

The VISION —

May 2016

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

Sat., May 7th at 6 p.m.

For ALL Mothers & Daughters!

Please bring Salads and Desserts to Pitch-In.

Pictures will be taken beginning at 5:30 pm

Program: Wedding Attire through the years featuring Center Ladies & Friends!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: WAKE UP AMERICA

Thursday, May 5th

Plan to come to the Pitch-In Picnic & Prayer Vigil with your family from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Following the picnic, your family will pray at various stations.

Also, sign up to pray during a specific half hour time period that day either at Center

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, May 14 8 a.m. to Noon

MOTHER'S DAY RECOGNITION Sunday, May 8th

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—SUNDAY, MAY 15th

(Time: At the end of the Worship Service)

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Plan now to attend these services at 6 p.m.

TRADITIONAL HYMN SING

Sundays: May 15 and June 12

IMPACT PRAISE SERVICE

Sundays: May 22 and June 26

Come for a great time of music and



CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Thursday, May 19—2:30 to 9 p.m.

Friday, May 20—2:30 to 9 p.m.

Sat., May 21—10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES

Graduate Recognition: 6/5

Father's Day Recognition: 6/19

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From Roger

The Best Gift

Joel Vicente shares the following story. I thought it was a great one for our graduates.

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing that his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted. As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study.

His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautiful wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather bound Bible with the young man's name embossed in gold. Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money, you give me a Bible?" and stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible.

Many years passed, and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realized his father was very old and thought perhaps he should go to see him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. But before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away and had willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, suddenly sadness and regret filled his heart.

He began to search through his father's important papers and saw the still new Bible just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages.

His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matthew 7:11, "*And if ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in heaven, give to those who ask Him?*"

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name; the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL.

We have several kids graduating this year at Center Community Church. The world is ahead of you and you have the potential to do great things. Never forget that the most precious positions you have are not found in a department store or an auto dealer's sales lot. It is your salvation and the words found between the covers of the book you will receive from us. God bless each of you. We are looking forward to seeing the Christian adults we knew you could always be.

Dear Church Family,

Our church has recently lost several members and several of our members have lost close family members. What I've witnessed through these difficult times, is the strong faith and support our church has when a family member or friend passes.

I sometimes find it difficult to find the right words of comfort when someone has suffered the loss of a friend or family member, but it's also important to offer sympathy when someone we know has lost a loved one to death. However, we all find comfort in the Bible, and a verse that expresses sympathy may bring just the type of comfort that's needed. Matthew 5:4 says: *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

We have a powerful Savior, Counselor, and Friend who stands beside us and lives within us! His presence makes it impossible for us to be alone during moments of pain (John 14:15-20). Our Lord is present with us in this darkness. He has planned that even the darkest of things would result in redemptive good for His children. He surrendered His son to death so you could have life. He will not abandon you now.

The death of a loved one should remind us that God's work is not yet complete. Because of sin, death entered the world. The apostle Paul talks about Christ's present ministry this way: "*For he must reign until he has put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*" (1 Corinthians 15:25-26).

Jesus died so we would no longer have to die. Until Jesus returns, we still experience death, but one day life will not give way to death. Children will not mourn their parents. Parents will not mourn their children. There will be no widows or grieving friends. Yes, death is an enemy, but this enemy will die. The present reign of Christ guarantees this. One day life will give way to life for eternity.

As we mourn, remember that the One who mourns with us understands our heartache. He is "*a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief*" (Isaiah 53:3). But He does more than understand; He also acts. Jesus will not let death reign forever. On the cross He defeated death, and His resurrection is your guarantee that one

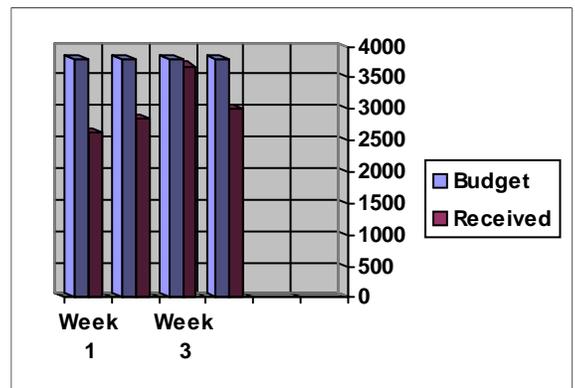
Stewardship S.S. A.M. General Fund

3/13	37	111	\$ 2,618.00
3/20	40	126	\$ 2,862.00
3/27	50	137	\$ 3,685.00
4/3	36	112	\$ 3,000.00

BUILDING FUND (as of 3/24/16) \$226,219.29

(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-Wheeler Mission Ministries: Help/Hope/Healing

1 Meal—1 Chance for a Changed Life! Imagine \$2.25 providing a nutritious breakfast, lunch or dinner for men, women and children. That is one of many ways Wheeler Mission uses donations given by our Church and many others.

