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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

herbsthyme...summer has arrived and so has the hot weather that means Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. Let me extend to the adults of the congregation two invitations:

My first invitation is to attend and participate in the Adult Class we will be offering during VBS. James McGuffee, will be leading this class about Disciples History, Polity, and Church. He has shared the outline for the class in an article in this edition of the newsletter...give it read. I think this is an exciting opportunity for the members and friends of CCC.

My second invitation is to be open to being a part of making VBS happen. There are many opportunities for you to lend a hand, teach a class for our children, set-up, and that dreaded clean-up. If Heidi approaches you about helping out, find something you can do well and say YES.

AND AND AND AND

This past Sunday offered us a wonderful worship time with beautiful music. I really appreciate the sense of energy that is filling our worship times when we gather. Let us continue that momentum, and let us sing, sing, sing praises to our God.

Many of the summer campers also took advantage of the opportunity to complete their camp registrations and have them notarized. And we shared together the "raw data" gathered at the Dessert Dates. I want to thank Kim Merrill for coming to be the notary for our youth.

Following the dinner, I shared the "raw data" from the dessert dates and lifted up those things that were shared most often...and those that seem to sum up each area of questions. I also shared that the question most often cited that I did not ask was, "We thought you would ask us about what we wanted in a new permanent minister?" My response was all of the questions for the dessert dates helped to define characteristics of your new minister.

If you were unable to attend you may pick up a copy of the results outside of fellowship hall, find them on Facebook, or you can have them e-mailed to you.

Everyone will be invited to attend a meeting where we will begin to layout in a general manner those top 3-5 ministries we believe are the ministries our God is calling us to do at this time. I want to invite you to study and pray over the data collected and be prepared to share those things you think this church is called to be and to do.

Blessings to all, Herb

SUMMER CAMPS

June 20-26: BBA CYF Conference
Late Registration Fee: \$320.00 (Early Registration is over)

June 27- July 3: Eighter's Camp (completed 8th grade)
Late Registration Fee: \$320.00 (Early Registration is over)

July 6-9: Beginner's Camp (completed 2nd and 3rd grades)
Early Registration Fee: \$165.00 by June 6th (\$205.00 after)

July 11-17: Chi Rho Camp (completed 6th and 7th grades)
Early Registration Fee: \$280.00 by June 11th (\$320.00 after)

July 18-July 23: Junior Camp (completed 4th and 5th grades)
Early Registration Fee: \$250.00 by June 18th (\$290.00 after)

CCC will pay for ½ of early registration fee for any youth actively involved in the life of CCC. It is not too late to sign up!

Heidi Bounds
Director of Christian Education
Central Christian Church



**CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) –
HISTORY AND POLITY VBS
FOR ADULTS: JUNE 14-18**

Have you ever wondered what our church believes, why we have such a long name, or what is the difference between general assembly and the region? This year, the adult class at Vacation Bible School will explore the answers to these and other related questions. That's right, VBS is for ALL ages – even adults. So, bring your Bible (we'll be using it every night) and join me for five nights of sharing and learning. Here's a preview of the topics we'll be covering in the adult class:

- Monday:** Christian History from Pentecost to 1800
- Tuesday:** The Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement
- Wednesday:** The General Assembly – Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada
- Thursday:** Regional Ministry – CCSW: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest
- Friday:** Congregational Ministry – Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Austin, Texas

Hope to see you in mid-June!

James McGuffee, 2010 Adult VBS Leader



SAVE THE DATE

VBS 2010
June 14th-18th
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**It's sure to be a
BLAST!**

*****ALL are invited*****

**IN FRONT
OF THE WALL!**

Some time ago (before my computer bit the dust), Ed Heenan complimented me on something I had written. I e-mailed my thanks to him, and it became quite an exchange. He was too generous; I wasn't that talented; yes, I was; why didn't I write something for the newsletter. What would I write about? And on, and on. Well, here you go, Ed!

