



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

Center Community Church

The Vision

SEPTEMBER 2015



NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY—

September 20

Plan Now to Attend Center & Invite Friends to Worship with You!

- Sermon Series continues through Sun., Oct 18
- Small Groups will be meeting for 5 weeks including Wed. nights at 7 p.m. at CCC

This is a great way to

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Sunday, September 13

Service includes:

Service Leader: Grandpa Chuck Elston

Pianist: Grandma Claudia Lane

Special Music: Grandma Rosanne Hines and Grandchildren

Grandparents Praise Team: Tim Clark, John Hardin, Rosanne Hines, & Max Newlin

Communion Meditation: Grandpa Dave Mejean

AND

RECOGNITION OF GRANDPARENTS

PLEASE JOIN OTHERS FOR THE FALL SEMESTER OF MEALS AND CLASSES

Beginning Wed., September 9th

6 p.m.—Family Meal

7 p.m.—Classes for all ages

Sunday Night
September 27
IMPACT
Praise Service

CCC YARD SALE

Sat., Sept. 19 from 9-2

Please bring items to donate Wed.-Fri., Sept. 16-18 between 6 & 9 p.m.

(This is a fund raiser for ICYC.)

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From Roger

A Clean House

There was a small farming town north of Manhattan. In one house was a sweet-natured and friendly family with a strange habit. They never seemed to throw anything away. They had completely filled their front porch with bags of trash; and it wasn't long before their yard and driveway were completely full of trash, broken refrigerators, stoves, worn out sofas, lawn movers and a car--and they didn't drive.

And then one morning, a sign was posted on their front door that read: 'Moved Next Door.' And they had--they had moved 'next' door--literally next door! It seems the inside of their house was just as full of clutter and trash as the yard, and so they had no choice but to move.

Sometimes our lives can be that way--so cluttered with junk and trash that normal life seems impossible. We'll talk about needing a fresh start or a clean break--we'll want to just pick up and move 'next' door. They moved, but you know they took some of their old trash with them, and it wasn't long until their new house was as trashy as the old one!! Moving 'next' door--wanting a fresh start or a clean break with the past--is sometimes just what we need. But unless some deep change takes place at the level of our very being, we end up cluttering up our lives with the same sort of junk and trash as before.

Dear Church Family,

Do you believe it? September is here, and it brings with it many things—like on the 23rd, it will be the first day of Fall. It is the beginning of the changing of the season, AND it is the start of FOOTBALL! Yes, it is the start of the football season; the players will come out on the field with their protective gear—helmets, shoulder pads, chest pads, hip pads—and it is all worn to protect and keep them safe when hit by the other team players.

Did you know that we as Christians have protective gear as well? In Ephesians 6:11, Paul writes the following: "*Put on the full Armor of God so you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*"

He instructs us to: "Stand firm with the belt of truth; put on the breastplate of righteousness; stand with our feet fitted with readiness. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith; take up the helmet of salvation; take up the sword of the Spirit; and pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

With this kind of protective gear, why should we as Christians be afraid of anything the devil may have for us? Once again, our God has given us what we need to protect us. All we have to do is use it! Like the professional football players, if they do not wear their gear, they get hurt. We too, as Christians can get hurt by the devil if we do not put on the full Armor of God. Don't be afraid of the devil or let him get to you; every day put on your *Armor* and take him on!

Your Brother in Christ,

PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE AND PITCH-IN

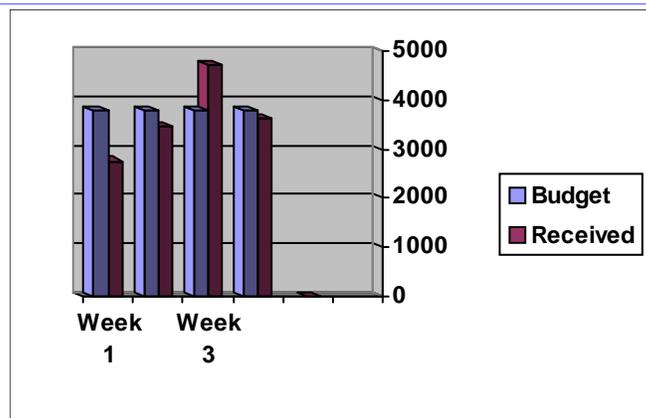
If you are a current Praise Team member or would be interested in joining, plan to attend the 2 p.m. practice on Sun., Sept. 20 followed by a Pitch-In. The meat will be provided.

See Tim Clark if you have ?'s.

<u>Stewardship</u>	<u>S.S.</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
7/19	41	131	\$ 2,765.53
7/26	27	115	\$ 3,476.00
8/2	31	114	\$ 4,708.00
8/9	31	125	\$ 3,639.00

BUILDING FUND (as of 8/5/15) \$215,891.31
 (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

Center supports a wide range of Missions. Restore Church is probably the most unique. It is another church. But, it’s not just “any other” church. It has its roots in Indiana...with ties specifically to our church. You see, their Pastor Aaron Thomas is the grandson of one of our former pastors, Paul Ragsdale. Aaron and his wife, Carrie, went to Silver Spring, MD on faith about 4 years ago to fulfill a challenging need in the Washington, DC area. It’s challenging largely because of the makeup of the metropolitan population which tends to be very diverse, transient, and unchurched.

