

The VISION —

April 2017

Palm Sunday,

April 9th—The Children will be participating in the Annual Palm Parade through the Sanctuary.

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Sun., April 16

Easter Sunday Celebrations include:

Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. followed by Breakfast at 8 a.m.

Sunday School at 9 a.m.

Resurrection Celebration at 10:10 a.m.

“30 Pieces of Silver” Offerings will be taken in both services with the proceeds going to the Christian Support Center.

BUNNY BREAKFAST

Sat., April 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Bring your children, grandchildren, & neighbors for breakfast, an egg hunt, activities, and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Children will also hear the true meaning of Easter from the Bible!

Please sign up to donate food and individually wrapped candy.

(Candy needs to be turned in by Sun., April 2.)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

April 14

Noon—Community Service at 1st Friends Meeting

6:30 p.m.—Center Community Church

IMPACT PRAISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 23 at 6 p.m.

Come for a great time of worship!

Additional musicians needed.

See Dave Fast for more info.

Mother-Daughter Banquet~~“The Patchwork of a Mother’s Love”~Sat., May 6 at 6 p.m.

Ladies, Mothers, and Daughters—Your help is needed!!! If you have quilts, comforters, baby blankets, etc. that are hand-made, we’d love for you to bring those to share. Perhaps you have a special story to share about your hand-made piece. If you want to talk about your special article, you may do that during the program or you may write up what makes your piece special for someone else to read or maybe you’d like to write something for people to read as they look at the quilts, etc. on display. We think of the comfort and love passed down through mothers to daughters, nieces, granddaughters, special lady friends, and others. Plan to share your patchwork of love stories!

SAVE THE DATE—MAY

Sat., 5/6—Mother-Daughter Banquet

Sun., 5/14—Mother’s Day Recognition

Thurs., 5/4—National Day of Prayer

Sun., 5/21—Biannual Congregational Meeting & Pitch-In

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From Roger

I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM

In the classic "Twilight Zone" episode from 1960, "The Howling Man," an American on a walking trip through central Europe gets caught in a raging storm. Staggering through the blinding rain, he chances upon an imposing medieval castle. It is a hermitage for a brotherhood of monks. The reclusive monks reluctantly take him in.

Later that night, the American discovers a cell with a man locked inside. An ancient wooden staff bolts the door. The prisoner claims he's being held captive by the "insane" head monk, Brother Jerome. He pleads for the American to release him.

The prisoner's kindly face and gentle voice win him over. The American confronts Brother Jerome, who declares that the prisoner is actually none other than Satan, "the father of lies," held captive by the Staff of Truth, the one barrier he cannot pass.

This incredible claim convinces the American that Jerome is indeed mad. As soon as he gets the chance, he releases the prisoner—who immediately transforms into a hideous, horned demon and vanishes in a puff of smoke!

The stunned American is horrified at the realization of what he has done. Jerome responds sympathetically, "I'm sorry for you, my son. All your life you will remember this night and whom you have turned loose upon the world."

"I didn't believe you," the American replies. "I saw him and didn't recognize him"—to which Jerome solemnly observes, "That is man's weakness...and Satan's strength." – David Ward

Now, at more than any other time, we need to be aware of Satan in the 21st century. He has fooled many and changed the hearts of multitudes to accept things that are detestable to God. Even as I write, there is a television show called Lucifer. I have not seen the show, but have read about it. The show is designed to make Satan out to be simply misunderstood, and someone you can cheer for. Paul writes to the church in 2 Corinthians 11:14, "And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light." We must be vigilant in protecting our families and communities from the influence of Satan and to see past his projected image to see the Christian hating, world corrupting evil influence that he is.

Dear Church Family,

Wow! April is already here. Spring is here. What a mild winter we have had. And Easter is just around the corner. This is the time that we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection so that we can reign with Him forever.

Spring is also a time that people do their "spring cleaning"—polishing floors, cleaning carpets, washing windows, and working in the flower gardens. And don't forget about opening windows to air out the house.

As a Christian, I feel that sometimes I could use a Spiritual "spring cleaning". Cleaning out the negative and putting in the positive happens by reading God's word, listening to positive praise music and wonderful worship music.

