

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Austin, Texas
May 2010

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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



MAY 16TH IS TRS SUNDAY TACOS, REGISTRATION, AND SHARING



Mark it down NOW! Sunday, May 16th will be **TRS Sunday**, a fun and meaningful day in the life of Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

First, immediately following the worship service on May 16th (the Sunday after Mother's Day), there will be a **Taco Lunch** sponsored by the Social and Fellowship Group. Ginger Meeks, chair, has asked that the good folk of CCC to sign up in the fellowship hall to bring something for our scrumptious **taco bar**.

Second, Heidi Bounds, Director of Christian Education, has announced that we will have a notary at the luncheon and is **asking all the youth and their parents** to: 1) have **completed their summer camp registrations**; 2) **bring them to the Taco Lunch** 3) **have the registrations notarized**. It is a requirement that each registration be notarized before a youth may attend camp. This will be a most convenient time to fulfill this need.

Third, following the Luncheon, Reverend Lynskey **will share a summary** of the thoughts and ideas **discussed at the Dessert Dates**. At that time, he will share a recommendation to the church about moving forward with a long range planning event.

So come, have some fun, fellowship with your church family, eat a great meal, get the kids ready for camp, and let's talk about the future of CCC.

See You There!!!

If you have wanted to get more involved with CCC but weren't sure how, Social and Fellowship is a great opportunity for a short-term commitment! Contact Ginger Meeks if you would like to help out on May 16th!

SUMMER CAMPS

June 20-26: BBA CYF Conference

Early Registration Fee: \$280.00 by May 20th (\$320.00 after)

June 27- July 3: Eighter's Camp (completed 8th grade)

Early Registration Fee: \$280.00 by May 27th (\$320.00 after)

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 1/2 of early registration fee for any youth actively involved in the life of CCC. We will have a CAMP SIGNUP DAY on May 16th during the luncheon, where we will provide a notary free of charge. Please take a look at the above dates, and come prepared to fill out camp forms on the 16th.

Thanks!

Heidi Bounds
Director of Christian Education
Central Christian Church

herbsthyme...the importance of silence cannot be overstated during times of transition, search, and change.

We all easily understand that excellent communication allows us to know what each other is doing within the church, both individually and in the church's many ministries. In conversations we check who is doing what, when and where.

But it is silence that informs. It is all of us building times of silence into our personal lives and all of us, intentionally finding times of silence in our church life.

We have a time of silence during worship. It is a time to take a deep breath. Let the celebrations and challenges of the week to drain away, and to seek being closer to our God.

As we look to the future, I would invite you as a leader or member of a committee to intentionally add times of silence to your meetings. This can be done at the beginning and at the end. It would also be meaningful to add a few moments of silence before major decisions are made. It is in these times of silence that we can most deliberately open ourselves to God's presence in our lives and thinking.

Taking time for silence allows us to better understand each of us and all of us as children of God. It allows us a time to pause and remember, even if we do not agree with each other, we can remember that each of us has value, we are all members of this church family, the family of God.

As Daniel Wolpert asks in *Leading a Life with God*, "Do I point to the common humanity of all people in the church? Do I focus on people's behavior toward each other rather than on arguments about issues? Do I try to encourage others to avoid labels and dehumanizing catchphrases?"

As I write this piece I have two more "Dessert Dates" to attend. Then we will gather, the whole church, to hear what the people shared. (See front page.) It will be interesting, exciting, eye opening, and I am sure there will be some surprises. And not everyone will agree with everything shared. Yet, it is important for all of us to hear...and then spend some quiet time discerning what God's call is for our future.

May God be with us as we continue to share ministry in this world.

Peace through Christ,

Herb



BRIC Update

The members of the Building Restoration and Improvement Committee include Ginger Meeks, Ed Heenan, Brad Bounds, Jill Johnson Torres, Doug Alexander, Tom Maser, Kathy Huffaker and Bob Marcott. Carol DeCardenas is a non-voting member. We meet monthly at 5:30 prior to the Wednesday board meeting.

First, most of you have seen the "new" hardwood floors in the parlor, friendship room, and the adjacent hallways and entryways. Over the last several months, we had the original wood floors exposed and refinished. This work will be completed by lowering the shoe molding (where the wall meets the floor) and repainting the molding and walls.

The next project BRIC plans to accomplish is restoring the women's restroom at the back of the sanctuary (near the Guadalupe entrance), the small restroom near the front of the sanctuary (near the parking lot entrance) and the adjacent parking lot entryway. We are currently investigating flooring options to update both these restrooms and the entrance.

This summer we will see major work in the sanctuary. On July 13th, the stained glass windows will be removed, and the openings will be protected with plywood. The windows will be worked on for two and a half months. This project was originally scheduled for summer 2009, but was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. During the time the windows are being restored, BRIC members will inspect the sanctuary floor and determine, with input from the congregation, the best course of action for the floor. There is cork tile under the carpet, but it is unknown at this time if any of this tile can be restored. Once a decision is made regarding the floors, they will be completed during August and September while the windows are being worked on.

