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# The Chimes

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### Kroger Cards Donate to St. James Place - It's an easy way to give.

Pick up your Kroger gift card at Central. The card will already have a \$10 balance on it - that's why we ask you to pay \$10 for it. Each time you load money onto it - either at the customer service desk or in line (before you check out) - Kroger will donate 4% of the money to the Foundation for Affordable Housing. FFAH, in turn, supports St. James Place with the donations. Using your Kroger gift card is an easy way for you to help make a difference in the lives of those working homeless persons who have found a safe place to live at St. James Place. Use it for groceries and gas. Give one to your college-bound son or daughter. Cards are always available in the church office or can be left for you at the receptionist's desk on Sunday mornings. Please contact Lynn Gray, 233-1551.

### A Taste of ChristCare

On Sunday, August 15 the ChristCare Ministry will host an open house during coffee time in the Fellowship Center (10:30-11:00 a.m.) so members can learn more about small-group ministry at Central. ChristCare groups offer opportunities for study, fellowship, prayer and service in a group setting. There are groups that spend more time in service and some that spend more time in study and all groups have a major emphasis on developing Christian community. There are currently nine active groups and we are hoping to train a few new leaders so more groups can be formed in the Fall. Please plan on coming to the Fellowship Center on August 15 to hear more about opportunities to get involved in Central's small groups.

### TEAM Class

Are you a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle who is interested in helping the child in your life grow in the faith? Maybe you are interested in how we all develop and hopefully mature and deepen our faith from cradle to grave. It could be that you're an elder or deacon who takes seriously your call to impart the faith story to our younger members. Central has the great opportunity to consider these issues and much more in the important and foundational area of faith development through a 10 week course that is to be offered this Fall. The Reverend Dr. Sharon Warner, Professor of Educational Ministry and Dean of the Lexington Theological Seminary will teach a class entitled **Faith Formed in the Stream of Life Experience and Cultural Change** on Tuesday evenings, September 14 - November 16 (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.) in Room 211 of the Sanctuary Building. The class will spend time discussing how faith changes over the span our lives, what the characteristics are of faith styles/stages, and how cultural changes in the past couple of decades affect the formation and growth of faith. Please consider sharing in this remarkable study opportunity. If you have questions contact Carolyn Richart at 233-1551 or crichart@centralchristianlex.org. We ask that you register for the class before Monday, September 13 by completing the form below and dropping it in the offering plate or mailing it to church or email Carolyn. Hope to see you on the 14th!

Registration Form for TEAM Class

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H/C) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Babysitter Needed? Y or N, please circle

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### Sunday in Worship August 1, 2010

#### 10th Sunday of Pentecost

8:30 a.m.

Michael Mooty, preaching  
 Guy Waldrop, leading worship  
 Rod Brewer, elder

11:00 a.m.

Michael Mooty, preaching  
 Guy Waldrop & Jay Baughman,  
 leading worship

Ray Parsons & Wanda Bertram, elders

*Hosea 11:1-11*  
*Psalms 107:1-9, 43*  
*Colossians 3:1-11*  
*Luke 12:13-21*

Meditative Prayer in Chapel  
 After 11:00 a.m. Service  
 Sunday Service Broadcast  
 on the Radio at 11:00 a.m. -  
 On WGVN - 1580 AM.

### Casual Sunday and Picnic, August 29

Wear your casual clothes and plan on a picnic lunch after second service on Sunday, August 29. There will be music, children's activities, good food and lots of opportunity for fellowship. Hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers, as well as beverages will be provided. The rest of the good food will come from the congregation. Please sign up at the receptionist desk if you will bring a side dish such as baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, fruit salad, chips, or dessert.

Dear Friends,  
 Saying "yes" and saying "no".  
 It started off as a routine kind of Tuesday morning conversation. I was talking to Guy W. about the advanced gift group for the upcoming capital campaign. You will hear more about that in a few months. But since it was Tuesday morning, I ran past him what I was thinking about for a *Dear Friends* column. Socratic wizard that he is, Guy responded with a question. *Why did the psalmist come to the conclusion that there is just one God who should be worshipped?* he asked.