To meet the challenge, they practice grace. “Grace (Unconditional Love) – We are here to love, serve, and connect with all people as they pursue Jesus Christ. No matter your background, we care about your story....“Tolerance” is the buzzword in our culture. People are deceived by its indications, believing it to be the generator of “peace” and “love” in our society. They are mistaken. Tolerance is a cheap imitation of grace. Not only does the practice keep others ‘at an arm’s length’, it also breeds ignorance. Ignorance leads to prejudice, and prejudice leads to hate. It is a vicious cycle that only grace can break. Grace is about friendship with and love for those who are different from us. Grace is unconditional, but few choose to accept this sacred, restorative gift. Grace is a perfect gift from God, displayed for us through the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. (John 13: 34)”

They don’t own a building to house services. But the congregation of ~100 meets each Sunday at the “The Fillmore”, a popular live music venue. We are doing well to support this much needed and growing church.

YOU CAN HELP

Christian literature is needed for the Christian Support Center. Please give to Ray Henderson or Dan Moran. **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 door.* **You may donate Bibles to the Christian Support Center. (Please put them in the special box in the Lobby.)**



RECYCLING PROJECT

ONLY METAL AND ALUMINUM CANS ARE NOW BEING RECYCLED! PLEASE BE SURE AND LET YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS KNOW. THANK YOU!!!

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, and business.

ND Youth Group—September 27

PRAYER CONCERNS

Church members with health concerns:

<i>Dollie Allen</i>	<i>Pat Adams</i>	<i>Bob Bare</i>
<i>Joyce Bennett</i>	<i>Dale Best</i>	<i>Jerry & 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 & Linda Stegner</i>	<i>Jon & Sarah Taylor</i>
<i>Carolyn Wallace</i>	<i>Jean Weber</i>	<i>Rita Wooldridge</i>

Family and Friends

Kathy Rayl, salvation & health
Neil Robbins (stepfather) cancer

Requested by

Ruthie Rayl
Roger Foggin

The list of those Serving Our Country is posted on the bulletin board.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, October 27th

SECRET SISTERS

Revealing Party At 6:30 p.m.

CREW Carwash Tickets available for \$8.

(Proceeds go to the Youth Fund.)



GAME NIGHT

Friday, September 25th 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 to come and enjoy the fellowship!

NOTE:

Please turn in information for the Newsletter by the SECOND Sunday of the month.
(For the October Newsletter,

SYMPATHY TO:

Roger and Jera Foggin and family in the death of his mother, Mary Robbins, on August 2 in Shreveport, Louisiana.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Proud Great-Grandmother Lois Capps on the birth of her 10th great grandchild, Forrest Clayton Capps, who was born on July 23.

Proud Great-Grandmother K. Pat Adams on the birth of her 4th great grandchild, Dallas James Goode, who was born on July 24.

THANK YOU

We would like to give the deepest and most sincere heartfelt expression of thanks to our church family for the incredible outpouring of support, prayers and cards. While we have (not lost) but are without someone very special to us, our Lord has reminded us that we are so very rich in family. May God bless you all!

The Foggin Family

We would like to thank our church family that said prayers for our daughter Marilyn Sonntag. Marilyn had colon surgery May 5 and is getting along well. Also thanks to God for answered prayers.

Russ & Goldie Jones

THANKS to my "CCC FAMILY" for prayers and concern expressed during my time in the hospital and after coming home. Thanks also for some yummy food, cards and calls. We have a GREAT GOD!

Doris Elston

Hello to the Church Family,

I was so surprised to get so many sympathy cards from My Dear Friends at Center Community Church. I really hated to leave Plainfield but with the care I was to get, I thought I should. Oh yes, Roger Foggin was a Prince and also Mrs. made me feel at home. The hearing aids were wonderful. Ginny (Jones) has been a peach, a wonderful Friend. May you continue



to **GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP** the Lord. I hope to hold you up in my prayers. **Join us at Golden Corral on Wed., September 2nd at 11:30 a.m.** Bless You, Doris Fisher. **Invite a friend too!**



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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.

	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
Service Leader	C. Mitchell	C. Elston	C. Mitchell	C. Mitchell
Pianist	C. Hines	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell	C. & C. Mitchell
Special Music	J. Mitchener	Gr'ma Hines <i>and Gr'children</i>	C. Livengood	A. Steckler
Communion Meditation	B. Hines	D. Mejean	J. Steckler	K. Moran
Children's Church	N. Smythe C. Harlam	N. Smythe C. Harlan	C. Harlan N. Smythe	C. Hines C. Harlan/N. Smythe
Toddlers Assistant	J. Harlan K. Hines	B. Moran H. Hines	J. Mitchener B. Hines	B. Moran B. Hudson
Nursery	J. Foggin	A. Gray	T. Belcher	J. Mitchener
Greeters	J. Eden C. Dininger J. Dininger	J. Eden D. Wise J. Gray	J. Eden K. Ellis C. Ellis	J. Eden S. Dixon K. P. Adams

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

*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.