

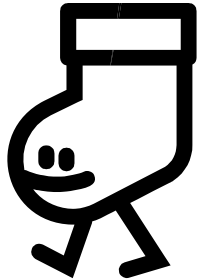
*Your Word is a lamp
to my feet and a light
for my path.*

Psa.lm 119:105

Center Community Church

The Vision

AUGUST 2013



BACK TO SCHOOL

"SOX" BOX

Please bring socks during the month of AUGUST

FOR COOKSON HILLS CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

(This will replace the Christmas "Sox Box")



FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, August 4th



GAMES...

FOOD...

Time: 2 - 5 p.m.

FUN FOR EVERYONE!!!



COME FOR LUNCH

ANNUAL CAR/TRUCK SHOW

Saturday, August 24th

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m

Attend - Invite

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

August. 18th 11:30 a.m.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER....

... **Wednesday**

Family Meals begin - September 4th - 6:00 p.m.

Classes for all ages - September 4th - 7:00 p.m.

... **CONCERT - September 1st - 10:10 a.m.**

... **GRANDPARENTS' DAY - September 8th - 10:10 a.m.**

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From Roger

Welcome Home!

A story was told many years ago about a young Hispanic man who was new to the United States of America. Feeling a little out of place, but desperately wanting to fit in and learn about the culture of America in general, Jose (pronounced ho-zay) decided to attend a local baseball sporting event.

He was a bit surprised before the game started to see the massive crowd stand to its feet. As Jose was not a man of large stature, he became a bit dismayed, wondering if he would be able to see the ball game with large numbers of tall Americanos standing all around him.

As soon as they faced the flag and raised their voices in song; however, Jose was put at ease. How welcoming they all were! Their concern for him touched his heart deeply. The very first thing that gigantic mass of people sang to him was: "**Jose, can you see?**"

When I ask newcomers to Center what they liked about the church, the first thing that they almost all say is: "It is such a warm and friendly place!" This is a credit to you and the Christ who lives in you. I want to thank all of you that go out of your way to make newcomers feel welcome. To help them feel like they have come home. In a society that becomes increasingly isolated, you reach out and share the warmth of Jesus. Extra credit goes to the Public Relations Ministry who send pies, cards and make calls to our first timers. As we continue to grow and change and become who God intends us to be, may we never become so big or so different that we lose that which people are looking for—acceptance, love and a big: "WELCOME HOME!"

Dear Church Family,

"Life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer you get to the end the faster it goes...." Harris Thorpe, my father. (Although I don't think it is original to him.)

August Newsletter already? How can this be?

How pleasing it was to see all those who agreed to serve this year on various ministries. It can cause some apprehension as one wonders what people will get tired or discouraged and want to sit back and let someone else do it...,but not so at our church again this year. What a wonderful group of volunteer workers in our church!

Hopefully by now, all ministries are settled into a monthly meeting pattern and are recording minutes of their meetings. I would like to challenge all of the ministries to step back as the year is taking off and set some goals for the year. It is very easy to let every month come and go and just take care of business. There is obviously nothing wrong with this, but it is very easy to get into a "business as usual" routine and never accomplish anything new or different.

Hundreds of volunteer hours will go into running the programs and ministries of our church, and most of us take it all for granted. My second challenge would be to challenge each member in our church body to thank somebody for a service that is provided to us—maybe it is the up-front, in the sanctuary testimony of some music or song or perhaps it is the hardly ever mentioned tasks—the people that fix our communion every week or work with our youth every week in Jr. Church or manage our church website or the volunteer ladies that faithfully fold the newsletter or the volunteers that water the prayer garden The list is virtually endless!

Thanks to everybody for all you are doing. We look forward to a great year, and hope it doesn't go by too fast....

