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Connecting friends and family of Central Christian Church with each other, the community, and beyond.

From the Pastor

Commonsense Be-attitudes

*(adapted from unknown resource)
The Beatitudes are the Gospel's
commentary on "attitude"*

- Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves; they will always have entertainment.
- Blessed are those who can distinguish between a mountain and a molehill; they will save themselves a lot of trouble.
- Blessed are those who can rest and sleep without looking for excuses; they will become wise.
- Blessed are those who are intelligent enough not to take themselves too seriously; they will be appreciated.
- Blessed are you if you can look seriously at small things and peacefully at serious things; you will go far in life.
- Blessed are you if you can admire a smile and forget a scowl; your path will be sunlit.
- Blessed are you if you can always interpret the attitudes of others with good will, even when appearances are to the contrary; you may seem naive, but that is the price of charity.
- Blessed are those who think before acting and who laugh before thinking; they will avoid foolish mistakes.
- Blessed are you if you know how to be silent and smile, even when you are interrupted, contradicted or walked on; the gospel is beginning to take root in your heart.
- Blessed are you especially if you know how to recognize the Lord in all those you meet; you have found the true light, true wisdom.

Blessings,
L. Brent Cantrell,
Pastor

**By your "attitude" be -attitudes of
Jesus' teachings. life and promise.**

Summer Festival, July 16 7:00 am-1:30 pm

On July 16 from 7:00 am until 1:30 pm, join the friendly folks at Central Christian for The Summer Festival.

The day will include a good old fashioned Flea Market headed up by Dan and Nan Kane. You may also sell your own items out of your trunk and donate 50% to the church. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the church as soon as possible.

We will have a Food Court headed up by Kim Cantrell. Children's activities will be happening as well with free games taking place throughout the morning. Joan Kennison is in charge of the Children's Corner.

From the Food Coordinator

We can't have a festival without food, RIGHT !!! Well we will definitely be cooking up something A few people have already signed up to help in the kitchen and I am very appreciative !!!

I may be calling on a few of you to help with donating some food items or if you would be willing to help out in such a way please let me know.

We will be serving some type of pastries and a lunch.

Hope to see you all there !!!

Food Coordinator - Kim Cantrell

JULY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 9:30 am Worship Wiggly Worship Hospitality Hour FOOD BANK SUNDAY	4 July 4th Holiday Church Office Closed	5 10:30 am Bible Study	6 9:30 am CWF Group 6:30 pm Parent to Parent Group	7 10:30 am Worship Team	8	9 General Assembly of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, begins in Nashville, Tennessee
10 9:30 am Worship Wiggly Worship Hospitality Hour	11 Meals on Wheels Delivery	12 7:30 am Kimball Ridge Assn Meeting 10:30 am Bible Study	13 General Assembly ends 6:30 pm Parent to Parent Group	14 10:30 am Worship Team	15	16 7:00 am - 1:30 pm Central's Summer Festival
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Food Bank Update

Charlie Howard reports that he took 22 pounds of food items and paper products to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank this month. Thank you to those who so faithfully donate items. And thanks so much to everyone who contributes through monetary donations. They are all appreciate.

Please remember to bring your items - any non perishable foods, plus paper products- and put them in the barrel marked for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Charlie Howard takes the items to the Food Bank after the first Sunday of each month and we thank Charlie for his faithful ministry.

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for.....

Effie Mather	Wilma Johnson
Mary Canfield	Bev Donels
Buz Blake	Bob Donels
Darrel Baker	Ann Hewitt
Robin Thomas	Roy Longhorn
Gary Longhorn	Dorothy Mueller
Ella Mae Pelton	Jan Mathys
Ann Kirk	Dorothy Anderson
Sue Geisler	Donita Blood
Scott Richter	Dean Jellings
Barb Rose	Michelle Richter
Larry Baker	Hunter Jungling
Ben Wellborn	Joleen Jungling
Rachel Kahn	Rev. Wil Dilsaver
Ledger Dalton	Steve Papenthien
Russ Watson	Nicholas Brudevold
Damon Baker	Matt Soriede
Jared Brody	Matthew Helmke
Ryan Spurling	Denny Paul
Niki Burow (Lucille's daughter-in-law)	
All military personnel	
The Peosta Worship Center	

Missionaries:

Dick & Sharon Mueller (missionaries,
Sharon is the daughter of John Loeb)
e-mail - Mueller @c.net.gt.
Terry & Carole Tufts & family (missionaries,
Terry is the brother of Judy Hughes)
e-mail - 103236.2645@compuserve.com

Thank You

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are very grateful for your most gracious gift of \$75 to help feed the hungry people in the Cedar Valley. Please know that you are doing more than helping feed their bodies. You are helping feed their souls.

