



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
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HAPPY RETIREMENT
VICKY CLABORN
WE WILL MISS YOU!

For almost 10 years, Vicky Claborn has been guiding our worship service and our church through music. She was brought into Central to be our Organist, and she has done a wonderful job at that, but she has also done so much more for Central Christian. She led the choir when it was needed, she has led the bell choir, she has been a part of our Worship Committee helping to shape our services, and has done so much in helping Central become what it is today. And not only Vicky, but her family has been a part of our church with David, her husband, and Rebecca, her daughter, both singing in the choir and bringing special music to our ears during our worship service. We are so happy, and very lucky, to have had Vicky as a part of our church these many years. But nothing can last forever, and after spending most of her life in church music, Vicky has decided to retire. She is going to take a much needed rest and with David, of course, will be taking time to travel together and see all they can of God's great creation. Her music will be missed, her leadership will be missed, but most of all her spirit and she, herself, will be missed here at Central.

On April 28th, after our worship service, we will be holding a reception for Vicky to thank her for the many years that she has been a part of our worship service and part of the life of Central Christian. A Love Gift will be collected for Vicky and if you would like to give, you can give to the church, marking your donation for her, or you can bring the gift or a card to the reception and give it to her yourself. Please join us as we recognize all that Vicky has done for us, and our worship, as we send her off with the love and respect she has shown us for years.

Congregational Concerns

Family of Diana Criger **Greg Walton** **Martha Williams** **Everett Deeds** **Richard Lee**
 Joyce Moots Larry Graham Winnie Young Howard & Lynda McCoy John & Patty Thurman
 Rhonda Stewart Lisa Lynch Charles Marshall Jim & Elaine Spradlin Kitty Manary Wilma Frazier
 Gary Wright Betty Jo Gardner Dan Hicks Frank & Pat Dodd Duane & Dana Powell
 Annie Anderson, Daughter of Charlie & Carol Mabry Patty Soukup Gloria Brown and family
 Rebecca & Justin Ebert, Daughter of Ray & Sharon Lowry Steve Vestal Jean Hagerman Don Nix
 Robert & Beth Taylor William Francis Shirley Potter Evelyn Looney Paul Martin James Willingham
 Barb Rossetter Karen Hahn Karen Sunderwirth Zach D., Friend of Jayden W.
 Tammy Larimore, friend of Carol Pyles Barbara Richardson & Leslie Clements, mother & sister of Vicky Claborn
 Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs

(Please notify the office when a concern can be removed)

**Livestream our Sunday morning
 service—starting at 9:30—at
www.centralchristianspringfield.org.
 Connect with us on social media:**



SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel at
 Central Christian, Springfield, MO



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**FINANCIALS &
 ATTENDANCE**

4/7/2024
 General Fund
 Contributions: \$5,478.00
 Attendance: 90
 Online service views: 49*

4/14/2024
 General Fund
 Contributions: \$2,737.00
 Attendance: 88
 Online service views: 44*

*As of 4/15/2024

	<u>April 21</u>	<u>April 28</u>	<u>May 5</u>
Elders	Shirly Musser Ray Lowry	Joe Pyles Karen Hicks	Kay Parrish Dorothy Thurman
Deacon Team Leader	Everett French	Patsy Tipton	Bill Fischer
Invocation and Offering	Rev. Geoff Weinman	Ginger Williamson	Joe Parrish
Communion & Fellowship Prep.	Bill & Karen Fischer	YOUTH	Jim & Marilyn Ferguson
Usher		Kay Corder	
Greeter			

Mid-Town Concerts
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Garner Phillips
Memorial Organ Concert
Scott Montgomery
May 5, 2023 3:00 p.m.

Thank You!

I am humbled by all the prayers, cards, calls, and visits I have received. Burns take a lot of time and attention to heal. I plan to return to church around Memorial Day.

Thank you again,
Everett Deeds

Many thanks for your prayers, cards, delicious food and especially your friendship. We have certainly missed being with our church family!

David and Joyce Moots

Thoughts from the congregation

I recently finished a book by Dr. Richard Haass, president of the nonpartisan Council on Foreign Relations. The premise of Dr. Haass' book is that along with rights, particularly those granted by our Constitution, should come certain responsibilities/obligations. I will tell you, it is, well was not, an "easy read" for me. I frequently found myself rereading paragraphs attempting to digest and discern the meaning and content. So what? What, if anything, does this have to do with Christianity, or with being a Christian?

Well, I got to thinking about something a former minister of mine once said, "Being a Christian is not a spectator sport." Implying being a follower of Christ requires more than sitting on the sidelines. Being a Christian requires active participation.