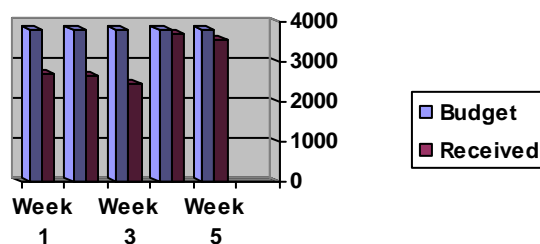
Allen Thorpe for your Ministry and Council

NOTE:

Please turn in information for the Newsletter by the SECOND Sunday of the month.

(For the September Newsletter by August 11th)

<u>Stewardship</u>	<u>S.S.</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
6/16	39	136	\$2,681.73
6/23	41	149	\$2,657.00
6/30	45	150	\$2,459.00
7/7	41	144	\$3,683.73
7/14	43	144	\$3,555.30



BUILDING FUND (as of 7/17/13) \$151,883.27

Does not include 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)

ARE YOU READY?

From the Missions Ministry

I attended a family reunion in the small Indiana town of Kempton, population 696. Unbeknownst to me, we drove right by a historical landmark, the Dunham House, the ancestral home of President Obama. Kempton is also home to a lesser known history making organization, I.D.E.S., aka International Disaster Emergency Service. I.D.E.S. is one of the missions we at Center support. The mission of I.D.E.S. is to bring glory to God by offering help and hope to our hurting world in the name of Jesus.

I.D.E.S. was founded by Milton Bates in 1973. While watching the evening news, a reporter brought attention to the country of Bangladesh (1972). The reporter pointed to an elderly gentleman lying in the street with nothing but a thin sheet to cover him, and asked, "Won't somebody help these people?" Milton began to cry and questioned, "Where is the Christian Church/Church of Christ? We have the Truth of the gospel and claim to be the church of the New Testament pattern. Why aren't we there sharing the love of Jesus with these suffering people?"

As he prayed, the Holy Spirit convicted him of the need to get something organized to meet the physical needs of people who had experienced some type of disaster situation. One individual, or even one congregation, could not always make a significant contribution. But when pooled together, our resources should be able to offer a sizable gift that would really make a difference and strengthen the witness of Christians trying to work in these depressed areas.

So at the 1973 NACC in Indianapolis, Indiana, nine men met with Milton and agreed to serve as the first board of directors for the International Disaster Emergency Service. God led them step by step to get I.D.E.S. started. He brought people alongside them with various areas of expertise to give help and encouragement. A Christian lawyer volunteered his services to get I.D.E.S. legally incorporated as a non-profit organization. A Christian accountant was willing to do their bookkeeping. A missionary, a preacher, an elder, a Bible college professor, a pilot, a farmer -- all offered different perspectives of how the mission should function to meet needs most effectively.

Now the ministry has grown to support 9 full-time staff members and countless thousands have been helped due to the services they offer! The International Disaster Emergency Service has worked in more than 109 different countries, and continues to help in about 250 projects each year. I.D.E.S. projects fall into one of five "Focus Areas": Disaster assistance, Hunger relief, Medical care, Development, and Evangelism. Wells are dug to give the missionary opportunity to teach about the Living Water. Food is given to open hearts to the Bread of Life. Lives are changed as blankets and medicines are given in the name of Jesus. Houses are built to provide shelter for families, and they experience the warmth of being part of the family of God. God's love is demonstrated not just with words, but with deeds and in truth. People around the world are being offered help and hope in the name of Jesus.

I.D.E.S. is a Christian example on how we can work together, using our resources and varied talents to help others while glorifying God. Ephesians 3:20, 21 says, "Now glory be to God! By His mighty power at work within us, He is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope. May He be given glory in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever through endless ages. Amen!"

God Bless, Beverly Lenz for Missions Ministry

BAPTISM

Ron McManama was baptized on July 20th. He and Tina live at 6796 Wesley Court, Plainfield. Praise God for Ron's decision.