When they turn to us, we want to be ready to give them good, nutritious meals as a way to demonstrate that God cares for them.. And we can, because of caring friends like you. People like those without homes who don't know where to turn for their next meal. Families with no money to feed their children, an elderly person who's social security won't cover the cost of living, those on the edge of economic disaster.

Your contribution will qualify for matching funds from the Feinstein Foundation, this will add significantly to your gift. Thank you again for standing with us to help the less fortunate in our community.

God bless you,
Captain Rob Whitney
Corps Officer
Sue Hennings,
Development Director

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$200.00 to purchase fans to be given away during these very hot days of summer. Your care and compassion for the poor and needy is making a difference in the lives of less fortunate people in our community. Your love and concern for those in need has not gone unnoticed. You have touched the lives of individuals in our community in a special way and they will wear a smile of joy because their life has been touched by you. We commend you for considering the needs of the less fortunate and your confidence in us to meet those needs.

May God Bless you richly,
In His Service
Sue Hennings,
Development Director

Dear Friends of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank,

On behalf of the board, staff and volunteers of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, we would like to thank your congregation for collecting food for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank during the last year. As the Food Solicitor here at the Food Bank, I want to make sure you know that we are once again here to support your efforts.

The mission of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank is to provide nutritious food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations and individuals in Northeast Iowa, while offering hunger education programs to the community and those in need.

Your donation helps our neighbors and friends. One in eight residents in our 16-county service area seeks assistance from a Food Bank agency each year.

Because of you, we have been able to meet an ongoing need throughout Northeast Iowa! Together, we are making a difference on a daily basis in people's lives.

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank is also seeking volunteers. Volunteer shifts are available Monday through Friday with hours that vary. Interested volunteers should contact Patrick Bird at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank at 319-235-0507.

Thank you again for all that your church does for our organization and those in need. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or requests at 319-235-0507, ext. 114.

With sincere appreciation,
Sheri Huber-Otting
Food Solicitor
Northeast Iowa Food Bank

2011 General Assembly of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ

Our denomination's General Assembly is July 9 through July 13 in Nashville, Tennessee. The five days will be packed with activities - resolutions to be discussed at meetings, many messages to hear, entertainment, and workshops.

Central does not have delegates going this year but if you are interested in attending, please let the church office know, 234-6231.

This is always a worthwhile and exciting event in the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

Parent to Parent

Any and all parents, raising infants through teenagers, and grandparents who are also involved - join us on Wednesday evenings in June and July for a time of conversation, idea exchange, support and encouragement, and some brief relief from the stress of rearing children and teens.

This is not a formal study; but more of a time to chat, share stories, perhaps get some advice, and to encourage one another. Pastor Brent may offer some brief devotions and/or tip sheets.

We will have snacks to care for our hunger. Fun and fellowship to keep us energized.

All are welcome. Members of Central or not.

Each Wednesday, beginning June 8th - 6:30 to 7:30 | Central Library.

Child Care will be provided.

Central Christian Scholarship Program

Since 2006 we have been able to give assistance to six young people. Nicole Walker has recently graduated from Wartburg College with a teaching degree, and is looking forward to a classroom of her own. She had an awesome student teaching experience in Denver, Colorado. Molly Hanson graduated from Hawkeye Community College this spring in Early Childhood Education. She will be working at Trinity Lutheran PreSchool this fall in the Toddler Division. Jessica Arnold graduated from Kapler University in the Criminal Justice Program. She has a job with Four Oaks in Independence, IA and reports that she enjoys this job very much. Danielle Brackin graduated from Hawkeye Community College this spring. She will be entering the nursing program this fall in Iowa City. Brandon Walker has completed one year at Hawkeye Community College where he started in Electronics Engineering. He will be looking at a new major when he returns this fall, Web Design and Development. All the young people expressed their appreciation for their opportunity for higher education and thanked Central for the scholarship help they received.