BRIC's purpose is to restore Central Christian Church to its original glory and to make it an awesome place to worship. As we make decisions on projects, we are constantly mindful of being good stewards of the monies entrusted to us by members of CCC and supporters of the restoration.

In May, the three-year capital campaign wraps up. If you made a pledge three years ago and are not sure where you stand on your giving, you can contact Jill Johnson Torres at jilljohnsontorres@gmail.com. To make a contribution to BRIC, make your check out to CCC and write BRIC on the memo line. You can also contribute online at ccaustin.org.

If you have any questions, concerns or input regarding BRIC activities, please contact one of the committee members.

Ginger Meeks
BRIC Chairperson
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\$\$ TREASURY NOTES \$\$

General Operating Budget Stewardship Report for the first quarter of 2010:

PLEDGES

Total Pledged = \$30,360
Total Received = \$21,924
Stewardship = 72 %

Undesignated Contributions

Anticipated = \$14,120
Actually Received = \$12,810
91%

Total Contributions

Expected = \$44,500
Actual = \$34,734
78%

Forty percent of those who pledge have met or exceeded their pledge on a quarterly basis. We thank all who support Central Christian Church as you are able. We provide this information because we feel an informed congregation is a more powerful congregation. May God bless all of your gifts. Amen.

Please call or email the CCC office if you need an update of your personal giving for 2010 YTD, and we will confidentially provide an update. Please note that the above information does not include Memorial, Special Funds Designations, Special Offerings or BRIC contributions that were not included as a part of your regular pledge. These special gifts are totaled separately and will be provided as part of your year-end giving statement.

- Preston James, Treasurer

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:

We all have our own little worlds made up of groups from our various activities. Well, welcome to my world!



I went to a wedding and what did I see? The marriage of my granddaughter - she's number 3. The bridesmaids in gowns of purple hue were Granddaughter 1 and Granddaughter 2. But wait, there's more there were actually 4, Great Granddaughter 1 and Great Granddaughter 2. The ceremony was a little unusual but beautifully done.

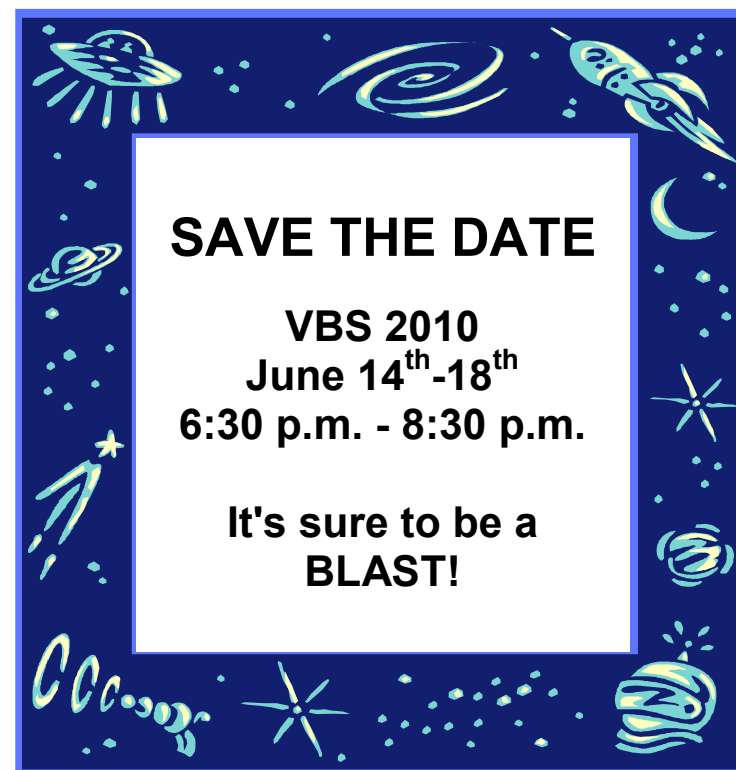
Then came the pictures, professional and others. They lined up my girls and their 2 brothers. Six pretty girls and two good looking boys. I was so filled with pride that I almost cried. GOD promised us life eternal through His Son, but man is immortal through his/her progeny. How lucky I am when I see what I started. My genes will go on ad in-fin-it-um as are my forebears. I could see traces in their faces of my dear departed spouse, gestures, a turn of the head. And when I said, "This wouldn't have happened without me", a guest said, "You are a trouble maker." She didn't know the half of it. So my friends, we owe all our joys to God and our sorrows to growth. Open your wide arms and your hearts to both.

Bob Marcott

SAVE THE DATE

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

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



Ministry Area

This year, the executive officers of our Board have organized the committees and groups of our church into four broad areas. For each area, a member of Central Christian Church is tasked with being a coordinator. It is my honor and privilege to serve as the Ministry Area Coordinator for 2010. My role as coordinator is to facilitate communication between the various groups that make up the Ministry Area of Central Christian Church.

