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Central Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
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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

A Message from Our Pastor

Summer is over, school has started, and we at Central Christian Church are preparing for a full schedule of activities through the end of the year.

As we enter the fall and winter seasons, let us ask for God's guidance as we make important decisions that impact our future. It is important that commitment and faithfulness be the foundation upon which we build the Kingdom of God. Let us work together in respect and appreciation for the gifts each one brings to our common ministry.

During the Sundays of September, I will be bringing a series of four sermons on the "I Am" sayings of Jesus.

The scripture references and the subject of each Sunday are as follows:

September 6th: John 13:36-14:6 - "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

September 13th: John 10:1-21 - "I am the Good Shepherd"

September 20th: John 11:17-37 - "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

September 27th: John 15:1-17 - "I am the Vine"

Why not invite a friend, a co-worker, or a neighbor to experience the warmth and friendliness of worship at CCC. May God bless each one of you as we continue to move forward in ministry together.

Pastor Jim

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our very own **Matthew Thomson** hit a Grand Slam at the World Series and got the game ball and best batting average. Also, Matthew's 8-year old school team, the Keith Bears, played another 8-year old team on the field at halftime on ESPN Monday Night Football on August 31st and were able to be part of the pre-game show, standing in front of the Minnesota Vikings and the Texans for the national anthem. WAY TO GO!!!

CWF Meeting

Date: September 9th
Place: Church Parlor
Time: 10:30 a.m.

Come join us as we begin a new calendar year. Carey has prepared for us a brand new study, "I Called ... God Answered ... I Am Changed". We invite you to join our fellowship as we continue on our journey to understand God's purpose for our lives.

We will celebrate the fullness of Joye White's life, Elder emeritus, teacher, wife, mother and grandmother – a remarkable woman to know and love.

Marolyn Robertson
CWF



News About the Newsletter - Changes in October 2009

In order to get information out more quickly and to cut paper and postage costs, we will be changing the way we send out the newsletter. Starting in October, most people will receive the newsletter electronically via e-mail. If you currently receive e-mails with news or information for all members, such as reminders about luncheons, then the office has your current e-mail address and you don't have to do anything. If you are not sure whether the office has your current information, please call Kirsten at (512) 476-6941.

Members and friends who do not have a computer or who do not have access to one or who find it difficult to read on a screen will continue to receive the paper newsletter. We will be working hard to make sure that everyone who needs a paper newsletter will continue to receive one. Please let Kathy Rodriguez or Leticia Flores know if you have any concerns or questions.

Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients!

C.M. and Aline Rogers Scholarship Recipients are:

Ansel Prewitt Aguirre
Susan J. Fox
Randal D. Gordon
Elizabeth Leiser
James E. Meeks
Reilly K. Robertson
Susanna E. Rodriguez
Michael S. Talley

Norma Waldrep Naumann Scholarship Recipients are:

Elizabeth Leiser
Michael S. Talley

C. M. and Aline Rogers made the C. M. and Aline Rogers Scholarship Fund possible. Mrs. Aline Rogers was a long-time member of Central Christian Church. She and her husband had no children, but were caring and supportive of children in many ways. Aline was a faithful worker in the Sewing Bees, who provided clothing for school children. We are grateful for the benefits of their generous gifts. They were generous, caring people.

To be eligible, an applicant can either be an undergraduate or graduate, but must be a Christian individual of any denomination who has received a high school diploma or completed a high school equivalency program and are pursuing a degree or technical certification at an accredited institution.

Norma Waldrep Naumann (June 5, 1954 – May 30, 1982) was a dedicated and beloved teacher of children, an energetic and enthusiastic athlete, and a friend of many. Norma's first and second grade students at Spicewood Elementary School were a delight to her, and she was a delight to them. She enjoyed swimming, water-skiing, and tennis, and she was an avid jogger. Her gentle and optimistic spirit attracted to her side many, many friends - all of whom were deeply grieved by her illness and early death at age 27.

Upon her death, Norma's friends and her families established a memorial fund in her name to be administered by The Board of Trustees of Central Christian Church. The balance in the Norma Waldrep Naumann Memorial Fund as of June 15, 1992, was the first deposit made in The Norma Waldrep Naumann Scholarship Fund. To be eligible, an applicant must "be a member of Central Christian Church, a son or daughter of a Central Christian Church member, or actively involved in Central Christian Church". These scholarships are awarded on a "one-time-eligibility" basis.

These scholarships are cash grants, not loans; however, upon graduation, recipients and their families will be encouraged to make gifts to these scholarship funds. By so doing, they will express their gratitude for the scholarship help they have received. In addition, they will make it possible for other college and graduate students to pursue their goals in higher education. All gifts should be made payable to Central Christian Church Trustees.



Chalice Women's Group

Next Meeting: September 19th at 1:30 p.m. at Bamboo Garden (625 West Ben White Boulevard, Austin, TX 78704)

BBA/LRGVD Disciples Women's Retreat in Gonzalez, TX – September 25th through the 27th. It is not too late to register, but the fee is \$115.00. The keynote speaker will be Irie Sessions.

Disciples Women's Quadrennial Assembly 2010 – June 23rd through the 27th, 2010 in Greensboro, NC. The theme is "Awake! Awake!" and the service project is Human Trafficking. Visit quadrennial.org for more information.

