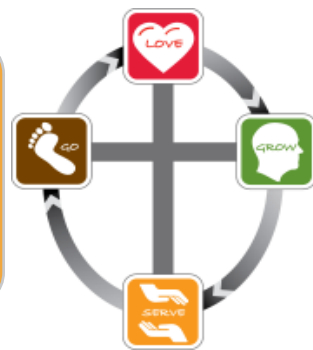


# The TORCH

January 26, 2010



## Central Church of Christ

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Evelyn Taylor, Children  
Chad Kennedy, Youth  
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Bill Coats, Exec. Minister  
Debby Evans, Secretary  
Jessica Pastirik, Secretary

### 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 (6th-12th)  
6:00 p.m.



## Valentine's Day Dinner

Once again this year, Central Student Ministries will be having the Valentine's Day Dinner. This is a celebration of all the different kinds of love that we experience. Whether it is love for your family, love of friendship, or romantic love, come out and celebrate with us. Your donation will help defray the cost for the Student Ministries' summer events.

The date for the dinner this year will be February 11. The menu includes, salad, choice of pork chop, chicken, or manicotti, sides, and dessert. There are two times available for you to dine, 5:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please make your reservations at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or call the office. The last day to reserve your spot is Monday, February 8.

## Get to know Central Church of Christ

What kind of church is Central? Why are we a Church of Christ? What do we believe? What do we practice? What is our purpose and mission? What is our strategy for accomplishing our purpose and mission? How are we structured?

These are some of the questions we will examine during the four sessions of the **Getting to Know Central Seminar**. Each of the four sessions will examine different aspects of who and what Central Church of Christ is. The seminars will be held during the four Sunday mornings of February in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the board in the foyer for the 9:00 a.m. session or the 10:30 a.m. session. The first of the four sessions will begin on Sunday, February 7.

## Prospective Worship Minister here Feb. 7

The Worship Minister Search Team and Elders have asked Tony Ross to lead worship services on Sunday, February 7, 2010. He will be meeting and working with those on the Worship Team he hasn't already met on Saturday, February 6.

Tony graduated from Lincoln Christian College with a B.A. in Music Ministry in May 2002. He was the part-time Music Minister of First Church of Christ, Georgetown, Illinois, starting in June of 2000. He became their full time Music Minister in May of 2002, leading in traditional and contemporary services. Tony plays the acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, drums, piano, and trumpet. In college Tony also focused on voice.

Tony and his wife, Meghan have two sons age three and nine months. Tony had a phone interview with the Worship Minister Search Committee, a day with staff, and a formal face to face interview with the Elders, Ministers, and Search Committee. In addition, the Worship Search Committee has conducted a number of interviews with references. Tony comes to this step in the process highly recommended.

After the service on February 7, there will be an all-church potluck at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, giving all a chance to meet Tony, Meghan and the boys. Table service and drinks will be provided, and please bring a dish to share.

# Charles' Corner

Charles Cline



**T**rying to communicate to a foreign culture is a challenge. The Dairy Association's huge success with the campaign "Got milk?" prompted its leaders to expand advertising to Mexico. It was soon brought to their attention that the Spanish translation read, "Are you lactating?" In another advertising blunder, Clairrol introduced the "mist stick" a curling iron, into Germany, only to find out that "mist" is slang for manure.

The application is clear: sometimes the message of Christ can get overlooked because the message of our actions is misinterpreted at best and totally inconsistent at worst. It is attributed to Francis of Assisi (a 13<sup>th</sup> century monk) to have said, "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."

In light of the devastation in Haiti, I think that statement rings true. A person's physical difficulties will lead to a person's openness to their spiritual needs. In a recent email, a friend that is serving presently in Haiti has said that one of the highlights of the disaster is that in one "tent village" more than a 160 people have accepted Christ.

We do not know what opportunities we will have to share the message of Christ. We do not always know the way in which we will share. But my encouragement to you today, in whatever situation we find ourselves in, look for opportunities to share the Good News of salvation to someone today. Who knows, they may have less than "One Month to Live" and may soon be face to face with their Maker.

