



Center Community Church

The Vision

DECEMBER 2015



THE ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PITCH-IN*

will be followed by the drama "Christmas Crisis" put on by the Children and Youth.

Plan now to attend on Sun., Dec. 13 at 5 p.m.



CHRISTMAS CARD BOX

Please use the updated Christmas Card List which is located on the Lobby Table to address cards to those in our Church Family. Don't forget to check your file folder for

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR COOKSON HILLS CHILDREN

ARE DUE SUN., DEC. 6th

Thanks to everyone for their support of this great program!



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Thurs., Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

Please bring your family and friends to this special event as you prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Come and enjoy Christmas music, a message

2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please look for them on the Lobby Table. Sign your name on the list by the correct number. May your giving be done cheerfully!

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



Join in the fun on Thurs., Dec. 31 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Be sure to bring games, goodies to share, and family and friends for a great time! There will be a time of devotion to ask God's blessing on

CHRISTMAS IN PLAINFIELD

The Plainfield Federation of Churches invites you to attend on Fri., Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at Plainfield High School Auditorium. There will be an evening of songs and music from various churches to usher in the Christmas season.

A freewill offering will be taken for WRE & the Christian Support Center.

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From Roger

Home For Christmas

In December 1903, after many attempts, the Wright brothers were successful in getting their "flying machine" off the ground. Thrilled, they telegraphed this message to their sister Katherine: "We have actually flown 120 feet. Will be home for Christmas." Katherine hurried to the editor of the local newspaper and showed him the message. He glanced at it and said, "How nice. The boys will be home for Christmas." He totally missed the big news--man had flown!

At this time of year, we often get so caught up in the activities of Christmas that we forget the nativity of Christmas. The true meaning, the true purpose, the eternal promise is that a child, come from God, should be the Savior of our world. The real news is not that it is Christmas. It is a Savior is Born!

Dear Church Family,

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

As a child growing up in South Bend, I loved the winter time. We always had snow on the ground as early as Halloween. We would build snow forts, have snow ball fights, wrestle in the snow, and just have a great time. Everyone loves a white Christmas.

I learned a valuable lesson in 2nd Grade; I'll call it my Christmas Carol. My mother had 3 children and worked hard so we had food on the table and maybe a toy or two, but we lived paycheck to paycheck. My mother was diagnosed with cancer just before Thanksgiving and had surgery and was recovering. We attended the Salvation Army Church, and they had a group sponsor us for Christmas, unbeknownst to us. My mother had already told us that there would not be much for Christmas because she had not been working. I can remember as plain as day when I heard the knock on the door Christmas Morning. A lady I did not know asked if this was the Harlan home, stated she was with the South Bend Regional Airport, wished us Merry Christmas and was there to deliver presents. There were boxes wrapped and unwrapped, new and used, clothes, dishes, etc. I almost cried for happiness. To this day, when I am out after Thanksgiving, with the family or by myself, when I hear the bells or the kids hear them, they know I will put money in the Salvation Army kettle even if I did it 10 times already that day. I am proud to say my kids know the story (as well as the Youth Group), and they drop change or bills in as well. If it helps another family like it did mine back then, it's well worth it. Prayers were answered that day!


Many times in the Old Testament, it was prophesied that a Saviour would come. Prayers were finally answered in Luke Chapter 2 where it states: "An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.'"

God always keeps His promises—something we need to remember.

One of my favorite movie references: Never give up – Never Surrender! I want to add to this: Never stop praying-----never stop believing!

Charley Harlan for Your

Ministry and Council



SAVE THE DATE
VALENTINE BANQUET
Sat., Feb. 6, 2016
Nancy Caldwell, Chairing

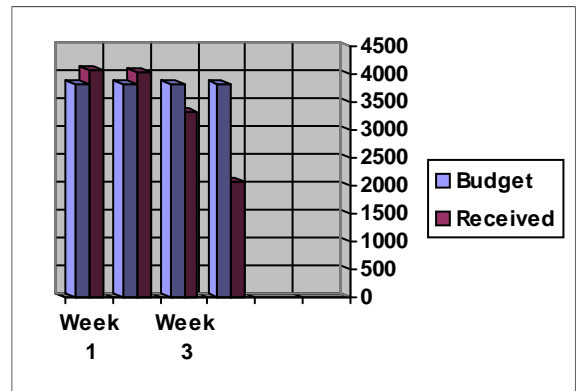
Stewardship S.S. A.M. General Fund

10/25	39	137	\$ 4,060.00
11/1	32	132	\$ 4,022.00
11/8	38	134	\$ 3,313.00
11/15	28	121	\$ 2,059.00

BUILDING FUND (as of 10/30/15) \$218,662.07

(Includes 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—Sheltering Wings

Sheltering Wings, located nearby at Danville, Indiana, is a facility offering a haven, a home and a hope for battered women and their children. This mission has been in existence for 13 years. A few years ago, the facility was enlarged from accommodating 44 persons to 68 persons. Our community donated \$3,500,000.00 which showed the felt need for this type of ministry. There is a staff of 30 and about 120 volunteers who man this mission. In 2013, the mission stated: “It only costs \$2800.00 a day to operate our 24 hour crisis hotline, provide emergency housing, facilitate life skills training and children services and to educate the community through various workshops and trainings provided throughout the year.”

