

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Central Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Austin, Texas
November 2009

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

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Director of Music	Ed Heenan
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Landscaping Coordinator	Alton Taylor

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

Sunday, November 8th

We will be honoring our Veterans in our worship hour. If you are a veteran, we encourage you to wear your uniform to the service if you would like.



Congratulations Central Christian Church!

On Sunday, November 15, CCC will celebrate 80 years in this beautiful structure. Member Robert Leon White, who was Supervising Architect at the University of Texas at Austin from 1924 – 1958, designed the building, along with S.C.P. Vosper and Ralph Cameron & Co. Please join us in celebrating the courageous faith and glorious vision of our CCC forefathers, the brilliant architecture of this historic church, and the love and worship that it has provided its members for 80 years in this location.

Our special service will include music from the sanctuary's dedication service in 1929. Following the service will be a catered barbecue luncheon. Luncheon tickets are \$5/person and will be on sale in the community room after the church services on November 1st and November 8th.

Stacy Alexander
Chair of the Worship & Music Committee



BAPTISM FOR YOUTH

Baptism Classes for CCC youth aged middle school and older will be held on January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and February 7th, 21st, (skipping Valentine's Day) at 12:30 p.m. Class will last approximately one hour and the youth should attend all six classes. Baptism will occur on February 28th. The six-week series titled "Prepare the Way" will be taught by Pastor Jim with the elders assisting. Please e-mail or call Pastor Jim, the church office, or Kathy Rodriguez to notify us of your child's registration for this class.

An announcement was made in the Sunday morning worship service on October 18th that Pastor Jim will be officially resigning on December 31st of this year. After celebrating his 50th year in the ministry earlier this month he is certainly deserving and looking forward to a re-retirement and spending time with Linda and his family. We thank him for his six years of service with us and his flexibility as we make this transition into what God has planned for us at CCC.

Jill Torres, Chair of Pastor Relations

A Message from Our Pastor

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the beautiful service on October 4th observing the 50th anniversary of my ordination. I will always treasure the memories of that day and the lovely gift of the James Avery gold chalice pin. On Sunday, November 15th, we will observe the 80th anniversary of the dedication of our historic facility. For 80 years, this beautiful building has housed a community of faith that has borne faithful witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.

We look to the future with confidence that Central Christian Church will continue to be a place where people will find hope, forgiveness, comfort, and healing for many years to come. It is our sacred trust to rededicate ourselves so that our stewardship of this ministry and this facility will be as faithful as those who have given us this legacy.

Finally, as most of you are aware, I have submitted my resignation to the board. When I accepted the call to come to CCC, I promised the search committee that I would stay for 5 years. I have exceeded that time and believe that many of the objectives that were discussed with the search committee have been achieved. Now it is time for this congregation to move into the future with pastoral leadership that can commit for a long term. Somewhere God is preparing someone to come here, and I am optimistic that the best years are still ahead.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, let us count the many ways we have been blessed and look for opportunities to share those blessings with others.

... Pastor Jim

Bethany Faith Food Pantry Thanksgiving Meal Distribution - November 21, 2009

Starting at 9:00 a.m. volunteers are needed to fill boxes before Shepherd of the Hills and United Christian Church arrive with the turkeys at around 10:30 a.m. The meal distribution begins at about 11 a.m. and continues until all meals are gone. Help is needed in filling boxes before the distribution and carrying boxes to individual's cars during the distribution. It is an enjoyable time and lots of fun. Bethany CC is located at 3507 E. 12th St. Their phone number is (512) 926-4146.



GOD'S CHURCH: MISSION AND WITNESS

Ours the Journey 458

Unison

1. In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2. Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ple, war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,
 3. Though we reach the high-est heav-ens, hold-ing worlds at our com-mand,
 4. Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,

who will lead the pil-grim peo-ple wan-der-ing their sep-a-rate ways?
 who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 we are yet a des-ert peo-ple search-ing for the prom-ised land.
 may your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res-ur-rect the church a-gain.

Refrain

God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar,
 we your peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er-more.

WORDS and MUSIC: Julian S. Rush, 1979

OURS THE JOURNEY
 87.87 w. refrain

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Ours the Journey

Hymn 458 is about our journey of faith. Images of the Old Testament-flood, olive branches, flame of care, a rainbow, a fiery pillar, and soaring eagles assure us of God's care and leading. We will be singing this hymn during the month of November. Read over the words and find assurance of your journey of faith.

