

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1110 GUADALUPE STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

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VIEWS FROM THE EDGE

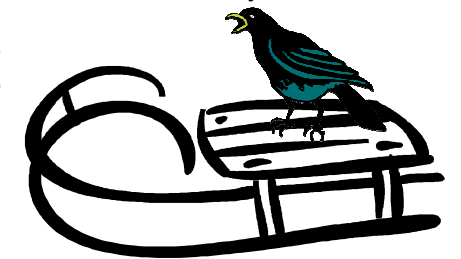


Now I've seen it all! Yesterday I watched a video of a crow in Russia sliding down a snowy roof-top on a small round disk, then carrying the disk back to the crest of the roof to do it again! The bird tried another slope, but the sun had already melted too much of the ice at the top, so when this attempt failed the crow went back to the snowy slope on which he had been successful in his playful slide. The children speaking into the video camera were obviously amazed. Though I did not understand their language, their giggles reflected their delight at the experience.

The scriptures contain many a story that reflects how Jesus amazed people, too. Whether healing a leper, exorcizing demons, or turning water into wine, Jesus could stop a crowd dead in its tracks. It is no wonder that people placed their faith in Jesus as the Messiah, the anointed one, the Son of God, and even the Word made flesh! Jesus performed acts that defy our sense of possibility. Jesus made manifest the glory of God!

People who place their hope and faith in God seem most open to naming and claiming the amazing power at work in and through us – the power of God's spirit. It may remain a mystery as to how the Spirit accomplishes this, but our prayer is that we will continue to be open to such a manifestation within us. Maybe we haven't seen it all, after all.

Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more that all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21, alt.)



Grace and peace,
Peggy

PASTOR'S CLASS

It is a Disciple's tradition to offer Pastor's Class during the season of Lent for children and youth who are interested in making a confession of faith and baptism. Children and youth who are in the fourth grade and up are invited. Classes will be held every Sunday in March at 1:00 p.m. Participation in the class is voluntary, and each youth will make their own decision about joining the church. Youth who have already been baptized and joined the church are also welcome to attend.

From the Chair:

As I write this, we are just a few days removed from our Appreciation Luncheon that was held in mid-January. What a joy it was to meet in community and thank all those that worked hard and provided leadership in 2011. At the luncheon, it was my pleasure to announce the names of those who have agreed to serve in the various ministries and committees in 2012. I encourage you to keep these leaders in your prayers, and I hope that you take the opportunity to get involved in one or more of these important Ministry Council committees. No one can do everything but everyone can do something. If you are interested in an activity and don't know where to start, please contact the church office and our minister and/or staff will connect you with the appropriate person.

Preston James, our Treasurer, has informed me that as per our Constitution the final budget report from 2011 will be finalized and formally presented to the congregation in mid-February. Please stay tuned (via email, Facebook, and/or Sunday bulletin) for the announcement of how and when the information will be presented.

Finally, I am happy to let you know that as of January 8th your 2012 Administrative Council has a full complement of twelve members. On Sunday the 8th, our three servant leader groups met and selected their representatives to the Administrative Council. In addition to the eight members directly elected by the congregation, the 2012 Administrative Council includes Cindy Milton and David Smith from the Deacons, Phyllis Diaz from the Trustees, and Carey Taylor from the Elders.



In Service,
James McGuffee



Central Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Austin, Texas
February 2012



Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship Service
12:10 p.m. Fellowship

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Rev. Peggy A. Edge
Heidi Bounds
Dallas Edwin Heenan
Kirsten Van Meter
Robert Marcott

Ladies' Night Out

Wednesday, February 29th at 6:30 pm
Hosted by Carey Taylor

Carey will be cooking a big pot of soup. A few other ladies will be bringing cornbread. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Carey via email at ataylor83@austin.rr.com or by phone at (512) 280-0969.



January 16th - February 5th

Together, CCC and ASPVA will be collecting items for Bethany Food Pantry. Last year, we collected over 1,000 items to benefit local families. **This year our goal is to collect 1 ton of items!** Together we can do it!

Items needed by pantry:

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| Oatmeal | Cornmeal |
| Canned Meats (Tuna, etc.) | Spaghetti |
| Canned Corn | Jelly/Jam |
| Shampoo/Conditioner | Flour |
| Sugar | Deodorant |
| Diapers - Sizes 4 & 5 | Syrup |
| Kids' snacks (fruit snacks, Goldfish, etc.) | |

Drop off your donations on the table
outside the community room.