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. Psalms 12:1&2 KJV.

Tim Clark for Ministry & Council

BLOOD DRIVE FOR KATIE DAVIS

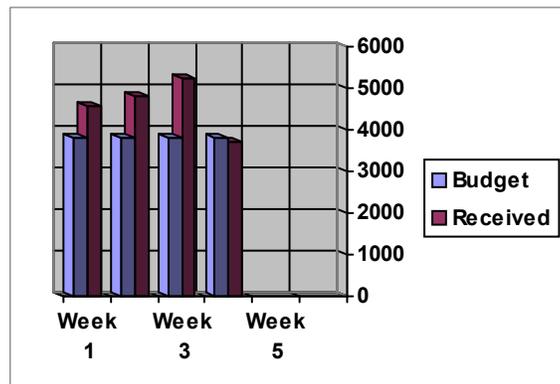
On Sat., April 22, there will be a special Blood Drive for Sharon Davis's, eight-year-old granddaughter who has cancer. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Armstrong Pavilion, 5251 Kentucky Avenue, and is located behind Decatur Central High School in Indpls. ?'s: See Sharon. Sign up at: https://www.donorpoint.org/m/donor/schedules/available_drive_procedures/112493/04/22/2017

Stewardship S.S. A.M. General Fund

2/19	35	128	\$ 4,555.00
2/26	37	117	\$ 4,789.00
3/5	37	134	\$ 5,203.00
3/12	36	120	\$ 3,692.00

BUILDING FUND (as of 3/1/17) \$244,309.12
 (Includes the Recycling Fund)

*“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.”
 —Philippians 4:19 (NIV)*



From the Missions Ministry—Hanging Rock Christian Assembly

Hanging Rock Christian Assembly, Inc., Christian Camp and Retreat Center provides opportunities for churches, individuals, families, and communities to establish and strengthen their relationship with Christ.

The Missions Ministry regularly supports HRCA. And Center Community Church does raise funds to send our children and young people to camp.

All camp sessions include Bible study and scripture memorization, praise and worship, missionary speakers, Bible drama and skits, games, and recreation.

Our mission is to support, as well as pray for the children and young people as they continue on their journey with Christ.

—Love in Christ, Juanita Mitchener, Missions Ministry

SPECIAL SPEAKER—Aaron Thomas from Restore Church in Washington, DC will be speaking Wed., 4/5 at 7 P.M. CCC supports his ministry.

**MISSIONS SHAKE OUT—SUN., APRIL 23
 PROCEEDS GO TO THE CAMP FUND!**

CFW—Christian Women’s Fellowship Meets

Tues., April 25 at 1 p.m.

Ladies—Please come for a special time of togetherness. There will be an activity, refreshments, and lots of fun!

Check the bulletin for program updates.

YAG—YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Tues., April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Come join others for fellowship, learning and fun. Light refreshments will be served.

Babysitting is provided.

See Luke Jackson for more information.

CMF MEETS AT GOODY’S

Mon., April 10th at 6:30 p.m.

All Men are invited to come for a time of food, fellowship, and a Bible Study led by John Hardin.



GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP

Join us at Golden Corral on Wed., April 5th at 11:30 a.m.

Invite a friend too!

RECYCLING PROJECT

ONLY METAL AND ALUMINUM CANS ARE NOW BEING RECYCLED!



*Yes, the Building Fund continues!
 Yes, the Recycle Fund continues!
 Yes, a new building is still in the planning (when adequate money is available)!*

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Sundays from Noon to 2 PM:
Youth Group meets for lunch, lesson, & business.
NO Youth Group—April 16 & 23

My Grace is Enough

Life happens. There are things that take place (and don't) which we cannot explain or predict. I do not know why someone gets cancer when another does not. Who can know why some have children and others struggle to? Why do some die young and others at an old age? How did the storm take our house and not the others?

There are some times, as a minister, I get frustrated when I'm asked the question (or ask myself) how could God let this happen? And I don't have the answer even when I want it so badly. Yet, the first step in addressing this question is to admit there is not an answer. You see, bad things happen - we live in a fallen world. Sin had and still has consequences since the Garden of Eden. For by one man, Adam, sin and death came to all, as Paul wrote to the Church in Rome.

