

The TORCH

December 13, 2011



Central Church of Christ

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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.

Results from the Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting was held after each of the services on Sunday December 11, 2011 with board chairman George Smith presiding. The two items on the agenda were:

- Election of Elders/Deacons/Trustee
- Approval of the 2012 Budget

The entire slate of Elders/Deacons/Trustee were overwhelmingly approved by those voting.

The 2012 Budget was passed with 99.4 percent approval by those voting.

Our Elders are George Smith, Jr., Larry Evans, Tom Hallam, Roger Blakley, Jim Blalock, Jim Bressner, Bill Coats (on sabbatical) and Scott Palm.

Our Deacons are Bob Brown, Jeff Collins, Troy Dimmig, Ryan Irving, Mel McMeen, Kevin Missel, Mike Pastirik, Ryan Shinkey, Joe Skaff, Bob Snedden, Virgil Taylor, Jim Threadgill and Stan Tutoky.

Join us for Christmas Worship Services

Central is going to offer two Christmas Eve Services, at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. this year, along with one service on Christmas morning at 9:30 a.m. All three services will be identical, allowing the opportunity for everyone to spend time with family. Childcare will be provided at the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service for ages birth through 5 years old but NOT for the 5:00 p.m. service.

There will also be childcare provided for the Christmas Day service for birth through 5 years old. Children's bulletins will be available to older kids in the service. There will be no Sunday School on Christmas Day.

Class offered for couples

The Young Married Couples Sunday Morning Adult Class will start again on Sunday, January 8. They will meet in the Upper Room at 11:00 a.m. A new series, "The Love Dare" will begin on that Sunday. Young married couples are invited to join the class which is led by Ralph and Laurie Cole. If you have any questions, call (815) 673-3153.



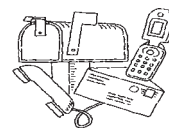
**HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS
FROM THE STAFF AT CENTRAL**

*CHARLES, RON, EVELYN,
RODNEY, TONY, JESSICA
DEBBY, JULIE, CONNIE AND AMOS*

End of year contributions

Notice: Church contributions must be received in the church office by Friday, December 30 to be tax deductible for 2011 according to the IRS (Internal Revenue Service).

The 2012 Contribution Envelopes are available in the Foyer



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



Why do we do the things we do? Why does Central Church of Christ exist? What are we trying to accomplish as a church? How do I get plugged in? Where are we going as a church?

On Sunday night, January 22, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., we will have a "3 Step" class starting to answer some of your most basic questions. If you have recently started attending or have been regularly attending Central, this class will be extremely helpful to answer some of the questions you may be having.

I will facilitate the first evening. It will be an informal night with dinner, childcare and an opportunity to answer some of your questions regarding Central. This will give you a better understanding of who we believe God has called Central to be as a church. Please watch the newsletter for more information regarding this night and the additional steps to follow.

Involvement Ministries

Jessica Pastirik



Central will be hosting an Estate Planning Seminar on Saturday, January 21, 2012 and will be held in the Upper Room. There will be a breakfast served at 9:00 a.m. followed by the seminar at 9:30 a.m. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center in the Foyer.

This will be presented by Christian Homes, one of the missions Central supports. **There is no cost to you.** The

seminar is about one hour in length.

The main content is covering the difference between a Will and a Trust in easy to understand language.

They will explain the difference between probate costs and estate tax.

They emphasize three important goals...

- First when all is said and done you want your heirs to be speaking to each other.
- The second goal is to avoid a long delay in the distribution.
- Third goal is have the maximum amount possible go where you want it to go.

The seminar speakers are Larry Simonson and Terry Davis. Larry is Director of Estate Planning for Christian Homes. He has been with Christian Homes for over 27 years and has had an opportunity to help a lot of people with their estate plans. Terry is Director of Special Gifts and has been with Christian Homes for over 10 years.