There will be a special luncheon on February 5th.

Central Christian Church
presents

"Acoustic Sanctuary"



On February 16th, the 3rd Thursday of the month, a special musical offering will take place at 6:30 p.m. Our guest artists will be announced soon on Facebook and via e-mail. Invite your friends and co-workers to come and enjoy great music and the hospitality of Central Christian Church.

From Behind the Wall



The poinsettias are gone, but they were enjoyed for four weeks after Christmas. It was amazing how they hung in there, showing their bright red and pink leaves as a reminder of the glorious birth of Jesus.

Central Christian Church is even more beautiful in December because of these plants in dirt which are nourished with a little water. I would like to think the Spirit of God may have something to do with the fortitude of these red plants that keep on keeping on. I would also like to think that this same Spirit keeps me keeping on. What about you?

Occasionally I get to the pews after service to meet the worshipers. Last Sunday after I complimented the choir for their good work, I made my way to see Lamar and Ethel. One of Lamar's favorite hymns is "Softly and Tenderly," and he was so pleased to hear and sing it in the service. Ethel was excited to hear and sing "Tú Has Venido a la Orilla" (Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore). Ethel had recently heard the song on the radio and was so pleased to hear it in church. Lamar mentioned he didn't speak Spanish; I assured him that humming or la-la-la works just as well as the words. Let the Spirit help carry your joyful noise.

Sybil Montgomery was exclaiming the joy of hearing her favorite hymn, "Just for Today" being sung by John Charles Thomas on YouTube!! It was a delight hearing her talk about this fine tenor she remembers from decades ago. Music means so much to Sybil. She sang in the Chancel Choir for fifty years, but missed a few Sundays when she gave birth to her three children.

Marjorie Bailey expressed her appreciation of the choir and the hymns sung during the worship service. She appeared to be ready for another week after spending a short time with her fellow disciples in our Spirit-filled sanctuary.

In the Chalice Hymnal, 261 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" expresses what I see and hear whenever I make my way to the pews. When I see the faces of my fellow Disciples, I know "There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place". I don't fully understand it but it keeps me keeping on.

In about ten weeks, the sanctuary will be full of flowers in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Until then, the choir and I hope to give you Spirit-filled music to help you keep on keeping on. The humming and la-la-las are part of doing God's work, too. Are you part of the joyful noise?

Enjoying the Sweet, Sweet Spirit,

Dallas Edwin Heenan

CYF Spring Rally

For 9th - 12th Grades

March 2 - 4, 2012

Check in 6:30pm Friday, Depart 10am Sunday

Camp Gonzo

Disciple Oaks Retreat Center, Gonzales, Texas

Stranded...
What's in your backpack?
Using Your Resources



Castaways...

Rev. Eric Gates is our Fearless Keynote.

Directors

Justine Tunnell
830-822-3364

Ashley Clower
210-748-9822



Registration Form and \$100 Fee
due to the BBA Office by Feb.15.

Applications must be given to Heidi by
Sunday, February 5th.

Scholarships



To all prospective and current college undergraduate and graduate students:

It is time to pick up applications for the C.M. and Aline Rogers Scholarship, the Norma Waldrep Naumann Scholarship, the **new** Christian Women's Fellowship Scholarship, and the **new** Christian Women's Fellowship Partnered with the Luther and Marjorie Bailey Scholarship. Please pick these applications up in the church office. The application deadline will be June 1st this year. Any questions may be directed to Kathy Huffaker at kathyhuffaker@austin.rr.com, (512) 751-87180, or (512) 473-8852.

Scout Sunday

In observing Scout Sunday on February 5th, all Boy Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms on that day. We look forward to the opportunity to honor all current and former scouts!

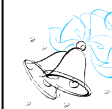


Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent – the 40-day period before Easter. This is a time for Christians to re-examine their spiritual lives and prepare for spiritual growth. Let this Lent be a time of deeper dedication to God by seeking ways in which we can help further God's kingdom on earth.

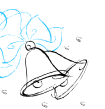
Join us on Wednesday, February 22nd, to observe the beginning of Lent. A pancake supper begins at 6:00 p.m. in the community room followed by a worship service in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. If you are able to help with the supper, please contact Carol Bowser at (512) 633-2088.

C.A.N.D.Y.

Sunday, February 5th – CCC will host C.A.N.D.Y. from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Let Heidi Bounds know if you have any suggestions for a fun project/activity.



Weddings



Best wishes to Charles and Jaclyn Luke, who were married here on January 7th and to CCC members Jeff Jones and Laura Flores, who were married here on January 21st.