Our elders are elected for three-year terms and serve as the spiritual leaders of our church. The most visible activities of our elders are the prayers at the table. Each Sunday, an elder gives an offertory prayer and another elder gives a communion prayer. As a group, the elders also maintain a TLC list and try to stay in contact with our members that may not be able to physically attend church anymore. Above all, the elders are a group that prays. The chair of our elders is Kathy Rodriguez.

Deacons are also elected for three-year terms. The deacons are the men and women of our church who are responsible for preparing the elements for communion, taking the offering, serving communion, and cleaning and straightening up our sanctuary after worship services. Deacons will sometimes provide logistical support for special services (e.g. funerals). In addition to elected deacons, many of the youth of our church serve as junior deacons. Junior deacons perform the same functions as a deacon but are not voting Board members. The co-chairs of our deacons are Tom Maser and Amber Copeland.

The two committees that deal with the interaction between the members of our church and the professional minister are the pastoral relations committee and the pulpit committee. The pastoral relations committee is a standing committee that is always chaired by the vice-chair of the Board. This year that is Jill Johnson Torres. The purpose of the pastoral relations committee is to provide guidance and clear communication between the congregation and any current professional minister on staff. The pulpit committee (also known as a search and call committee) is created whenever there is a vacancy in the permanent senior minister position at Central Christian Church. The Board chair appoints the members of the pulpit committee.

Membership and participation in any of the committees or groups already mentioned are either by appointment or election. However, there are two committees in the Ministry Area that are

open to any member of the congregation. If you are interested in serving on either of these two committees, please let me know or just show up for the next committee meeting. Your presence and input will be most appreciated.

The Worship and Music committee meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. Stacy Alexander chairs this committee with strong support from our Music Director, Ed Heenan. This committee discusses and plans the services that occur at Central Christian Church. Have you ever wondered who orders the beautiful flowers for Easter (and other special occasions)? Well, it's this committee that is in charge of those and many more details that go into making our worship services beautiful and meaningful experiences.

The Christian Education committee does not yet have a regularly scheduled monthly meeting time, but there should be a meeting in the near future. Jan McLendon chairs this committee with strong support from Heidi Bounds, our Director of Christian Education. One of the most exciting events in Christian education during the year is Vacation Bible School (V.B.S.). V.B.S. at CCC is next month, June 14-18th. If you have not already volunteered to help please let Heidi Bounds know of your interest.

I ask that you keep the work of the Ministry Area of Central Christian Church in your prayers. I also ask that you seriously consider volunteering part of your time in support of the work of the Worship and Music or Christian Education committees.

Sincerely,
James McGuffee, Ministry Area Coordinator



Annual Workday & Spring Cleaning
Saturday, May 15th, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Please join us to prepare ye the way of the campers!



The board of directors for Disciples Conference Center, Inc., invite you and your friends to come to Disciple Oaks Retreat Center for our annual Workday on Saturday, May 15th. It's time to prepare our site for the upcoming camp season. Prepare ye the way of the campers!

You're welcome to stay overnight Friday and enjoy lunch on us. Breakfast is on your own. The workday officially begins at 8:00 a.m., but you're welcome to join in whenever you're able to arrive. We'll end around 2:00 p.m., or whenever we're ready to quit!

We will work to get the camp spruced up, repaired and ready for summer camps, so we will be mowing, trimming bushes and trees, weed-eating, replacing screens, repairing fences, etc. All skill levels are welcome - we've got something for everyone. We need your help! A project list is detailed on our web site at <http://discipleoaksretreat.net/Events.html>.

Please tell Dale Fowler you're coming at daledcci@aim.com or (830) 437-2900, but we'll take all comers at any time of the day. Please also contact Dale if you have any questions.

We appreciate the committed groups and individuals who have shared their work ministry and time with us. Thank you so much - we look forward to working with you!

A blessed Eastertide to you,
Your Disciple Oaks Directors

CWF Meeting

May 12, 2010
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Place: The Taylors
3313 Treadsoft Cove

The Christian Women's Fellowship's May meeting will be a covered dish meeting. Last month, we discussed our plans for the fall of 2010. There are no May birthdays, just a time of fellowship in a warm and welcoming home. See you May 12th at Carey's.

Morehouse Update

Many of you may have noticed the listing of the Morehouse family on the prayer request in the bulletin over the last several weeks. Dr. Gene and Wanda Morehouse of Russellville Christian Church in South Carolina had been in town visiting their son, who was critically injured in a motorcycle accident.

They are now home, and Michael is on the road to recovery, although he has some brain damage. We received a card from the Morehouse family, and we felt it appropriate to share it with you here.

"To my Brothers and Sisters,
Being a part of God's family is wonderful and having family like you here at Central is great.

Thank you for the prayers, meals and sharing your love with us.

In Christ,
Dr. Gene and Wanda Morehouse"

WORSHIP IN PINK

On May 9th, Mother's Day, we will be continuing our tradition of recognizing the Susan G. Komen Foundation. As you know, the foundation is a major sponsor of research working toward a cure for breast cancer. They also provide many services for the Austin Community and work to raise awareness of this disease which so tragically affects so many women and their families. All are requested to wear pink to the worship service in support of this worthy cause. Please join us on this day and invite a friend to come to church with you.