



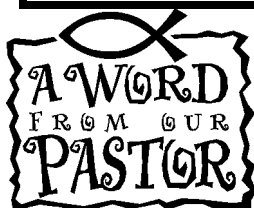
# The LINK

# January

2012

**Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
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From the Pastor

As we begin 2012, I wish for each of us the peace and presence of God, whatever we are facing and will face as this new year proceeds. HAPPY NEW YEAR is a part of my wish for you and for myself. But, even more deeply, my hope, prayer, and commitment is that we grow into who God has created us to be.

A story from the past illustrates the power of self-reflection and choosing to change. This story is told by Rabbi Harold Kushner in his book, *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough*:

“Albert Nobel, a Swedish chemist, made a fortune by inventing more powerful explosives and licensing the formula to governments to make weapons. One day, Albert Nobel's brother died, and one newspaper by accident printed an obituary for Albert instead. It identified Albert as the inventor of dynamite and the man who made a fortune by enabling armies to achieve new levels of mass destruction. Albert Nobel had the unique opportunity to read his own obituary.... He was shocked to think that this was what his life would add up to, to be remembered as a merchant of death and destruction. Albert took his fortune and used it to establish the Nobel Peace Prize to award accomplishments in various fields which would benefit humanity. When Albert Nobel was most 'successful,' he was working against life and against friendship. Then he realized what he would leave behind if that were all he did, and he gave the last part of his life another direction.” (page 58)

Who do we want to be, and what do we want to be doing in 2012? Yes, there are significant differences between

our resources and those of Albert Nobel. Nevertheless, we are each endowed by our Creator with an abundance of God's love and of the talents and resources that God has provided. What we do with and make of those resources is our choice.

In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus tells the story of a property owner who was preparing to leave on a journey. The owner called his servants together and gave five talents to the first one, two talents to the second one and one talent to the third servant. When the owner returned, the servants were called to give an account of what they had done with their talents. The first and second servants had each doubled their value. But the third servant had in fear buried his talent, and thus returned the original one talent to the owner. The owner commended the first two servants, but he severely reprimanded the third fear-driven servant, calling him a “wicked, lazy, and worthless servant!” (verses 26, 30).

For me one point of Jesus' story is that I am to pay far less attention to how much more other people have, and I am instead to focus on what God has given me and what I am doing with all that I have received.

We are not Albert Nobel. But we are each of us a unique person, created in the image of God, and given talents that we are in charge of using or not using.

We can live 2012 in fear and anxiety, or we can live with a faith and confidence in God that empowers us to be and do what is our calling in God.

A year from now, what accounting will we offer to God?

Bill

## MUNCH BUNCH SCHEDULE

### Board News

**Saturday, January 14, 2012**

9:00 AM Coffee & Donuts

9:30 AM General Board Meeting

Board Officers, Elders, Deacons, Committee Chairs & Team Chairs it is very important that you attend the board meeting, so that the business of the Church may be conducted.

The meeting is open to all who are interested in Central Christian Church.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### November 2011 Income:

Tithes/Offering	\$3,052.05
Donuts	16.00
Capital Improvements	75.00

November 2011 Expenses            \$9,736.70

#### January—November 2011 Income:

Tithes/Offerings	\$52,978.63
Rental Income	350.00
Fund Raisers	1,117.57
Interest Income	48.37
Memorials	75.00
Capital Improvements	4,805.23
Jackson Restitution	**2,115.39

January—November 2011 Expense    \$79,617.62

\*\*Jackson Restitution—we have paid back to the Insurance Company \$516.82 this year out of what we have received from her. Since March 2009 we have received \$5,637.74 from Deidre Jackson.

Munch Bunch will meet at various restaurants on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 5:00 PM.

This is a gathering of friends and members who enjoy eating out and the fellowship of each other. This is open to all.

To get an estimate of the number attending each time, there is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall the Sunday before.

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!

**Jan. 09 ~ Olive Garden—14th St W**

**Jan. 23 ~ Applebee's—State Rd 64 East**

**Feb. 13 ~ Cracker Barrel—Cortez Rd W**

**Feb. 27 ~ Bob Evans—14th St W**

We would appreciate input from you as to what restaurants you would like, also as to a day and time. If there is a better day of the week and time to meet.



