

# The TORCH

January 10, 2012



## Central Church of Christ

WHERE WE...



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### Staff

Charles Cline, Preaching Minister  
Evelyn Taylor, Children  
Tony Ross, Worship  
Ron Good, Exec. Minister  
Rod Kreier, Interim Youth  
Jessica Pastirik, Involvement  
Debby Evans, Office Mgr.  
Julie Happold, Fin./Min. Sec.

### Sunday Worship

1st Worship: 8:15 a.m.  
2nd Worship & Bible classes:  
9:30 a.m.  
3rd Worship & Bible classes:  
11:00 a.m.  
Student Ministries (6th-12th)  
6:00 p.m.

## GRIEF SHARE®

We'd like to invite you to join us for a new session of GriefShare beginning Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Room.

GriefShare is a Christian-based, weekly support group that provides help and encouragement for those who have experienced the loss of a loved-one.

We know first-hand that grief is not something that will change overnight, which is why GriefShare is a 13-week series. You may find it hard to come to your first meeting, but once you do, you'll learn that we all have vulnerabilities that this program helps us to overcome, and you'll find a group of people with whom you have something in common. Anyone who loses a close friend or relative is going to feel a heavy burden.

Nobody is required to share openly. We begin with a time of fellowship, have a brief discussion, then watch a video that provides insight from experts who have made their journeys from mourning to joy. Childcare is provided for those who need it.

Personally speaking, GriefShare has really helped us work through our own grief, especially after we lost our 5-year-old son, Lucas, two years ago. The program is for anyone who has any level of grief, whether they feel deep pain or they just need a little support. Regardless of how long it has been since you've lost your loved-one, if you don't address your feelings, grief can get a hold on you and suppress you for a long time.

If you would like more information, you can call the church office at (815) 673-1581. To learn more about GriefShare online, visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/StreatorGriefShare](http://www.facebook.com/StreatorGriefShare) or go to the Central web site at [www.christiscentral.com](http://www.christiscentral.com).

New members are welcome to join at any time. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,  
Kevin and Misty Missel

## Come, join us for CENTRAL'S GOT TALENT!!!

This will be a fun night of drama, music and other surprises. This awesome event will be held Sunday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m. The Koinonia Cafe' will be open for your enjoyment.

## Christian Homes offers an Estate Planning Seminar on Jan. 21

Purpose: To help you learn the basics of planning your estate.

- \*The difference between Wills and Living Trusts.
  - \*What you can do now to reduce problems caused by disability.
  - \*How to avoid probate.
  - \*How to reduce final estate costs.
  - \*How to settle the estate faster
  - \*How to avoid capital gains tax.
  - \*Also a great seminar if you need your will updated.
  - \*Especially great idea to attend if you do not have your will and estate plan in place.
- This seminar's goal is to help you do what you want to do and to do it in the most efficient manner.

When: Saturday, January 21

Where: Upper Room of Ministry Center

Time: Breakfast @ 9:00 a.m., One Hour Seminar @ 9:30 a.m.

- \*Babysitting provided with Advance Notice
- \*Any questions contact: Jessica Pastirik



## Change of Address for Central

The church does not have a post office box anymore. All notes and letters can be sent to Central at 2001 E Main Street.

# Charles' Corner

Charles Cline



**W**ow! Another year has come and gone. We put 2011 behind and we look forward to what God will do in our church 2012. But before we completely put 2011 behind us, I think it would be good for us to celebrate some of the challenges and opportunities we've experienced these last 365 days.

Forty-four new members joined our fellowship in 2011, 37 were through baptism and seven were through transfer from other congregations. We have been blessed with 10 babies this last year.

Our Children's Ministry grew to an average of 154 children (birth-5<sup>th</sup> grade) each Sunday.

We had record attendances in AWANA in 2011 of 147 children on one night with an average of 138. This is a ministry for children ages three years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade on Wednesday nights. We have had many of our AWANA children made the decision to follow Christ and to be baptized.

Our Student Ministry (grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>) has undergone some changes with Chad, Wendy and the kids moving and Rodney Kreier stepping in as interim Student Minister during the search for our next Student Minister.

The Outreach Ministry follows up with our First-time attenders with a "Welcome Gift". This last year they made 88 visitor contacts.

Our Discipleship Ministry also experienced some changes as Butch and Diane Ringwald moved to a new ministry in Virginia. The focus and scope of that ministry has changed as the goal has become more outward focused and desiring to involve more and more people into groups and spiritual gift-based serving opportunities.

We experienced some changes in our staff: Jessica Pastirik moved from Ministry Secretary to Director of Involvement Ministry; Julie Happold has taken on added responsibilities as the Ministry and Financial Secretary and Debby Evans has become our Office Manager. We also welcomed Ron Good to become our new Executive Minister. He, Vickie, and Drew relocated to Streator from Springfield, IL where he had served as Administrative Minister.

One of our biggest highlights for Central was working with our community leaders, Majestic Theater and church leaders in Streator to bring the movie "Courageous" which ran for three weeks. After the exciting "opening weekend" showing of the movie, we were blessed to have Robert Amaya who played "Javier" come speak on Biblical Fatherhood.

