



# Center Community Church

## The Vision

"Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures."

### NOVEMBER 2015

#### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Church Federation sponsors a Thanksgiving Service on Thanksgiving morning at Plainfield Baptist Church. **LUKE JACKSON will be preaching!** It begins at 9:30 a.m. and lasts an hour. This is a wonderful way to start your Thanksgiving Day!

#### THE CHRISTMAS CARD RECEIVING BOX

**WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CARDS ON SUN., NOV. 29.** Please use the updated Christmas Card List which will be located on the Lobby Table to address cards to those in our Church Family. Don't forget to check your file for your

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a biannual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 15 following a Pitch-In Meal

#### HANGING OF THE GREENS

Plan now to attend on Sun., Nov. 29 and begin your celebration of Christmas with your Center Church Family. At **4 p.m.** you can help decorate the building. Then at **5 p.m.** is a Finger Foods Pitch-In. Following at **6 p.m.**, a Program will help prepare you for the Celebration of the birth

#### CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR COOKSON HILLS

**IMPACT Praise Service 6 p.m.**

#### RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

Sunday, November 8 during the 10:10 a.m. Worship Service

### **LADIES GET-ACQUAINTED TEA**

*Mon., Nov. 9th - 6:30 p.m.*

*Please sign up to come and feel free to bring a friend. Also, wear a hat if you'd like! This will be a great time*

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## **From Roger**

## **WHO WILL PROVIDE?**

*A young woman brought her fiancé home to meet her parents for Thanksgiving dinner. After dinner, her mother told her father to find out about the young man. The father invited the fiancé to his study for a talk.*

*"So what are your plans?" the father asked the young man.*

*"I am a biblical scholar," he replied.*

*"A biblical scholar. Hmm," the father said. "Admirable, but what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in?"*

*"I will study," the young man replied, "and God will provide for us."*

*"And how will you buy her a beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves?" asked the father.*

*"I will concentrate on my studies," the young man replied, "God will provide for us."*

*"And children?" asked the father. "How will you support children?"*

*"Don't worry, sir, God will provide," replied the fiancé.*

*The conversation proceeded like this, and each time the father questioned, the young idealist insisted that God would provide.*

*Later, the mother asked, "How did it go, Honey?" The father answered, "He has no job and no plans, and he thinks I'm God!"—Andrew Chan*

While we understand God does provide. He also told Adam that he would live by the sweat of his brow in Genesis 3:19. All of you have seen the fulfillment of that prophesy in your lives at one time or another. But the celebration of Thanksgiving is a reminder that what we have is not just a result of hard work, but by the grace of our heavenly Father. We are also reminded that no matter how big the turkey or how much stuffing you find yourself stuffed with, we are deserving of nothing and should be thankful for everything.

In 1 Corinthians 4:11-13 it says, *"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."*

That having been said, if your family finds itself struggling at Thanksgiving and would like assistance, as members of our church, please let me, Luke or Chuck know. It is the service of this Church through our Missions Ministry to provide for our Church Family as we are able. God bless.

## **Dear Church Family,**

In September, Denyse and I took a much overdue vacation and drove up into New England. During our travels, we stopped at Stockbridge, Massachusetts and toured the Norman Rockwell Museum. Among the dozens of original paintings were Rockwell's "Four Freedoms Paintings" which were inspired by Roosevelt's Four Freedoms State of the Union speech. Each of the paintings first appeared in four consecutive weekly issues of the *Saturday Evening Post* in 1943. Reaction to the series was instant as the *Post* received millions of requests for reprints. Over 25 million sets were printed and sold, and the Government used the paintings to promote war bond sales which increased sales by \$132,000,000. Rockwell's "Freedom from Want", often referred to as "Rockwell's Thanksgiving", shows a grandparent-like couple, setting out a large turkey onto a table set for some family gathering and has become the iconic symbol of Thanksgiving. I will admit the paintings caused me to pause and reflect upon things for which I have to be thankful.

Many think Thanksgiving is their favorite holiday as it is not strongly associated with gift giving, extravagant decorations, candy, cards or days and days of festivities, but rather as a time to gather with friends and family to eat and just take a day to be thankful.

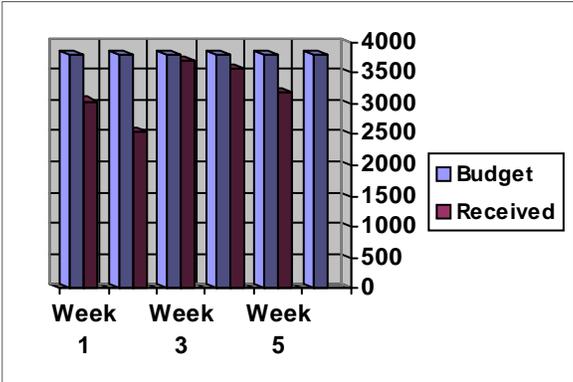
Psalms 95:2 says, *"Let us come before Him with thanksgiving..."*, and that is my simple prayer for each member of my Church Family

<b>Stewardship</b>	<u>S.S.</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
9/20	36	127	\$ 3,043.00
9/27	30	111	\$ 2,553.00
10/4	29	131	\$ 3,699.00
10/11	30	111	\$ 3,561.00
10/18	32	115	\$ 3,194.00

**BUILDING FUND (as of 9/30/15) \$212,794.55**  
 (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—Cookson Hills**

Cookson Hills Christian Ministries is a promise of help, hope, and healing. Cookson Hills has been in existence for 50 years and is still growing in numbers of children who are being helped to develop physically, academically, and spiritually. This ministry partners with churches and families to find children who have great need for a different environment.