Office Hours

During the week, CCC staff members can be found in the church office during the times listed below. Please keep in mind they may also be at meetings, appointments, or visitation during office hours.

Rev. Peggy Edge

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Also available by appointment

Heidi Bounds

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Dallas Edwin Heenan

Monday: Off, *appointment only*

Tuesday: Off, *appointment only*

Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Off, *appointment only*

Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Robert Marcott

Monday – Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Kirsten Van Meter

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Ministry Council to Coordinate Church Program

The newly appointed ministry committee chairs along with leaders of constituent groups (e.g., Disciples Women and Disciples Men) will make up the 2012 Ministry Council. The purpose of the council is to promote collaboration between various ministry committees in planning and organizing church events. The Senior Minister will preside at Ministry Council meetings, and the Administrative Council officers are welcome as ex-officio members.

The inaugural meeting of the Ministry Council will be Thursday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Supper will be served. Bring your calendar and any written reports from the ministry committee denoting recent accomplishments, future plans, or any request that requires Administrative Council approval (e.g., expenditures exceeding \$500 or budgeted allowances).

James McGuffee (Administrative Chair) appointed the following ministry committee chairs to serve in 2012:

Building Use: Ken Robertson
Membership & Evangelism:

Raymond McGlamery

Missions & Community Outreach: Kathy Cooke
Nursery & Young Children's Education:

Jennifer Portilla

Parking: Bob Marcott

Property: Brad Bounds

Social & Fellowship: Carol Bowser

Technology: Rod Bowser

Worship & Music: Stacy Alexander

Incidentally, each of these ministry committees needs volunteers to assist in carrying out church events. Please get involved in the work of the church in areas that interest you. Contact one of the above denoted chairs to volunteer. Together we can represent Central Christian as a community of faith that proudly shares in God's ministries from the corner of 12th & Guadalupe.

Bazaar Planning Meeting

A Christmas Bazaar planning meeting will be held on Sunday, February 19th following worship service. Please meet us in the 2nd floor Adult Sunday School classroom if you are interested in helping with the 2012 Christmas Bazaar. We will be discussing possible changes to the length of time, dates, and financial set-up. We welcome everyone who is willing to help make this a successful event for all!

Musings:

I have heard it said that "procrastination is the thief of time". I assure you that it is indeed more than that. It is responsible for the "what might have beens", "I wish I had done that" and "I'm sorry I'm late". There are worse things that it causes. Not saying I love you to family or friends before they are gone, or returning a call or a note until there is no one to receive it.

There are other things, like late payments or a brilliant idea that you see being marketed a year or so after you had it. Then there are all those other "have tos" waiting to the last minute, and you're up all night catching up.

But the most important of all is: When you care about someone be sure to tell them every chance you have. Visit the sick. Commiserate with the poor in spirit and remember that God is with you.

Bob Marcott



Sweetheart Banquet and Silent Auction

Benefitting
2012 Youth Mission Trip

Sunday, February 12th
Community Room

Join us for lunch
and a silent auction
immediately following
morning worship.

Hyde Park Scholarship applications are available now. All applications must be postmarked by March 1st to be considered. Please see Heidi to get an application.



New Member

We rejoice in welcoming Rev. Linda McWhorter to Central Christian. Linda transfers her membership from Temple City Christian Church in Temple City, CA.

She is Staff Chaplain at St. David's South Austin Medical Center. We are so thankful to have her in our community of faith. Linda and her husband Sam and mother-in-law Masil now make their home in South Austin.

Christian Women's Fellowship

February 8, 2012

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: The Arboretum at Great Hills Trail
9306 Great Hills Trail

Jerry Jungmichel will be our hostess at our next meeting. We will have our regular business meeting and Bible study, then have lunch in their lovely dining room. This is a ladies only party – sorry guys. Wear red! We will celebrate our Valentines: Patricia, Irene, Ethel, and Bonnie. Please RSVP to Marjorie at (512) 442-6388 by Monday, February 6th.

Marolyn Robertson



SAVE
THE
DATE!

This year the CROP Walk event will be held on March 3rd and 4th in Walter E. Long Park (6614 Blue Bluff Road). Sponsored by Church World Service, the CROP Walk supports mission projects in communities and areas which are plagued by natural disasters or dire human need. 25% of all money raised for this event stays in Austin to support local agencies. Central Christian can get involved by providing walkers or sponsors and/or through your prayers and spiritual support for the event. Registration packets will be available soon.