Koinonia Café opened where various coffees and snacks are offered between worship services on Sunday mornings. It has been a great opportunity to provide some fellowship with a cup of latte or coffee in your hand.

The sound tech area was moved, creating more open space in the back of the worship center and also gave us more handicap seating.

This Christmas season we saw over 800 people come to worship on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

## Central Student Ministries

Rod Kreier



**Youth sponsors meeting ... every Sunday night at 5:00 p.m.**

### Unite

Each week we come together as a community to worship together, learn together, and bear one another's burdens.

**We meet on Sunday Nights at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center for all 6th-12th graders.**

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### Jr. High and Sr. High Ignite

Ignite is our midweek Bible Study. Each week we come together for fun and study the word of God.

We meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in the Lower Level of the Ministry Center.



## Young At Heart Ministry

Young at Heart at Christ is Central is a fellowship for men and women, ages 55 and over. Lead by Dorothy Roudebush and Jean Kimes, our meetings are held at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Our time together is designed to glorify God through, fellowship, fun, and service. Our activities include speakers on subjects of special interest to seniors as well as devotionals, trivia, games, movies, and service projects followed by a delicious lunch.

Mark your calendars for January 24. Our theme will be "Welcome Home". A \$4 suggested donation for lunch is appreciated. Please invite you friends.

Marriage Retreat 2012  
@ Rock River Christian Camp  
Feb. 10-11

\$80 per couple

Includes a

Special Friday Night Candlelight Dinner

For more information go to

[www.rockrivercc.net](http://www.rockrivercc.net)

## Involvement Ministries

Jessica Pastirik

There will be an **Adult Euchre Tournament** here on January 20 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-Up at the Welcome Center. This is limited to the first 40 teams to sign up. Players must be 18 and older. Please bring a finger food to share. Must sign up as a team of two. For more information contact, Bob Snedden or Jessica Pastirik at (815) 673-1581.

### NEW 'LOVE DARE' Bible Study

Lead by Laurie & Ralph Cole

When: Sunday Mornings, 11:00 a.m.

Where: Upper Room of the Ministry Center

Who: Married Couples

Any questions contact: Laurie Cole or Jessica Pastirik

### NEW 'Outlive Your Life' Bible Study

Lead by Jim Cashmer

When: Starts 1/12/2012 every Thursday

Where: Lower Level of Ministry Center Room #2

Who: Adult Men or Women

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Any questions contact: Jim Cashmer or Jessica Pastirik

## In Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Debby (Larry) Evans and family at the loss of her mother, Alice Lee Cross who passed away December 14, 2011.



Also, prayers to Jack Berckemeyer and Norma (Bob) Wright at the loss of his wife and her sister, Sharon Berckemeyer who passed away on December 15, 2011.

## NEW on Sunday Mornings

How can we accurately interpret the Bible? After all, it was written by several writers, to various types of people, over thousands of years.

Beginning January 22 the Agape Lifetimers Adult Sunday Morning Class will begin a series addressing the various principles of interpretation of the Bible.

The Agape Lifetimers is led by Larry Evans, and meets at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday in the Upper Room.



## Kid Central

Evelyn Taylor, Children's Director

I would like to personally thank each and every person who gives of their time, talents, and love to the children of our church. You are the reason we run such a well-oiled and working children's ministry. Thank you for all you do and may God bless each of you in the coming New Year!



*Evelyn Taylor*



Cool Time



A fun night for Fathers and Sons!

Join us for a night just for Fathers and Sons on Friday, January 27, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. for dads, grandpas, or uncles of any age and sons K-5th grade. We will have dinner (pizza), play video games, a movie playing, other fun guy stuff and fellowship!

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### Thank You Notes

A big THANK YOU to everyone for donating cookies, serving and helping with cleanup at the Children's Christmas program. The kids did a fantastic job and it seemed that everyone enjoyed the fellowship time afterwards. Thanks to everyone for helping make this possible.  
-- Koinonia Cafe

We wish to thank the Church Family for the prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy at the passing of our loved one, Sharon M. Berckemeyer. Special thanks to Charles, Ron and Jessica.  
--Jack Berckemeyer & Family  
--Norma & Bob Wright & Family

The entire Girard family appreciated the lovely dinner you all put together for us.  
Thank you.  
--Rita Girard & Family

#### Statistics for Dec. 18, 2011

1st Worship	77	
2nd Worship	273	
3rd Worship	157	Total 507
Bible classes	163	

#### Statistics for Dec. 24 & 25, 2011

1st Worship	425	
2nd Worship	193	
3rd Worship	226	Total 844

#### Offerings

Offerings needed to meet Budget-Y-T-D for 2011:	\$676,156.00
Offerings given to-date:	\$653,121.00

#### Statistics for Jan. 1, 2012

1st Worship	59	
2nd Worship	169	
3rd Worship	118	Total 347
Bible classes	133	

#### Statistics for Jan. 8, 2012

1st Worship	77	
2nd Worship	235	
3rd Worship	145	Total 540
Bible classes	166	

#### Offerings

Offerings needed to meet Budget-Y-T-D for 2012:	\$25,271.00
Offerings given to-date:	\$26,782.00



Financial Statement available at the Welcome Center or the office