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(Disciples of Christ)
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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Sunday
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:05 p.m. Special Prayer
12:10 p.m. Fellowship

Monday – Friday
New Beginnings (AA)
12 Noon

Director of Christian Education Heidi Bounds
Director of Music Ed Heenan
Office Administrator Kirsten Van Meter
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*A Message Regarding Our Pastoral
Search Committee*

Our Pastoral Search Committee has been busy. During December, we listened to many different voices in the congregation. We visited Sunday School classes and the CWF group. On Sunday, December 20th we asked each member of the congregation to fill out a written survey. We did all of this to try and come up with a congregational profile so that we can determine the most important qualities our congregation is looking for in a new senior minister.

As we continue the process of searching for a new minister we ask everyone to faithfully keep our committee in your prayers as we do our work. Our seven member committee consists of: James McGuffee (chair), Betty Alexander, Rod Bowser, Ginger Meeks, Elizabeth Morgan, Eduardo Portilla, and Eddie Torres. If you have any comments or suggestions about the pastoral search process, please feel free to share those ideas with any member of the committee.

However, due to the sensitive and confidential nature of the pastoral search process, members of the committee will not be able to answer your questions about the current status of the search process. As soon as any relevant information is known, the committee chair will inform the Board officers, who will in turn inform the entire congregation. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this process.



- James McGuffee, Chair,
Pastoral Search
Committee

Thank You!

Thank you to all of you who helped to make the Bazaar a huge success and who bought the "Enjoy the City" coupon books. We are so excited about our mission trip!

Sincerely,
The Children of Central Christian Church

From Behind the Wall

Is it possible that another calendar year has passed? We as Christians may be more concerned about the church year. Already Advent has come and gone, but not in our minds and hearts. As I write this I'm also thinking about the Christmas Eve service. (Some people say I'm a multi-task sort of individual.) I'm hoping that the Christmas Eve service will continue to strengthen your love of Jesus and His Father's church.

Let's look to the New Year with the hope and promise of doing God's work in all aspects of His church: outreach, stewardship, Christian education as well as the continued restoration and improvement of our historical landmark edifice. Let's strengthen our church family through our involvement in the programs of the Central Christian Church. Need I say there is a seat for you in the chancel?

Let's show our appreciation with an open heart to our new tenants: Austin School of Performing and Visual Arts and Lake Hills Church. They love this church as much as we do. New life and energy puts a smile on my face even while I'm on the bench playing for worship. I wish I could see the smiles on your faces, but I'm behind the wall.

- Ed



BAZAAR

Christmas Bazaar 2009

As I sit here writing this recap, as the new Director of Christian Education, I feel privileged and honored to serve this congregation in this capacity. We just wrapped up the largest fundraiser for Children's Ministry, and I wanted to share the outcome with each of you.

Here are a few facts from the Bazaar:

- * We had 46 people donate food and/or desserts for the Candy Cane Café
- * We had 27 people help in the kitchen
- * We had 10 volunteers for the CCC booth
- * We had 18 people help with set up and tear down
- * We had 2 people for central checkout

This year's Bazaar would not have been as successful without the help of the Christmas Bazaar Committee. Melody did a great job recruiting vendors, promoting the Bazaar through local publications and soliciting local businesses for donations for both the silent auction and raffle. Thanks Melody - job well done! Jolie was our Kitchen Chief for the Candy Cane Cafe. Jolie planned, shopped for and cooked all the food that was served out of the cafe. Thanks Jolie - another awesome year! Brad was our Central Checkout leader. He made sure that both our shoppers and our vendors were checked out and paid correctly. This is an extremely well organized process that both shoppers and vendors love! Thanks also to Howard for tirelessly recording all sales - it's a tedious process, and one that he does very well and with great pride. Thanks to Brad and Howard for making certain that all the money is correct. Special thanks to Pastor Jim for all of his long hours in the kitchen making sure that everything was ready to be served. He spent countless hours in the kitchen so that everyone was served in a very timely fashion. Thank you Pastor Jim! Also, special thanks to Kathy H. for helping organize crafts to be sold at the CCC booth and for helping set up the booth. This year was a true team effort and all of our hard work paid off in the end. Our total profit for this year's Bazaar was \$4117.00! Awesome!

The youth of CCC thank you! The committee thanks you! And I would like to personally thank you! Everyone did something to make it a success! You gave money....you gave time....and you gave to the youth of Central Christian Church. I hope that each of you enjoyed the Bazaar and that you will come back next year when it will be even bigger and better!



In His Service,
Heidi Bounds

Thank You to our Raffle Donors!

