

Center Community Church

The Vision

NOVEMBER, 2009

“Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with praise;

Give Thanks to Him and praise His name.

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations.”

Psalm 100:4-5

November 8th - **RECOGNITION OF VETERANS**

November 8th - **ROD RAMSELL**, Executive Director of Cookson Hills Christian Ministries, will be sharing the work of Cookson at 9:00 a.m. and give a brief report in the 10:10 service.



Community Thanksgiving Service - Nov. 26th

at 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church on Stafford Road
followed by a dinner at Plainfield Christian Church

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**YOUTH
SUNDAY**

Nov. 29th

10:10 a.m.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

NOVEMBER 29TH

4:00 p.m. Decorate the building for Christmas

5:00 p.m. Finger Food pitch-in

6:00 p.m. Program

Anyone interested in performing a short number or reading, sign up or see Catherine Hines.

From Roger

Always Looking For the Good

“The story is told of a king in Africa who had a close friend with whom he grew up. The friend had a habit of looking at every situation that ever occurred in his life (positive or negative) and remarking, "This is good!" One day the king and his friend were out on a hunting expedition. The friend would load and prepare the guns for the king. The friend had apparently done something wrong in preparing one of the guns, for after taking the gun from his friend, the king fired it and his thumb was blown off. Examining the situation, the friend remarked as usual, "This is good!" To which the king replied, "No, this is not good!" and proceeded to send his friend to jail. About a year later, the king was hunting in an area that he should have known to stay clear of. Cannibals captured him and took him to their village. They tied his hands, stacked some wood, set up a stake and bound him to the stake. As they came near to set fire to the wood, they noticed that the king was missing a thumb. Being superstitious, they never ate anyone who was less than whole. So untying the king, they sent him on his way. As he returned home, he was reminded of the event that had taken his thumb and felt remorse for his treatment of his friend. He went immediately to the jail to speak with his friend. "You were right," he said, "it was good that my thumb was blown off." And he proceeded to tell the friend all that had just happened. "And so, I am very sorry for sending you to jail for so long. It was bad for me to do this." "No," his friend replied, "This is good!" "What do you mean, "This is good"? How could it be good that I sent my friend to jail for a year?" "If I had not been in jail, I would have been with you." (Source: from a sermon by Robert Talent, "Close Don't Count" 7/19/08)

This year it has been difficult to find the good in things. The down turn in the economy, the unemployment, inflation and H1N1 flu just to name a few. But this year has also seen new people becoming involved in our church. We hired a wonderful new Youth Minister and family. We had our first Retreat in years. I think that despite the bad things, we can look at our congregation and say, “This is good!” Now we are approaching Thanksgiving, and I want us to focus on the fact that no matter what goes wrong, there is always good to be found if Christ is in it. We have so much good to be thankful for, we need to remember as long as Christ comes first in our hearts and in the efforts of this church.

“THE BEST IS YET TO COME!!!”

Dear Church Family

It's Always That Time of the Year

We all know someone who likes to travel to Brown County and see the Fall leaves, just one of many places God's brushes paint a masterpiece of color. Everything that God has created has a purpose; everything is in perfect synch and not by chance. For example, trees breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen for us to breathe in and live. According to elmcare.com, a medium-sized tree generates the same amount of oxygen each one of us needs to breathe.

In Junior Church, we are teaching the kids from the book of Exodus. Not just the leaving of Egypt led by Moses, but everything that happened after the Exodus, to include the Ten Commandments, building of the Tabernacles, how their starvation and thirsts were quenched by God and their 40 years of wandering.

It is good to go back to the basics – learning from the beginning. The basics become the building blocks on what other information is built. Has it been awhile since you've read the first books of the Bible? Do you remember how the earth became what it is today! Everything we do in life needs a strong foundation to succeed, and this is no different for the Youth of this church.

I strongly encourage all of us to re-read the early works in our Bible. One important reason is to re-establish your own foundation with God. Our Youth are an inquisitive lot who may come to you and ask you additional questions that they might not understand. Are you ready for their questions? Also, I encourage you to ask them what they learned to reinforce the lessons. Together we will build a strong foundation for the future of this church.

Charley Harlan
Ministry and Council

From the Mission Ministry

COOKSON HILLS CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Center Community Church has sponsored Cookson Hills for many years. Their mission is: To restore children and families in crisis to a life-changing relationship with Christ.

Their facility is located in Northeastern Oklahoma on 1000 acres of beautiful rolling hills. Family units are composed of a married couple, their children and placed children. The staff to child ratio is 1 to 3. Eighteen homes with three to seven bedrooms are currently available for child care. Most meals are provided in a dining hall setting.

The following are outcomes of their work with the children:

- Develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that honors Him.
- Learn and work toward healthy personal and family relationships.
- Learn Godly family life through the lives of the house parents.
- Develop productive habits and enjoyment of personal accomplishment.
- Become strong in personal commitment to the values of sexual purity, taking personal responsibility, being honest, having integrity, and gaining a better defined sense of self.
- Understand how Christianity is relevant in contemporary culture.
- Establish realistic academic goals and develop the skills to achieve those goals.
- Develop an awareness of how to help and serve other people
- Incorporate serving others into daily life.

Last year our congregation filled about 80 boxes of items for specific children, so that each child would have a gift to open on Christmas. Again this year, we will send these boxes for all of the children at Cookson Hills. Our shake-out offering in September went towards the cost of the shipping charges for sending these to Cookson Hills. We received many nice thank you cards from those children for the items sent.

