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



Worship Minister approved

Tony Ross has been approved by the congregation to assume the position of Worship Minister at Central Church of Christ with 96% of the congregation saying "yes". Tony will begin at Central on Sunday April 25. On that day he will be observing rather than leading the Worship Team. That will also give him a chance to observe other activities around the church on Sunday morning.

Tony is a May 2002 graduate of Lincoln Christian University with a B.A. in Music Ministry where he focused on voice. He was the part-time Music Minister at First Church of Christ, Georgetown, Illinois starting in June of 2000. He became the 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. Tony has written and acted in skits and dramas.

Tony and his wife, Meghan, have two sons Landon age three, and Simon, ten-months-old.

Kid Central's Annual Egg Hunt!

Join us on April 3, at Noon

We will have lunch, play games, make crafts, see a magic show, get some candy, win prizes, and learn about what Jesus did for us, the real meaning of Easter!



Prospective college students invited to luncheon with LCU and ISU Representatives

Following church service on Sunday, February 28, Central Student Ministries will be having a luncheon with representatives from Lincoln Christian University and Illinois State University. They will be talking about how to pick a college. The representative from Lincoln will also be talking about what a Christian University can offer your teens and the importance of attending a Christian University. Also, because not every student has a desire to attend a Christian University, the representative from Illinois State will be talking about the importance of getting plugged into a campus ministry while attending a secular university. This event is for high school students and their parents. A complimentary lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to Jessica in the church office, by Wednesday, February 24.

Women of Faith 2010 Conference deposit due

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. A \$25 deposit is due by February 28 to reserve your spot. 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 (after 4:30 p.m.) or on Facebook. The deposit is non-refundable and 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".

Charles' Corner

Charles Cline



I wanted to take the time to give you information regarding our upcoming Easter service on Sunday, April 4. There will be three services all at our regular times- 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m. The 7:30 service will take place in the sanctuary rather than the Upper Room.

The theme of our Easter service will be "Eyes of Faith". It is a movingly dramatic story of Christ's death and resurrection. Our worship team, band, adult choir and children's choirs will be participating. We will hear from characters, Simeon, Judas, Mary Magdalene, and Peter. They will tell us, through eyes of faith, their story of Jesus shortly after the events occurred.

Spiritually, we will look through the eyes of these followers of Jesus, their insights, feelings and emotion. We will see how their lives were affected and changed by Jesus, and realize that Jesus is still affecting and changing lives today as we look through eyes of faith.

I pray that you will invite friends and family to a service that will bring worship and meaning to their lives. Blessings!



Kid Central

Evelyn Taylor, Children's Director



Easter is just five weeks away! We need candy for our annual Egg Hunt! There will be containers at each entrance to collect your donations of individually wrapped candy. Thanks for your help in making this a fun and candy filled event!



This week's Awana Club theme is "bring an adult to club" night. So don't forget to invite your adult to stay with you for club tonight. We will have special games that your adult can play with you. Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa,

Aunts, Uncles, and friends are all welcome to come as your adult. The month of March is our Missions Month. Your child will be bringing home a film canister which they can use to collect spare change around the house. They can bring back their canister all month. This year our mission's

offering will go to our adopted club in Burma/Myanmar. This will help our sister clubbers have a complete Awana Club!

Leaders don't forget Prayer and Planning meeting on March 3.

Things to mark on your calendar!

Friday, March 12, is Family Movie Night here at the church. We will start with dinner at 6:00 p.m. then watch the new Veggie Tale Movie, "Pistachio (The little boy that woodn't)". Come join us for a night of fun, food, games, and family!

Saturday, April 3, is Kid Central's Annual Egg Hunt. Everything starts at noon with lunch, games, fun with Magic Mark, prizes, candy, and learning about Jesus (the real meaning of Easter).



Wednesday, April 28, the Awana Clubs Awards night at 6:15 p.m. Come out and see the clubbers get their awards that they have worked so hard all year to earn!

Sunday, May 2, is Kid and Tot Music Central's spring musical, at 6:00 p.m.

These are our upcoming spring events!

Central Student Ministries

Chad Kennedy

The Schedule

Feb. 24, Jr. High Ignite at 6:15 p.m.

Feb. 28, College Luncheon at Noon; Sponsor's Meeting for Prayer 4:30; Sponsor's Meeting at 5:00 p.m.; Unite at 6:00 p.m.