Week of Compassion Offering 2012 focuses on how sharing brings joy to others. We already know that when we sow bountifully we reap bountifully, because we share in the joy that our gifts bring to those in need. Additionally as we become more aware of another's need, we recognize more fully our own abundance as a gift from God, a gift we are called to share. Some tangible results of our Week of Compassion Gifts are:

- A family displaced by natural disaster or political unrest receives food, shelter, and the comfort of a safe place to rebuild their lives.
- A woman can now draw clean water for her family from a nearby well.
- A child excitedly arrives for class at a village's new school.

This year Central Christian Church will receive your Week of Compassion Offering on February 19th and 26th. Sow bountifully and share abundantly, knowing that you are changing lives. May we all give cheerfully and multiply the joy!

Hygiene Kits Needed

For those in poverty, hygiene kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling individuals and families. CCC has committed to providing hygiene kits to assist homeless persons in our area. If you can prepare and donate a kit or two (or more!), please do so and leave them in the donations bucket between the community room and the kitchen. The kits will be delivered to Echo, a group in Austin committed to ending homelessness.

Place these items in a one-gallon plastic zip bag: a razor, a comb, a bar of soap, nail clippers, six standard size band aids, a sealed toothpaste, and a sealed toothbrush. Please bring all items no later than Sunday, March 11th.



EAGLE SCOUT

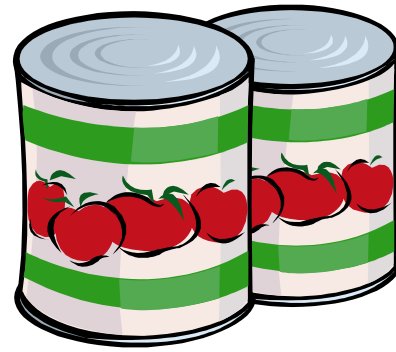
Ryan James Nolen, age 17, earned the rank of Eagle Scout on December 27, 2011. Ryan is a member of Troop 3, which is chartered by the Youth Ministry of Northwest Hills United Methodist Church. Ryan's project included the planning and constructing of two clothing donation bins, located at Northwest Hills United Methodist Church and Central Christian Church in Austin, to benefit the State Hospital of Austin. Ryan's project took 169 hours to plan and complete. Ryan wishes to thank his Scout Master David Stroud, his Eagle Mentors (Brad Sprague and Craig Shempert), and his CCC church leaders and congregation for all of their support and assistance in completing his project and making it such a success.

The State Hospital has verbally expressed their gratitude for the donations already received. The hospital is almost always at full capacity (300 people of all ages), and the average stay for each individual is 15 days, so they have a tremendous need for these clothing donations. (They have a particular need for large men's shoes). Please remember to donate only gently-used, washed items and no belts. Thank you so much.



We celebrate with Pat and Carolyn Johnson in the birth of their grandson, Jack Michael Johnson. Jack was born on Tuesday, January 17th at 2:44 p.m. and was 8 lbs. 1 oz and 20 inches long.

CWF/OUTREACH



Christian Women's Fellowship will re-start an ongoing project to gather non-perishable goods to help the food pantry at Bethany Christian Church. Please continue your support by bringing any non-perishable items and placing them on the table in the community room. We are proud of our CCC membership for their loyal support of this project. Thank you!

- CWF

Growing in Intimacy with God — Lenten Prayer Series

Rev. Linda McWhorter would like to extend an invitation to join in community on five Sunday mornings during the season of Lent to learn and practice prayer forms from various faith traditions as a way of growing in intimacy with our God.

This exploratory class will be based upon the major dimensions of the spiritual life found in the life of Christ and Christian tradition: The Contemplative Tradition, The Social Justice Tradition, The Holiness Tradition, The Incarnational Tradition, and more. Lessons will be based on work from *Renovaré*, a Christian non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals and churches to grow in Christlikeness by engaging in intentional Christian spiritual formation. Text to be used — *A Spiritual Formation Workbook* by James Bryan Smith and Lynda Graybeal, will be available for purchase at first class, but is not required for participation.

Class Dates:

Sunday February 26th through March 25th

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
in the Friendship Room

For more information, feel free to contact Linda
at (209) 401-6739
or via e-mail at spiritguidelinda@gmail.com.

LIVESTRONG AUSTIN Marathon and Half Marathon February 19, 2012

Be sure to allow extra time to get to church on February 19th. There will be multiple road closures, which could affect your route. Below is a map of just the downtown portion of the course.

