



Central Christian Church



**(Disciples of Christ)
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Galilee - its what's next for us. It might be life after a job change or retirement. It might be the beginning of a new relationship. It could be the next step in our grieving - moving from the past into the present. It may be the emergence of a new challenging ministry.

Galilee is the place where Christ waits to greet us after the resurrection. It's where our next "new life" begins. It may follow some dramatic, exciting or devastating change. It may simply be the next new day in our life.

Redemption brings new meaning and power to every moment of every day. Resurrection allows us to rise again after any loss. Whenever we grow worn and weary and take life for granted, an Empty Tomb reminds us that our story is not over.

God waits for us in Galilee... as individuals, families and church. This new life has just begun!!

John

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MAY

Calendar of Events

VISIT OUR WEB SITE

<http://www.centralchristiandoc.org>
Please check our updated WEB page.

*For Reverend Dunn's messages click
YouTube link.*

9th Ladies Afternoon Tea
Sunday April 28th @3- 5pm
Whispers of God's Love



CWF MEETING

Tuesday May 7th @7:00pm

CHURCH WORK DAY
Saturday May 11th @8am

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday May 14th @7:30pm

MOTHERS DAY SUNDAY MAY 12TH



**You never appreciate all of the things
your mother did for you
until you find yourself
doing the same things
for your kids.**

A great deal of what we talk about in church
—and especially in worship and
Bible studies—assumes that what we read
in Scripture can be applied to other, more current
situations.

It becomes analogy or metaphor.



CROSSING THE RIVER JORDAN

The concept of “Crossing the River Jordan” can translate to many “transitions” or crossings in life. It can refer to any time that anyone moves from here—to—there, especially if a person believes that it is a move that God invites them to make. I suppose it could even refer to moves that we simply must make because there’s no turning back.

So moving from high school to college or full time work—or from single life to married life—sometimes from married life back to single life—or from working life to retired life—and even the move from this life to the next. They can all be considered “crossing the Jordan”.

The same can be translated into changes in the family—married life to parenting—parenting to empty nesting— from an apartment to a house and then later back to a condo or apartment—and so forth

We can also talk about the moves that congregations are often called to make.

In Worship, we’ve listened to a youth choir singing a song on the topic. One of the stanzas reflects on the journey after the crossing. “Not so long ago, we were over there, knowing it was deep and wide. Standing on the banks of the Jordan—looking to the other side.”

The song seems to celebrate the fact that God brought us safely through the crossing. We look back and give thanks at what we were able to accomplish thanks to God’s inspiration and encouraging presence.

This is different from what seemed to happen after Israel crossed the Red Sea in its Exodus. There were celebrations at first, but soon people began to look back whenever life became challenging. They murmured, griped, complained—longing for life in the past—wishing they could somehow “go back to those easier days” - somehow forgetting that the “good-ole days” were not nearly as good as they seem to be imagining. And certainly ignoring the fact that you cannot go back—no matter how much you wish you could.

It’s a difficult challenge in life—at so many crossings. We can look back with gratitude that God had brought us this far—or we can become afraid, difficult, divisive, and wish that somehow we can go back. But the journey is always forward. We just hope and pray that we can see clear signs of the direction in which we are called to move. That seems to be the real work of the church—discover the direction—and start moving—together.

John

“THERE IS NO SUCH NEED”

A few local conversations have shown me how people dismiss the need for more attention to our local addiction problem. A typical response from church leaders makes reference to existing services available; as if we already have places that address the drug problem, and don't need to add more.

Some of the latest reports from Vincennes, Indiana, tell us about Life After Meth (LAM) which provides residential addiction recovery services for men and women. In addition, Another Chance Ministries has residential treatment for men, as well as Courage House, the Jeremiah House, the Jessica House, the Tenisha House, and possibly others—all in Vincennes (not sure how many beds are available for women). If Vincennes (population 17,729 [2017]), has three addiction recovery beds for every two in Washington (population of 12,114 [2017]), we might say Washington has enough addiction recovery services. We need no further investigation to tell us we are far short of that. We can also look East and wonder how many recovery resources are available in Loogootee (population 2,714—2017).

