elder: George Smith  
Deacons: Ryan Irving, Randy Thorp  
Serving: Jeff Horner, Mel McMeen, Lee Missel, Todd Pedelty, Gary Russow, Brian Schultz

#### 10:30 a.m. Worship

Deacons: Jeff Collins, Troy Dimmig, Dee Gaylord  
Serving: Rick Lefler, Jerry Redman, Dave Strenzel, Terry Webster, Larry Birge  
Welcome Center: Kathy Wilken  
Nursery: Amy Hagi, Karen Wilkinson  
Toddlers: Paula Krohe, Karen Dye

## Rock River Christian Camp needs you!

The camp has many projects to accomplish this spring so they need a lot of help. Some of the things to be completed during the work days are: cutting down trees, painting, and deep cleaning many areas of the camp. If you have any special experience in carpentry or electricity, please let the camp know before coming so they can set up your projects. If you plan on cutting wood, please bring your own chain saw.

Spring work days at the camp will be April 5 and 12 and May 10. Each workday will start at 8:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m.

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