I, of course, was taken aback by the question. We had been talking facts and figures, people and processes, and here he was, diving into a heavy duty theological question, maybe the heaviest of theological questions. *Why does someone come to faith?*

I assumed that the psalmist that he was talking about was the poet who wrote Psalm 138, the one that I talked about in last Sunday's sermon. One of the things that I pointed out was that the psalmist testifies to God's grace and goodness, and that testimony takes place in two places. First, he bears witness to God in the courts of heaven, in the presence of all the lesser gods who would claim our worship and allegiance. Second, he claims that the testimony will be heard and embraced by all the kings of the earth, so that the day will come when all people will lift their voices to the Living God in a song of praise.

*How did the psalmist come to believe this?* Guy wanted to know. *What moved him to put his trust in God and testify that God alone is the source of our salvation?* After a few moments of *ummm ... well ... I guess ...*, I said something like this.

First of all, I assume that the psalmist grew up in a community that made that

daring claim of faith. He was no stranger to the faith of Israel. He was immersed in its worship life. He knew its tradition. And then, second, I said that the psalmist must have had some kind of experience or experiences that led him to claim that the faith of his community was true. In other words, he made a decision to place his trust in the one God, the living God, and to worship God and God alone.

*And that, said Guy, is why so many people will not invite someone to church.* He went on to say that to decide for something is to decide against something else, and that a lot of us are still trying to hold on to every option. Or, he said, we are unwilling to give up some things in order to take our place in a community of faith, a community that places obligations and requirements on us. Reminded me of the words of Paul Tillich, one of the great theologians of the last century. Tillich said, *...every decision closes doors. And that cannot be avoided; it is an inescapable destiny. Life makes decisions in every moment; life closes doors in every moment. We proceed from the first minute of our lives to the last minute, because we are growing.* (The Shaking of the Foundations, chpt 12) When we decide to worship God, to follow Jesus, to be a part of the community that is his Body here and now, we decide against other options, some of them good and defensible, some life-diminishing and destructive.

I'm going to have to think some more about this. I suspect that this Dear Friends should end, *to be continued.* Hope to see you Sunday. And glad to be your pastor, Central.

*Michael*



### Central's Green Team Suggests

\*For most light bulbs, if they will off for more than 5 seconds, it is energy efficient to turn them off when not needed.  
\*Use direct deposit at your place of employment and you'll save about on pound of paper every year.

### Central Welcomes New Members



Joyce McDaniels transferred her membership from a United Methodist congregation in Bowling Green, KY to Central during the 8:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 25. Joyce has worshiped with us at Central for a few weeks and is making friends in a church school class and at the early service of worship. She is a retired teacher and lay leader in church. We welcome Joyce as she journeys in faith with us.



Jessica and Brandon Ray placed their membership at Central during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 25. They have participated in an Inquirers' Group and worshiped with us for several months. They were first invited to Central through their friendship with Brock and Ravin Marrs. Brandon comes by transfer from A Disciples congregation in Lexington. Jessica comes by confession of faith and will be baptized here at Central in a few weeks. Jessica is a personal trainer with Fitness Plus and Brandon is a physical therapist with Amedysis. We welcome Brandon and Jessica as a part of the Central faith community.

### Sympathy

To Nancy Bishop and family in the death of Nancy's mother Mary Fishback.

To Dr. Ramona Clifton and family in the death of her husband Rev. Farris Clifton and to Mary Versaw (Ramona's cousin).

To William "Buzzy" Sullivan and family in the death of his father Bill Sullivan.

To Greg Alexander, General Minister of the Christian Church in Kentucky, in the death of his father, James Alexander.

To Joan Kincaid and family in the death of her sister Jane Kincaid.

To Kim Thomas in the death of her brother in law Jeff Baker.

To Patsy Golden and family in the death of her nephew John Tipton.

To Sam and Noelle Dick and family; Harry and Carolyn Richart and family in the death of Sam's father/Harry's uncle David Dick.

### Worship Visitors

We had 71 visitors in worship on Sunday and were pleased to welcome *Clifford Ferrao, Tisha Snyder, Josh Hart, Megan Hale* and many others who visit with us regularly.



Plan to attend the Christian Church In Kentucky Regional Assembly, September 9-11, 2010: Here at Central!

There will be meaningful worship services, and great preachers, including Week of Compassion's Amy

Gopp. Plan to attend the services and if you can, volunteer to help. Kate Covington and Pam Hammonds are co-chairs of the local arrangements committee. Volunteers are needed for greeting, preparing and serving communion, hosting the refreshments area and being available to just "gofer". Contact Kate at [kcov@uky.edu](mailto:kcov@uky.edu) and Pam at [pam.hammonds@insightbb.com](mailto:pam.hammonds@insightbb.com) to find out more.