- Ed



OUTSIDE WORK DAY

WOW! What a great day! The CCC Fall Outside Work Day was a huge success. The church grounds look like new again. So much work was accomplished. To start off, a lot of pre-work was done, including removing five dying bushes and their stumps, which took about an hour each to remove. On Saturday, 7 massive holes had to be dug to accommodate the 7 new blue tip juniper trees that were purchased. Along with that chore, all the bushes on the property were trimmed and three flower beds cleaned out of weeds. A big thank you goes to Pastor Jim for picking up a truck load of dirt for us to spread. Two more big thank you's go to Preston and Curly for all their hard work in helping plan for this amazing day. I could not have done it without them. We had 25 people show up to help from CCC. They were Amber and Drew, Bill and Max, Doug and Ryan, Ginger and Jim, Preston, Curly, Travis, Ed, Trey, Austin, John (Austin's friend), Pastor Jim, Brad and Heidi, Hal, Gina and Jeff, Eddie, Aurora, Gabi and Alex. We also had four guys from Lake Hills Church show up. They were Chad, Chris, Dave and Jason. In total, we had 111 hours of hard work volunteered on Saturday. Thank you all for your effort, your sweat, and your dedication to CCC.

In His Service,
 Brad Bounds



The Central Christian Church Christmas Bazaar has been added to the City of Austin's events calendar online. You can check it out here:

http://www.austintexas.org/now_playing/events/?search=&category=5998&date_begin=&date_end=&form_action.x=7&form_action.y=18

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee will make formal recommendations to the church board at the November board meeting. If you would like the committee to consider any name for any particular board position or if you would like to self-nominate, please contact the church office or any member of the nominating committee before Sunday, November 8th. The members of the nominating committee are: James McGuffee, Kathy Rodriguez, Doug Alexander, Ginger Meeks, and Trey Van Meter. Also, feel free to talk to any member of the nominating committee if you have any questions about the process.

GIVING

As Christians living in a community, it is important that we support our church with our time and money. During our worship services on the first four Sundays in November you will be asked to reflect on various ways that you can give to support Central Christian Church in 2010. On Sunday, November 22nd, you will have a chance to make a tangible promise by pledging your planned giving for next year. This is known as Consecration Sunday. If you are unable to be with us in person, please contact the church office so that we can make sure that you receive a pledge form so that you too will be included.

As a preview, here are the planned theme focuses for each of our four Sundays in this year's stewardship campaign.

- November 1st: Church Finances
- November 8th: The Children and Youth of our Church
- November 15th: The Physical Church
- November 22nd: Worship and our Commitment to God

I ask that you be in prayer and carefully consider how you will give of yourself to the work of Central Christian church in 2010.

James McGuffee, chair
 2010 Stewardship Campaign

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.

Pastor Jim

Monday – Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday: Off

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.

2010 Mission Trip Meeting

When: Sunday, November 1, 2009

Where: CCC Parlor

Who: All youth and parents involved in the mission trip

Why: To discuss fund raising ideas and to answer any other questions regarding the 2010 trip

Thanks. I look forward to seeing you all there.

In His Service,
 Brad Bounds

Christian Women's Fellowship Meeting



November 11, 2009

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Church Parlor



Our lesson is number 3 of "I Called...God Answered...I Am Changed". This lesson is titled "Give Me This Living Water". It was uttered by a Samaritan woman to a Jewish man, unheard of in Jesus' day. She was a sinful woman, shunned by her community when she met Jesus at the well. Jesus did not demand that she repent; he did not chastise her for being a woman. He offered her life eternal, and in so doing, he let her know that God believed she was worthy of life, the living water.

The prayers of our heart are often answered before we realize we had prayed. We are changed! God Cares!

This month we celebrate Jerry Jungmichel's November 27th birthday. All who know Jerry recognizes her love of God and Central Christian Church. Join us November 11th.

Marolyn Robertson

From Behind the Wall

I was reminded this week that I have not written anything for the church newsletter in a couple of months. Where have those weeks gone? I am thoroughly grateful for a wonderful September vacation in Michigan with my grandsons and the lesser relatives (not really, I have "greater" relatives). My last trek was to Toronto, NYC and Chicago. Little Owen was baptized on October 18th, so it has been a full couple of months with little time to write anything for the newsletter.

Is it me or have you also noticed and felt the new energy at Central Christian? I'm referring to The Austin School for the Performing and Visual Arts filling the week day void in the education wing next fall. What a splendid opportunity for both ASPVA and CCC! Central Christian is becoming more a part of the downtown community. I hope many of you met and talked with Carol and George de Cardenas on October 25th. Carol is the director of the school and has a powerful vision of what this school can do for the Austin community as well as for Central Christian Church.

On October 24th at the Outside Work Day, I noticed some new faces digging holes and planting trees with Preston. These men were from the Lake Hills Church who will be using our sanctuary on Sunday evenings for worship. Our church is becoming a part of the downtown community again by sharing our sanctuary with others to worship.

The Tree of Angels ceremony will be December 1, 2009, a Tuesday evening. Verna Lee Carr, director of Victims of Violent Crimes, and I have already started plans for this most inspiring ceremony of placing over 600 angels on two 9 foot tall Christmas trees. I believe this is the fifteenth year of Tree of Angels at Central Christian Church. You may want to plan to join us this year.

The Texas Choral Consort will have concerts in the sanctuary on December 11th, 12th, and 13th. These concerts have always been a highlight of the holiday season. I'll remind you again in December in case you haven't marked your calendar.