Jim Dininger
Mission Ministry

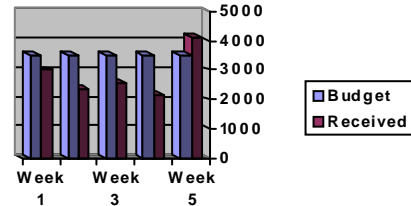
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The Christian Support Center is running low on several food staples and would appreciate if you bring any of the following items to the Center at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 710 E. Buchanan Street: any pasta product, dried beans, tomatoes (diced or sauce), rice, peanut butter or mac and cheese.
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Quarterly Business Meeting—Nov. 15th

Stewardship

	S.S.	A.M.	General Fund
9/27	48	123	\$2,355.81
10/4	56	131	\$2,568.31
10/11	51	131	\$2,177.33
10/18	53	144	\$4,134.00

Weekly Financial Need: \$3,500.00



Building Fund to date \$73,715.66

Sympathy to Jean Weber and family on the death of her husband, Jerry, who passed away on October 24th. He will also be missed by his friends and Church family.

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE

Thanksgiving Boxes for needy families
will be taken in November.

Please bring non-perishable food items by Nov. 15th.

You may bring socks for the SOX BOX for Cookson Hills Children's Home this month.

These socks include youth and adult sizes. They especially like sport socks, no show footie type, toe socks, fun socks with printed pictures, colored socks, black or brown dress socks for boys/men (not thin type), and holiday socks.

Please select your child(ren) from Cookson Hills to send CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Lists of the 87 children are posted in the hall and at the table. A more detailed list of information is available as several had asked for last year. Make your selection, see one of the Mission Ministry at the table and you will receive the name and information.

Primary Sunday School September Attendance

Rylie Williams attended 3 Sundays and Naomi Walling came on 2 Sundays. Brynn Hudson joined us for 1 week. These girls are learning so much about Jesus! We'd love to have more children who are 5 years of age through Grade 1.

Teachers: Allen & Denyse Thorpe

C.W.F.

Monday, November 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Theme: STAR SPANGLED SPECTACULAR

There will be games and door prizes.

Sharing: Prayers and Praises

Devotions: Jera Foggin

Hostess: Sharon Davis

All ladies are invited

MEN'S COFFEE HOUR

EVERY MONDAY, 8:30 a.m.

The men have enjoyed donuts, pancakes & bacon and biscuits and gravy—thanks to Chuck Elston, Jerry Boles, Dwight Hineman and Ray Henderson

PRAISE FOR ANSWERED PRAYER!

Don & Ruthie Rayl express praise to God for answered prayer! Don has no more need for treatments and the cancer is gone! Thanks CCC Family for prayers and concern.

Thank you

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your visits, food, cards and especially your prayers. It's nice to have a Church Family for support.

I will start chemo the middle of October, so keep praying.

Yours in Christ,

Carole Mitchell

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers in this ongoing illness. I'm in God's hands in this stimulator therapy and if it works, I'll be off all the morphine and such.

Again thanks. I love and miss your faces.

Nancy Smith

Dear CCC family,

Thank you for the special recognition on Teacher Appreciation Sunday. We are thankful that we can share Bible lessons with the Primary Class.

Allen & Denyse Thorpe

Thanks...

...to the Work Day volunteers: Joyce Bennett, Jerry Boles, Roger Foggin, Charley, Christopher & Jennifer Harlan, Rosanne Hines, James & Carol McWhorter, Jamie & Wyatt McWhorter, Amy Slayten, Aimee Steckler and anyone else who helped.

...to the men who helped build Jason's new office: Jerry Boles, Ray Henderson, James McWhorter, Matt Slayten, Charley Harlan, Jamie McWhorter, Dan Smythe, Henry Crow, Roger Foggin and Jason Williams. And to anyone else who contributed! We love our church volunteers.

...to Ken & Tim Eller for replacing some windows and repairing door closers.

...to James McWhorter and his family for keeping the Church lawn mowed and trimmed this past season.

...to our faithful Office Volunteers: Grace Walker, Mary Roe, Ethel Mae Hughes and Chuck Elston.

...to the Eckerts for keeping our "Church Family" Picture Board decorated and updated.

...to EVERY Ministry member for doing more things than can be listed!

GAME NIGHT

November 27th, 6:30 p.m.



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Plainfield, IN 46168-9062

Roger Foggin, Minister
Jason Williams, Youth Minister
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Toni Belcher, Financial Secretary
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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.



Turn your
clocks back!

	<u>Nov. 1</u>	<u>Nov. 8</u>	<u>Nov. 15</u>	<u>Nov. 22</u>	<u>Nov. 29</u>
Service Leader	A. Thorpe	A. Thorpe	A. Thorpe	A. Thorpe	Youth
Pianist	J. Cottrell	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Hines	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Lane
Special Music	Bell Choir	Veteran's Day Special	D. Thorpe	L. Dubak	Youth
Communion Meditation	D. Rayl	K. Eller	J. Anderson	B. Hines	Youth
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>					
Teacher	J. Williams	J. McWhorter	C. Harlan	N. Smythe	J. Williams
Songleader	N. Smythe	M. Harlan	N. Smythe	M. Harlan	
Craft	N. Smythe	J. Williams	J. McWhorter	C. Harlan	
Games	J. McWhorter	C. Harlan	J. Williams	J. McWhorter	
Break	C. & M. Harlan	N. Smythe	M. Harlan	J. Williams	
Communion	C. Elston	J. Anderson			
Toddlers	J. Mitchener	J. Mitchener	J. Mitchener	J. Mitchener	J. Mitchener

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.