

The angel spoke to the women: "There is nothing to fear here. I know you're looking for Jesus, the One they nailed to the cross.

He is not here. He was raised, just as he said."

—Matthew 28:5-6a (The Message)



Center Community Church

The Vision

APRIL 2014



BUNNY BREAKFAST

Plan now to bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors on

Sat., April 12 at 9:30 a.m.

There will be breakfast, an egg hunt, pictures with the Bunny, and a chance to hear the true meaning of Easter from the Bible.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES



There will be a Community Good Friday Service at Plainfield Friends at Noon on April 18.

CENTER WILL HAVE THE BUILDING OPEN FROM 6—8 P.M. ON FRIDAY NIGHT. Please come at your convenience and participate in a time of personal communion and meditation in a candlelight setting.

JOIN US AT CENTER ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

SUNRISE SERVICE—7 A.M.

Chuck Elston will be preaching.



BREAKFAST—8 A.M.

Join others for a time of fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—9 A.M.

Classes are available for all ages.

WORSHIP SERVICE—10:10 A.M.



Celebrate our Risen Lord through music, prayer, communion and Roger Foggin's preaching.

INVITE A FRIEND TO CENTER!

30 PIECES OF SILVER OFFERING

Judas' "30 Pieces of Silver" was received for betraying Jesus; however, you can give a "30 Pieces of Silver" offering on Easter as an offering of love.

Bags will be available before Easter for your gift of coins, bills, or checks.

Proceeds go to: The Christian Support Center's Food Pantry

UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS

April 6—A View from Heaven

April 13, Palm Sunday—A View from the Cross

April 20, Easter—Experiencing the Resurrection

GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP

AT GOLDEN CORRAL

IS ON WED., APRIL 2

AT 11:30 A.M.

Join others for a time of fun & fellowship. Invite a friend too!

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From Roger

Been Waiting to See You

Someone tells about a woman who for many years couldn't sleep at night because she worried that her home would be burglarized. One night her husband heard a noise in the house, so he went downstairs to investigate. When he got there, he found a burglar. The husband said to the burglar, "Come upstairs and meet my wife. She has been waiting 10 years to meet you."

It may not have been 10 years, but for some it has been 3 months. It seems every Sunday there was bad weather. I do not blame any of you for not coming out in it. This has been one of the worst winters recorded for our area. We don't want to see anyone slip and fall or get sick. Yesterday the temperature was 70. Today as I write, the temperature has fallen to 33 degrees and it's snowing. That having been said, the temperatures are warming up, and the weather is getting better. Easter is on the way. To those who have not been able to worship, **"Welcome Home!"** It's time to come home and join the body of believers as we celebrate the Word of Life! We have missed you, and we are better with you here.

Dear Church Family,

Are you blessed? What does being blessed mean to you? Is it only counting the good things that happen in your life or is it counting all things? Take Jim Kelly, the Buffalo Bills quarterback from 1986-1996. Jim took his team to the Super Bowl four years in a row and lost each of those games. But Jim says he knows now why the good Lord did that—"He was preparing me for what was coming." What was coming was more heartache than all those Super Bowl losses could dump on him.

There was the 2000 bear hunting trip in Alaska when the single-prop plane he was flying in went down in the Bering Sea. Jim kicked the window out and swam to shore in 39 degree water. "I thought I was a goner," he says. Jim yearned for a son and on his 37th birthday, his son Hunter was born. "I dreamed about coaching my son in football," Kelly says. Hunter, who suffered from Krabbe disease, died before his ninth birthday in 2005. Hunter would be 17 today if he'd lived.

Jim is now battling cancer; he's in 24-hour pain. He can't feel the skin on the left half of his face. He says his lip feels like it's constantly on fire. He has had his upper left jaw removed and all but two of his teeth—and those two have had six root canals. He admits he hasn't been able to sleep in years without taking something. And that's not the end of his trials, his back has two plates and 10 screws in it, and his neck has a plate and six screws. He's had double hernia surgery, and one day he had to have a cyst removed under his nostril without Novocain. "I think they heard me three office buildings over," he says. And yet Jim says, "I've been blessed." "I wouldn't change a thing."

