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**Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

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**Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.**



**January 1 2008**



## **Elders and Deacons**

**Elders and Deacons Meeting  
Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**  
for those serving in 2008.

At this meeting new chairs will be determined for both the Elders and the Deacons. It is crucial that all Elders and Deacons serving in 2008 are present as we will also discuss changes to the way we serve communion.

# HEATHER'S HAPPENINGS

## **Faith Lift!**

At the end of John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address he makes the following statements: "And so, my fellow Americans; ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world; ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man. Finally, whether you are citizens of America or citizens of the world, ask of us the same high standards of strength and sacrifice which we ask of you. With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own."

This is a profound statement, at least in my opinion, one that we must remember for a long time to come. But when I heard this statement recently I changed the wording to: Ask not what your church can do for you, but what you can do for your church. Or, Ask not what Christ can do for you, but what you can do for Christ. Often individuals complain because their church doesn't do something they wish it would or because they don't like the way things are done. Having just celebrated Christ's birth at Christmas, I pray that we can focus on the future and on that which is positive. 2008 is sure to bring forth many blessings.

I am particularly excited for 2008 because we, the people of the church, are going to go on a journey together. In the months to come we will make a promise to God to better ourselves as Christians and also make Central Christian a better place to worship and find God. The coming year will present you with many opportunities to strengthen your relationship with God as well as your brothers and sisters in Christ.

At the November board meeting we set some goals for the coming year. The goals listed were shared at the congregational meeting in November. The goals are great goals for us to work on and they are also very achievable. One thing is clear, we have a lot of work to do in 2008. So I ask you to prayerfully consider the following: *What can and will you do for the church and for Christ in 2008 to better your life and the lives of others?*

**Shalom ~ Rev. Heather Robertson**

# PRAYER CONCERNS

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

**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

**Manatee Springs (5627 9<sup>th</sup> Street E.):**

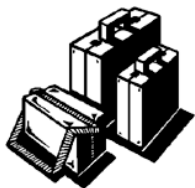
Carolyn Sheckler

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

Dorothy Squires



**Others with Health Concerns:** Ann Brose, Shirlene Bunch, Kathy Callega, Faye Coomes, Betsey Dobson (cousin of Gloria Taylor), Betty Donohue, Nellie Dotterer, Dorothy Euga (mother of Mike Euga), Cindy Gettinger, Francine Hewett (aunt of Diane Taylor), Meaghan Latone (friend of Jennifer Klossner), Leonard LeVan, Brett McCant (son of Tammy Steiner), Margaret McIrvin (great aunt of Heather Robertson), Brenda McKinney, Robert McKinney, Nancy Mooney, Joel Reeve (son-in-law of Hal & Millie Zug), Mary Reynolds (Heather Robertson Grandma Mary), Clara Rice, Joyce Richardson, Jeremy Robertson (brother of Pastor Heather), Sheila Rodriguez, Marilyn Ruffing, Maggie Shane, Diane Taylor, Wendell & Rean Thomas, Mary Tupper, Ava Whitford (granddaughter of friends of Georgia Hutchens).



**New Address**

Ann Brose  
10050 Old St. Augustine Rd.  
Jacksonville, Fl 32257  
904-292-0751

*Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### November Operating Fund

Bal 10/31/07 \$ -11,389.28  
Nov. Income 6,694.58  
Nov. Expense 7,091.24  
Bal 11/30/07 \$ -11,785.94

### Jan-Nov Operating Fund

Bal 1/1/07 \$ -14,254.51  
Jan-Nov Income 88,283.72  
Jan-Nov Expense 85,815.15  
Bal 11/30/07 \$ -11,785.94



## **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 **JANUARY**. If you plan on joining us, please contact Mary Lou Hetherington @ 792-2833 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!

January 7, 2008 ~ Golden Corral ~ 5525 Cortez Rd. W., Bradenton  
January 14, 2008 ~ Cracker Barrel ~ 2203 Cortez Rd. W., Bradenton  
January 21, 2008 ~ Ham & Bean Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.  
January 28, 2008 ~ CiCi's Pizza ~ 419 Cortez Rd. W., Bradenton

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!**

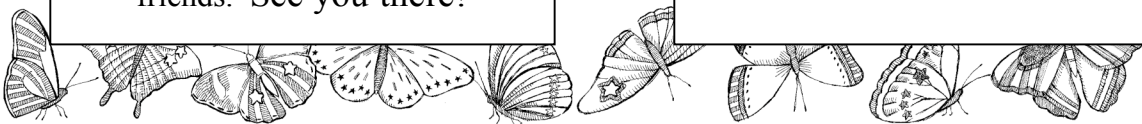
**JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> –  
HAM & BEAN DINNER**

**Monday, January 21**, we will be having our **Ham & Bean dinner** in the Fellowship Hall @ 5:30 p.m.

This will be a free will offering. Plan to attend and enjoy dinner and fellowship with church family and friends. See you there!

*CREATE your  
tomorrows with your  
**THOUGHTS** and  
**ACTIONS** today.*

*Catherine DeVrye*



# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## Upcoming Birthdays

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

NO FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

### **OOPS**

December Birthday not shown  
Robert McKinney – December 28<sup>th</sup>  
Please accept my apology and please add to your personal calendars. Thank you.