'Tis the Gift will feature Missional Church consultant, Dr. Alan Roxburgh working with Assembly participants to discuss and discover what God is up to in our neighborhoods and communities. This is the key question for our time because it addresses a fundamental stumbling block we have struggled to overcome. If we allow ourselves a moment of honesty, many of us would admit that our primary focus of late has been on our long established ministries. Dr. Roxburgh's question helps us to remember that God is at work in new places and in people we may have overlooked.


Registration forms and schedules are available at the receptionist's desk, as well as child care forms if needed. Although Assembly registration for adults is \$45, there is no charge to attend the worship services.


### It's Back To School Time


When you're out and about shopping - remember our friends at James Lane Allen Elementary School. The new school year begins in just a few weeks and students there are in need of back packs, tissues and paper towels. A collection basket will be next to the receptionist's desk in the Welcome Area the next few Sundays.


Worshiping at Central July 25, 2010	
8:30 a.m. Worship	50
11:00 a.m. Worship	331
Children's Worship & Wonder	25
<b>Total Worship Attendance</b>	<b>406</b>


### Congratulations

 Michelle DiBenedetto and Kris Wood who were married at Central, July 16, with Dr. Ray Holdren officiating.

 Townley Reilly and Lisle Dalton who were married July 17.

 John Tackett and Sarah Michelle Merlin who were married July 23.

 To Luanne and Jim Franklin on the renewal of their wedding vows, July 30, with Dr. Ray Holdren officiating.

 To Cora Carrick on her 90th birthday, July 29.



Don & Barbara Stephens Celebrate 50 Years!!!

On July 31st, 1960, Donald Wayne Stephens & Barbara Ann Walker said their I-Do's! 50 Years later, they are celebrating a very special Anniversary!

Don & Barb met while in Youth Group at Victory Christian Church. Married a few years later and started a family.

They have touched many lives throughout their journey but none more than their 3 children, Dwayne, Dana, & DeAnn.

As their children, we couldn't be any more thankful for the example they've always set!

God truly blessed us with the best parents in the world!

Congratulations to Mom & Dad/Grammie & Grandad!!

We love you so much!!

- Dwayne, Jamie, Summer & Garrett

- Dana, Dave, Stephen, David & Meghan

- DeAnn, Kennedy & Kamryn

# August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday Activities	2 9:30a Staff Mtg	3 5:30p Called Property Ministry Meeting	4 7:00p Stephen Ministers	5 Youth Trip to King's Island	6	7
8 Sunday Activities 8:30a Green Team 12:00p Marriage Ministry Luncheon	9 9:30a Staff Mtg 5:30p Circle 15	10	11 FCPS Back in session 6:00p Parish Nurses 6:30p Property Ministry 7:00p Justice Ministry	12 5:00p TeleCare	13	14 10:30a Regional Assembly Planning
15 Sunday Activities 8:30-10:30a Taste of ChristCare 12:00p Outreach Ministries	16 9:30a Staff Mtg	17	18	19	20	21
22 Sunday Activities Elliott Book Signing + Reading (before each service) 12:00p Called Elders Meeting 4:00p Capital Campaign Committees	23 9:30a Staff Mtg 4:00p Capital Campaign Committees	24	25	26	27 6:00p Renfro / Watts Wedding Rehearsal	28 8:00a Chancel Choir Retreat 2:00p Renfro / Watts Wedding
29 Sunday Activities 12:00p All Church PICNIC	30 9:30a Staff Mtg 5:30p "Do It" Dinner for DOC Transy Students	31	* Sunday Activities:	ChristCare Meetings (Every) Sun - 9:30a Women's ChristCare Group Summer sabbatical (Every) Sun - 9:30a Progressive Christianity Mon. - 7:00p Soul Time ChristCare Group Tues. - 2:30p Spirituality in Aging, August 3 + 17 Wed. - 5:30p Cultivating Mindfulness ChristCare Grp. Wed. - 9:30a Mothers—summer sabbatical <b>AIDS in a Christian Community</b> , visitors welcome - call Carolyn for information (233-1551 ext. 134)		