

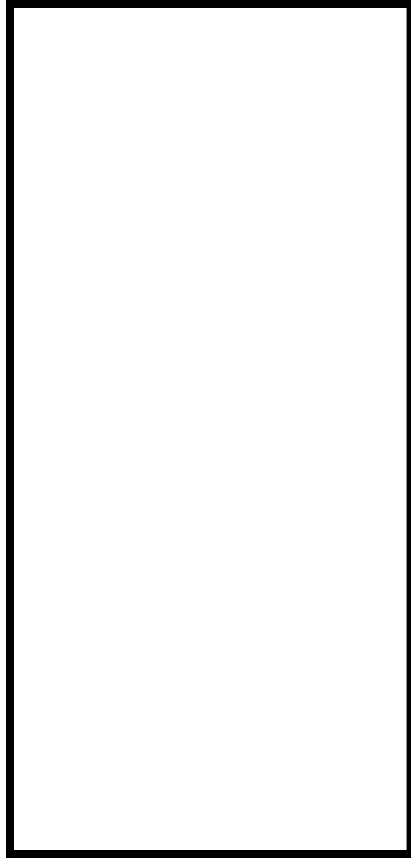


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"Keeping Christ Central" Since 1835!

A Message of Forgiveness

Central Christian Church hosted the Reverend Dr. Bill Edwards, Regional Pastor and President on Sunday February 20th for a single service and a potluck luncheon to follow. The main theme of Edwards' sermon was forgiveness.

"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; ..." - Matthew 5:44-45

Edwards sermon delivered the message that sometimes we have a "twisted belief" about the realities of our situations. Edwards suggested instead of filling our hearts and minds with anger, it is important as Christians to love your neighbor as yourself.

"you shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord." - Leviticus 19:18

The act of forgiveness can be a difficult process. How does one forgive when heinous acts are committed? For example, why is it that members of the Amish community were able to forgive Charles Roberts after the shot 10 girls killing six of them? While the process of forgiveness is difficult, it's something that empowers us to do through love, prayer and life.

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"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." - John 13:34

"My heart's desire and prayer to God is for their salvation." - Romans 10:1

"For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax-gathers do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?" - Matthew 5:46-47

Rev. Dr. Edwards became the Regional Pastor and President of the Christian Church in Ohio (Disciples of Christ) on September 1, 2004. Bill has served churches in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee, and served as Associate General Minister and Vice President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

Sunday, March 6, 2011

8 am	Worship
9:30 am	Open Circle Lectionary Discussion Class
9:30 am	Fellowship Class <i>Rob Bell</i> Study
9:30 am	Diabetes for Disciples Class
10:30 am	Worship
6-7:30 pm	Grapple Youth Group (4-8th grade)
6-7:30 pm	High School Small Group (Howlands)
6-8 pm	Happy Hoppers 4-H Group

Monday, March 7, 2011

4 pm	Ski Club
5-7 pm	Career Clothing
6-8 pm	Cub Scout Pack #79

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

8:30-10:30 am	TOPS Meeting
12-2:30 pm	Children Services Parenting Class
7:30 pm	Official Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

9-10:15 am	Biographical Bible Study
10:30 am	Staff Meeting
1-4 pm	Duplicate Bridge Club of Wooster
7 pm	Choir

Thursday, March 10, 2011

9- 10 am	Messenger Folding Crew
6:30-8:30 pm	Relay for Life Committee Meeting
7 pm	Fusion Practice
8 pm	AA Meeting



CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

updated & printable calendar available - www.cccwooster.org

Friday, February 25, 2011

9-10 am Messenger Folding Crew
7-9 pm Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) Meeting
8 pm AA Meeting

Sunday, February 27, 2011

8 am Worship: *Rev. Engman Preaching*
9:30 am Open Circle Lectionary Discussion Class
9:30 am Fellowship Class *Rob Bell Study*
10:30 am Worship: *Rev. Engman Preaching*