Musings:

Not everyone believes in miracles. Not everyone has experienced one. They, of course, have experienced coincidences. The daily operation of the universe is not a coincidence, but a miracle put in motion by a supreme being. Life itself is a miracle, but it happens every day, so what?

I got to thinking about miracles I've seen and experienced, heard of or read about, and I've tried to catalog them from the greatest on down. Creation? I don't know where to put that. The birth of Jesus? Well, I don't know where that goes either. Maybe the resurrection should be first? Nope! My choice for number one cropped up the other night while I was saying my bedtime prayers, complaining because I hadn't achieved this, or given that, and why wasn't this so, and how come I missed out on that. Well, up jumped Ann Sullivan and Helen Keller! Again, which was the greater miracle? Was it Ann's ability to reach a child living in a world without sight or sound and no memories to which she could relate? Was it Helen's ability to learn from a zero reference point to become the glowing success she was? I make it a tie and put them as the number one miracle, with maybe an edge toward Helen.

As for my prayers, I realized that my non-achievement and the lack of anything I don't have lays squarely on my shoulders. I was given talent, opportunity, the blessing of sight and sound, and I blew it. So as of 08/15/2009, I cannot and will not gripe about what I don't have. What I DO have is a wonderful life and daily miracles. Thank you God!

Bob Marcott

Correction: 2009 Mission Trip Totals

After reviewing the numbers from the 2009 mission trip, there were some addition errors made. The error occurred when I totaled the amount of the registration fees. I used the original amount when 22 people were going and forgot to back out the credit we received from Group Workcamps after 6 people had to drop out due to other commitments. Here are the new numbers:

- Expenses totaled \$8517.60
- Total amount raised was \$6775.00
- Total amount paid for by campers was \$3200.00
- Amount saved for 2010 is \$1475.40

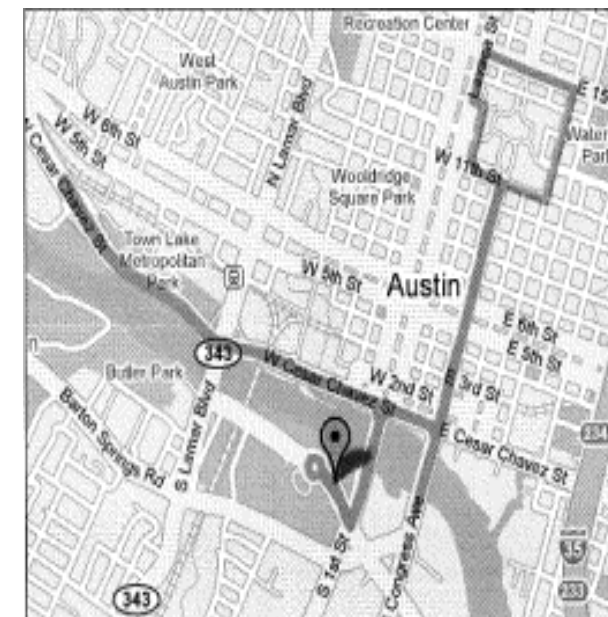
Thanks again to all who helped make this such a wonderful and successful mission trip.

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Garage Sale

I would like to thank every one of you who helped make the annual CCC garage sale a huge success. After expenses, we raised \$1050.00. WOW! That is a lot of 25-cent sales. The youth did a great job of supporting this event, but we could not have done it without the help of all the parents and adults from the congregation. Thanks again.

In His Service,
Brad Bounds
Youth Sponsor



Silicon Labs Austin Marathon Relay is Sunday, September 27, 2009. It will last from 7:00 a.m. to noon with road closures beginning at 5:00 a.m. Please find the map of the route above and make sure to leave a little early to avoid any delays.

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.

Thank You to everyone for all the kindness shown to me during my recent illness!

-Jerry Jungmichel

September Luncheon will be on September 20th following the worship service.

Bazaar coming soon - donations needed

The time has come to begin asking for donations for our Christmas Bazaar Silent Auction and food supplies for the Cafe. If you have a favorite restaurant, know an artist who may be interested in donating, or would like to approach a business and make a request, please contact Melody Thomson at melodyart1@sbcglobal.net. We have specific guidelines for making requests, and she will be glad to help you, provide a letter, or just take the name of a business you feel may be interested in being a donor or sponsor. All ideas are welcome. She looks forward to assisting you within our guidelines for some great auction and supply donors!

Prayer Requests

Valarie Adams, Harry Albertson, Jim Anderson, Marla Anderson, Marjorie Bailey, Mary Love Bailey, Bonnie Bounds, Howard Bounds, Gertrude Bowser, Gene Cavanaugh, Anita Dowty, Jim Glather, Patty and E.C. Goodwin, Joan Gross, Alice Harris, Florn Hebert, Jim Hewitt, Joel Johnson, Jerry Jungmichel, Casey McKinney, Alma Menn, Michael Moore, Rex Place, Glenda Prather, Deborah Richards, Sharon Riley, Carl and Geraldine Schold, Dave and Cheryl Schmidt, Louise Sherman, Joy Smith, Bea Spalding, Fred Spradlin, Earl Stahl, Janice Stoner, Alton Taylor, John Trotter, and Sarah Warlick