The greatest part is that Paul did not stop there. He goes on to tell us by one Man, Jesus, redemption and life came to all who would come to Him. Physical death and suffering are still consequences of the fall - but the temporary trials for the Christian in this world mean nothing because of the victory we have over sin and death in Jesus.

So yes, life happens. The rain falls on the righteous and evil as Jesus told us. And in these trials we face, God will work through it so our faith will be strengthened, and He will sustain us to help us get through. And at the point you feel as if you cannot continue, even then we must remember, His Grace is enough and all sufficient.

In Christ, Luke

YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFAST

Wed., April 5th at 7 a.m.



CREW CARWASH TICKETS

Meet at Dunkin' Donuts

are available for \$9 each.

These make great gifts.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Sun., April 9th is Family Sunday and the Palm Parade. There will also be a special Children's Sermon.

SYMPATHY TO:

- Rita Wooldridge in the passing of her sister, Kathy Smith.
- The Family and Friends of Jon Taylor. Especially remember Logan & Sarah McWhorter since Logan is Jon's grandson.

DONATIONS GIVEN TO THE BUILDING FUND
WERE MADE BY THE FOLLOWING

IN MEMORY OF DAVE KELLIE

Sandy Kellie

THANK YOU

Dearest Center Family,

With love and appreciation for the donation to the Cancer Society and for all the cards, calls and words of love to us during Dave's 2 year battle with cancer and his passing.

Thanks to Roger for the hospital and home visits during the past few months. Dave certainly appreciated and enjoyed them. Thanks to Chuck & Doris Elston for 36 years of friendship.

Enclosed is a check in memory of Dave for your building fund.

In Christian Love, Sandy Kellie & family

To my church family,

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and the beautiful throw. God is good and merciful, and so are all of you in my church family.

With love and thankfulness, Rita Wooldridge

Thank you so much for the card and well wishes about the passing of my father, Dean Pappas. Even though both he and I have moved away from Plainfield, it is comforting to hear from our church family at CCC during this difficult time. Thank you.

Best, Tom Pappas

Thanks to all those who participated in the Chili Cook Off! The winners were: 1st—Tim Clark, 2nd—Betty Collester and 3rd—Dan Moran. \$274 was raised for CMF: Christian Men's Fellowship.

Thanks to everybody for supporting the
14th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on March 12.
\$550 was raised for the Camp Fund!



GAME NIGHT

Fri., April 28 6:30 p.m.
Bring snacks, games & friends!

NOTE:

Please turn in information for the Newsletter
by the **FIRST** Sunday of the month.
(For the May Newsletter,
items are due by April 2nd.)



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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
Wednesday Meal 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Classes 7:00 p.m.

	<u>April 2</u>	<u>April 9</u>	<u>April 16</u>	<u>April 23</u>	<u>April 30</u>
Service Leader	C. Mitchell	C. Mitchell	C. Mitchell	C. Mitchell	Youth Sunday
Pianist	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell	TBA
Special Music	R. Foggin	R. Jackson	Men's Qrt. J. Hardin	A. Steckler	Girls' Ensemble
Communion Meditation	J. Hardin	A. Thorpe	C. Elston	D. Mejean	G. Steckler
Children's Church	L. Jackson C. Harlan N. Smythe	C. Harlan S. McWhorter N. Smythe	L. Jackson C. Harlan N. Smythe	C. Harlan A. Steckler N. Smythe	
Toddlers Assistant	A. Moran B. Hudson	B. Moran H. Hines	J. Mitchener B. Hines	A. Moran K. Hines	B. Moran A. Moran
Nursery	S. Davis	T. Reinhard	B. Collester	T. Cook	S. McWhorter
Greeters	L. Capps K. Clark K. Clark	L. Capps T. Belcher T. Belcher	L. Capps B. Collester	L. Capps D. Heald E. Heald	L. Capps S. Davis

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." —Matthew 5:15 (NIV)

*In response to God's love for us, as expressed in
 His Word and by Jesus' example,
 We at Center Community Church commit ourselves to:*

- * Seek and save the lost*
- * Strengthen the saved*
- * Send disciples into ministry*

For the glory of God and His kingdom.