Ephesians 5:15-16 reminds us, "**Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.**" We need to make sure our lives are consistent with the message we speak. Or in other words: "Make sure you're walking the walk."

## Central Student Ministries

Chad Kennedy



### The Schedule

**Jan. 27**, Jr. High Ignite at 6:15 p.m.

**Jan. 30**, Leaving for Tubing Trip at 6:00 p.m. **Please fill out a Release form. It can be found on the website. Any questions, please call the church.**

**Jan. 31**, Sponsor's Meeting at 5:00 p.m.; Unite Game Night at 6:00 p.m. **Nothing to do with food. Will NOT be a scavenger hunt. Bring a Friend.**

**Feb. 2**, DT for Sr. High at 4:00 p.m.; Sr. High Ignite at 6:30 p.m.

**Feb. 3**, Jr. High Ignite at 6:15 p.m.

**Feb. 7**, Sponsor's Meeting at 3:30 p.m. to set up and pray. Big Game Party on Super Bowl Sunday at 5:00 p.m. **Please bring a side dish or a dessert to pass. Subs and pizza will be provided.**

**Feb. 9**, DT for Sr. High at 4:00 p.m.; Sr. High Ignite at 6:30 p.m.

### Faith and Family Night

Date: Friday, February 12, 2010

Time: Leaving at 5:00 p.m. Game Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25

Includes: Peoria Rivermen Hockey Game, Post-game Christian concert from NeedToBreathe. Your spot will be reserved when you pay your \$25. There are only 30 seats available.

### Summer Dates

#### **CIY Move**

June 14-18

Total cost is \$360

**Deadlines; \$100 Deposit March 28**

\$125 Payment April 25

Balance Due May 23

#### **CIY Know Sweat**

July 5-9

**Deadlines: \$100 Deposit March 14**

\$125 Payment May 9

Balance Due June 20

Total cost is \$325 plus supplies.

(We won't know supplies until we know our job.)

### Attention Parents

The February Parent Link will be available on Sunday. You can receive it on-line at [www.christiscentral.com](http://www.christiscentral.com) under the parent page under the youth section, or you can pick it up at any of the welcome centers. If you would like it to be e-mailed to you, please e-mail Chad at [chad@christiscentral.com](mailto:chad@christiscentral.com).

## In Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Kevin and Misty Missel, Eliza, Isaiah and Micah, at the loss of their child and brother, Lucas Missel. Lucas is also survived by his great-grandfather, Gene Missel. He died on Saturday, January 16, 2010. His funeral was here on January 21, 2010.



# Discipleship

Butch Ringwald



Film producer Dan Woolley was in Haiti working on a documentary about the country's starving children when the earthquake struck. He was inside the Hotel Montana when the shaking started, and the building collapsed before he could reach the street. When it

was over, he found himself in the hotel basement among tons of fallen debris. Woolley was trapped with only the clothes on his back and an iPhone in his pocket.

Fortunately, though, his iPhone had a medical application that came in pretty handy. Using the light from the phone and the instructions from the app, Woolley was able to correctly diagnose a broken foot and use strips of clothing to bandage severe gashes he had suffered on his legs and the back of his head. Then he used the camera feature on the phone to get a map of his surroundings and plan a route to an elevator shaft that was protected from falling debris. More than 65 hours after the earthquake, Woolley was rescued by emergency personnel.

But it wasn't Woolley's quick thinking or handy gadgets that make his story remarkable. He earns that distinction

because of the decisions he made on behalf of his wife and children during those 65 hours.

Dan Woolley is a Christian, and he told reporters after his rescue that he genuinely thought he was going to die in the hotel basement. So he wrote a note to his wife and children reminding them to trust God even in the middle of horrible situations.

"I was in a big accident," the note said. "Don't be upset at God. He always provides for his children, even in hard times. I'm still praying that God will get me out .... He may not, but He will always take care of ya."\*

It doesn't matter what circumstances we face, God is always willing and able to provide everything we need. He is faithful and deserves our full commitment.

