

# The VISION — September 2016

## GOD'S TREASURY OF VIRTUES

*The Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22-23*

**Adult Bible Study**

**FINAL 2 CLASSES**—Wednesdays: Sept. 7 & 14  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sept. 7 **Gentleness** by Dan & Abby Moran

Sept. 14 **Self-Control** by Luke Jackson & Youth

## QUAKER DAYS CHURCH SALE

**Sat., September 17**

The Youth Group will be sponsoring an “**Inside Yard Sale**” in the Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Items may be donated Tues., 9/13 from 9-1,  
Wed., 9/14 & Thurs., 9/15 from 9-1 & 6-9.

### **LUNCH WILL BE SERVED**

Enjoy hot dogs, chips, pop, etc.  
AND support the YOUTH FUND!

You can rent a space for \$10 & sell your own items.  
See Luke Jackson if you have questions.

## NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

**Sunday, September 18**

Plan now to invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers or someone else to attend church with you that Sunday morning.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

On Sept. 5th, the Office will be closed.  
Have an enjoyable holiday!  
Also, there will be no Men's Breakfast.

## **GRANDPARENTS DAY**

Sun., September 11

This is a wonderful time for Grandparents to invite Grandchildren to church, as well as Grandchildren to invite Grandparents!



## **BABY SHOWER**

**For Rachel & Luke Jackson**  
**Sat., Sept. 24 at 2 p.m.**

All ladies and girls are invited.

If you have questions, see Abby Moran.

## IMPACT PRAISE SERVICE

Sunday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m.

**Roger Foggin will be preaching.**

**Come for a great time of music and worship! Invite your friends too!**

## SAVE THE DATE

**OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**

Sat., Oct. 8—ALL CHURCH HAYRIDE/HOT DOG ROAST

Sat., Oct. 15—ALL CHURCH WORK DAY, 8 to Noon

Mon., Oct. 31—TRUNK 'N TREAT

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## From Roger

## Are You Ready?

Dr. Larry Peyton tells the following story.

Bob and Stan were good buddies and baseball friends. One day at a ballgame, they made a vow to each other that whichever friend died first, that friend would send a message back to earth to let the other friend know if there was baseball in Heaven.

Sure enough, one day Bob died. After a while, he sent a message back to earth to Stan: "Hey, Stan, this is your old baseball buddy, Bob. I have good news and I have bad news for you from Heaven."

Stan thought about it and said, "Let's hear the good news!" Bob said, "Well, the good news is there is a lot of baseball going on in Heaven! Mickey Mantle is hitting home runs a mile long and you should see Babe Ruth hit a baseball up here, too! It really is baseball Heaven!"

Stan smiled and said, "Hey, Bob. What about that bad news?"

There was a long pause. Finally, Bob spoke from Heaven and said, "The bad news is.....YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO PITCH UP HERE TOMORROW NIGHT!"

Everybody wants to go to Heaven, but few want to go tomorrow. None of us know when our final hour will come. But what we need to know at this hour is if we were to see Jesus tomorrow, would we be ready? Do you know for sure? Every Sunday at the end of each sermon, I cover the issue of salvation. In some form or fashion you will hear me say that you need to place your faith in Christ. (Romans 3:22) Repent of your sins. (Luke 24:26-27) Be willing to confess him as Lord. (Romans 10:9) And be baptized. (Acts 22:16) The Bible says in 1 John 5:13: *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

I hope all of you live as long as possible, but I also want you to be sure if that day should come sooner than later, you have full confidence of where you will spend eternity. God bless!

## Dear Church Family,

What is one's responsibility in the Church?

What is your responsibility in Center Community Church? Do you feel you should be contributing to the work of the congregation? We are all like a family. You have your biological families and the church has its family members. Just as you watch your children, nieces, and nephews grow and create their own families, we love to watch our Christian families grow too.

Ephesians 4:11 *"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ".* We are all disciples in Christ, shepherding over our flock, and wanting to grow by adding more disciples.

Mark 16:15 *"He said to them "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation".*

Matthew 28:19-20 *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age".*

I Corinthians 12:12 *"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ".*

I Corinthians 12:27 *"Now you are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it".* The church is like our body. It has many parts (members) that keep us going.

