

The VISION —

March 2017



14th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Come on Sun., March 12 at 5:00 p.m. for the Dinner which will be followed by a Talent Night at 6:30 p.m.

Proceeds go to: The Camp Fund

Plan now to attend!

Tickets: \$8 for ages 12—Adult

\$3.00 for ages 4—11

Children 3 and under are Free

Would you like to participate in the Talent Night?

Please sign up on the sheet on the Lobby table and indicate what you'd like to do: singing a song, present a reading or skit, etc.

WELLNESS ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP

This group meets most Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. If you are interested, plan to attend and find support with others. If you have questions, please contact Abby or Dan Moran.

WILDERNESS TREK~~~

Fri., March 24– Sun., March 26

This spiritual kayaking trip is for Middle Schoolers through Young Adults.

The group will leave on Fri., March 24 at noon and return on Sun., March 26 in the evening.

Cost per person is \$165.

Luke Jackson is arranging the trip.

Pray for all those who will be involved in this trip.

SPRING AHEAD!

Remember to turn your clocks forward on Saturday, March 11 before going to bed so you won't be late for Sunday School and Worship!

CENTER COMMUNITY HOSTS

The Church Federation

Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

Our Church will be hosting the other churches that are a part of the Church Federation of Plainfield.

IMPACT PRAISE SERVICE

Sunday, March 26 at 6 p.m.

Come for a great time of worship!

Additional musicians needed.

See Dave Fast for more info.

SAVE THE DATE

Sun., April 16—Easter Sunday Celebrations include:

Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. followed by Breakfast

Sunday School at 9 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:10 a.m.

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From Roger

Where is Our Impact?

At the time that I am writing this, the Super Bowl is a week and a half away. By the time you read this, you will have known the winner for almost a month. But what can I say? I love football illustrations, and I found this one.

The job of the church is not to impact the church, but to impact the world.

It's like a huddle in a football game. 67,000 people don't pay \$125.00 a ticket to watch the Colts huddle. What if you went to a Colts game and for 2½ hours you watched 11 men stand in a circle and talk? That's not what you pay for!! 67,000 people pay \$125 a ticket to see what difference the huddle makes. What they want to know is, having called the play in secret, does it work in public?

The challenge for the church is not what we do when we call our Sunday morning huddle, but what we do when we break our huddle and head to our Sunday morning assignment. When Satan lines up against us, what difference does it make that we are Christians?

I think 2017 can be an awesome year for our church. But it isn't as much about the huddle, as it is lining up against Satan and carrying the gospel down the field. So next time you are in church and the huddle breaks, remember what Paul said in Philippians 3:14, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Here we go. "Down!" "Set!" "Hut!" Let's push Satan back and move toward the goal. Let's make an impact on our world!

Dear Church Family,

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

These are the first seven words from the Doxology. But they are more than just words of a song, they are what I feel is the basis of where our prayers are directed to and the answers come back from, as well as where all the necessities of our lives that we deserve are delivered from directly and indirectly. Most of us are "blessed" with a comfortable home, a job that provides for us, our health, and for most of us, a family with many siblings, children and extended relatives over the years.

For the most part, we seem to take it for granted that tomorrow the job is there, our health will be the same if not a little better, home will still be "home sweet home", and the family unit is intact and in harmony. But if just one, ONE, of our "everyday factors deviates from "the norm", we get concerned. If it gets "a bit far" from the norm, we might get anxious. But let even one get "too far" out of our comfort zone, we get close to or go into a panic mode, maybe internally and unnoticed, or it may overflow to a noticeable level to others around us.

Regardless of what the situation is, there are lots of options and alternatives to "try". However, once things get out of our control, unmanageable or just close to unbearable or tragic levels, there is really only one answer—"PRAYER". When we realize the control of our problem is beyond us, we have learned "or we need to learn" that if we turn it over to God in prayer, not only does it seem to lighten "our personal burden", but it's in God's hands, and we will get an answer in some way to our situation.

Here at Center Community Church, I feel we are a bit unique in one special way. We are one of very few if maybe the only Church in the Plainfield area that incorporates a special open Prayer and Praise time as a regular part of our morning service. Not only do we get to share with others openly that which is bearing heavy "on our heart", but also the "Blessings" that we have received in the recent days or week of the past—many times from previous open prayer requests.

Don't you feel it gives us all comfort to know that not only our burdens can be brought to the Lord's House and that we can all share with others the needs that they have for prayer, but that we can pray with them? Not only that, but we can openly share our praises and answered prayers, so others can see that God does hear us and responds back. Maybe sometimes they are not answered as fast as we would like, but God does answer in good time.

We are so fortunate to be able to be there for and with each other and to openly share our need for prayer and know that our prayers are heard and answered. Being there with each other hand in hand and side by side really seems to make our trials and tribulations come and go, easier and faster.

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow".

On behalf of Ministry and Council, John Hardin ref Psalms 103:1-5

Stewardship S.S. A.M. General Fund

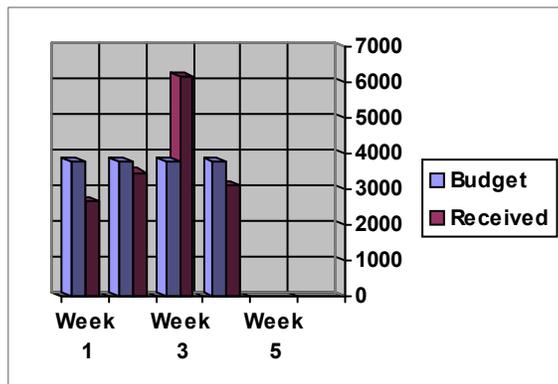
1/22	36	110	\$ 2,670.00
1/29	39	136	\$ 3,474.00
2/5	35	143	\$ 6,128.00
2/12	33	118	\$ 3,120.00

BUILDING FUND (as of 2/15/17) \$241,844.39

(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—ARM: Prison Outreach International

ARM (American Rehabilitation Ministry), now referred to as Prison Outreach International, exists in order to honor God’s calling by ministering to inmates as Christ commands. As an arm to the church, their role is to help fulfill the Heart of Jesus. (Matthew 25:36)

ARM is one of several Christian based ministries that Center Community Church helps support.

