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I have found it helpful in my devotional life to read not only contemporary writers, but also ancient musings. Doing so reminds me that what we struggle with today has been a challenge for those who preceded us.

Below I quote from Anselm of Canterbury, who lived from 1033 to 1109. He was an Italian Benedictine monk, a philosopher, and a prelate of the church who held the office of Archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109. In 1720 Anselm was recognized as a saint by Pope Clement XI. May this ancient meditation speaks to us today also.

Bill Hull

Come then, Lord my God, teach my heart where and how to seek you, where and how to find you. Lord, if you are not present here, where, since you are absent, shall I look for you? On the other hand, if you are everywhere, why then, since you are present, do I not see you? But surely you dwell in 'light inaccessible' [I Timothy 6:16]. And where is this inaccessible light, or how can I approach the inaccessible light? Or who shall lead me and take me into it that I may see you in it? Again, by what signs, under what aspect, shall I seek you? Never have I seen you, Lord my God, I do not know your face....

You have created me and recreated me and you have given me all the good things I possess, and still I do not know you..... I was made in order to see you, and I have not yet accomplished what I was made for.....

Let me discern your light whether it be from afar or from the depths. Teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me as I seek, because I can neither seek you if you do not teach me how, nor find you unless you reveal yourself. Let me seek you in desiring you; let me desire you in seeking you; let me find you in loving you; let me love you in finding you.

I acknowledge, Lord, and I give thanks that you have created your image in me, so that I may remember you, think of you, love you. But this image is so effaced and worn away by vice, so darkened by the smoke of sin, that it cannot do

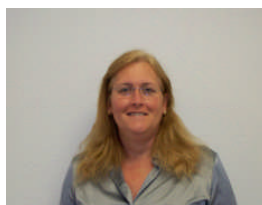
what it was made to do unless you renew it and reform it. I do not try, Lord, to attain your lofty heights, because my understanding is in no way equal to it. But I do desire to understand your truth a little, that truth that my heart believes and loves. For I do not seek to understand so that I may believe; but I believe so that I may understand. For I believe this also, that 'unless I believe, I shall not understand' [cf. John 8:43].

Snowbirds

Almost all our snowbirds have returned north before they fall too much in love with why they come to Florida. They are such a blessing to us in more ways than they know. They remind us why we don't live in the north. They're warm hearts and minds warm our hearts and, most of all, give us a lot to look forward to in the fall when they return. We are especially delighted and blessed with their musicianship and their willingness to share it with us so freely. Maybe if we could go north in August and bless their churches in the same way they bless us.

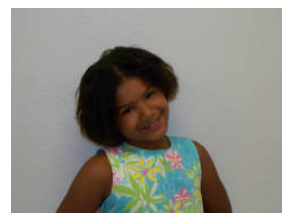
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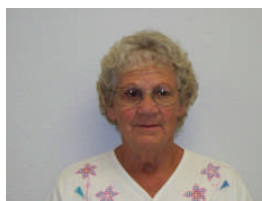
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The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

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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)

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)

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

Tom Abbring, Pam Blue, Carl Burget (uncle of Millie Zug & Keith Burget), Sarah Burriss, Mike Caudill's family, Faye Coomes, **Calvin & Hattie Coulter**, Betty Donohue, Gladys Freed (friend of **Sue Fitzgerald**), Cindy Gettinger, Nancy Gettinger, Bob Grant's family (brother-in-law of **Sue Fitzgerald**), Brett Hayes (friend of George Jepsen), **Mary Lou Hetherington and family**, Francine Hewett (aunt of Diane Taylor), **Pastor Bill Hull**, 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**, 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**, **Rean Thomas**, **Joyce Tuller**, **Hal & Millie 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

May Birthdays and Anniversaries are posted on the calendar.

June Birthdays

6-01 Maggie Shane 6-17 Tom Dixon
6-06 Neal Sibery 6-24 Darlene Brown
6-13 Lesa Canterbury

Anniversaries

6-05 Ray & Darlene Brown
6-09 Gene & Evelyn Brown
6-14 Jack & Midge Barnes
6-18 Mike & Jan Smith

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 month of 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!

