

Center Community Church

The Vision

DECEMBER, 2009

DECEMBER EVENTS

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Dec. 5th - 6:00 p.m.

*Please bring cookies for the cheer
bags by Sunday, A. M.*

5:00 p.m.

Dec. 6th

by our

Children

and

Youth

Dec. 13th - 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Communion

Dec. 24th—6:00 p.m.

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Christmas Cards

to

**Center Church
Family**

*A mail box is
provided for your cards.
You may pick up your
cards from your file
folder.*

New Year's Eve Party

Dec. 31 - 7:30 p.m.

From Roger

Give the gift of Christmas

“David Peterson, former pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Spokane, Washington, told about a time when he was preparing his sermon. His little daughter came in and said, ‘Daddy, can we play?’ He answered, ‘I’m awfully sorry, Sweetheart, but I’m right in the middle of preparing this sermon. In about an hour I can play.’ She said, ‘Okay, when you’re finished, Daddy, I am going to give you a great big hug.’ He said, ‘Thank you very much.’ She went to the door and (these are his words): ‘Then she did a U-turn and came back and gave me a chiropractic, bone-breaking hug.’ David said to her, ‘Darling, you said you were going to give me a hug after I finished.’ She answered, ‘Daddy, I just wanted you to know what you have to look forward to!’ One meaning of Christmas is that God wants us to know, through this First Coming, how much we have to look forward to at his Second Coming”. – David Ward

This season as we once more plunge into the stores and the bustle that typically accompanies the Christmas spirit, expect from time to time to see lapel pins or signs stating, “Keep Christ in Christmas!” and “Jesus is the reason for the season.” I would like you to pause and think about who in your life doesn’t know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We take the meaning of Christmas for granted, but there are so many that don’t really know what Christmas is all about. The best scripture to share is not necessarily the scriptures found in Matthew 1&2 or Luke 2 detailing the Christmas story. Instead give them this favorite passage, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” –John 3:16 This passage more than any other depicts the story and the real message of Christmas. Share this Christmas story with others so that they too will have something to look forward to.

Dear Church Family

WOW! Here it is December already! Where has this year gone? Do you find yourself getting caught up in the everyday rush of life and realizing that you failed to take a few minutes for yourself and the Lord? I certainly do! There are times I am so wrapped up in what I am doing that I forget to give HIM thanks for the blessings that he has given to me. As December is the month that we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let it also be the month that we commit to spend more one on one time with God; that we make a commitment to pray daily, and take time for our Lord.

As all of you know, I am in truck sales and just like most folks this past year, it has been a real struggle. But even with the bad economy, the downturn in sales, we have made it through! These difficult times have forced me to spend more time in prayer, more time in God's word and to learn to trust in the Lord and guess what? Life is looking better! In Philippians 4:19, Paul writes: "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

It is a shame that it takes these hard times to bring us closer to our Lord, so let's start NOW and make the commitment to pray daily, to trust in the Lord and to tell someone that Jesus was born of the virgin Mary and died on the Cross so that we may have ever lasting life.

I wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season and remember Jesus is the reason.

By His grace,
Monty Cook
Ministry & Council

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for January is Dec.13th

From the Mission Ministry

This month we are highlighting “Sheltering Wings”. A Faith Based Organization providing a Safe Haven, Home and Hope to the women and children that have suffered domestic violence. Most recently (Oct. 29) the Sheltering Wings Staff hosted a candlelight vigil to remember those who have lost their lives due to domestic violence. Domestic violence is a leading cause of emergency room visits for women.

Their mission is to provide emergency housing for women and children suffering from physical, emotional or sexual abuse. They provide a supportive and nurturing Christ centered environment, while assisting these families in achieving emotional and economic stability.

Our support of \$250.00 quarterly helps those in need of a safe home even if only for a period of time.

Their facility has only been in our community nine years, but has provided protection for many women and children and hope for a better future.

Our Church has been blessed to be able to give in Jesus Christ’s name to help support this organization.

*“I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.”
John 14:18*

24-hour crisis line—317-745-1496

Mission Ministry
K. Pat Adams

**You may bring socks for the SOX BOX
for Cookson Hills Children’s Home
By December 6th.**

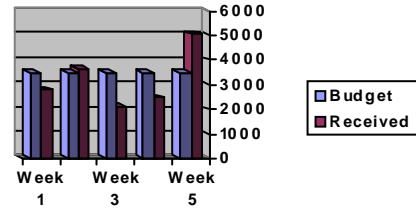
**Cookson Hills
CHRISTMAS GIFTS
Bring by December 13th.**

Mission Bank Shake-Out
December 27th for Radio Bible Class
*Our Daily Bread Devotional Books are provided for us
at no cost each quarter.*

Stewardship

	S.S.	A.M.	General Fund
10/25	48	124	\$2,804.06
11/1	61	156	\$3,660.70
11/8	57	149	\$2,116.29
11/15	51	157	\$2,472.36
11/22		138	\$5,045.14

Weekly Financial Need: \$3,500.00



Building Fund to date \$68,613.16

The above amount reflects the current balance. The Injoy Stewardship Solutions has been hired to assist as we are involved in our new building program.

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

2010 is a year of great celebration. We will be celebrating 150 years of the ministry of this Church. We can look back at God’s Word growing from family to family and community to community.

We also will be celebrating new beginnings as we embark on new horizons. We will continue to take God’s Word and expand upon it within His House.

The New Building Committee is enthusiastically meeting to pray and plan toward a much needed facility. Will you join us in prayer.