## JANUARY Birthdays

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1-9 Gloria Taylor  
1-11 Frances Smith  
1-13 Joanne Taylor  
1-20 Carolyn Sheckler  
1-21 Brenda McKinney

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

1-19 Rean & Wendell Thomas  
1-27 Tom & Barb Abbring

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



Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

Plan to join us on this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the year!

### CHURCH LEADERS RECOGNITION SERVICE



**On Sunday, January 6, 2008** we will honor those who have served this congregation as Board Officers, Elders and Deacons. We will also recognize those who will begin serving in January. If you have served the church by being on the board or by being an elder or deacon, please plan to be in worship on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

### POTLUCK DINNER



The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the year, **January 6**, we will join together for great food and fellowship! We encourage each of you to come, bring a covered dish, and enjoy a variety of prepared foods with your church family and friends. Our next Potluck Dinner will be February 3<sup>rd</sup> following worship.

### COINS FOR CHRIST BASKET



**GIVE,  
AND  
IT  
WILL  
BE  
GIVEN  
TO  
YOU**

Luke 6:38

As you know we have had a basket on the table in the sanctuary each week for the past several months where individuals can place any spare change that they want to rid their pockets/purses of. The idea for Coins for Christ came from one of our Stewardship Meetings this past year. Michael, a homeless man was the one to actually start us off. Because we had helped him, as you may recall from the story I shared with you in a sermon, he would leave us little offerings at the office door. In 2007, we collected:

**\$ 389.54**

Thank you for your contributions.  
We hope to collect even *more* in 2008.



## Thank You

At the Christmas Party on December 17, I was presented with a card from the congregation which included a love offering. It is not often that I am surprised, but you did do a great job at surprising me this time. I want to thank all of you for your generosity, love and Christmas wishes! I also want to thank all of you who gave me Christmas gifts. Your generosity and kindness are much appreciated. I pray that you all had a Merry and Blessed Christmas season and I pray that God blesses all of you with good health in the coming year. I am truly looking forward to seeing how the Holy Spirit will work through each of us. Remain open to the Spirit and keep the faith! God Bless!

~ Heather

At our annual Christmas party, along with Heather, I was presented with a card from the congregation which included a love offering too. This was a total shock and definitely a surprise. I would like to take this opportunity, since I was speechless that night, to say THANK YOU for all of your love and generosity shown through your token of love that evening and throughout the years. Your loving kindness has always been appreciated. I pray that the Lord provided each of you with His joy and peace in this Christmas season. I pray that a hedge of protection be placed around each of you and your loved ones in the New Year. May God continue to richly bless your lives!

~ Deidre

## Looking Ahead

The CROP WALK this year will be **Sunday, February 24 @ 1:00 pm.**  
More information will be available at a later date.

In the Old and New Testament we find many references to breaking bread together as a sign of fellowship. Lent is that time when we gather as a community to be fed by our Lord through study and a meal. This year, we will do a Bible Study from Cynthia Cowen's book, **Bread & Broth A Lenten Bible Study.** We will meet in the Lenten season beginning with Ash Wednesday Service on **Wednesday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm.** The study itself will be **Feb 13<sup>th</sup> - March 19<sup>th</sup>** every **Wednesday @ 6 pm.**

This will be a time for those who wish to feed their spirits on the Word of God. Mark your calendars for this important time of the year.

# Serving schedule

**Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Diaconate:** Lesa Canterbury, Brenda McKinney. Alt. June Boltz. **Elders:** Clyde Boltz, Tom Abbring. Alt. Laverne Forshey. **Greeters/Ushers:** Georgia Hutchens.

**Worship Leader:** Mary Lou Hetherington

**Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> Diaconate:** Tom & Arlie Dowell. Alt. Jenny Dixon. **Elders:** Laverne Forshey, Anita Haisch. Alt. Clyde Boltz. **Greeters/Ushers:** Reba Foreback.

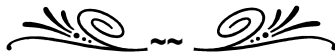
**Worship Leader:** Sue Fitzgerald

**Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> Diaconate:** Carl & Joyce Tuller. Alt. Shirley Schwartz. **Elders:** Clyde Boltz, Georgia Hutchens. Alt. Barb Abbring. **Greeters/Ushers:** Mary Lou Hetherington.

**Worship Leader:** Laverne Forshey

**Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> Diaconate:** Sue Fitzgerald, Joanne Taylor. Alt. Lesa Canterbury. **Elders:** Tom & Barb Abbring. Alt. Anita Haisch. **Greeters/Ushers:** Shirley Elliott.

**Worship Leader:** Shelly Brown



**FEBRUARY ELDER & DEACON LIST WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY.**

**ALL THOSE WISHING TO BE GREETERS/USHERS AND WORSHIP LEADERS**

**PLEASE SIGN THE SIGN UP SHEET LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY**

**SO THAT YOU CAN BE ADDED TO THE SCHEDULE.**

***THANK YOU FOR SERVING.*** If you are unable to serve please call your ALTERNATE. Any further questions please call: June Boltz (Chair of Deacons) 722.0694, Clyde Boltz (Chair of Elders) 722.0694 or Deidre at the church office 748.3130.