There is a Child therapy room, an Adult therapy room, and a Teen room. The facility has a meeting room for Case Management and Advocate meetings. Families gather in the kitchen for interaction. Their mission statement is: “We provide emergency housing for women and children suffering from any form of domestic abuse. We build stable and independent lives through essential programs offered in a supportive and Christ-centered environment.” Sheltering Wings states that one in four women will experience some form of abuse in their life time.

Each year more than 200 families seek safety at Sheltering Wings. The families are given shelter from their abusive environment and are counselled in self respect and those life skills necessary for successful living. You can learn more at www.shelteringwings.org.

SOX BOX

In January 2016, the Sox Box will be available for donations of socks for the children at Cookson Hills.



GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP



Join us at Golden Corral on Wed., December 2nd at 11:30 a.m. Invite a friend too!



IF YOUR PICTURE IS NOT ON THE “FAMILY TREE”,

please see Linda Eckert. She will gladly take your picture. AND, if you’d like to have your picture updated, she’ll do that!

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

RECYCLING PROJECT

ONLY METAL AND ALUMINUM CANS ARE NOW BEING RECYCLED!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Sundays from Noon to 2 pm—Youth Group meets for lunch, lesson, and business.
NO Youth Group—December 27

Hey kids!

Read Matthew 1:18-25

Jesus is not only the "Reason for the Season," but He is also the reason for each day (now and forever). I want to challenge you to not only keep in mind what the Advent of Christ means in His birth (John 1), but remember and live out what Immanuel - God with us - means (Galatians 2:20).

Looking ahead: Seniors (and ambitious Juniors), I am open to taking a group to college visit days at Johnson and Cincinnati Christian University on March 11th & 22nd respectively. While this is several months in the future, we'll want to get the plans solidified by January. So be thinking about whether this is something you'd be interested in.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20

In Christ, Luke

CREW Carwash Tickets available for \$8.
(Proceeds go to the Youth Fund.)

YOU CAN HELP
Please ask for "stamps" when you shop at Family Christian Store. Turn them into the Office

NOTE:
Please turn in information for the Newsletter by the FIRST Sunday of the month. (For the January Newsletter,

THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE

is for your Christmas Gift to the CCC Ministers and Staff.
Please mail or put in the offering plate by Sun., Dec. 13.
Thank you!

SYMPATHY TO:

Theresa Reinhard and Diana Wise and their families in the loss of their mother, Pat Adams.

Sarah and Jon Taylor and their family in the passing of her mother, Josephine Eads.

Juanita and Mark Mitchener and family in the death of her father, Oscar Weekly.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
Your prayers, cards, food and concern at my recent surgery and recuperation is much appreciated. We certainly have a caring and praying Church Family.
God bless, Doris Elston

To Center Church Family,
Thank you for everything and loving our mom.

<u>PRAYER CONCERNS</u>		
<u>Church members with health concerns:</u>		
<i>Bob Bare</i>	<i>Joyce Bennett</i>	<i>Dale Best</i>
<i>Jerry & Pat Boles</i>	<i>Jerry Butler</i>	<i>Betty Collester</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>Shirley Joslin</i>	<i>Tim Krebs</i>
<i>Ruth Lovell</i>	<i>Denise Mejean</i>	<i>Tina McManama</i>
<i>Glenn Newby</i>	<i>Ruthie Rayl</i>	<i>Dan Smythe</i>
<i>Nancy Smith</i>	<i>Stephani Steckler</i>	<i>Sandy & Linda Stegner</i>
<i>Jon & Sarah Taylor</i>	<i>Carolyn Wallace</i>	<i>Jean Weber</i>
<u>Family and Friends</u>		<u>Requested by</u>
<i>Kathy Rayl, salvation & health</i>		<i>Ruthie Rayl</i>
<i>Neil Robbins (stepfather) cancer</i>		<i>Roger Foggin</i>

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHTS
Wednesday Meals & Classes
continue through Dec. 9, 2015.
They will resume on:
Jan. 6, 2016
Family Meal - 6:00 p.m.



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Roger Foggin, Minister
Luke Jackson, Youth Minister
Denyse Thorpe, Office Manager

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
Wednesday Meal 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Classes 7:00 p.m.
 (Wed. Meals & Classes through Dec. 10)

	<u>December 6</u>	<u>December 13</u>	<u>December 20</u>	<u>December 27</u>
Service Leader	D. Moran	D. Moran	D. Moran	D. Moran
Advent Family	L. & R. Jackson	J. & S. McWhorter	T. & T. Belcher	
Pianist	C. Hines	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell
Special Music	IMPACT Band	D. Thorpe	Choir	R. Foggin
Communion Meditation	D. Moran	B. Hines	C. Elston	J. Steckler
Children's Church	N. Smythe C. Harlan	N. Smythe C. Hines	A. Steckler C. Hines	C. Hines C. Hines
Toddlers Assistant	J. Harlan K. Hines	B. Moran H. Hines	J. Mitchener B. Hines	B. Moran B. Hudson
Nursery	S. Davis	T. Reinhard	B. Collester	T. Cook
Greeters	T. Cook D. Karamanos B. Collester	T. Cook N. Smythe D. Smythe	T. Cook B. Goedl B. Goedl	T. Cook C. Dininger J. Dininger

***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.