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Sundays

8:30 Early Service
9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:05 Special Prayer
12:10 Fellowship

Tuesdays

12:00 Bible Study

Wednesdays

5:30 Choir Rehearsal

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A Message from Our Pastor

As I write this article for our March newsletter my heart is filled with sadness. Sunday evening, February 22nd, along with Debra and the rest of the family we bid our earthly farewell to our beloved Dan Richards. For 25 years Dan has been an integral part of Central Christian Church. His leadership and spiritual influence will be deeply missed by this community of faith. Beyond that, I will always treasure, as will many of you, my personal relationship and friendship with Dan. His tragic passing leaves a deep void beyond our church in the Austin and Bastrop communities where Dan was involved with so many area and service organizations.

The challenge to us is this: who will step up to continue the work that Dan was involved in? Dan loved Central Christian Church and he loved the people who make up this community of faith. It is our responsibility now to carry forward the legacy that he has passed on to us.

Please pray for Debra and the Richards family, that God will sustain them during these difficult days of adjustment.

And let us reaffirm our faith by remembering the words of Jesus "I am the Resurrection and the life, those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die".

On a lighter note, our youth served a wonderful Sweetheart Banquet on Sunday February 15th. The food was delicious, the service was excellent and the money raised will go to support our youth projects.

I look forward to seeing each of you in church on Sunday.
Pastor Jim

CONGRATULATIONS GO TO:

Gabi and Alex Ortiz who were both selected for the Olympic Development Program (ODP) South Texas State Pools. Tryouts were open to girls from across south Texas and involved rounds of training and cuts. Gabi will train this spring with the 93 age group, is a member of the AUCaps 94 Premier Team and Captain of the McNeil HS JV soccer team. Alex will train with the 96 age group and will participate in friendlies, Feb. 20-22nd with teams from Louisiana, Oklahoma and Tennessee. Alex is Captain of her Forza G*96 club soccer team. The ODP program provides high level training and competition and identifies and develops players to compete at the state, regional, and national levels.

ATTENTION STUDENTS:



Here are the Spring and Summer camp dates.

All camps are held at the Disciples Oaks Retreat Center (DORC) in GozalezsTX. Listed grade is the grade the students have completed.

Registration deadlines will be published as they become available.

March 6-8, 2009: BBA CYF Spring Rally

Camp Gonzo

June 7-13: BBA CYF Conference (Grades 9-12)
June 21-27: Eighter's Camp (Grade 8)
July 6-11: Junior Camp (Grades 4-5)
July 12-18: Chi Rho Camp (Grades 6-7)
July 20-23: Beginner's Camp (Grades 2-3)

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School at CCC is thriving! The youth classes are larger than ever. Sunday Mornings our classrooms are full of eager young people and dedicated, prepared teachers. Brad Bounds and Ginger Meeks have the high schoolers making goals and discussing the future. Those lucky junior high kids (and their many guests) enjoy Sundays with Heidi Bounds, Kathy Huffaker, and Kathy Rodriguez. The 4th and 5th graders are having fun learning about the bible with Bill and Sharon Hill. Godly Play (K-3) happens down the hall with Jan McLendon and Russell Ward. Judy Moore has answered a calling to teach the Shining Stars (2 years-pre-k). What a special combination this will be! We continue to look for a "leader" for the adult discussion class that meets upstairs on the second floor. At this time Renee Mckinney's class "Pairs and Spares" is considering joining another adult class. The 8:30 Early Morning Service lead by Pastor Mike offers Bible study and communion. What a great way to start the week! We are so blessed with the many opportunities and talents.

In February the Youth enjoyed a picnic lunch, a hike through Mayfield Park, and some great fellowship. We look forward to many more of these. This summer we will take our largest group ever on a mission trip to Texas City to help rebuild after Hurricane Ike. Be on the look out for FUNd raisers to help with the cost. Thanks so much to all who have contributed already through the bake sale, Sweetheart Banquet and Silent Auction.

Christian Women's Fellowship Meeting

March 11, 2009
Time 10:30 A.M.
Place Church Parlor

Hearing God's Echo on Someone Else's Voice

Scripture: Luke10: 1 - 24

Chapter 10 of Luke is a full plate of spiritual nourishment. The chapter begins with Jesus' instruction to the disciples for their travels. In this early section of the chapter Jesus tells the disciples, "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me, rejects the one who sent me" (10:16). We read in this statement that listening to the message of God is a critical act of faith. To not listen to Jesus is to not listen to God, who sent him. This verse also reminds the disciples that those listening to them when they are in the act of teaching the good news of Jesus are listening to Jesus. This raises an expectation that their words need to be faithful to Jesus' teaching and preaching.

