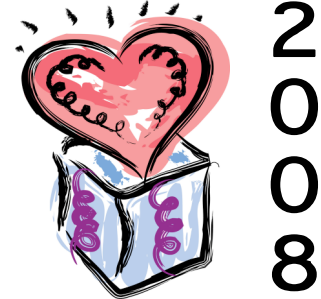




# The LINK



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## **THE 19TH ANNUAL SENIORS' RETREAT**

**OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN FLORIDA  
TUESDAY – THURSDAY, MARCH 4-6, 2008**

**“COME, LET’S GO FISHING!”**

**AT**

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONFERENCE CENTER**

**6455 N.E. STATE ROAD 40**

**SILVER SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34448**

**PHONE # 352.236.2302 (Terry or Cheryl Thompson)**

**ON GROUNDS: \$115 (6 meals, 2 nights, program expense)**

**OFF GROUNDS: \$80 (6 meals and program expense) Lodging extra**

**RV: \$12.00 daily hookup fee plus \$80 (6 meals and program expense)**

**Partial Scholarships Available**

**More information and schedule will be available in the church office.**

# HEATHER'S HAPPENINGS



**Lent**, in most Christian denominations, is the forty-day liturgical season of fasting and prayer before Easter. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the desert, where, according to the Bible, he endured temptation by Satan. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer—through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial—for the annual commemoration of the death and resurrection of Jesus, as celebrated during Holy Week, which recalls the events linked to the passion of Christ and culminates in Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It has been part of tradition that you give up something for Lent as a way of discipline. Do you spend enough time in prayer or do you read the Bible often enough? As we think about our theme for the year, FAITH LIFT, perhaps you might want to **add** a spiritual practice to your life. Go to God in prayer on a daily basis (you may want to set up a prayer center in your home) or turn to the word of God to begin or end your day. It is said that it takes 21 days to break or form a new habit and with Lent being 40 days you will surely have enough time to start something new in your life.

There is something that I should have done a while back, and that is set up times to come and visit with each of you in your homes. I am not the kind of person who will just show up on your doorstep, I respect your space. However, I would love to set a time with you when we can meet for a brief time just to get to know one another a little better. If you would like to set a time for this, please call the church office or sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary and I will call and set up a time that will work best with you. Again, I will not just “pop in” and I very much look forward to our visit—morning, afternoon or evening.

There used to be a day when the church could call the hospitals and ask if they had any members who were currently patients. Also, the chaplains of the hospitals could call and notify the pastor if one of their members was admitted to the hospital. Times have changed and because of the Privacy Act, we are no longer able to call and ask if any of our members are currently patients of theirs. Nor, will they notify us if you have been admitted. Therefore, it is necessary for a family member or friend to notify the church office if you have been admitted to the hospital. It is better to receive the information multiple times than not at all. In case of an emergency, please call the church office (748-3130) or the pastor's cell phone (932-6493).

**Shalom ~ Rev. Heather Robertson**

# PRAYER CONCERNS

*The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.*

**Manatee Memorial Hospital:**

Carolyn Sheckler

**Riverfront Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (105 15<sup>th</sup> St. E.):**

Mary Grace Baker

**Windsor Oak (2614 43<sup>rd</sup> St. W.):**

Bill & Opal Hayes

**Freedom Village Nursing Center (6410 21<sup>st</sup> Ave W.):**

Dorothy Squires



**Others with Health Concerns:** Ann Brose, Kathy Callega, Faye Coomes, Betsey Dobson (cousin of Gloria Taylor), Betty Donohue, Nellie Dotterer, Cindy Gettinger, Francine Hewett (aunt of Diane Taylor), Kimberly Houston (friend of Deidre Jackson), Carolyn Knowles, Meaghan Latone (friend of Jennifer Klossner), Leonard LeVan, Margaret McIrvin (great aunt of Heather Robertson), Brenda McKinney, Robert McKinney, Nancy Mooney, Rick Muncy (nephew of Fred & Mary Lou Hetherington), Joel Reeve (son-in-law of Hal & Millie Zug), Clara Rice, Joyce Richardson, Sheila Rodriguez, Marilyn Ruffing, Maggie Shane, Jo Straight, Diane Taylor, Wendell & Rean Thomas, Mary Tupper, Ava Whitford (granddaughter of friends of Georgia Hutchens).



