

The VISION —

January 2017

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Join in the fun on Sat., 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 **2017!!!**

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

BEGINS JAN. 8 AT 9 A.M.

- For Middle & High School Students through Adults.
- Youth attending 10 out of 12 weeks get a free ticket to the Ark Encounter in KY.
- This class on Creation/Evolution is based on Answers in Genesis.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sun., January 1st 2017

See you at CCC for
Sunday School at 9 a.m.

AND

Worship at 10:10 a.m.



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*Jim Heald
will be
teaching.*

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017**

BIBLE READING PROGRAM RECOGNITION

Sunday, January 8 during Worship.

Students will be honored for their participation during 2016.

This is also Family Sunday.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHTS

Wednesday Meals & Classes resume
Jan. 11, 2017

Family Meal - 6:00 p.m.

Classes for all ages - 7:00 p.m.

(Please sign up to cook.)

YOUNG ADULTS FOR CHRIST

Mon., Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Plan now to attend this organizational meeting for YAC!

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

See Luke Jackson for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, February 5th—Soup-er Bowl Party

TIME: TBA

Sunday, February 12th—Annual Cookie Walk

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From Roger

White as Snow

As I write this article, we are receiving our first heavy snow of the month of December 2016. Our black parking lot is white. Everything has been covered with a blanket of white. It is truly beautiful, though by February I am sure that you will join me in saying, “Blah!” to snow.

The Bible speaks of snow often, likening it to that which is pure, clean, and righteous. Truly, the crystal formations of snowflakes are beautiful. There are many different shapes and sizes of snowflakes; amazingly, each and every one is unique.

But despite their uniqueness, snowflakes have one common thing: dirt at the core. Oddly enough, snowflakes start as tiny dust particles which serve as the center of the snowflake.

Like snowflakes, we have been beautifully created by God. We are the greatest of all God’s creation. We are his pride, and his joy; and like snowflakes we are all created uniquely. Yet, like snowflakes, we too have dirty hearts. We’re all marked by sin; we’re all stained at the core of our being; we’re all dirty in the middle. But through Jesus Christ, we can all be made clean. The dirt at the core of our being can be washed away, and we can be made pure in Christ Jesus.

In 2017, let’s allow Jesus to wash us to the core. Do not hold onto any part of sin, but allow him to wash us and make us whiter than snow.

Isaiah 1:18: “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Dear Church Family,

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and is anticipating a great 2017 as much as I am.

If you had the opportunity to attend the last business meeting, you are aware that we had a lot of discussion about the finances of our Church. The Finance Ministry continues to do an outstanding job to keep our expenses down. They evaluate all of the expenses on a periodic basis and make sure we are using the best options available to us. They also actively seek options and alternatives for items such as insurance. They don’t just pay the bill when due, but actively seek quotes from other companies. Likewise, the Building and Grounds Ministry is always looking for options to reduce our energy costs. All these efforts are done quietly and without much acknowledgement or praise.

As of late, we are frequently not taking in enough money to meet our weekly expenses. Due to the insight of the Finance Ministry, we have a nice nest egg, rainy day fund, sweep account, surplus or whatever you would like to call it. We are however, slowly depleting this reserve fund. We are by no means in a crisis mode, but if we keep on as we have for the last year, we will exhaust this resource.

Just as in your home or business, our expenses do not remain constant—they go up. I hope as you realize how much the Lord has blessed you, and if you are able, you might consider increasing your weekly giving as you start a new year. You might also try to make an extra effort to invite a friend or family to share the blessings at Center.

God has blessed our Church for over 150 years, and I am confident He has great plans for our future.

—Allen Thorpe for Ministry and Council

Stewardship S.S. A.M. General Fund

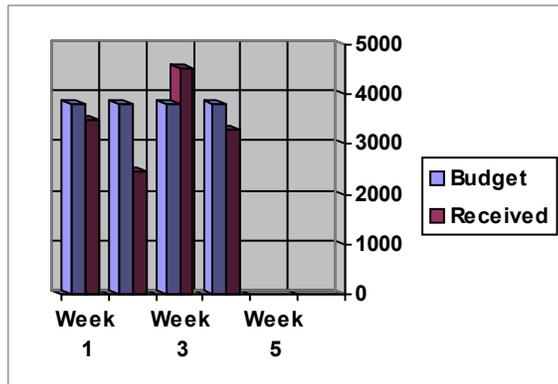
11/20	33	121*	\$ 3,495.00
11/27	42	125	\$ 2,471.00
12/4	40	133	\$ 4,514.00
12/11	39	135	\$ 3,302.00

BUILDING FUND (as of 12/7/16) \$237,065.24

(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—Mid India Church Partners

Have you ever heard of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, or Uttar Pradesh? Me either, until I read that these are some of the states in India where Mid India Church Partners ministers. This Mission in India conducts a Printing ministry, a Women's Rehab ministry, Eye Clinics, Evangelism Training Centers, and has a Bible College. All these help to promote the cause of Christ in India. There is just too much that they do to list it all here.

Vivert and Viveck Lall, brothers, work together with a great group of native evangelists to plant churches and educate and encourage Christians. Since 1970, this Mission has grown and has reached out in India in a strong and loving way.