Cookson Hills reaches out to the hurting children who come there by giving them an environment in which they can dream of a better future. Every child has a right to dream of better things. Children, through hope, achievement, success and infinite possibilities can become the people that God intended.

Each year at Christmas time, our church takes on the challenge of purchasing gifts for each child. These gifts are to help these children develop the dream he or she can fulfill.

The help extended to these children at Cookson Hills might be summed up in this Scripture: *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* Jeremiah 29:11

In Christian Love,

### **COOKSON HILLS—CHRISTMAS BOXES**

***It’s that time when Center Community chooses children from Cookson and purchases Christmas gifts for them. Those who choose a child are asked to spend \$25 per child and try to find items that will fit in a shoe box. Keep watching for the list of children on the wall in the hall!***

DONATIONS OF **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** WILL BE COLLECTED  
 FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS through Sun., Nov. 15.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

The **All-Church Christmas Pitch-In** followed by the **Youth Program** will be on Sun., Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. Hope you can come!

*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—November 22 or 29

Hey kids!

I am excited to begin getting to know all of you better. The future is exciting. Several quick tidbits to keep in mind, ICYC is coming up rapidly. Leaf raking season is also arriving, so keep your rakes handy in case we are given the opportunity to help someone. Speaking of helping, we will start to explore the option of volunteering at a community kitchen in the near future. Serving each other out of love will always be a strengthening of our faith, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..." (Matt. 25:35)

There is a lot more coming up, and we will definitely talk in person about these things. I'm going to start using the phrase "Think Orange." I'll explain that later, but it ties into this: The next few months will entail a lot of family time. Be sure to put the Apple (and any other products) away for a while. Connect with your families, and create memories while strengthening the bond you have. Thanksgiving Day, 2007, my phone was broken, so I spent the day talking with my Granddad. I found out he was one of the drivers for General Douglas MacArthur (google him) and a lot of other things I never would have heard from him had my phone not been broken. That was my last Thanksgiving with him, and that was the first time I didn't miss having my phone.

In Christ, Luke

## BAPTISM:

Larry Leineweber was baptized on Wed., Sept. 23. We rejoice with him in his decision! He and his wife, Mable, live at: 5757 East Co. Rd. 800 South in Mooresville, IN 46158.

## SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of Dollie Allen who passed away on October 8. Dollie was the great-aunt of Juanita Mitchener.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all the VBS students who tied the fringe on the fleece scarves made for Wheeler Mission. Thanks also goes to Linda Eckert who coordinated this Community Service Project. Linda had help from her mom, Rosemary Cunningham; her sister, Brenda Conder; Shirley Joslin, & Barb Moran who sewed fleece hats or knitted or crocheted hats. Altogether 105 scarves and 67 hats, which included a few store bought ones, were taken to Wheeler. Hopefully these will be a blessing to many people during the cold weather.

To Center Community,

Thank you all for your prayers, thoughts, visits, cards, food and money. They were very appreciated during my home after-surgery. I thank God for all of you.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Church members with health concerns:

<i>Pat Adams</i>	<i>Bob Bare</i>	<i>Joyce Bennett</i>
<i>Dale Best</i>	<i>Jerry &amp; 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 &amp; Linda Stegner</i>	<i>Jon &amp; Sarah Taylor</i>	<i>Carolyn Wallace</i>
<i>Jean Weber</i>		

### Family and Friends

*Kathy Rayl, salvation & health*

### Requested by

*Ruthie Rayl*

## GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP



Join us at Golden Corral  
on Wed., November 4th  
at 11:30 a.m.

### **NOTE:**

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

## GAME NIGHT

Friday, November 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Join the fun!

Bring snacks, games & friends!

If you haven't ever come to this activity,  
this month would be a great time



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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.***  
***(No Meal or Classes Wed., Nov. 25)***

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Service Leader	C. Elston	C. Elston	C. Elston	C. Elston	Youth Sunday Youth
Pianist	C. Hines	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Hines
Special Music	J. Harlan	J. Hardin	L. Jackson	L. Dubak	K. Tucker
Communion Meditation	M. Cook	J. McWhorter	D. Moran	A. Thorpe	D. Kehoe
Children's Church	N. Smythe C. Harlan	C. Harlan N. Smythe	N. Smythe A. Steckler	N. Smythe M. Harlan	Youth Sunday
Toddlers Assistant	J. Harlan K. Hines	B. Moran H. Hines	J. Mitchener B. Hines	B. Moran B. Hudson	J. Harlan
Nursery	J. Foggin	A. Gray	T. Belcher	J. Mitchener	B. Lenz
Greeters	T. Reinhard B. Newlin M. Newlin	T. Reinhard T. Belcher T. Belcher	T. Reinhard D. Heald E. Heald	T. Reinhard D. Karamanos S. Dixon	T. Reinhard K. Collester C. Pippin

**"Volunteers are unpaid, not because they are worthless but because they are priceless!"**  
 anonymous

*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.*