May 10 ~ Bob Evans (4115 14th Street W, Bradenton)
May 24 ~ Millers ((3401 14th Street, W, Bradenton)

FINANCIAL REPORT

March 2010 Income:	
Tithes/Offering	\$4,950.56
Jackson Restitution	00.00
Coins for Christ	1.86
Rummage Sale	1,009.58
March 2010 Expenses	\$5,369.79

Board News

Saturday, May 8, 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.



We extend our Christian Sympathy

To Bob Grant's family, brother-in-law of Sue Fitzgerald, upon his recent death on April 11, 2010. A Memorial Service was held on Thursday, April 15, at 5:00 p.m. here at the church.

Members Update

Gloria Taylor and **Carolyn Knowles** have both moved to Southern Plantation in Loganville, GA. Gloria is in the assisted living section and Carolyn is in the secure section. This move was necessary due to their declining health. I know that they would appreciate cards from their friends here at Central Christian Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

Community Hunger



FOOD PANTRY ALERT

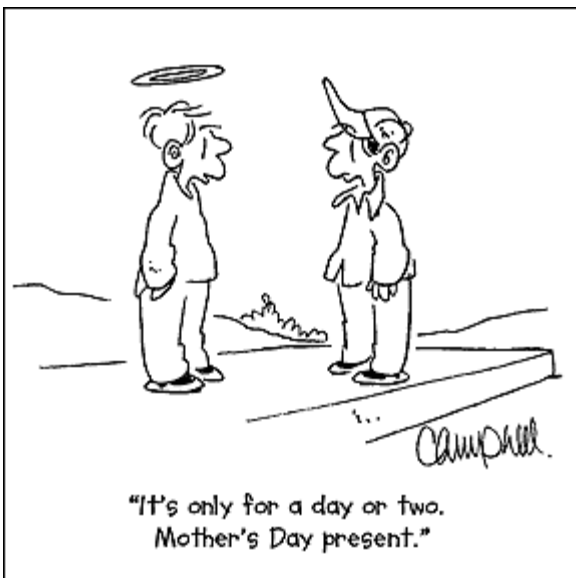
ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

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!



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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We're on the Web!
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Serving Schedule

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

June

June 6th Diaconate: June Boltz, Jo Carlton, Cinda Nelson Alt. Marion McClain
Elders: Clyde Boltz, Shelly Brown Alt. LaVerne Maus
Greeters/Ushers: Joanne Body
Worship Leader: Shannon Summers

June 13th Diaconate: Rosemary Cook, Shannon Summers, Robert McKinney Alt. Betty McKimmy
Elders: Barb Abbring, Anita Haisch At. Sue Fitzgerald
Greeters/Ushers: Paul Maus
Worship Leader: Jo Carlton

June 20th Diaconate: Frances Smith, Betty McKimmy, Marion McClain Alt. Joanne Taylor
Elders: Clyde Boltz, LaVerne Maus Alt. Barb Abbring
Greeters/Ushers: Mac McKimmy
Worship Leader: Richard Dyr

June 27th Diaconate: Lesa Canterbury, Joanne Taylor, Mary Lou Hetherington Alt. Cinda Nelson
Elders: Shelly Brown, Sue Fitzgerald Alt. Anita Haisch
Greeters/Ushers: Shannon Summers
Worship Leader: Sue Fitzgerald

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.



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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

May 2, Pot Luck Dinner following Worship
 May 8, Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

May 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Pot Luck Dinner Following Worship	3 Sonshine Group 3:30 pm	4	5	6	7 Office Closed Emma Summers Jonathan Luallen Birthdays	1 Tom & Arlie Dowell Anniversary <hr/> 8 Donuts & Coffee 9:00 a.m. Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.
9 Happy Mother's Day Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Jim Hutchens Birthday	10 Sonshine Group 3:30 pm Munch Bunch Bob Evans 5:00 pm Louise Terry Birthday	11 Carolyn Knowles Birthday	12 Tom Dowell Birthday	13	14 Office Closed	15
16 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	17 Sonshine Group 3:30 pm Deadline for the Link	18	19	20	21 Office Closed	22
23 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	24 Sonshine Group 3:30 pm Munch Bunch Millers 5:00 pm	25 LaVerne Maus Birthday Carl & Joyce Tuller Anniversary	26	27 Rebecca Jeffrey Birthday	28 Office Closed	29
30 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	31 Sonshine Group 3:30 pm Sherri Lee Marian McClain Birthdays					