Monday, February 28, 2011

4 pm Ski Club
5-7 pm Career Clothing
6-8 pm Cub Scout Pack #79

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

8:30-10:30 am TOPS Meeting
9-3 pm CWF Workshop
12-2:30 pm Children Services Parenting Class
7:30 pm Executive Committee

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

9-10:15 am Biographical Bible Study
10:30 am Staff Meeting
1-4 pm Duplicate Bridge Club of Wooster
7 pm Choir

Thursday, March 3, 2011

2:30-6:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
7 pm Fusion Practice
8 pm AA Meeting

Announcements

- ✝ Central Christian Relay For Life team will be meeting on the last Wednesday of the month. If you would like to participate, the group would love to have you. Registration is \$10.00 and registration forms are available in the church office. Continue to watch the Sunday bulletin and *The Messenger* for upcoming events and activities.
- ✝ On February 13, CCC's first group of CAMO volunteers, Mark Gustafson, Ron, Beth and Scott Pycraft left for Honduras. On February 27 Bobbie Randall will be heading south. Last year, we collected all sorts of cooking utensils for Bobbie to take with her. This year, Bobbie is asking for the following: mouse traps, green pot scrubbers, white or pastel colored baseball caps to give to the people working in the kitchen. If you would like to contribute any of these items, there will be a box in the church office for your contributions.
- ✝ The Red Cross is in urgent need of blood. If you would like to give, contact them at 330-264-9383 to see where blood drives will be conducted in our area.
- ✝ PASTOR'S CLASS for those considering church membership, traditionally is held during the Lenten season which begins on March 9. If you are interested in participating in the class, or just learning more about membership in the church, please contact Rev Phipps or Rev Engman.





PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

If you'd like to add a name to our prayer list or have one removed please call the church office, or email Jan Douglas at jdouglas@cccwooster.org

Those who worship with us: Jack Bennett, Judy Bennett, Barbara Burson, Peggy & Mike Flack, Terry Gardner, Ralph & Donna Hutchins, Jane Leggett, Deb Mackey, Tom & Dorothy Purdy, Pete Raymond, Dick & Mary Robertson, Anne Ruggles, Lorain Schmid, Mason Shamp, Lora Snodgrass, Esther Sweeney, Jason Woodruff

Family: Larry Flesher (*Ryan Dombrowsky*), Tom & Barbara Leatherman (*the Hershberger's*), Virginia Markley (*Jason Woodruff*), Cindy McCoy (*John Phillips*), Cheryl & Roger McCumbers (*Trista Woodruff*), Mike (*Lucy Drabenstott*), Nathan Minton (*Rob Kastner*), Duncan Randall (*Bob & Bobbie Randall*), Carl Rohrer (*Sandy Spahr*), Harold Shelly (*Stacey Chapman, & Shirley Raymond*), Linda Snow (*Edna Chapman*), Winnie Weaver (*Carolyn Weaver*), Deward & F. Sam Williams (the Rawson family), Tom Williams (*Paul & Melanie Kline*),

Friends: Gene Avon (*Mike Gagner*), Mike & Nancy Burns (*Amanda Gorfi*), Dale Kruse (Carol Chenevey), a Special Friend (*the Douglas's*) Pete Hill (*Amanda Gorfi*), Holsky Family (*Sue Wohlford*), Whitney Lowe (*Mike & Debbie Braden*), Marvin Martin (*Jerry Jones*), Symontee Martin (*Beth Cunningham*), Mike Maxwell (*Mike & Debbie Braden*), Richard Miller, (Kelly Moorhead), Ron Rock (*the Ewing's*) Jim Ross (*Pat Kennedy*), T. J. Schoenbine (*the Rawsons*), Brian Valentine (*Mike Gagner*), Larry Walker (*Mike Braden*)

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, support and cards during the sudden death of my husband Ron on December 10th. Also, to the Bereavement Committee who served the dinner after the service. God Bless you all. In Christian Love,

Carolyn Weaver Family

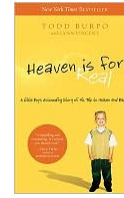
To my church family:

Thanks so much for all the prayers, cards and kind words at the death of my son, Denny Hile. Your expressions of caring and sympathy is greatly appreciated. Also thanks to the ladies that prepared and served the wonderful luncheon after the Memorial Services. Many, many thanks to Esther Sweeney and Brad Bahl for the beautiful music. It added much to the service. And a special thank you to Kevin for the memorable and comforting service for my family.

