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April

2010

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As we live into the reality of life after Easter, we are clearly aware that the world has not and will not magically change

because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We have shared with each the good news that "He is risen! He is risen indeed!!"

Now we face the challenge of living that gift in a world of risk and challenges.

One person who clearly understood this through his own personal life experiences was Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Christian pastor who was executed at the end of World War II by the Nazis because of his resistance to the Hitler regime.

Bonhoeffer knew the truth of the meditation quoted below.

"IN TRIBULATION CHRISTIANS FIND 'THE MOST WONDERFUL TREASURES'

They strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying. it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God' Acts 14:22

How much grumbling and unwillingness, how much contradiction and hatred of suffering has come to light among us! How much denial, stepping aside, how much fear whenever the cross of Jesus began to cast even the tiniest shadow over our personal lives! How often have we believed ourselves capable of preserving our peace with God while simultaneously avoiding the suffering, renunciation, maliciousness, and threat to our existence! And the very worst is that we have had to hear repeatedly from our Christian brothers that they despise one another's suffering ...

God will take no one into his kingdom whose faith has not proven genuine amid tribulation and suffering. "It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God- (Acts 14:22). This is why we must learn to cherish our tribulation.

The tribulation that seems so harsh and abhorrent in our lives is in truth full of the most wonderful treasures a Christian can find. It is like an oyster with a pearl inside, like a deep mine shaft in which one finds one metal after another the deeper one descends into it; first

ore, then silver, and finally gold. Suffering produces patience, and then experience, and then hope.

avoids suffering is throwing away God's greatest gift along with it.

Lord, help me to learn what Christian suffering has to teach, and to cherish those lessons."

May God's courage fill and guide us.

Bill



Simple Meal at 6:15 p.m.

Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, Worship at 10:00 a.m.



Choir Practice

It's good to hear the voices of the choir singing again! Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Please come and join the fun.



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The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

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

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

Maggie Shane, Riviera Palms
(926 Haben Boulevard, Palmetto 34221) Effective 3/29/2010

Calvin Coulter, Riverfront Rehabilitation
(105 15th Street East, Bradenton 34208)

Bill Hays, Windsor Oak (2614 43rd St. W., Bradenton)

Mary Tupper, Braden River Care Center (2010 Manatee Ave E., Room 116, Bradenton)

Tom Abbring, Pam Blue, Carl Burget (uncle of Millie Zug & Keith Burget), Sarah Burriss, Family of Ron Burriss, Mike Caudill's family, Faye Coomes, **Calvin & Hattie Coulter**, Betty Donohue, Gladys Freed (friend of **Sue Fitzgerald**), Cindy Gettinger, Nancy Gettinger, Brett Hayes (friend of George Jepsen), **Mary Lou Hetherington and family**, Francine Hewett (aunt of Diane Taylor), Edith Hunt (aunt of **Sue Fitzgerald**), Pat Hunt (sister-in-law of Sibyl Hull), **Carolyn Knowles**, Bill Kummec (**Calvin & Hattie Coulter's son-in-law**), **Blaire LaRue's family** (friend of **George Jepsen**), **Alice Lewis**, **Brenda McKinney**, Nancy Mooney, Joel Reeve (son-in-law of **Hal & Millie Zug**), **Marilyn Ruffing**, Jacylen Schlorke, Ann Smith, Mary Lou Sturdevant (sister of Fred Hetherington), **Jim Swafford**, **Gloria Taylor**, **Rean Thomas**, **Joyce Tuller**, **Hal Zug**.



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 from 9:00—9:45 AM. Teacher is Millie Zug and meets in the Chapel Classroom.

Sonshine Bible Study - GREAT NEWS! Sonshine Bible Study Group is every **Monday at 3:30 p.m.** We will gather together once again to study God's Holy Word. This year we will turn a corner and do things slightly different than in the past. Instead of reviewing scripture from the past Sunday's service, we will be looking ahead and studying scripture that is to come. While it is good to remember and review the past, we must always look toward the future in all that we do. Let's start this session off by **LOOKING AHEAD** as we anticipate all of the possibilities that lie there! Hope to see you all there!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays and Anniversaries are posted on the calendar.

May Birthdays

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| 5-07 Jonathan Luallen | 5-25 LaVerne Maus |
| 5-09 Jim Hutchens | 5-27 Rebecca Jeffrey |
| 5-10 Louise Terry | 5-31 Sherri Lee |
| 5-11 Carolyn Knowles | 5-31 Marian McClain |
| 5-12 Tom Dowell | |

Anniversaries

- 5-01 Tom & Arlie Dowell
- 5-25 Carl & Joyce Tuller

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

MUNCH BUNCH SCHEDULE

Munch Bunch. Instead of going out to a restaurant every Monday night, we will go to two restaurants on the 2nd and 4th Mondays only. This is a time to enjoy good food and fellowship. Below you will find the name, address and date of the restaurants chosen for the months of April and May. If you plan on joining us, please sign up on the sheet located in the fellowship hall so we will have an approximate count to give the restaurant for that particular date. **If you have never joined us, you are invited. Please come.**

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!