Our raffle items were a huge hit! First prize was a full sized quilt from from Tri-County Quilt Guild, in Cypress, Texas. They are a 501b charity, and one of their projects is to make quilts for the children served by DePelchin Children's Home in Houston. The second prize was a hand-painted wildflower platter and pitcher valued at \$85, which was donated by our very talented member, Melody Thomson. The third prize was the coffee basket, donated by our neighbors at Starbucks at the corner of San Antonio and 12th. Thank you also to our long list of donors for the silent auction table. All the items were fabulous!



ASPVA



The Austin School for the Performing and Visual Arts looks forward to their grand opening celebration in their new home here at Central Christian Church. We will "Set the Stage for ASPVA" on Friday, January 22 from 5 - 9 pm with student and professional performances, an infusion of flavors of Mexico and the grill by Verde's, a silent auction of professional artwork, and a special performance by Fastball, an American rock band that formed in Austin, Texas in the 1990s. The band originally called itself "Magneto U.S.A." but changed their name after signing with Hollywood Records. In 1998, their album *All The Pain Money Can Buy* reached platinum sales within six months of its release, and stayed on Billboard's Top 200 Albums chart for a year. In addition, the group has been nominated for two Grammy Awards - Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal for "The Way", and Best Long Form Music Video for their promotional video "They Wanted The Highway", they also received five Austin Chronicle awards: 1998's Album of the Year, Best Video, Best Single/EP, Band of the Year, and 1995's Best Pop Band.

Tickets for this event will go on sale for \$45 per person at www.theaustinschool.org. We are pleased to call Central Christian Church home, and we hope you will join us for this grand celebration for ASPVA!

Carol de Cardenas

Executive Director of The Austin School for the Performing and Visual Arts | ASPVA

To the Women of CCC

Disciple Women's Ministries/CWF is getting ready to have a wonderful event in Richland, Texas on February 26th and 27th. This is an exciting time for Women's Ministries and we need all of your ideas to make Women's Ministries grow.

Some of you got to hear Adonna Bowman the Executive Director for Women's Ministries speak at your Christmas luncheon. Imagine being able to brainstorm with her during this event.

Think about what you can contribute to the DWM/CWF and bring your ideas to the Vision Event in February. It is one night away from home and will be a great gathering with a lot of ideas coming out of the event. Get several of you to travel together and keep the cost low. See Jolie Johnson if you have any questions.

All women of the church are part of Women's Ministries!

Membership Directory

As most of you know, we are working to put together a new church directory, which will include phone numbers and addresses of our members. Please contact the church office if you **do not wish** for this information to be published. Thank you!

Musings:

I thought that all my bias and prejudices were firmly in place - you know, the ones that dictate that everyone in the US should speak English and companies which hire phone workers should hire people who have no accent. Well, I received a bill from my cell phone provider that bore a horrendous figure and I called. The lady answered with an accent so thick she had to repeat herself over and over. In retrospect, she probably thought I was pretty dense; however, she was very patient and accommodating and saved me a bunch of dough. That got me thinking about my parents. Mother was 15 when she and her family arrived from Germany, and I'll bet she had quite an accent when she was learning English. Some 30 years later when I heard her speak, there was no accent, and she was teaching a course in elocution. My Dad was 20 when he arrived here, and I suppose he too spoke with an accent. Again, 30 years later when I heard him speak, there was no accent, and he was teaching an adult night class at the University of Buffalo. (I hate to tell you that it was Child Psychology.) Anyhow, the experience shattered that particular set of prejudices. I wonder how I sound to new Americans struggling to learn a new language.



- Bob Marcott

Office Hours

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

Heidi Bounds

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Ed Heenan

Monday: Off, *appointment only*

Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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.

Christian Women's Fellowship



January 13, 2010
10:30 a.m.
Church Parlor



We have a brand new year in which to come to know our Lord's purpose for our lives. We will study the 4th lesson, "I called... You answered... I am changed". We are reminded that we are the only persons whose lives touch all the people we know, work with, and meet every day. We may be the only ones praying for them. We may be the one person Christ has put in their lives to help. It is something to think about. Let us pray "O Lord, help us keep our hearts moist with compassion as we share living water." Amen.

We meet in the parlor at 10:30 a.m.

We wish all of our church members a happy healthy and a blessed New Year.

- Marolyn

2010 Quadrennial Women's Assembly June 23-27, 2010 Greensboro, North Carolina **AWAKE! AWAKE!**

Registrations are now open at www.discipleswomen.org or mail in a paper copy. Cost is \$375.00 for registration and the cost of the meals is extra at \$75.00 that includes 3 lunches and dinners. Everything will be at the Sheraton Four Seasons and Korny Convention Center.