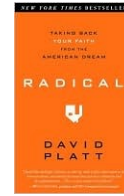
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Margaret Hile



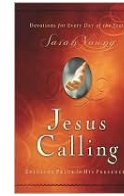
Bestsellers



Heaven is for Real: A little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back by Todd Burpo



Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream by David Platt.



Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence by Sara Young



Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God by Francis Chen.

Quote of the Week

"If we were to absolutely be honest with ourselves, how much time do we actually spend -- even in the lives and programming of many of our churches -- in teaching anyone ... anything substantial about and from the Word of God? "

--Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President R. Albert Mohler, addressing a recent Bible conference at First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., about Christians' ignorance about the Bible. He was quoted by Associated Baptist Press.

Kevin's r e p o r t

It shouldn't have surprised us – after all, we live in North East Ohio. But somehow the snow storm on Monday, Feb 21 took most of us by surprise.

We've gotten used to tuning into our favorite weather prognosticator and being able to plan for

what's ahead. None of them pegged the Monday snow-storm for anything close to what it turned out to be. We like to be able to predict what is to come in all kinds of ways. Most of us live our lives by the calendar and the clock. We know where we need to be when – at least most of the time! We make our plans for what we will do when the weather warms up. We've got the plans in place for our summer vacation. But sometimes stuff happens that makes us change everything we had planned.

It's hard in a world of so many surprises to know what it is that we really can trust in. The book of Hebrews offers some guidance in the 13th chapter when the writers tells us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Whenever we let the weather forecaster, or our calendar or clock, or our vacation plans become the guidance for our lives we truly are lost. There is one however, no matter what the season, that we can trust as our guide through life. Thanks be to God that we can plan on God's grace through Jesus Christ!

Blessings on your journey!

Kevin Phipps



People to People Item of the Week"
Men's and Women's Deodorant
Donations can be placed in the collection bin located in the Gathering Room

Birthdays

Kelly Farnsworth	February 25
Amy Raubenolt	February 25
Wallace R. Lytle	February 26
Gary Hendershot	March 1
Spencer Flack II	March 2
Stacey Chapman	March 3
Macey Dillon	March 3
Maxine Fravel	March 5
Tom W. Purdy	March 5
Seth Musselman	March 6
Jan Wile Burnison	March 7
Ethan Rawson	March 7



Summer Mission Trip **Nashville, TN June 5-11**

The Christian Education Committee has been working on putting together a mission trip to Nashville this summer. The work in Nashville is in response to last year's devastating floods. While it is impossible to give project specific details this far in advance; likely work could include hanging & finishing drywall, exterior siding, interior or exterior painting, hanging cabinets & doors, installing trim and flooring...basically anything to move a home to completion.

While the trip is open to anyone 12+ we're in special need of individuals with experience in the above mentioned areas—it doesn't have to be professional just know-how. There are 18 spots available. Please let Rev. Engman know if you plan to attend so a list can be generated. The estimated cost per person is \$100 (meals/lodging at local church included). If you'd like to help support the trip please make a donation to the church marked *Nashville Mission*.

By the Numbers

ATTENDANCE			
	Feb. 13	Average This Year	Average Last Year
8:00 Worship	54	50	57
10:30 Worship	97	95	114
OFFERING			
	Feb. 13	Received in February	Budgeted Needs for February
Local Ministry	2,902.92	6,412.52	20,404.17
Building & Improvement	189.62	688.62	2,062.00
Outreach	218.46	631.46	1,516.50