So what does he do for a living? He crisscrosses the country giving motivational speeches that bring tears to faces, goose bumps to arms and perseverance to hearts. Jim's wife, Jill, says what he's been through is a curse, yes. And it's a trial, yes. But, really, when you think of how much good it's brought others, it's a gift." After that came crippling back problems, murderous neck troubles, and then the jaw cancer, even though Kelly never smoked or dipped. It has ravaged him, leaving him with a prosthesis for his upper jaw and a pain that tucks him in nightly. "His ability to lose, and lose big, and yet handle it, is so impressive to me," Jill says. "This has all made him an even better person than before, more patient even. It's made him want to help even more people than before. ... People hear him speak and think, 'How can I get some of this hope, this hope beyond circumstance that he has?' I've seen it."

Romans 5:3-5 says: ³And that's not all. We are full of joy even when we suffer. We know that our suffering gives us the strength to go on. ⁴The strength to go on produces character. Character produces hope. ⁵And hope will never let us down. God has poured his love into our hearts. He did it through the Holy Spirit, whom he has given to us.

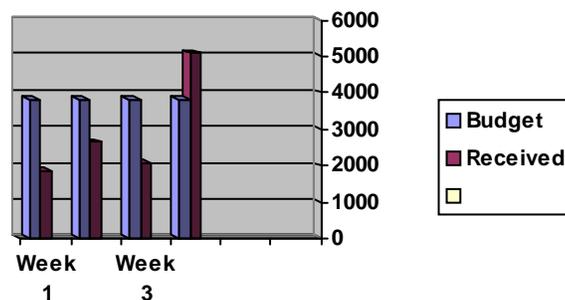
Being truly blessed, no matter what happens in our life, is knowing when Christ died on the cross and forgave us of our sins, that we would have everlasting life in Heaven.

Dave Mejean for Ministry and Council

<u>Stewardship</u>	<u>S.S.</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
2/16	35	99	\$ 1,850.00
2/23	32	119	\$ 2,643.00
3/2	30	59	\$ 2,083.00
3/9	30	110	\$ 5,101.53

BUILDING FUND (as of 3/19/14) \$191,009.52
 (Does not include the Recycling Fund)

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”



From the Missions Ministry

Every summer we send our youth and children to Hanging Rock Christian Assembly. Located in West Lebanon, IN, along the Wabash River Valley. It sits on 208 wooded acres with Redwood Creek running through it. Hanging Rock was founded in 1946. It is a year round retreat facility.

Their Mission Statement is to provide opportunities for individuals, families, communities and churches to establish and strengthen their relationship with Christ. This is accomplished through camps, retreats and missions.

When our children attend camp there, they participate in Bible study and drama, praise and worship, missions, games, sports, hiking, fishing, rock climbing, zip-lining, archery, horse-back riding and so much more. Many of our children and youth have found the experience so moving that they have accepted Christ and have been baptized at camp.

Yours in Christ,
 Bev Lenz for the Missions Ministry

CAMP NEWS

Did you hear that the Spaghetti Dinner raised \$542 for the Camp Fund?
 Did you hear that the Missions Shake Out raised \$710 for the Camp Fund?
 The 2014 Summer Camp theme for Hanging Rock Christian Assembly is:

ROOTS 2014—Colossians 2:6-7—“Rooted & Built Up In Him”

See www.hangingrock.org for more about the camp or about camp registration.
 (Also find them on: facebook)



NOTE:

*Please turn in information for the Newsletter by the **SECOND** Sunday of the month.
 (For the May Newsletter, items are due by April 13.)*



RECYCLING PROJECT

Cardboard is NO longer accepted.

PLEASE BRING only aluminum cans and metals products (washers, dryers, computers and stoves.)

No computer monitors or items with Freon.

SYMPATHY TO:

Cathy & Jim Dininger in the death of her sister,
Becky Powell.

Jane Fields in the death of her husband, Clyde.

Brian & Crissy Livengood in the death of his mother,
Martha Livengood.

Myron & Janet Maxwell in the death of his sister,
Virginia (Ginni) Weatherly.

Ron & Tina McManama in the death of his brother,
Rick.

AN INVITATION:

The Center Church Family is invited to a Sweet 16 party for Victoria Dubak on Sat., April 12 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Please RSVP by April 4 to Nikki @ 717-8786 or Linda @ 244-9926.