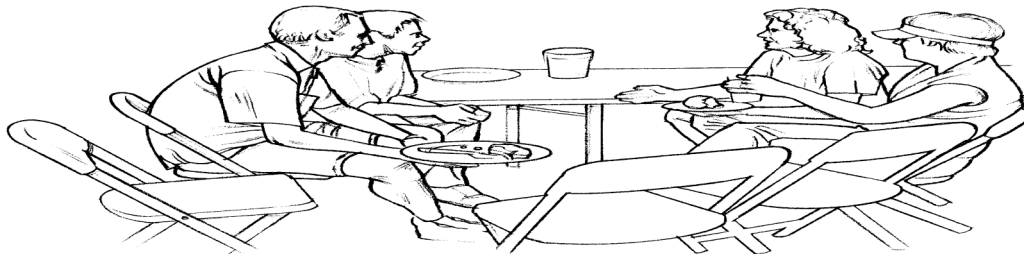
## FINANCIAL REPORT

### December Operating Fund

Bal 11/30/07 \$ -11,785.94  
Dec. Income 14,151.12  
Dec. Expense 11,059.82  
Bal 12/31/07 \$ -8,694.64

### Jan-Dec Operating Fund

Bal 1/1/07 \$ -14,254.51  
Jan-Dec Income 102,434.84  
Jan-Dec Expense 96,874.97  
Bal 12/31/07 \$ -8,694.64



# Fellowship Meals

## MUNCH BUNCH DELIGHTS

Every Monday at 5:00 p.m. a group of us here at Central gather together at a restaurant picked by the Planning Group to enjoy good food and fellowship. Below you will find the name, address and date of the restaurants chosen for the month of **FEBRUARY**. If you plan on joining us, please contact **June Boltz @ 722-0694** so we will have a definite number count to give the restaurant for that particular date.

If you have never joined us, you are invited. Please come!

- February 4, 2008 ~ Millers - 3401 14<sup>th</sup> St. W., Bradenton
- February 11, 2008 ~ Lone Star Steakhouse - 4705 Cortez Rd., Bradenton
- February 18, 2008 ~ Chili's - 3715 Desoto Junction, Bradenton
- February 25, 2008 ~ Chee Burger, Chee Burger - 7946 55<sup>th</sup> Ave E., Bradenton  
(St. Rd. 70 across from Lowe's)

Should there be any changes with Munch Bunch locations, announcements will be made the Sunday prior to that Monday's date. **Hope to see you there!**

## **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME!**

*We seem to have a church mouse on the premises.*



Someone came in and decorated the Fellowship Hall.

To this anonymous person, we wish to express a sincere and warm THANK YOU for taking the time out to get the job done.



### **HOPE HAPPENS:**

Regret for things we did can be tempered by **TIME**; it is regret for the things we did not do that is inconsolable.

*Sydney J. Harris*



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



## FEBRUARY Birthdays

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2-4 Clyde Boltz  
2-18 Ann Brose  
2-19 Marlis Anderson  
2-20 Wendell Thomas  
2-24 Michael Smith

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3-2 Joanne Body  
3-2 Marge Sibery  
3-10 Jenny Dixon  
3-13 Rean Thomas  
3-24 Midge Barnes  
3-31 Norma Armstrong

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3-12 Danny & Shelly Brown  
3-14 Paul & Francis Smith



**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

NO FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

\*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please call the church office so we can update our records. Thank you.



**Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**



**6:00 PM**

**Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Lenten bible study begins**

Bread and Broth  
Lenten Bible Study

The season of Lent begins on **Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin the Lenten season with our annual Ash Wednesday service. In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are excluded). It takes its name from the ceremonial imposition of ashes on the foreheads of worshipers as a sign of human sin and mortality. We will begin the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m. on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Each Wednesday following the 6<sup>th</sup> we will gather at 5:30 for our study and soup. The Wednesday's we will meet, and the respective hosts for those evenings are as follows:

- February 13 ~ *Jacob and Lentil Stew* ~
- February 20 ~ *Moses and Vegetable Soup* ~
- February 27 ~ *Joshua and Chicken Soup* ~ Jim and Georgia Hutchens
- March 5 ~ *Elisha and Potato Soup* ~ Gene and Evelyn Brown
- March 12 ~ *John the Baptist and Beef Barley Soup* ~ Gil and Marlis Anderson (Sue Fitzgerald will bring the soup)
- March 19 ~ *Jesus and Beef Stew* ~ Tom and Jenny Dixon (Georgia will bring the stew)

**Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> ~**

## rummage sale set-up



We will again need help setting up for the sale on February 21 and 22 during the day and in the evening. Also help will be needed on the day of the sale. Flyers are available for posting. Contact Lesa or Georgia if you have any questions.

## saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ rummage sale

### **FEBRUARY 23 8:00-2:00**

Central Christian will again hold a Rummage Sale at the church on February 23 from 8:00-2:00pm. Items for donation are being accepted. We will offer for sale all items that did not sell at the Rummage Sale in November as well. A bake sale and hot dog lunch will also be part of the sale. Start saving items. They can be brought to the church the week before the sale.



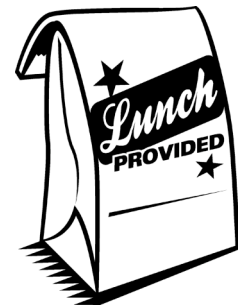
## sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> ~ crop walk



The Annual Crop Walk will be held Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. See your weekly bulletins for more information and updates.

## sack lunch ministry

This ministry has been successful in the year that we have been doing it. We have passed out over 230 lunches to people in our community who are hungry. This past week several of us were able to take part in this ministry when Charles Hoggatt joined us and drove a second vehicle. I want to thank Lesa Canterbury for the afghans she made for us to pass out. This past Sunday it was cold outside and we were able to pass out five blankets to individuals who were cold. I find this to be a very rewarding ministry, reaching out to those who need it and who society deems as the outcasts. With that being said, the sack lunch ministry is in jeopardy of coming to an end unless others will begin to volunteer to deliver the lunches on the third Sunday's of each month. Pastor Heather cannot do this ministry by herself. If you are interested in helping for a month, please contact pastor Heather.





You know about the Super Bowl football game, but do you know about the Souper Bowl of Caring? It just so happens to correspond with the Super Bowl. The Souper Bowl of Caring was started with the intentions that the youth of a church would collect cans of soup and money for a local organization of their choice and report back to the national organization how much they collected. Well, if you haven't noticed lately, we do not have youth in our congregation. However, I do not think that is a reason to stop Central from taking part in this nationwide effort to help with the issues of hunger and poverty. Therefore, on **Sunday, February 3, I would ask that each of you bring a can of soup for our church pantry and/or \$1 (more if you so choose) that will be collected and given to Family Promise of Manatee County.** Last year, the Souper Bowl of Caring organization raised over \$8 million. Our goal is to raise 50 cans of soup and \$50.00. Please do your part to help with this effort.

# Looking Ahead

friday, april 18<sup>th</sup>



Florida's Passion Play  
The Story of Jesus

On **Friday, April 18, 2008** a group of interested individuals from Central Christian will be going to see *The Story of Jesus* out in Wauchula. The play will begin at **7:30 p.m.** It will take just over an hour for us to reach the Cattleman's Arena. We will meet in the church parking lot and carpool to Wauchula at 4:15 (there are a few options being discussed at this time as far as transportation, but until we know how many people plan on going we will not be able to finalize anything). We are leaving early so that we can stop and have dinner together before the play begins. Tickets for the event are as follows: **Adults - \$16.00** and **Seniors - \$14.00**. If you are interested in seeing The Story of Jesus, please sign up at the back of the sanctuary and give your money to Jenny Dixon no later than **Sunday, February 24, 2008**. If you have any questions, please see pastor Heather.

## A NOTE FROM OUR



**TO THE MEMBERS OF CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH:**

I WRITE THIS NOTE WITH MUCH APPRECIATION FOR YOUR BELIEF IN ME TO SERVE THIS YEAR AS YOUR MODERATOR.