I Timothy 3:14-15 *"Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth".*

Romans 14:12 *"So then, each of us shall give account of himself to God".*

Ecclesiastes 12:14 *"For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil".* We will stand before God and give him the accounts of our lives. We will tell him how we used our talents and abilities in fulfilling our responsibilities in the church. We do not all have the same talents, but God knows we are all different with different talents and abilities in which we can serve him.

In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus speaks of the parable of the loaned money. If we don't use our abilities/talents we will be lost.

There are many individual ministries of our church that all help and work for the church body. We have many church members that serve on those committees and many who support those committees.

I, personally, am on two ministries of the church—Christian Education and Ministry and Council. These ministries, as others, have leaders. Ministry and Council and other ministries work under God and work in the spirit of prayer and friendship to discuss and agree on what God wants them to do.

Titus 2:11-12 *"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age...."*

I Peter 5:2 *"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers...not greedy for money, but eager to serve...."*

If anyone has questions or concerns for Center Community Church, please come and ask any member or talk to Ministry and Council.

Acts 20:28 *"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood".*

Colossians 1:10 *"And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...."*

—Niki Smythe for Ministry and Council

**Stewardship**      S.S.              A.M.              General Fund

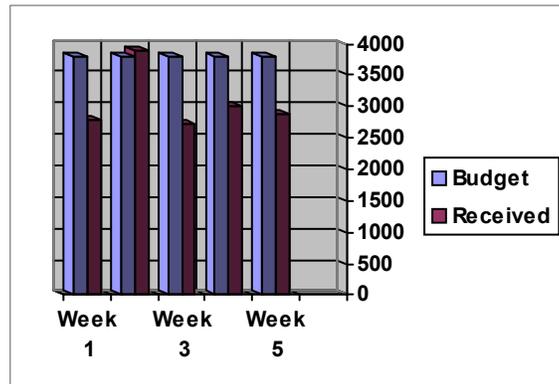
7/3	38	96	\$ 2,787.00
7/10	39	143	\$ 3,866.00
7/17	33	128	\$ 2,730.00
7/24	37	126	\$ 3,010.00
7/31	31	112	\$ 2,882.00

**BUILDING FUND (as of 8/10/16) \$233,994.61**

(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—Restore Church**

One of the goals of the Church is to spread the Word to the “4 corners of the earth”. Our Mission Group strives to accomplish this by striking a balance between local, U.S., and global missions. Traditionally, CCC has supported 12 missions. A few years ago, we added a 13<sup>th</sup> ... Journey’s Crossing ... now called Restore Christian Church. This mission is unique among those we support in that the funding we provide goes to this geographically remote group with a very local connection. It is a church plant in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Aaron Thomas is the Pastor ... and grandson of Paul Ragsdale (former Pastor of our church). Aaron and his wife Karrie went out on faith to start this church in an “under-churched” community. They presented their case for support and have received it from us, as well as a few other churches in the Plainfield area.

You may wonder why financial support from this area is needed for a church in a relatively wealthy area just outside of Washington, DC. But I see this mission as very similar to the Apostle Paul’s journey and mission into Rome, where Paul was confronted with many obstacles ... multiple “gods”, with diverse & transient life styles. Silver Spring culture isn’t much different, being very politically and socially liberal. And, it presents many of the same obstacles to the modern mission field.

Restore Church says, “Tolerance is the breeding ground of indifference, ignorance, prejudice, and hatred. We believe in a deeper love than tolerance. To tolerate and coexist creates a relational distance which eventually leads to ignorance and hatred. To love someone unconditionally (Grace) is what people crave and what our culture needs. Unconditional love was introduced to us by Jesus. It’s the greatest gift He gave the human race. It’s good news for everyone.”

Please take the time to visit their website - <http://wearerestore.com/> . Listen to one of the recorded messages. And, pray for them. We are doing well to support this much needed and growing church.

—Dan Moran for the Missions Ministry

Please ask for “stamps” when you purchase items 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., Sept. 7th at 11:30 a.m.**

**Invite a friend too!**

Building & Grounds Ministry would like to give a “Shout Out” to the Missions Ministry for a job well done on the design, building and placement of the Vegetable Stand. A special thank you to all those who helped! This mission is a wonderful community outreach project. And more importantly, thanks to those who prayed over this project.