So have you felt the renewed energy around Central Christian Church? Is there some way you could become part of this energy? How can you become more involved in your church? I always make the suggestion that there is a special seat for you in the Chancel: the best seat in the sanctuary with a perfect view of our glorious Ascension Window. How it radiates since being cleaned and restored! Come sing with the Chancel Choir for 8 weeks, which is a little longer than the time I was on vacation. You might become rejuvenated and refreshed with a new outlook on your life and possibly a new outlook on the life of Central Christian Church. At least that's how I see it from behind the wall.

- Ed



Musings:

Rejection/betrayal inflicts the greatest hurts to the heart. Yes, losing a loved one to death leaves an empty ache, but that hurt eases with time and happy memories mend the hole that was left at the time of passing.

Rejection/betrayal leaves a raw wound that doesn't heal. The very thought of the fact reopens the hurt for years on end. Pains from broken bones, cuts, bruises and surgeries are masked by medication and do heal and mend. We can recall the incident but not the pain. Not so with rejection/betrayal, the memory resurrects the pain. Children experience that type of pain when a promise is broken. Tweens and teens whose boy/girl relationships are termed "puppy love" experience that same adult pain when their loves fail. Not knowing how to cope is the reason for so many teen suicides. Now, those of us who have experienced the broken heart of rejection/ betrayal know in some small way what Jesus felt when GOD turned HIS back on Him. The severing of the greatest, strongest, purest love that ever existed came with the anguished cry; "My GOD! My GOD! Why hast Thou forsaken me?" And that, my dear friends, is the true significance of the Cross.

- Bob Marcott

Yo U Turn: Radical Faith

BBA CYF Fall Rally

November 13-15, 2009

Late Registration Fee: \$120 (AFTER October 28, 2009 – **It's not too late!**)

- * Campers should arrive at Disciple Oaks Retreat Center in Gonzales, Texas at 6:00 p.m. on Friday (eat dinner before you arrive).
- * Fall Rally will conclude at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.
- * Each church is responsible for sending at least one adult for every seven campers.

Mail completed registration forms along with check payable to BBA:
Bluebonnet Area
1744 W Gramercy PI
San Antonio, Texas 78201

BAZAAR

Secret Shopper Volunteers Still Needed!



Last year, CCC asked our vendors to rate us on everything from the application process, loading and unloading, to the food we served at the show. For the 2009 Christmas Bazaar, we will continue to ask vendors to rate us, and we will begin to rate them. We need 3-5 volunteers who will serve as secret shoppers. We would like our secret shoppers to evaluate at least two Christmas Bazaars, if possible, and will meet for about a half hour with Melody Thomson to learn how to do assessments. Pastor Jim has kindly offered to select our secret shoppers, so please contact him if you would be able to help us with vendor evaluations!



Raffle

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. 1st prize will be a Quilt donated by the Tri-County Quilters Guild valued at \$225. 2nd prize will be a hand-painted wildflower platter valued at \$85. 3rd prize will be a coffee basket valued at \$40.

Come One Come All to the Christmas Bazaar!

The Outlet Mall is a long, long drive,
Come to our Bazaar and see what's inside!

Meet the artists and vendors who we welcome with cheer,
Buy gifts not just for Christmas, but for the whole year!
From hot pads to jewelry, purses, books and fine art,
Help support our mission trip, let's all do our part!

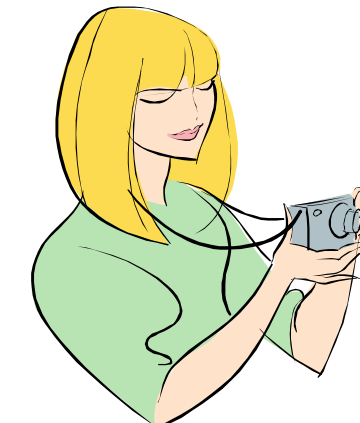
Enjoy your favorites at the Candy Cane Cafe,
With hot breakfast tacos to start your shopping day!
BBQ and famous King Ranch Chicken,
Homemade Pecan Pie is always lip lickin'!

Bring your credit card to the Silent Auction,
Come on, be a sport,
How about Spring Break at Horseshoe Bay Resort?
A quilt for the raffle, a custom portrait to be drawn,
The Salt Lick Steakhouse--we can go on and on.....

On Sunday, we welcome the School for the Performing Arts,
Whose students share their talents and warm every heart.
Bethany Food Pantry and the Magic Camp performers will give
A chance to support the community in which we all live.

Supporting Christian Education is our tradition and reason,
But fellowship, fun, and love are also in season!
Whether or not you have money to spend,
We want to see you, and maybe a friend!

Central Christian Church's Annual Christmas Bazaar
Dec. 3-5, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Dec. 6 noon – 3 p.m.



Photographers Needed

We are in need of anyone who would be able to take candid pictures during the Bazaar. If you are interested, please contact Melody Thomson or Carey Taylor. We need photos of the entertainment on Sunday, vendors, cafe, etc. to use for advertising and website updates in following years.