WE HAVE A HUGE TASK IN FRONT OF US AS THE LORD INSTRUCTED US TO GO FORTH AND TEACH HIS MESSAGE AND TO HELP LEAD PEOPLE TO CHRIST. I HOPE YOU HAVE ASKED SOMEONE TO WORSHIP WITH US. PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS IF THEY DO NOT ATTEND A CHURCH, OR IF THEY ARE A SEASONAL RESIDENT THAT MAY NOT ATTEND A CHURCH HERE.

THIS YEAR OUR TEAM LEADERS HAVE BIG PLANS FOR US TO GO FORTH SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST. THEY WILL BE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP AS WE TRY NEW THINGS AND HOPE TO FIND SOME THINGS THAT WILL GENERATE NEW INTEREST IN CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

WE HAD OUR FIRST BOARD MEETING AND THE NEW LEADERS ARE TRYING TO COME UP WITH THE THINGS THAT WILL BE FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR CHURCH AND HELP US GROW NOT ONLY IN NUMBERS BUT SPIRITALLY AS WELL. PLEASE BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE NEW IDEAS AND GIVE THEM A TRY AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE THEM TALK TO THE TEAM LEADER OR ME AND EXPLAIN WHY YOU DON'T LIKE IT, BUT PLEASE TRY AS WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING YOU THIS YEAR.

PLEASE LOOK AT CALENDAR FOR UP COMING EVENTS IN THE CHURCH AND TRY TO TAKE PART IN AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.

**IN CHRISTIAN LOVE  
TOM DIXON**

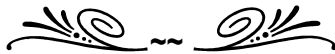
# Serving schedule

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Diaconate:** Tom & Arlie Dowell. Alt. Shirley Schwartz, Marian McClain. **Elders:** Tom Dixon, Laverne Forshey. Alt. Barb Abbring. **Greeters/Ushers:** Patricia Martin. **Worship Leader:** Jenny Dixon

**Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Diaconate:** Carl & Joyce Tuller. Alt. Shirley Elliott, Patricia Martin. **Elders:** Jim Hutchens, Georgia Hutchens. Alt. Tom Abbring. **Greeters/Ushers:** Lesa Canterbury. **Worship Leader:**

**Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Diaconate:** Paul & Frances Smith. Alt. Betty McKimmy, Mary Lou Hetherington. **Elders:** Fred Hetherington, Clyde Boltz. Alt. Laverne Forshey. **Greeters/Ushers:** Reba Foreback. **Worship Leader:**

**Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Diaconate:** Tom & Arlie Dowell. Alt. Sue Fitzgerald, Joanne Taylor. **Elders:** Tom & Barb Abbring. Alt. Anita Haisch. **Greeters/Ushers:** June Boltz. **Worship Leader:**



**Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> Diaconate:** Shirley Schwartz, Shelly Brown. Alt. Marian McClain, Patricia Martin. **Elders:** Tom Dixon, Clyde Boltz. Alt. Fred Hetherington. **Greeters/Ushers:** Reba Foreback. **Worship Leader:**

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup> Diaconate:** Carl & Joyce Tuller. Alt. Mary Lou Hetherington, Lesa Canterbury. **Elders:** Laverne Forshey, Jim Hutchens. Alt. Georgia Hutchens. **Greeters/Ushers:** Joanne Body. **Worship Leader:**

**Mar 16<sup>th</sup> Diaconate:** Tom & Arlie Dowell. Alt. Betty McKimmy, June Boltz. **Elders:** Tom & Barb Abbring. Alt. Clyde Boltz. **Greeters/Ushers:** Jenny Dixon. **Worship Leader:**

**Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> Diaconate:** Paul & Frances Smith. Alt. Sue Fitzgerald, Joanne Taylor. **Elders:** Anita Haisch, Georgia Hutchens. Alt. Tom Dixon. **Greeters/Ushers:** Mary Lou Hetherington. **Worship Leader:**

**Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Diaconate:** Carl & Joyce Tuller. Alt. Brenda McKinney, Lesa Canterbury. **Elders:** Fred Hetherington, Clyde Boltz. Alt. Jim Hutchens. **Greeters/Ushers:** Georgia Hutchens. **Worship Leader:**

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING.** If you are unable to serve please call your ALTERNATE. Any further questions please call: Jenny Dixon (Chair of Deacons) 739.0932, Barb Abbring (Chair of Elders) 746.0347 or Deidre at the church office 748.3130.