\*Todd Wright, "Earthquake Survivor Calls iPhone a Life Saver," [www.nbcmiami.com](http://www.nbcmiami.com) (1-19-2010).

## **Habitat for Humanity to build in Streator**

Habitat for Humanity is having a meeting on January 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Streator Salvation Army, 126 S. Bloomington Street. This meeting is for families who are interested in applying for the home in Streator which will be built in 2010.



## Kid Central

Evelyn Taylor, Children's Director

What could be better on a cold winter day than looking forward to summer! Well the new Rock River Christian Camp brochures have arrived! So lets think back to the fun

we had last year swimming, playing games, and having fun at camp. Be watching for the bulletin board to go up next week with all the dates and information for camp this year. Once again, the sooner you sign up the bigger the discounts! Super early birds

get \$20 off camp price from RRCC and a \$10-off voucher from Kid Central from now to April 30. The early bird discount from May 1 to 31 is \$10 from camp and \$5 from Kid Central. Check out what is being offered and pick up a brochure at the welcome center and sign up as soon as possible for the best discounts!



We will be finishing up the REACH series in Jr. Worship this next week and starting the CATCH series the first Sunday in February. Jr. Worship is for children Kindergarten through 5th grade, during the 10:30 a.m. worship hour. We

will be starting in the Kid Central room the whole month of February with some table games and different activities. We have a fun, interactive learning time. Come on down and check it out.



We are going full swing through bad weather and sickness. It has been a rough month for Awana clubs. So here is hoping that everyone is healthy and the weather will cooperate so that we can all get back into the swing of Awana. If you have missed the last few weeks make sure you keep up with your handbook at home so that you can stay on track to pass your handbook by the end of the year. Next week is wear your favorite sports team color night! We look forward to seeing you back at club!

### **Mark your calendar for some upcoming dates:**

January 31 - Jumpin' Jungle workers meeting 2:00 p.m. in the chapel.

February 7 - Beginner workers meeting 2:00 p.m. in the chapel.

February 21 - Elementary workers meeting 2:00 p.m. in the chapel.

April 3 - Kid Central's Annual Easter Egg Hunt



## Brunch & Bible Study just for men

You are invited to a Brunch at Buster's at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 5. The Friday Morning Men's Bible Study is hosting this brunch. Check it out!

## girlfriends unlimited<sup>®</sup> Battle the Boys!

Ladies, bring your husbands, friends, or just yourself for a night of interactions with the boys. We will be playing a game of gender trivia on Friday, February 19, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. Bring an appetizer and/or dessert to share! Please sign up at the Girlfriends table in the foyer. Childcare is available with advance notice at sign up.

## How can I help Haiti???

Central Church of Christ supports Haitian Christian Outreach in Haiti. It has a number of facilities in Port-Au-Prince in Haiti which was close to the worst earthquake in over 200 years in Haiti. Central has stepped up to help Haitian Christian Outreach with a check of nearly \$6,500 within 48 hours of the earthquake, which they have already received and is already being used in Haiti. You may want to help personally even more.

There are several ways you can help:

- Number 1 is pray, pray, pray for the people of Haiti.
- If you are a regular member or attendee you can designate "Haiti" or "Earthquake" on your offering envelope an offering (hopefully above your regular tithe and offering). You can put that in the offering plate on Sunday.
- You can put a check made out to Central Church of Christ with the memo on the check showing "Haiti" or "Earthquake" in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office Monday-Friday.
- If you are not a member or regular attendee you can make a contribution directly to Haitian Christian Outreach online at <http://www.haitianchristian.org/>
- Central Church of Christ is an official drop point for goods you would like to send to Haiti. You may bring them by the Church Office Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and we will ensure they are delivered to Haiti where they will do the most good. A list of items needed is available at the Welcome Center or you can go to <http://christiscentral.com> home page and click on Items Needed for Haiti. **NOTE: The cutoff date for Central to receive supplies for Haiti is Monday February 8, 2010.**

If you would like to know more about Haitian Christian Outreach you can read about them on their website at <http://www.haitianchristian.org/>.