SYMPATHY TO:

- Bob Bare in the death of his sister, Mary Graham.
- Glenn Newby in the death of his sister, Doris Richhart.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Church members with health concerns:

<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 Collester</i>	<i>Sharon Davis</i>	<i>Helen Doran</i>
<i>Lois Eller</i>	<i>Clyde & 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>James McWhorter</i>	<i>Denise Mejean</i>	<i>Glenn Newby</i>
<i>Bev Newlin</i>	<i>Dean Pappas</i>	<i>Ruthie Rayl</i>
<i>Geri Shepherd</i>	<i>Nancy Smith</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 Goedl, cancer
Kathy Rayl for salvation & health
Chris Steckler

Requested by

Bob & Barbara Goedl
Ruthie Rayl
Stephani Steckler

Serving our Country

Thomas Akin, Army
Shawn Capps, Marines
Kurtis Clark, Nat'l Guard
Brian Ewig, Nat'l Guard
Matthew Ewig, Nat'l Guard
Michael McDowell, Nat'l Guard
Brad Mejean, Army
Jacob Slusher, Navy
Eric Smith, Navy
Justin Summer, Marines
Joe Villarreal, Marines
Scott Weaver, Air Force
Ryan Yocum, Army

Shirley Joslin
Monty & Terri Cook
Tim Clark
Clyde & Jane Fields
Clyde & Jane Fields
Toni Belcher
Dave & Denise Mejean
Bob & Barbara Goedl
Monty & Terri Cook
Bill & Linda Eckert
Sharon Davis
Jerry Weaver
Dave & Denise Mejean

If there are others you would like to have included, contact the Office.



RECYCLING PROJECT

PLEASE BRING: cardboard and metals



Items not accepted: newspapers, magazines, junk mail, white paper, refrigerators, AC units or computer monitors.

IF YOUR PICTURE IS NOT ON THE "FAMILY TREE",
Please see Linda Eckert. She will take pictures on the last Sunday of each month.



V.B.S. REPORT

Thanks to Charley Harlan, the V.B.S. Planning Committee and all the many people who helped to make the V.B.S. week a great experience of learning and fun for the children who attended. The Mission was Lifeline Christian Mission and the goal was to collect \$360 which would provide school, medical, food and clothing for a Haitian girl, named Judith, for one year. **PRAISE GOD** the offering totaled **\$720** which will support Judith for **TWO YEARS!** Also 75+ jars of peanut butter were donated.

THANKS:

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, and cards at the time of my father's passing. They meant so much!

Our family also appreciates the donation given in his memory to the Cima Scholarship Fund at Anderson University which will help students going into Christian ministries.

Thanks again for your expressions of sympathy.

Denyse Thorpe & family

COMING UP

GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP at Golden Corral

Wednesday, August 7th at 11:30 a.m.

C.M.F. (Christian Men's Fellowship) , will meet on Monday, August 12th at 6:00 p.m.

GAME NIGHT, Friday, August 30th at 6:30 p.m.

REMINDERS:

...Please ask for "stamps" when you shop at Family Christian Store. Turn them into the Office to be used for purchasing materials...*Please bring ink cartridges to the Church Office for recycling. Just put them on the table by the Office door.* You may donate Bibles to the Christian Support Center. (Please put them in the special box in the Lobby.)...**Invite someone to Worship!**

MEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

All games are on Thursday.

August 1st—6:00 p.m.—Diamond # 3

August 8th —6:00 p.m.—Diamond #3

August 8th—7:15 p.m.—Diamond #1

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For more information on Church Activities, go to: <http://centerchurchplainfield.org> or look for us on Facebook!



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JOIN US—
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
Wednesday Adult Class 7:00 p.m.

	Aug. 4	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 25
Service Leader	J. McWhorter	J. McWhorter	J. McWhorter	J. McWhorter
Pianist	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell
Special Music	D. Thorpe	A. Steckler	T. Clark R. Hines	M. Brock
Communion Meditation	M. Cook	B. Hines	C. Elston	C. Harlan

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Teacher	M. Harlan N. Smythe	N. Smythe M. Harlan	C. Harlan A. Steckler	A. Steckler C. Harlan
Toddlers Assistant	J. Harlan K. Hines	B. Moran D. Kehoe	S. Davis M. Hudson	B. Lenz K. Williams
Nursery	Jera Foggin			

*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.*
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