Ed's column in the newsletter is titled Behind the Wall; why didn't I call mine In Front of the Wall? Well, that's settled. All I need now is something to say. (That's a rare occasion, isn't it?)

The first thing I thought of is how blessed we are at Central Christian Church. The breath-takingly beautiful sanctuary, Rev. Lynskey to give us a wonderful message each Lord's day, wonderful friends to worship and fellowship with at least once a week. I could go on and on. And, then, there's the music. The very, very talented Mr. Heenan, playing the organ or piano and directing the choir.

How I wish God had given me a decent singing voice! Or that my parents (God bless them) had been sterner about making me practice the piano on a regular basis. After all, I had begged, nagged, cried (I think) until they signed me up for piano lessons. But they were too gentle, and I wish they hadn't been. If so, maybe I could be one of the people in the choir, making a joyful noise to the Lord. As it is, I sit in the audience hoping no one notices the mistakes I make. All I have is willingness and thankfulness that I live in a country where I'm free to do the best I can.

So, the next time you're sitting in the sanctuary, thanking God for all his blessings, don't forget Ed Heenan (behind the wall) with all the talent God gave him – and that he shares with us. And I promise I won't bring any more pictures of my beautiful great-grandsons again.

God bless all of you, especially Ed!

Jo Ann Colson



CWF

CWF will only meet for birthdays June through August.

From Behind the Wall

I was so pleased with the Chancel Choir when they sang at the Easter worship service. Our ten voices filled the nave with Handel's *Worthy Is the Lamb* and Kirsten and Jessica were outstanding on the *Laudamus Te* from Vivaldi's Gloria.

Danny Cohen wowed the congregation a couple of weeks ago with his rendition of "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing". Bram holds the tenors together with confidence.

As you know, the Chancel Choir needs the support of these lead singers. Our volunteers are loyal and eager to sing but they need a little help from our friends, the professional singers. Many of you know TR Forrest who will almost always help us when our numbers are few. We are blessed with all our singers, volunteers and professional.

As you can see, it would be so fine to have all our comfortable seats filled in the chancel. The view of the ascension window is truly awesome as the sun shines through it. Some Sunday you need to join us when we are singing the hymns so you, too, can soak in the beauty of the Ascension of Jesus Christ the Lord. You might like it and will want to join the Chancel Choir.

Eventually, the restoration of the sanctuary will begin and hopefully will be almost completed in late summer. Wouldn't it be thrilling on the first Sunday when we return to the sanctuary and you see and hear a chancel with more than 10 singers? Think about it. I think about it every time I'm on the bench behind the wall.

Dallas Edwin Heenan



Thank You

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

CCC Youth will be having a luncheon on Sunday June 27th in appreciation of all who have contributed to this year's mission trip. We are asking that you please bring five canned food items (no boxes or jars). As a thank you, the youth will be giving each person that donates at least five canned food items a free green shopping bag from HEB. If you have questions or for more information, please contact Heidi Bounds.

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 minister, director of music, and the director of Christian education may also be at meetings, appointments or visitation during office hours.

Rev. Herb Lynskey

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

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: 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.



Musings:



Mother's Day is a special day for me. My mother was born May 12th, 1884, and occasionally that date falls on Mother's Day.

Memorial Day has come and gone; a day set aside for the dead of our country's wars.

The Lord's Day: Well, as far as this author is concerned, every day is the Lord's Day. I have found that every painful and/or disasterful problem I face day to day is a lighter load when I share it with God, His Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are my constant companions, guides, and soothers. I "sorta" get embarrassed about some of the places I take them, but they are sooo forgiving. I also discovered that forgiveness is catching. Try it – you'll love it.

Bob Marcott



Women's Retreat

September 25-27, 2010 at
Disciple Oaks Retreat Center in Gonzalez, TX
You can register to attend the entire retreat, or just part of it at a reduced cost. Please contact Jolie Johnson for details.