March 1, Snow Tubing Trip; Leaving at 8:00 a.m. and returning about 4:30 p.m.

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

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

March 7, Sponsor's Meet for Prayer 4:30; Sponsor's Meeting at 5:00; Unite at 6:00 p.m.; Parent's Night. Please let the office know if you are planning on attending.

Upcoming Dates

Winter Jam Normal, IL March 27

YMCA Lock-In Peru, IL April 16

RRCC Camp Schedule

Sr. High Main July 11-16 Cost is \$215

Jr. High Main July 25-30 Cost is \$215

CIY Move

June 14-18

Total cost is \$360

Deadlines	March 28	\$100 Deposit
	April 25	\$125 Payment
	May 23	Balance Due

CIY Know Sweat

July 5-9

Total cost is \$325 plus supplies. (We won't know supplies until we know are job.)

Deadlines	March 14	\$100 Deposit
	May 9	125.00 Payment
	June 20	Balance Due

Attention Parents

The March Parent Link will be available on Sunday. You can receive it on-line at www.christiscentral.com under the parent page under the youth section, or you can pick it up out of the brochure rack. If you would like it to be e-mailed to you, please e-mail Chad at chad@christiscentral.com.



March 19
is

Girlfriends Game Night
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Upper Room

Bring a GREEN Snack to share
because we're going green
for St. Patrick's Day!
Drinks are provided but
bring your favorite game to
play!

Discipleship

Butch Ringwald



I Just Love...

In Warren St. John's *Rammer Jammer Yellow Hammer*—a fascinating account of the lunacy that is University of Alabama football—the reporter recounts a conversation with a Mr. and Mrs. Reese in their \$300,000 motor

home, purchased exclusively to travel to Crimson Tide games. The couple, it turns out, had missed their daughter's wedding because it fell on the same day as the Alabama-Tennessee game. They said they had managed to make the reception, and noted that they had asked their daughter not to schedule the wedding so as to conflict with the big game. Asked why he did it, Mr. Reese could only shake his head and respond: "I just love Alabama football, is all I can think of."*

The way we live displays those things that we love and are passionate about. God demonstrated His love for us by sacrificing His Son, Jesus Christ on the cross to take care of our sin. We know He loves us, because He demonstrated it. We should respond to His love by loving Him in return. How are we displaying our love for God? Are we living in such a way that God knows we love Him? Are we living in such a way that others know that we love God?

¹⁵ *If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.* ¹⁶ *And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.* ¹⁷ *In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.* (1 John 4:15–17 NIV)

*Shirl James Hoffman, "Sports Fanatics", *Christianity Today*, February 2010, Vol. 54, No. 2, retrieved February 21, 2010 from http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/article_print.html?id=86516

In Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of Charles Pence, who passed away February 11, 2010. His funeral service was held here on February 17.

Ministry opportunity

If you like to welcome and greet people here on Sundays, see or call Cheryl Higbie (815) 854-2476. She will schedule you to begin greeting at one of our entrances on Sundays.

Crafting Night!

Anyone interested in the art of scrapbooking or stamping is invited to **Central's Crafting Night** to be held on Friday, February 26, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Bring your own materials and tools to the Ministry Center Lower Level and join others in a time of fellowship and fun. Please bring a snack to share.

The Torch

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Contribution Statements are ready

The 2009 Contribution Statements are available for you to pickup on Sundays in the new foyer and from the Church Office during the week, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Baptized:

Kaitlynn Irving
Amy Shawback
Jason Shawback
Nathaniel Overy
Mikayla Hansen
Kurtis Graham

Statistics for Feb. 14, 2010

1st Worship	48	
2nd Worship	202	
3rd Worship	268	Total 518
Bible classes	173	

Statistics for Feb. 21, 2010

1st Worship	32	
2nd Worship	189	
3rd Worship	267	Total 488
Bible classes	170	

Offerings



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

\$ 93,810.96

Offerings given to-date:

\$104,036.28

Financial Statement available at the Welcome Center or the office

Funeral Dinner dishes are in the kitchen

Thank you to all those who have prepared food for funeral dinners. Your dishes can be picked up off the counter in the kitchen.



Dear Church Family,
Our son-in-law, Jerry Mahan, is recovering at home from a recent stay in the hospital. Thank you, Pastor, Ministerial Team, Prayer Committee, and all of his Christian friends who prayed for him and Renee during this time of spiritual need.

--Jerry and Verla Jesiolowski