Hundreds of women and mothers with children enter through the doors seeking food, clothing and housing that is provided by the mission which has an average stay of 3 months. An estimated 1,600 people are hungry and homeless tonight in Indianapolis.

The Mission provides temporary shelter to homeless and/or disadvantaged men. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, showers, clothing, chapel services, Case Management (with referrals to onsite and offsite social service agencies) are provided. Medical, dental, podiatric and vision services are also available. Wheeler Mission Ministries is concerned about the physical, as well as the spiritual well being of the entire individual, and they have become a host for several agencies that offer healthcare specifically to the homeless only.

The Winter Contingency Program for the City of Indianapolis is coordinated by WMM. This program ensures that every man, woman and child in the Indianapolis metropolitan area can find a safe place to sleep and a nourishing meal during the cold months. From Nov. 1 thru March 31, various agencies perform “Street Sweeps” to find the homeless and provide them transportation to one of the shelters in the area.

WMM’s Center for Women & Children provides meals for single women and women and their children. In need, call 317.687.3630. Wheeler Mission’s Shelter for Men in need is at 520 E. Market Street, Indianapolis, call 317.687.6795. Check in is 3-4:30 p.m. daily. Please pray for the men and women touched by the love

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 at Staples. Just put them on the table by the Office door.
PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER!

GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP



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



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XABradio.com
the VOICE of hendricks county

Center’s “**Tomorrow’s Hope**” is heard at 11:30 a.m. on

*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—May 1, 8 or May 29

Hey Kids,

"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord..." Sometimes we question the plans God has for us. We question the purpose and timing. Sometimes we even question the plausibility of the plans. However, Job said it best when he declared, "No plan of Yours can be thwarted" and again— "Your ways are too wonderful for me to know." The truth is that when we devote our lives to the Will of God by "not leaning on our own understanding but in all things acknowledge Him"; He will most certainly and without a doubt "make our paths straight." Here's the catcher: Our idea of what "straight" should be and what God's definition of "straight" is may not be the same thing. We were not promised peace and tranquility. We were not promised the ability to be free from persecution. In fact, Jesus promised those who would follow Him the exact opposite. But make no mistake about it, when we faithfully follow after the Son of God, we can "not be troubled" but rather we can "be of good cheer" because Christ has already made our path to the Father straight. And that's the only path and plan that matters with eternal implications.

In Christ, Luke

CREW CARWASH TICKETS



will be on sale during
the month of May
for \$9 each.

Center receives half of that as
profit with proceeds going
to The Youth Fund!

NOTE:

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

SYMPATHY TO:

Charley and Marjorie Harlan in the death of his mother, Elsie Nally. She was also Jennifer and Christopher's grandmother.
Bill and Linda Eckert in the death of his brother, Albert Eckert.

The family and friends of Sharon Dakin.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Russ & Goldie Jones who are great, great grandparents to twins Adalynn and Elizabeth Christensen who were born on Feb. 9 to Dustin & Tanya Christensen. And, they are great grandparents to Oliver Russell who was born on March 17 to Gracie and Duey Miller.

THANK YOU

Dear Center Community Church,
Thanks to all of you who sent the lovely cards, the prayers and the visits during my recovery, which I am still healing. Also, thanks to those who brought food, Randy is no cook. I am so glad I have this church to call home.

DONATIONS GIVEN TO THE BUILDING
FUND WERE MADE BY THE FOLLOWING:

IN MEMORY OF ANN COOK

Bill & Linda Eckert

IN MEMORY OF ELSIE NALLY

Ron & Landra Hallock

Allen & Denyse Thorpe

MINI CONCERT ON SUNDAY, MAY 15
FEATURING THE GROUP "FOR THY"



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING...

Sun., July 10 through Thurs., July 14



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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.

	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>May 29</u>
Service Leader	C. Elston	C. Elston	C. Elston	Youth Sunday	C. Elston
Pianist	C. Hines	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Lane	C. Hines	C. & C. Mitchell
Special Music	J. Hardin K. Hines	A. Moran	D. Kellie	Bell Choir	D. Thorpe
Communion Meditation	A. Thorpe	M. Cook	T. Clark	B. Hines	
Children's Church	L. Jackson C. Harlan N. Smythe	C. Harlan S. McWhorter N. Smythe	L. Jackson A. Steckler N. Smythe	In Sanctuary	In Sanctuary
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	
Greeters	J. Eden S. Dixon K. Pat Adams	J. Eden R. Hines D. Karamanos	J. Eden K. Ellis C. Ellis	J. Eden B. Hines M. Hudson	J. Eden S. Hardin J. Hardin

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see
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.