Our church has supported this Mission for many years. Chuck and Doris know the Lalls personally and have followed the growth of the Mission with great joy. Knowing the Lalls personally makes it easier to trust their integrity in using the funds we send and in their presentation of Jesus in India.

You, too can become acquainted with the Vivert and Viveck Lall and their work in India by going to [www. Mid-india.org](http://www.Mid-india.org).
Chuck Elston, Missions Ministry

MISSION SHAKE OUT FOR: OUR DAILY BREAD MINISTRIES

On Sunday, January 15th, there will be a shake out for Our Daily Bread Ministries which supplies out devotional booklets. As it states in the recent devotion booklet: “Many people, making even the smallest of donations, enable Our Daily Bread Ministries to reach others with the life-changing wisdom of the Bible. We are not funded or endowed by any group or denomination.”

CMF MEETS AT GOODY'S

Mon., Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
All Men are invited to come for a time of food, fellowship, and Bible Study.

GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP



Join us at Golden Corral on Wed., Jan. 4th at 11:30 a.m. Invite a friend too!

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please look for them on the Lobby Table. Sign your name on the list by the correct number. You may continue to use your envelopes from last year if you have enough for 2017.

God loves a cheerful giver!

*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, & business.
NO Youth Group—January 1 & 15

I have enjoyed all of the Hallmark Christmas movies this year. Rachel and I have found ourselves watching them nearly every weekend (and sometimes I watch them by myself).

Usually, the story line in these films is predictable. In other words – the ending is almost always happy, and resolved to make the viewer feel good. The year 2016 was, for many, not a typical Hallmark story. Unexpected events took place – we were filled with both joy and sorrow throughout the year. We have said heart breaking “goodbyes” and heart mending “hellos.” Strange it is, but the Lord has a way of “working things out for the good of those who love Him,” and it’s something that we may or may not realize how He is working – until we see the finished picture.

No, we don’t live in a Hallmark movie (although if you ask Rachel, she believes auditioning for one is my retirement plan). We don’t live in a movie, and I will say, emphatically, I am glad we do not. Life for the Christian does have an unimaginably wonderful final chapter (which happens to last an eternity), and as we go through these preceding chapters of life with scenes of joy and sorrow, let us not forget 2016. Remember how we both rejoiced and wept with each other. Remember how we allowed the Lord to lead us forward, solely depending on Him. Remember.

Around October 30, 2017, a new batch of Hallmark Christmas movies will appear. Rachel and I will likely find ourselves watching them again, and she’ll hear me say how I want to audition for the role of the old grandpa character. But what I look forward to most of all is to see everything the Lord has in store for us not only in this new year, but in all the ones to come.



CREW CARWASH TICKETS
In Christ, Luke
are available for \$9 each.
These make great gifts.

CHILDREN’S NEWS

Sun., Jan. 8th is Family Sunday.
Also, there will be the Bible Reading Program Recognition during Worship.

SYMPATHY TO:

- Glenn Newby in the passing of his daughter, Linda Ginn.
- Joyce Bennett and family, including Stacy & Kevin Collester, in the recent death of her sister, Freda “Beth” Talbott.
- Juanita and Mark Mitchener and family in the recent passing of her mother, Juanita Weekly.

THANK YOU

A special thank you on behalf of the Foggin and Jackson families for the Church Christmas gift.

To my Center Church Family,
Thank you once again this year for your generosity to me at Christmas! I am so appreciative of being able to work as secretary for our church. May the Lord bless you in 2017!

In Christian love, Denyse Thorpe

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Dear CCC Family,

Thanking God and wishing you a blessed and joyful Christmas with much happiness in the new year.

Thanks for letting us be a part of your family. You are loved & appreciated.

In Christian Love, Dave & Sandy Kellie
Center Community Church,
A wish for all the special gifts that are part of the Christmas season.

Wishing all of our friends at Center a very Merry Christmas!!

Love, Lori & Michael Intlekofer; Trey & Reagan Howe

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.

Christian literature is needed for the Christian Support Center. Please give to Ray Henderson or Dan Moran.

Bibles may be donated to the Christian Support Center. (Please put them in the special box in the Lobby.)

...Invite someone to Worship!

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER!

NOTE:

*Please turn in information for the Newsletter by the **FIRST** Sunday of the month. (For the February Newsletter, items are due by January 1st.)*



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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.***
(*Meals & Class resume Jan. 11.)

	<u>Jan. 1</u>	<u>Jan. 8</u>	<u>Jan. 15</u>	<u>Jan. 22</u>	<u>Jan. 29</u>
Service Leader	T. Belcher	T. Belcher	T. Belcher	T. Belcher	Youth Sun.
Pianist	D. Kellie	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell	
Special Music	J. Hardin	D. Thorpe J. Mitchener	C. Lane	R. Hines L. Levingston	Youth
Communion Meditation	K. Oakley	D. Mejean	B. Hines	K. Moran	Youth
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	J. Harlan	A. Gray	T. Belcher	J. Mitchener	S. McWhorter
Greeters	T. Cook B. Newlin M. Newlin	T. Cook S. McWhorter J. McWhorter	T. Cook B. Collester K. P. Adams	T. Cook K. Ellis C. Ellis	T. Cook T. Belcher T. Belcher

"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.***