## Women of Faith 2010 Conference information

Calling all women. The moment you've been waiting for is finally here! We will be going to Indianapolis, IN on Aug. 20 and 21 for the Women of Faith 2010 Conference. For just \$145 you get to spend two days with Patsy Clairmont, Sandi Patty, Mary Beth & Steven Curtis Chapman, and many others who are waiting to pump you full of God's love.

Please contact Deb Kelly at 815-672-1409, 815-257-1428, or on Facebook. More information will be available on Sunday, January 31. A deposit of \$25 (non-refundable) is all that is necessary at this time to reserve your ticket, please make your check payable to CCC. This experience promises to put you "Over the Top"

## Opportunities to bless others

The Showering Sisters are looking for expectant mothers and engaged couples to shower! Expectant mothers and engaged couples please sign up at Welcome Centers. There will be a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center starting on Sunday, January 31.

If interested in joining the group please contact facilitator Julie Threadgill at 815-993-1978. We are currently planning a group meeting.

## January Foyer Update

The Foyer Project is progressing well. As many of you have noticed the new furnaces have been installed and are working well. The air conditioning units have been purchased and will be installed as weather permits. The ductwork has been run, but the registers will be placed as remodeling continues.

The new ceiling in the chapel is nearly done with the new dry wall portion to be completed and painted. The walls are yet to be painted and new carpet placed.

A great deal of the work to be accomplished in the main, and new foyer is fairly obvious. Some not so obvious, are new main doors for the sanctuary and new doors for the east side of the sanctuary. The southeast door will also be widened for convenience. All the new wood doors will have view glass in them so you will see if someone is on the opposite side. The doors will also swing open 180 degrees and latch back.

We are also experimenting with several styles of ceiling tile and lights, so if you see sections with different styles don't panic, we are just experimenting.

The small narrow windows in the foyer are going to be replaced with smoked energy efficient glass and frames.

Carpeting has to be installed in the entire foyer area, but will probably be the last item to be placed.

Contributions to the Future Fund, for the foyer to date, is about \$43,000 with \$23,000 spent. The majority of the cost has been for furnaces and sliding glass doors.

As you see volunteers working on the foyer project give them a huge thanks. They are saving Central thousands of dollars through their volunteer labor.

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## 2009 Contribution Statements are available Sunday in the Main Foyer and from the Office during the week

### Statistics for Jan. 17, 2010

1st Worship	37	
2nd Worship	189	
3rd Worship	301	Total 527
Bible classes	186	

### Statistics for Jan. 24, 2010

1st Worship	42	
2nd Worship	178	
3rd Worship	281	Total 501
Bible classes	179	

### Offerings



Offerings needed to meet Budget-Y-T-D  
for 2010:

\$46,905.48

Offerings given to-date:

\$50,479.78

Financial Statement available at the  
Welcome Center or the office

### Hiker Chicks Schedule

Join the Hicker Chicks, an exercise group and part of the Women's Ministry. They will be meeting in the Upper Room to do Pilates at 6:30 p.m. on Mon., Feb. 1.

Also, in Feb., they will meet on Sun., Feb. 7 at 4:45 p.m. for Cardio Circuit at the Community Center. Monday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. they meet in the Upper Room to exercise to a video.

### Elders' and Church Leaders' Conference at LCU

February 20, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

at Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, IL

#### SPECIAL:

As a means to encourage Central Church of Christ leaders to attend we are offering \$20 off the \$30 cost of this conference to the first ten (10) leaders who have not been to a Leadership conference before. For only \$10 you can join us at the conference this year if you are one of the first ten to sign up and pay at the church office and you haven't gone before.

In addition we are offering \$10 off to the first ten (10) leaders who have gone to a Leadership conference before. For only \$20 you can join us at the conference if you are one of the first ten to sign up and pay at the church office. Notice: You must be a member of Central Church of Christ, a church leader and pay at the church office by February 8, to take advantage of this offer.