Specialized programs are designed to proclaim the love and message of Jesus Christ to the incarcerated, to help lead them into a saving and personal relationship with the Savior, to build them up in the faith, and to equip them for a lifetime of faithful service. ARM serves as the National Jail and Prison Distribution Center for the American Bible Academy and is the Correspondent School used for their outreach programs. The American Bible Academy is the fastest growing Bible College behind bars with a new inmate enrolling every 30 minutes.

ARM provides portable baptisteries, Bibles, a Bible Academy (American Bible Academy) and ministry updates. ARM has provided more than 1,400 of these baptisteries to jails and prisons in the USA. Every ten minutes someone is being baptized in a baptistery provided by ARM. Throughout the history of ARM, individuals and churches have faithfully provided funds to place these baptisteries and comprehensive Bible studies inside the walls of jails and prisons. ARM provides Bible courses designed as an evangelistic tool that teaches God’s Word.

ARM Prison Outreach, International also has branch ministries in Cambodia, Korea, Mexico, Russia, and the Philippines.

—Ray Henderson, Missions Ministry

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Sun.-Thurs., JULY 9-13

CMF MEETS AT GOODY’S

Mon., March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

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



GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP

Join us at Golden Corral on Wed., March 1st 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—March 12 & 26

K.I.S.

I remember learning the K.I.S. principle in my sophomore English class—Keep It Simple. There are situations where lengthy discussion and expounding is necessary. Other times, however, our message is much better served when it is direct and short. Jesus gives us a lesson in Matthew 5:33-37 detailing our oaths and answers. Literal translation renders verse 37 as saying, "Let your word be yes yes and your word no no." I promise I did not mistype "yes" and "no" twice, rather it is a literary usage emphasizing direct and complete honesty. A person's word should mean something - specifically - it should be as binding as an "oath."

From our understanding of Scripture, not only should our "word" be simple, direct, and honest, yet also our "pattern of living" should reflect the same. James 4:13-17 is one of several "pattern passages." A "pattern passage" is Scripture that shows a basic truth for daily living (and one should know ALL Scripture is just that). James clearly points out that our pattern of living should be "to do good" as we see the opportunity (Verse 17), and our pattern of living should be direct, complete and honest (acknowledging all the time we have is given by the Lord - Verse 15).

The Scriptures show complete unison on what comes of straying from a "word" and "pattern of living" rooted in being direct, complete, and honest. The entirety of Matthew 5:37 reads, "But let your word be yes yes, and your word be no no. For whatever is more than these is from the evil one." Compared to James 4:16, "But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil."

Folks, nothing good comes from not having a direct, complete, and honest "word" and "pattern of living." The Scriptures—"Keep It Simple"

In Christ, Luke

DID YOU KNOW???

There are Sunday School Classes for all ages on

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Sunday Morning at 10am. Come & join one!
Sun., March 12th is Family Sunday.
There will be a special Children's Sermon.

WELCOME

Sue Capps came on Sun., Jan. 22 to rededicate herself to the Lord and to make Center her church home. Please welcome her! She lives at: 554 E. Overpeck Road, Mooresville, IN 46158

Johnny (Jay) Lane and his daughter, Adrianah, also made Center their church home on Sun., Jan. 22. We welcome them to our church family. Their address is: 1938 Thornbro Drive, Indpls., 46231

SYMPATHY TO:

- Sandy Kellie and family in the death of Dave.
- The friends and family of former member, Dean Pappas.

DONATIONS GIVEN TO THE BUILDING FUND WERE MADE BY THE FOLLOWING

IN MEMORY OF SARAH TAYLOR

Norman & Ruby McCormack Sandy & Linda Stegner

IN MEMORY OF DAVE KELLIE

Sandy & Linda Stegner

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Jon Taylor who became a great-grandfather to Kaiden Luke Taylor on Thurs., Feb. 9.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Lois Capps for making more cloth bags for the Easter "30 Pieces of Silver" Offering.

Dearest Church Family,
To thank each of you for your thoughtfulness would be a tremendous job. The many cards I received were heart warming and appreciated. The many visits I had from different church members, especially from Roger and Luke, made me feel so very special. I know in my heart that all the prayers that were lifted up in my behalf were powerful and helped speed my recovery. I have greatly missed my church family and I am looking forward to when I am able to drive and return to church. Hugs and kisses to each of you. I love you dearly.

Love to all, Lola Levingston



GAME NIGHT

Fri., March 31 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 April Newsletter, items are due by March 5th.)



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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>March 5</u>	<u>March 12</u>	<u>March 19</u>	<u>March 26</u>
Service Leader	M. Cook	M. Cook	M. Cook	M. Cook
Pianist	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Lane
Special Music	K. Willis T. Clark	B. Clark J. Harlan H. Hines	A. Steckler	L. Dubak
Communion Meditation	D. Moran	C. Harlan	J. Steckler	J. McWhorter
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
Nursery	J. Harlan	A. Gray	T. Belcher	J. Mitchener
Greeters	J. Eden C. Dininger J. Dininger	J. Eden B. Goedl B. Goedl	J. Eden S. Hardin J. Hardin	J. Eden R. Hines J. Jones

"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.***