Some will argue that even church-going people dismiss the priority of our local addiction problem. My observation is with the difficulty of getting anyone to discuss this issue. While we live in a very presumptuous world, the Biblical term “sober” (see I Peter 5:8) actually means “alert,” and is used in regard to life in a world which is full of treachery and deceit. The true Christian faith calls us to be wide awake to the destructive practices of our present world. As believers, we are called to live in the light. Scripture warns us about presumptuous living which is typically dismissive when it comes to social concerns. The life of Christian Discipleship is a courageous life; calling us to abandon our self interests, and learn to care for “the least of these.” Anyone can justify their personal disregard for inconvenient realities. As believers in Christ, we have been called to a greater love.

Daniel

Scripture Readings:

Looking for inspiration?

Week of May 5

Psalm 49

SU Luke 11:37—54

M Luke 12:1—3

TU Luke 12:4—7

W Luke 12:8—12

TH Luke 12:13—15

F Luke 12:16—21

SA Luke 12:22—34

Week of May 12

Psalm 62

SU Hebrews 10:19—25

M Hebrews 10:26—39

TU Hebrews 11:1—3

W Hebrews 11:4—22

TH Hebrews 11:23—40

F Hebrews 12:1—13

SA Hebrews 12:14—29

Week of May 19

Psalm 66:13—20

SU Luke 12:35—40

M Luke 12:41—48

TU Luke 12:49—53

W Luke 12:54—56

TH Luke 12:57—59

F Luke 13:1—5

SA Luke 13:6—9

Week of May 26

Psalm 50:16—23

SU Hebrews 13:1—6

M Hebrews 13:7—16

TU Hebrews 13:17—25

W James 1:1—8

TH James 1:9—16

F James 1:17—18

SA James 1:19—27

Our Stewardship Answers God's Call to our Mission

2018 Budget Requirement Averages \$1306 Weekly

Tithes & Offerings

March 3 - \$2582 March 31 - \$1122

March 10 - \$1061 April 7 - \$1948

March 17 - \$747 April 14 - \$1496

March 24 - \$1273 April 21 - \$1398

We celebrate every dollar as a witness
to the love and grace of God at work among us.

**We also received generous contributions in recent
weeks for special ministries like:**

**Easter Offering, Week of Compassion,
children's "Milk Bottle"**

Financial Highlights

Your generous giving continues to keep up
with our budget needs—and our spending
remains frugal and appropriate to our
situation.

Your faithful giving and God's extraordinary
grace allows us to make a positive impact on
the world. Not only can we rest assured that
normal expenses are managed well, but we can
look at opportunities to make an even bigger
impact on our world.

Thank you for that great sign of life among us!

BIRTHDAYS

1 - Amanda (Christie) Lemmon
3 - Jeannie Owsley
5 - Cindy McCabe
6 - Breana Mattes
7 - Stell Kiefer
7 - Lili Kielty
10 - Matthew Christie
11 - Robert J. Smith
14 - Marie Woods
18 - Linda Daily
18 - Maudie Fiscus
20 - Joyce Sparks
20 - Terry Kiefer
21 - Dennis Breeden
22 - Lon McMurtrey
24 - Jeremy Payton

ANNIVERSARIES

4 - Ray & Lavone Woods
19 - Rev. John & Brenda Dunn
20 - Rodger and Jeannie Owsley
20 - Vaughn and Amanda Woods

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary listed (or if its incorrect) please call or email the church office.



Scheduled to Serve in May

Elders: Alan Christie & Larry Lagle

Deacons: Jake Fox, Zane Archer,
Sam Mattes, Dennis Breeden

Communion Prep: Judy Singleton

Greeters:

May 5: Larry & Pam Lagle

May 12: Carmen Kane & Larry Gilley

May 19: Deb Breeden & Debbie Folsom

May 26: Eddie Gibson & Dan Sherar



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