Being a Christian is not a "once done and done" event that is finalized by one's confession of faith and baptism. If you like, one can liken it a serviceman's or servicewoman's oath of enlistment. With their oath servicepersons receive certain rights/privileges plus numerous responsibilities/obligations. The same is true with a confessed Christian. When one steps forward and states, "I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God, and I accept Him and my Lord and Savior" he or she is taking an oath, making a promise before witnesses and God that they will follow God's and Christ's commandments. With that promise they are accepting Christ's promise of eternal life. ***"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*** (John 3:16, NIV) Also written in the Gospel of John is Jesus saying, ***"For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and Believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."*** (John 6:40, NIV) It is recorded of Jesus saying to Lazarus' sister, Martha, ***"Did I not tell you that if you believe, you would see the glory of God?"*** (John 11:40, NIV).

So, in accepting the "right," through God's grace, to eternal life what are the obligations that accompany the title of Christian? ***"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."*** (Deu 6:5, NIV) ***"...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."*** (Matt 22:37b-39, NIV) Jesus further said, ***"All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*** (Matt 22:40, NIV) What does "love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself" look like? Maybe, just maybe it looks like this, ***"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*** (Matt 25:35-36, NIV)

Many of us have grown up being taught by our parents to, ***"Do unto others as you would want them to do to you."*** Or something akin to that. Well, Jesus first said it, ***"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."*** (Matt 7:12, NIV) Our Christian obligations in a nutshell.

In pledging to accept God's grace of life in His presence through eternity (our "Bill of Rights as defined in the Bible), we also commit to the "obligation" to ***"do to others what you would have them do to you."***

FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Sermon Title and Scriptures

April 21, 2024

1 John 3:16-24

"In Truth & Action"

Sermon Title and Scripture

April 28, 2024

1 John 4:7-21

"God Is Love"

A **Timothy of a church** is one who grew up in a church and then goes on to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and God's love. It is named for Timothy, who followed Paul, learning from him, and then went out on his own to spread the Word and teach others of God and Christ. Central Christian has had a few Timothy's before and we currently have one in Curtis Thomas.

It is pleasure to watch Curtis grow in his faith and his ability to teach the Word of God to all people. We are lucky to have him with us and to be able to share in his faith journey and his growth as a member of Central and a child of God.

Thank you Curtis for leading us in worship on April 14th, we continue to be proud of who you are and all you will do.

APRIL 21

WE KNOW LOVE BY THIS,
THAT HE LAID DOWN HIS
LIFE FOR US—
AND WE OUGHT TO LAY
DOWN OUR LIVES FOR ONE
ANOTHER.

- 1 JOHN 3:16

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APRIL 28

God is love, and
those who abide
in love abide in
God, and God
abides in them.

- 1 John 4:16b

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Celebrations!!!

April

4/1 – Macy Lynch

4/2 – Patricia Peebles

4/4 – William Koo,
Tiffany Lynch

4/5 – Jill Slack

4/6 – Jordan Edel

4/7 – Josh Thomas

4/8 – Wilma Frazier,
Kevin Ritter

4/11 – Jim Ferguson

4/12 – John Deeds,
Jean Hagerman

4/14 – Gavvy Eoff,
Belina Njuki

4/15 – Bill Grier

4/16 – Shirley Potter

4/19 – David Frazier

4/20 – Teresa Allen

4/21 – John Ferguson

4/22 – Phil Brown,
Howard McCoy,
Traci Vargas

4/25 – Bill Fischer

4/26 – JC Hicks

4/27 – Peggy Patton

4/28 – Jo Gardner,
Julie West



May

5/1 – Cameron Eoff,
Dave Moots,
Steven Nix,
Wanda Rout

5/2 – Cheryl Horton

5/3 – Michelle Brown,
Iva Hill,
Linda Zweerink

5/6 – Janet Copeland

5/12 – Doris Thornton

5/16 – Barbara Roelofs

5/18 – Rich Osborne,
Joe Pyles,
Dwayne Rout,
Ray West

5/19 – Carol Mabry

5/20 – Teresa Hicks

5/22 – Chris Deeds,
Grady Eoff,
Duane Powell

5/23 – Everett Deeds

5/26 – Michael Lynch,
Patsy Tipton

5/27 – Evelyn Looney

5/28 – Frank Dodd

5/29 – Charles Mabry,
Karen Sunderwirth

5/31 – Mary Reichard



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Specially prepared for:

God's Beloved Child



Ministry Team

Bill Fischer, Board Moderator
Rev. Geoff Weinman, Minister
Marvin Murphree, Music Director
Vicky Claborn, Organist/Pianist
Shirley Musser, Visitation Director
Joyce Thomas, Children & Youth Director
Curtis Thomas, JYF/Chi Rho Shepherd
Ken Hillen, Church Caretaker

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Sunday Mornings

9:30 am Worship,
in person and via our
Livestream

10:45 am Fellowship

**11:00 am Sunday
School**