In verse 24, as Jesus tells the disciples "that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it. As people privileged to hear good news and ethical teaching, we therefore have the responsibility to pass on the teaching we are receiving to future generations

In the middle of this chapter is the story known as "The Good Samaritan." The Samaritan in the story is the one who has listened to the word of God and lives it out. The Samaritan had heard the echo of God's voice. All of us must listen to the voice of God and to respond. We, in CWF seek to hear and act on the voice of God in our lives.

Please join us as we celebrate the life of Betty Alexander, an outstanding example of discipleship.

CWF President
Marolyn Robertson

Musings

I touch you because I care and when you're gone, I won't despair, for you left a bit of you with me. And if I go before you do, I've left you with a bit of me.

So dear friends, do as Christ said "Love one another".

...*Bob Marcott*

Central Christian Church Workday

Outside workday has been moved to March 14th from 9-12. We want to get our outside landscape ready for Easter. We have work for all ages and skill levels so do not think that there is nothing that you could do. We will be trimming bushes, planting grass, cleaning flower beds and much more. We look forward to seeing you.

Thanks in advance. Alton Taylor and Brad Bounds

Roof Update: The roof work is going along great. The roofers have now finished the lower levels of the sanctuary roof and will be moving toward the the top very soon. The education wing roof is over half way complete. The weather has been good to us so they are right on schedule. Please keep your pledges coming in toward the BRIC project. If you are not currently giving and would like to, please see any member of the BRIC committee and we can get you more information. Thank you to all who are supporting this greatly needed project and we hope to move to the next phase very soon.

Brad Bounds, BRIC committee

Elders Meeting

The elders will meet at 12:45 on March 15 in the Friendship Room.

Prayer Requests

Valerie Adams, Jim Anderson, Marjorie Bailey, Mary Love Bailey, Bonnie Bounds, Gertrude Bowser, Jack Cantrell, Anita Dowty, Cecile Dowty, Maida Draker, Jim Glather, Joan Gross, Lamar and Ethel Gordon, Jim Hewitt, Joel Johnson, Ron Johnson, Amy Lacson, Gary and Rena Mayes, Woodson McGuffee, James McKibbin, Alma Menn, Morris Phinney, Rex Place, Michael Moore, Glenda Prather, Madeleine Randolph, Deborah Richards, Sharon Riley, Carl and Geraldine Schold, Louise Sherman, Earl Stahl, Janice Stoner, Sarah Warlick.

Revised Diaconate Schedule for 2009

This is a revised diaconate schedule for 2009. Please email Ginger at vmeeks1022@yahoo.com to confirm that your scheduled months will work for you. Emailing me will also ensure that Trey and I have everyone's contact information. If you are an active member of the diaconate, and your name was inadvertently omitted, please contact Ginger (email or at 512-619-4029) or Trey (512-917-1235).

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute or contact Ginger or Trey.

Please meet in the parlor at 10:50 for prayer each Sunday you're scheduled to serve.

Thank you all for your service,
Ginger Meeks and Trey Van Meter

Group 1 March

June

September

December

Alexander, Doug

Alexander, Staci

Bowser, Rod

Cross, Gina

Houchins, Oscar

Leiser, Elizabeth (J)

Milton, Cindy

Morgan, Elizabeth

Nolen, Ryan (J)

Portilla, Eduardo

Portilla, Jennifer

Group 2 April

July

October

January (2010)

Bowser, Sharon

Ortiz, Gabi (J)

Gaines, Taylor

Gordon, Ethel

Hornaday, Raina

Hornaday, Walt

Robertson, Ken

Robertson, Marolyn

Sanders, Khadaija (J)

Trotter, Deborah

Trotter, John

Group 3 May

August

November

Maser, Tom

McLendon, Jan

McLendon, Terrell (J)

Smith, David

Talley, Michael (J)

Thomson, Melody

Van Meter, Linda

Ward, Russell

Wilson, Carolyn

Wilson, Marc

Winebarger, Erin (J)