The Christian Supply Center in Avon behind Michael's & Best Buy is **CLOSING!** Items are from 20 to 60% off and this includes displays and pictures. Hours: Mon.-Sat. from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Closed Sunday.) Phone: 317-209-8480

CWF—Christian Women's Fellowship

All ladies are invited to the meeting on
Missions on Mon., April 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions: Rosanne Hines

Hostesses: Ginny Jones & Kathy Wilhite

PRAYER CONCERNS

Church members with health concerns:

<i>K. Pat Adams</i>	<i>Dollie Allen</i>	<i>Bob Bare</i>
<i>Joyce Bennett</i>	<i>Dale Best</i>	<i>Jerry & Pat Boles</i>
<i>Bob Butler</i>	<i>Betty Collesler</i>	<i>Sharon Davis</i>
<i>Helen Doran</i>	<i>Lois Eller</i>	<i>Jane Fields</i>
<i>Charley Harlan</i>	<i>Alice Henderson</i>	<i>Billy Hines</i>
<i>Jane Jett</i>	<i>Shirley Joslin</i>	<i>Tim Krebs</i>
<i>Ruth Lovell</i>	<i>Denise Mejean</i>	<i>Glenn New-</i>
<i>by</i>	<i>Dean Pappas</i>	<i>Ruthie Rayl</i>
<i>Geri Shepherd</i>	<i>Nancy Smith</i>	<i>Dan Smythe</i>
	<i>Stephani Steckler</i>	<i>Linda Stegner</i>
<i>Jon & Sarah Taylor</i>	<i>Carolyn Wallace</i>	<i>Jean Weber</i>
<i>Andy Willis</i>	<i>Rita Wooldridge</i>	

Family and Friends

Tom Goedel, cancer
Kathy Rayl for salvation & health
Chris Steckler

Requested by

Bob & Barbara Goedel
Ruthie Rayl
Stephani Steckler

The list of those Serving Our Country is posted on the bulletin board.

THANKS:

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and the lovely angel sent for the passing of my sister. The angel says on it, In Spirit, heart and memory, Love lives forever. I believe that to be true! Thank you for the support.

Cathy Dininger

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the flower, cards, and visitation when Virginia passed. She was a wonderful sister & friend.

Sincerely, Myron & Janet Maxwell

Thank you to all who helped with the funeral meals for the families of Martha Livengood and Clyde Fields. The food was delicious and much appreciated. This most important service provided to our grieving church families could not be accomplished without the combined help of so many.

Thank you, Bev Lenz

Special Thanks

This past month has been difficult for my family. Our landlord needed to sell the house we were living in for over 5 years. Though the search was difficult, we found a home at 10951 Parker Drive, in the Bentwood Subdivision. It was the worst time of year to move and during one of the worst winters ever, but we finally got it done. I want to thank everyone that in one way or another helped us to move. Some of you came out two or three times just to move boxes and junk. You will never know what your service has meant to our family. God is good. This move was an impossibility. The amount of effort, stress and finances were impossible. But the move was made! Praise to Him who specializes in the impossible! You were God's extended hand to our family!

Roger, Jera and family

The Office Staff appreciates those who turn in "stamps" after shopping at Family Christian Store. The stamps are used for purchasing materials. (You have to ask for them at the time of purchase.) Also, we appreciate those who turn in used ink cartridges to the Church Office for recycling. This saves us many dollars on purchases at Staples. (Just put them on the table by the Office door.)



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

	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27
Service Leader	D. Moran	D. Moran	D. Moran	D. Moran
Pianist	C. Hines	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell
Special Music	A. Steckler	J. Harlan	M. Brock	J. Harlan
Communion Meditation	B. Hines	C. Harlan	C. Elston	C. Mitchell
Children's Church	M. Harlan N. Smythe	N. Smythe M. Harlan	C. Harlan A. Steckler	A. Steckler C. Harlan
Toddlers Assistant	J. Harlan K. Hines	B. Moran K. Moran	B. Moran D. Kehoe	B. Lenz S. Kershaw
Nursery	Alice Gray			

"Volunteers are unpaid, not because they are worthless but because they are priceless!"
anonymous

***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.