April 12~Applebees (4301 Cortez RD W, Bradenton)

April 26 ~ Anna Maria Oyster Bar (6696 Cortez RD W, Bradenton)

May 10 ~ Bob Evans (4115 14th Street W, Bradenton)

May 24 ~ Millers ((3401 14th Street, W, Bradenton)

FINANCIAL REPORT

February Income:

Tithes/Offering	\$6,383.25
Jackson Restitution	00.00
Rental Income	750.00
Donuts	5.00
Memorials	275.00

February Expenses

\$5,467.78

Board News

Saturday, April 10, 2010

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.

The Joy of His Resurrection

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

Amen.

~ Anonymous

Community Hunger



FOOD PANTRY ALERT

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

We are seriously in need of food for our Food Pantry! Items needed are as follows; non-perishables such as can meats (chicken, tuna, Vienna sausages), can fruit, crackers, cereals, can milk, can stews, can vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce and soups.

POP TOP LIDS ARE GREAT!

Although small in stature, this is a wonderful ministry for this community. We are making a difference in the lives of some.

Thank you for your continued support!

Serving Schedule

April

April 4th Diaconate: Carl & Joyce Tuller, Patricia Martin
Alt. June Boltz

Elders: Clyde Boltz, Sue Fitzgerald Alt. Anita Haisch

Greeters/Ushers: Tom Dowell

Worship Leader: Tom Dowell

April 11th Diaconate: Tom & Arlene Dowell, Robert McKinney Alt. Lesa Canterbury

Elders: LaVerne Maus, Shelly Brown Alt. Clyde Boltz

Greeters/Ushers: Paul Maus

Worship Leader: Clyde Boltz

April 18th Diaconate: Mary Lou Hetherington, Marion McClain Alt. Betty McKimmy

Elders: Anita Haisch, Ed Mock Alt. Sue Fitzgerald

Greeters/Ushers: Mac McKimmy

Worship Leader: LaVerne Maus

April 25th Diaconate: Frances Smith, Joanne Taylor, Cinda Nelson Alt. Betty McKimmy

Elders: Barb Abbring, LaVerne Maus Alt. Shelly Brown

Greeters/Ushers: Joanne Body

Worship Leader: Shelly Brown

May

May 2nd Diaconate: Frances Smith, Mary Lou Hetherington, Lesa Canterbury Alt. Cinda Nelson

Elders: Anita Haisch, Ed Mock Alt. Sue Fitzgerald

Greeters/Ushers: Paul Maus

Worship Leader: Sue Fitzgerald

May 9th Diaconate: Robert McKinney, Marion McClain, Joanne Taylor Alt. June Boltz

Elders: Clyde Boltz, Shelly Brown Alt. Sue Fitzgerald

Greeters/Ushers: Joanne Body

Worship Leader: Ed Mock

May 16th Diaconate: Betty McKimmy, Cinda Nelson, Mary Lou Hetherington Alt. Frances Smith

Elders: Barb Abbring, Ed Mock Alt. LaVerne Maus

Greeters/Ushers: Mac McKimmy

Worship Leader: Al Perani

May 23rd Diaconate: June Boltz, Marion McClain, Lesa Canterbury Alt. Robert McKinney

Elders: LaVerne Maus, Barb Abbring Alt. Clyde Boltz

Greeters/Ushers: Cinda Nelson

Worship Leader: Shelly Brown

May 30th Diaconate: Joanne Taylor, Frances Smith, Robert McKinney Alt. Betty McKimmy

Elders: Anita Haisch, Sue Fitzgerald Alt. Shelly Brown

Greeters/Ushers: Paul Maus

Worship Leader: LaVerne Maus

THANK YOU FOR SERVING. If you are unable to serve please call your ALTERNATE. Any further questions please call: Betty McKimmy (Chair of Deacons) 722-5436, Barb Abbring (Chair of Elders) 746-0347 or the church office 748-3130.

NOTE TO THE DIACONATE: With another church using our Sanctuary, after you have taken up the used communion cups and taken the signed Ritual of Friendships Sheet out of the folder, please remove the Hymnals and Bibles on the front row and place on the piano. Take the Ritual of Friendship Books and place on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. The other church will place all of these back when finished in the Sanctuary.



"I dyed your scrambled eggs for Easter."

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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SUNDAY SERVICES:

9:00 AM — Sunday School
 10:00 AM — Morning Worship Service
 11:10 AM — Coffee Fellowship
 Monday 3:30 PM — Bible Study — Sonshine Group

April 1, Simple Meal at 6:15 p.m.
 Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m.
 April 10, Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
 April 11, Pot Luck Dinner following Worship

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Simple Meal 6:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Lewis George Birthday	2 Good Friday Office Closed	3
4 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	5 NO Sonshine Group	6	7 Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Phyllis Hoggatt Birthday	8	9 Office Closed	10 Donuts & Coffee 9:00 a.m. Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
11 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Pot Luck Dinner Following Worship Evelyn Brown Birthday	12 Sonshine Group 3:30 pm Munch Bunch Applebee's 5:00 pm	13	14 Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	15 Deadline for the Link	16 Office Closed Betty Frank Birthday	17
18 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	19 Sonshine Group 3:30 pm Martha George Birthday	20	21 Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Ray Terry Birthday	22	23 Office Closed Paul Smith Birthday	24
25 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Mac McKimmy Birthday Bryan & Becky Jeffrey's Anniversary	26 Sonshine Group 3:30 pm Munch Bunch Anna Marie Oyster Bar 5:00 pm	27	28 Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	29	30	