Primary Sunday School October Attendance

During the month of October, the following young ladies attended the Primary Sunday School Class: Brynn Hudson had perfect attendance all four Sundays. Anna Elston, Becca Elston, Naomi Walling, & Rylie Williams all attended one Sunday each. We’re so glad these girls are learning more about Jesus! We are always looking for more young students!!!

Teachers: Allen & Denyse Thorpe

**THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE
is for your Christmas Gift to
CCC Ministers & Staff**

Please mail or put it in the offering by December 13th.

Thank you

*Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for the outpouring of prayers and love during my recent loss of Jerry. My daughters and their families and I greatly appreciate every act of kindness as well as the delicious meal that was provided after the funeral.*

*In Christ's love,
Jean Weber*

Just wanted to say thanks so very much to Center Community Family for my basket of pretty flowers, cards and phone calls while I had a two-day stay in the hospital. I had a bad dizzy spell, had a lot of tests run, xray etc. I was dehydrated, but all else was good. I know the Lord was there to help me get through this.

*Thanks again and love to all,
Lois Capps*

*Dear Center Family,
Thank you so much for the wonderful bridal shower. An extra thanks to Jera and CWF for their hard work. Everyone has been such a blessing over all the years and CCC will always be my Church home.*

*Best Wishes,
Beth (Belcher) Bryg*

*Dear Center Family,
Thanks you for your prayers, cards and call while I was in the hospital last week.*

Doris Elston

The Foggin Family would like to thank their church family for the many cards and prayers offered on their behalf while dealing with the sudden loss of Lou Wayman.. They would also like to thank the CWF for the wonderful meal. Most of all they would like to thank those who expressed both their love and support for Lou on the day of the service. Especially Chuck for his participation and sharing in the service and Dave Kellie for being willing to play the music she loved to hear him play.

*Love in Christ,
Roger, Jera, Christina and David*

Roger and Jason would both like to express their deepest appreciation for the various gifts and cards that some of you gave for Pastor Appreciation Month. While they are thankful for the expressions of support given, they would like you to know that giving them the opportunity to serve this congregation is the best gift of all. Thanks!

Sympathy to the Foggin Family in the passing of Jera's mother, Lou Wayman. Lou passed away on November 9th. She was loved by her family and Church Family and she will be missed.

Prayer Concerns

Church members with health concerns:

<i>Dollie Allen</i>	<i>Bill Armand</i>	<i>Dale Best</i>
<i>Jerry Boles</i>	<i>Ida Cunningham</i>	<i>Bil Davis</i>
<i>Rosie Dillon</i>	<i>Lois Eller</i>	<i>Mary Lou Etter</i>
<i>Billy Hines</i>	<i>Johnna Klakamp</i>	<i>Tim Krebs</i>
<i>Ruth Lovell</i>	<i>Jamie McWhorter</i>	<i>Denise Mejean</i>
<i>Carole Mitchell</i>	<i>Evelyn Newby</i>	<i>Dean Pappas</i>
<i>Phyllis Peasley</i>	<i>Don & Gail Perkinson</i>	<i>Don Rayl</i>
<i>Tom & Geri Shepherd</i>	<i>Nancy Smith</i>	<i>Carolyn Wallace</i>

Family and Friends

*Tom Goedl, cancer
Kathy Rayl for salvation & health
Chris Steckler*

Requested by

*Bob & Barbara Goedl
Don & Ruthie Rayl
Stephani Steckler*

Service men and women:

*Shawn Capps, Marines
Richard Dillon, Nat'l Guard
Zach Elston, Air Force
Matthew Ewig, Air Force
Steven Goode, Army
Michael McDowell, Nat'l Guard
Wayne McWhorter, Nat'l Guard
Stephen Mejean, Army
Craig Rayl, Air Force
Eric Smith, Navy
Justin Summer, Marines
Jeff Walling, Nat'l Guard
K.C. White*

Requested by

*Monty & Terri Cook
Rosie Dillon
Chuck & Doris Elston
Clyde & Jane Fields
Pat Adams
Toni Belcher
McWhorters & Taylors
Dave & Denise Mejean
Don & Ruthie Rayl
Monty & Terri Cook
Linda Eckert
Martha Walling
Stephen Mejean*

If there are others you would like to include, contact Barbara Goedl, 839-8123

MEN'S COFFEE HOUR

**EVERY MONDAY
8:30 a.m.**



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*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.

	<u>Dec. 6</u>	<u>Dec. 13</u>	<u>Dec. 20</u>	<u>Dec. 27</u>
Service Leader	T. Belcher	T. Belcher	T. Belcher	T. Belcher
Pianist		C. & C. Mitchell	C. Hines	C. & C. Mitchell
Advent Family	T. & T. Belcher	J. & S. McWhorter	C. & M. Harlan	B. & C. Hines
Special Music	A. Steckler	B. Hines & M. Hudson	J. Elston & A. Slayten	A. Moran
Communion Meditation	M. Cook	J. Steckler	J. McWhorter	A. Thorpe
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>				
Teacher	J. Williams	J. Williams	J. Williams	J. Williams
Songleader	N. Smythe	N. Smythe	N. Smythe	N. Smythe
Craft	M. Harlan	M. Harlan	M. Harlan	M. Harlan
Games	C. Harlan/J. McWhorter	C. Harlan/J. McWhorter	C. Harlan/J. McWhorter	C. H./J. McW.
Toddlers	B. Moran	B. Moran	B. Moran	B. Moran

NURSERY—Arranged by Jera Foggin


Worship 10:10 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m
Wednesday Meal 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Classes 7:00 p.m.