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

**January Birthdays and Anniversaries  
are posted on the Calendar**

#### February Birthdays

2/04 Clyde Boltz	2/19 Jerry Cook
2/12 Bryanna Luallen	2/20 Robi Manning
2/15 Dick Dyr	2/24 Shannon Summer
2/18 Ann Brose	Rev. Michael Smith
2/19 Marlis Anderson	2/26 Tommy Ervin

#### February Anniversaries

No February Anniversaries

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



We extend our Christian sympathy to family of Richard Schmidt upon his recent death before Thanksgiving.



## **JANUARY POTLUCK**

January 8, 2012

The potluck for January will be on Sunday, January 8, 2012 instead of Sunday, January 1, 2012, New Years Day.



## **BIBLE STUDY**

**Adult Sunday School** — On Sunday mornings from, 9:00-9:45 AM, Pastor Bill is leading an Adult Bible study in the Pastor's Office. The study each week will be on that Sunday's sermon scripture.

**Joy Sunday School Class** ~ Sunday mornings 9:00—9:45 AM.

**Children's Sunday School** ~ Sunday morning 10:00 AM

## **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY**

If you haven't received your new Church Directory yet, please see Pastor or the office for your copy.

In looking through the directory, if there are any changes that need to be made to your information, please contact the church office.

## **NOTE FROM BARBARANN**

I would like to ask that everyone help in keeping the sanctuary clean. If there are spills, paper, anything please let me know. I need to be up on all the little things. Be my extra EYES...

Thank you,  
Barbarann

## **THANK YOU**

I just want to say thank you to everyone at Central Christian Church . I hope you all had a nice Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Blessings,  
Diane Reining

## **THANK YOU**

Sibyl and I want to thank all of you in the Central Christian Church family for your generous Christmas gifts to us. The gift basket, gift cards, gift set and beverages are deeply appreciated. I assure you—we will put them to good use! And thanks be to God for your faithfulness in worship and service. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Sibyl and Bill Hull

### **Be Sure the Church Address is Correct.**

When sending mail to the church, please follow this exact format. **DO NOT** include street address. It confuses the machines in the post office and it will be rejected.

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

## January Continues

### Central Christian Church

**Nellie Dotterer**, The Woodlands  
(1055 301 Blvd. East, #810B, Bradenton 34203)

**Hattie Coulter**, The Woodlands  
(1055 301 Blvd. East, #1014, Bradenton 34203)

**Margaret Wenger**, Dolphin's View  
(1820 Shore Dr. South, South Pasadena, FL)

**Maggie Shane**, Riviera Palms  
(926 Haben Boulevard, Palmetto 34221)

**Gloria Taylor**, Southern Plantation  
(580 Tommy Lee Fuller Road, Suite 115, Loganville, GA 30052)

**Tom Abbring**, Emily Adams (Sue Fitzgerald's great niece),  
**Mary Alles, Robbie Alles**, David Allman, Charlotte & Clayton  
Allman (**Shelly Brown's nephew and his children**), Red Art  
(**Erroll Eckford's brother-in-law**), Michelle Baker, Lillian  
Buchhold (**Sibyl Hull's mother**), Shirlene Bunch, Faye  
Coomes' family, Jimmy Coomes (Faye Coomes son), Helen  
Cornell (**wife of Rob Cornell**), **Hattie Coulter, Betty Donohue,**  
**Nellie Dotterer**, Cindy Gettinger, Nancy Gettinger, Jim  
Hutchens, **Brian Knuckles, Kerry Knuckles and family, Alice**  
**Lewis, Jonathan Luallen (son of Bryan & Becky Jeffrey),**  
Arnold Nobles (**Herb Nobles brother**), Joel Reeve (**son-in-law**  
**of Hal and Millie Zug**), **Marilyn Ruffing, Paul & Francis**  
**Smith, Charles Sanford**, Mary Lou Sturdevant (**sister of Fred**  
**Hetherington**), Audrey Ueland and caregivers, Nancy and  
Nestor Palahnuk (**Barbarann Cordova's brother**) and Jim  
Wenfink (**Carol Crawford's father, Becky Jeffrey's**  
**grandfather**).