This is a valuable service we offer to our friends and supporters. Attending this seminar will be a good investment of your time even if you already have a good estate plan.

Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the calls, cards, prayers and thoughtfulness I received while my dad was sick and after his death. I'm strengthened by all the love I've received these last two to three months.

Thanks again,

--Sherra Blakley

The Family of Mary A. Reynolds would like to thank Pastor Charles and our church family for prayers and words of encouragement during our mother's last days on this earth. Thanks to all the kind people who brought food.

We would also like to thank the kitchen staff for the funeral dinner and all their hard work to make everything nice for us.

Bless You All.

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls and especially the prayers after my surgery.

God Bless You All,

--Dick Rankin

Ring the Bells for the Salvation Army

Central Church of Christ has committed to Ring the Bells for a full day for the Salvation Army at Walgreen's, Kroger, and WalMart on Saturday, December 17, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central has done this for a number of years and wants to carry on our commitment to help the needy in the Streator area. Many people ring the bells with a smile, but some have even chosen to do so with a flair. Some sang Carols, some dressed as Santa Claus, and some as Mr. and Mrs. Claus. No matter how you do it, it's all to help the Salvation Army care for the needy.

You can choose to give a special gift this year by calling the Office Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Quietud Guia Devocional Diara para
Diciembre, Enero, & Febrero 2011-12 disponible.
Consulte a Jessica Pastirik para su copia.**

Central Student Ministries

Rod Kreier



Youth sponsors meeting ... every Sunday night at 5:00 p.m. **There is NO meeting Sunday, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2012.**

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. There is NO Unite on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1, 2012.

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.

No Ignite on Dec. 28 or Jan. 4, 2012.



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 have 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!

Something new starting in January 2012!

CCC's Children's Ministry will be starting Family Faith Milestones which is a program for parents that starts with the birth of their child and partners with the church all the way through their child's growing years. The last milestone happens when their child graduates from high school.

The first Milestone is a Parent Seminar called "Baby Blessings." Parents will discover the intentional ways our church will partner with them and equip them to disciple their children. We also discuss children's physical, spiritual, and emotional development from infancy to kindergarten.

We will offer "Baby Blessings" to any parents with children under 2 years old who would like to dedicate their little one in our church. This seminar will be offered on Sunday, January 8, during the 11:00 hour in the Kid Central/Jr. Worship Room/West 7. It will also be offered on Tuesday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. in West 7. There will be sign up sheets on the south hallway bulletin board. You need only attend one of these sessions. However, we are offering it twice in hopes to reach all who would like to dedicate their little one to the Lord. After this seminar, an all church Family Faith Celebration of Baby Dedication will be held on Sunday, January 15, during the 11:00 hour of church. At this time parents will present their children for dedication to the Lord. You will be hearing more about Family Faith Celebrations in the coming months.



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Statistics for Nov. 27, 2011

1st Worship	73	
2nd Worship	309	
3rd Worship	130	Total 512
Bible classes	173	

Statistics for Dec. 4, 2011

1st Worship	93	
2nd Worship	276	
3rd Worship	141	Total 510
Bible classes	194	

Statistics for Dec. 11, 2011

1st Worship	76	
2nd Worship	300	
3rd Worship	126	Total 502
Bible classes	181	

Offerings



Offerings needed to meet Budget-Y-T-D
for 2011:

\$650,153.00

Offerings given to-date:

\$619,736.69

Financial Statement available at the
Welcome Center or the office



Baptized:

Sarah Carpenter
Malia Rodriguez
Rita Robinson
Genie Robinson
Clayton Sibert

Transferred:

Pamela Weathersby

Rededication:

Michael Swiskoski



In Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Mary (Ron) Ruberstall and Donna Janney and their families at the loss of their mother, Mary Reynolds who passed away November 29, 2011.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Sherra (Roger) Blakley family at the loss of her father, Richard Starling, who passed away November 28, 2011.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the friends and family of Mildred Day, a former member here, who passed away November 24, 2011.