*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—September 4 or 25**

**FALL KICK-OFF—September 11!**

September 23-24—Jr. High Journey

"Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name. Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in you." Psalm 33:20-21

Someone once told me the Lord answered prayer in one of three ways: "Yes. No. Grow." I want to focus on the aspect of growing. There seems to be a connection throughout Scripture between the concept of growth and the spiritual fruit of patience. Why does the Psalmist write of his people saying "our soul *waits* for the Lord"? It doesn't seem logical for a God, who is infinitely powerful, to need extra time to complete a good work in us. Yet, we often forget it is through the "waiting period" where the Lord perfects our growth. (See: James 1:2-4)

If you're like me, there are times in our lives when we do not want to be patient. We want the answer "yes" instead of "grow" (and certainly more than "no"). I can remember a time when I wanted to marry a girl after 20 minutes of knowing her. It took a much longer time to convince her that she wanted to marry me. Through the time of waiting and growing our relationship of trust and hope, it came to the point where it was ready for a commitment of marriage. If I (we) had not grown, it could have been disastrous.

When God gives us the answer of "grow," we should thrive in this. This is the point where our "work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in Christ" has the ability to grow exponentially. (See: 1 Thessalonians 1:3)

It is here we grow because we "trust in His holy name... and hope in Him." (Ref. Above) Yes, the Lord does answer prayer. We are told "Yes," "No," or "Grow." No matter the answer, we will grow best, when through "waiting," patience perfects us as we trust and hope in Jesus Christ.

Similar to climbing a mountain, I remember being at the top and being able to see everything. One thing I did notice, is that nothing grows at the mountain peak, instead, everything grows beneath the tree line. We don't really grow when we can just suddenly see clearly, but true growth happens when we're below the tree line, and we are relying on trust and hope that the day will come when we will see clearly everything we have longed for. (See: 2 Corinthians 5:7 & 1 Corinthians 13:12)

In Christ, Luke

**\*AMERICA NEEDS A FAITH LIFT!\***

## SYMPATHY TO:

Theresa Reinhard and Family in the death of her mother-in-law, Earlene Reinhard.

The Family and Friends of Justin Thomas.

## WELCOME TO:

On Sun., August 14, Mike and Carolyn Bridges stated their desire to serve the Lord at Center. We welcome them to our Church Family. Please add them to your directory: 4246 Stillwater Way, Plainfield, IN 46168.

## THANK YOU

CCC Family,

Thank you so much for many prayers. Roy also says thanks when we pray. Roy felt relief from pain. Thank you for the blanket, food, wonderful kind words and cards. Our family was blessed by all. We'll miss him, but I know he is with Jesus & Charlie Dog, as well with Mom & Dad. Again I couldn't have done without Jesus, my Lord and families.

Love in Christ, The Wilhites and Jacks

To All,

I can't thank everyone at Center Community Church enough. The years of faithful devotion serving Mom communion, help with and participating in the service, the Pitch-In, the Afghan blankets, etc. It made a difficult time much more tolerable. God bless all of you.

Love, Steve Rayl and Family

Thanks to everyone who donated materials or money for VBS crafts. Also thanks to all those who helped.

Linda Eckert

I am very grateful for all the cards, prayers and love shown to me recently.

Thank you, Karen Mitchell

Thanks to Rosanne Hines for making the piano cover for the Baby Grand Piano!

**DONATION GIVEN TO THE YOUTH FUND  
IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE HINES:**

Michael Eggleton

**DONATION: IN MEMORY OF RUTH RAYL**

Macon Dale Traxler

## **NOTE:**

*Please turn in information for the Newsletter  
by the **FIRST** Sunday of the month.  
(For the October Newsletter,  
items are due by September 4th.)*



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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>Sept. 4</u>	<u>Sept. 11</u>	<u>Sept. 18</u>	<u>Sept. 25</u>
Service Leader	T. Clark	T. Clark	T. Clark	T. Clark
Pianist	D. Kellie	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell	C. & C. Mitchell
Special Music	R. Jackson	Grandparent Ensemble	L. Dubak	D. Thorpe
Communion Meditation	A. Thorpe	T. Belcher	D. Mejean	A. Wilson
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 K. Wilhite T. Cook	J. Eden D. Wise T. Cook	J. Eden K. Ellis C. Ellis

**"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.***