## Serving Schedule

### January

**Jan. 1st Diaconate:** Joanne Body, Arlie Dowell, Tom Dowell,  
Richard Dyr Alt.

**Elders:** Rosemary Cook, Clyde Boltz Alt. Erroll Eckford

**Greeters/Ushers:** Evelyn Yoder

**Acolytes:** Jacquelyn Schlorke, Jamie McPherson

**Worship Leader:** Al Perani

**Jan. 8th Diaconate:** Patti Page, Brian Knuckles, Tommy Ervin,  
Evelyn Yoder Alt. Robert McKinney

**Elders:** LaVerne Maus, Anita Haisch Alt. Barb Abbring

**Greeters/Ushers:** Cinda Nelson

**Acolytes:** Tommy Ervin, Brenda McKinney

**Worship Leader:** Rosemary Cook

**Jan. 15th Diaconate:** Joanne Taylor, Barbara Harrell, Lesa  
Canterbury, Mac McKimmy Alt. Richard Dyr

**Elders:** Dale Harrell, Clyde Boltz Alt.

**Greeters/Ushers:** Paul Maus

**Acolytes:** Jacquelyn Schlorke, Tracie Dyr

**Worship Leader:** Richard Dyr

**Jan. 22nd Diaconate:** Al Perani, Jo Perani, Tom Dowell, Arlie  
Dowell Alt. Joanne Body

**Elders:** Sue Fitzgerald, Erroll Eckford Alt. Rosemary Cook

**Greeters/Ushers:** Jerry Cook

**Acolytes:** Tommy Ervin, Robert McKinney

**Worship Leader:** Ed Mock

**Jan. 29th Diaconate:** Cinda Nelson, Evelyn Yoder, Robert  
McKinney, Patti Page Alt. Al Perani

**Elders:** Barbarann Cordova, Barb Abbring Alt. Dale Harrell

**Greeters/Ushers:** Rosemary Cook

**Acolytes:** Jacquelyn Schlorke, Robert Blake

**Worship Leader:** Dale Harrell

### February

**Feb. 5th Diaconate:** Richard Dyr, Lesa Canterbury, Arlie  
Dowell, Tom Dowell Alt. Joanne Body

**Elders:** Dale Harrell, Barb Abbring Alt. Rosemary Cook

**Greeters/Ushers:** Robert McKinney

**Acolytes:** Jacquelyn Schlorke, Patty McNaughton

**Worship Leader:** Shelly Brown

**Feb. 12th Diaconate:** Al Perani, Jo Perani, Barbara Harrell,  
Patti Page Alt. Joanne Taylor

**Elders:** LaVerne Maus, Clyde Boltz Alt. Barbarann Cordova

**Greeters/Ushers:** Paul Maus

**Acolytes:** Tommy Ervin, Joanne Taylor

**Worship Leader:** Erroll Eckford

**Feb. 19th Diaconate:** Cinda Nelson, Brian Knuckles, Mac  
McKimmy, Joanne Body Alt. Evelyn Yoder

**Elders:** Sue Fitzgerald, Shelly Brown Alt. LaVerne Maus

**Greeters/Ushers:** Jerry Cook

**Acolytes:** Jacquelyn Schlorke, Jamie McPherson

**Worship Leader:** Tom Dowell

**Feb. 26th Diaconate:** Patricia Martin, Lesa Canterbury, Al  
Perani, Jo Perani Alt. Tommy Irvin

**Elders:** Erroll Eckford, Shelly Brown Alt. Clyde Boltz

**Greeters/Ushers:** Richard Dyr

**Acolytes:** Tommy Ervin, Brenda McKinney

**Worship Leader:** Barbara Harrell

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING.** If you are unable to serve  
please call your ALTERNATE. Any further questions please  
call: Joanne Body (Chair of Deacons) 795-1736, LaVerne Maus  
(Chair of Elders) 705-4587 or the church office 748-3130. Sue  
Fitzgerald (Worship Chair) 713-3156.

# Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## SUNDAY SERVICES:

9:00 AM — Sunday School  
 10:00 AM — Morning Worship Service  
 11:10 AM — Coffee Fellowship

More Gratitude, Less Attitude N.A. Meeting every day at 6:15 PM  
 January 1 — Pot Luck Dinner following Worship  
 January 14 — Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

## January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>  Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	2	3	4  Ensemble Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	5	6  Office Closed	7    Robert Blake Birthday
8  Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am  Pot Luck Dinner Following Worship	9  Munch Bunch 5:00 p.m. Olive Garden 14th St. W.  Gloria Taylor Birthday	10	11  Ensemble Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.  Frances Smith Birthday	12	13  Office Closed   Joanne Taylor Birthday	14  Coffee & Donuts 9:00 a.m. Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
15  Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	16	17	18  Ensemble Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.  Jo Perani Dawn Lee Thompson Birthdays	19    Charles Hoggatt Birthday	20  Office Closed	21    Brenda McKinney Birthday
22  Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	23  Munch Bunch 5:00 p.m. Applebee's State Rd. 64 East	24	25    Ensemble Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	26	27  Office Closed   Tom & Barb Abbring Anniversary	28
29  Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	30	31				