This year's recipients will be Hayley Jordan and Ashley Reynolds. Hayley will be attending Wartburg this fall and Ashley will be attending Hawkeye Community College.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday morning WYS | WYG Bible Study -- WYS..WYG (What you see...(is) What you get) A Straight-forward, no gimmicks or obstacle, study of the Bible.

Starting on Tuesday, June 7th we began a simple, but meaningful journey through the Bible. No fancy workbook. No big doctrinal or theological exploration. Simply, a week by week reading of a few verses and basic teachings on their meanings.

If you have not attended this or any Bible Study in awhile; make use of the summer and its more flexible schedule to attend this study.

It will begin at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday morning. It will last 45 to 60 minutes. New students of the Bible or seasoned veterans will learn new insights and share new learnings with others. It will be very user friendly. The Bible Study will be nourishing and helpful in our Christian faith walk. The fellowship will be wonderful. And who knows...maybe there will be snacks from time to time.

Graduates

All known graduates (high school and post high school graduates) were honored in worship on Sunday, June 12th. If you could not attend, contact Pastor Brent. We have a gift for each of you....let's find a time to get together, over a cup of coffee or whatever and share some fellowship as our gift is presented to you.

Email Pastor Brent at brent@centralchristianwaterloo.org.

Campers

We have several campers going to church camp this summer. The Mayfield family is our camper family this year!

Bob and Carol Mayfield are going to Grandcamp with their grandchildren, Wesley Helmke, Evan Potter, Rowan Miller, and Addison Fuller. They will be at camp July 9th and 10th.

Laetyn Miller will be going to Junior Camp from July 25th through July 30th.

Ali Miller will be going to CYF Camp from August 1st through 6th and will also be counseling at camp July 25th through July 30.

Zoe Helmke will go to Pee Wee Camp July 5th through 7th.

Bob Mayfield will be counseling again this year at the CYF Camp.

We wish all our campers a great camping experience!

Get Your Piece of the Puzzle!

This Summer in worship the messages will focus on Psalm 23 and the Bible personalities that did what the 23rd Psalm teaches. The series is called, "The 23rd Psalm and Heroes of Faith."

This series is intended to "put" the pieces of the puzzle of the messages and the main focus of the 23rd Psalm together. Each week, you will receive a piece of a puzzle. When the series is complete (in late August) you will have a complete puzzle.

Do note....if you miss a week, you will have a missing piece of the puzzle. But there is grace....at the end of the series, then you can get any pieces of the puzzle you may be missing.

Each week the puzzle piece will be a particular color that helps depict the main teaching of the message and that particular verse of the 23rd Psalm.

When all of the puzzle pieces are put together, we will help you assemble a complete picture of what God is trying to teach us in the 23rd Psalm.

Be in worship this summer and get your piece of the puzzle of the 23rd Psalm and heroes of faith who lived the truth of the verses of Psalm 23.

It will not be a puzzling message; but it will help us assemble a complete picture of God's message.

Attention: Elders

All 3 communion kits are missing from the church. If you have a communion kit at home, please return it to the church as soon as possible.

Your ministry in taking communion to our members who are unable to get to church is a blessing. We thank you.



Aspire Riding Program Cowboy Breakfast

The 10th Annual Aspire Therapeutic Riding Program Cowboy Breakfast will be Sunday, July 17th from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm at the UAW Hall, 2615 Washington St. in Waterloo. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids with children under 4 eating free. The Menu is Biscuits and gravy, fruit, sausage, eggs, and ham. All proceeds will go towards Hope Day Camp which is part of the Aspire Program. For tickets or additional information, contact Aspire at 319-296-0964 or email info@aspiretrp.org.



Bible School is fast approaching, beginning this Sunday, June 26th at 5:30 pm and continuing each evening through Thursday, June 30th, 5:30 until 8:30 pm.

Hopefully, you have signed your children up but if not, please call the church office, 234 6231 or Sharon Longhorn at 233-1468.

The location is Kimball Avenue United Methodist Church, 1207 Kimball Ave.

The theme this year is "Shake It Up Cafe" and Kitchen fun will be used to carry out God's Recipe!

Hope you can make it for Bible School starting at 5:30 pm on Sunday!



School for Congregational Learning - August 27th

The School for Congregational Learning will take place on August 27th at West Des Moines Christian Church. The theme is, "The Great Re-Awakening of the Church (as we connect with the Next Generation). The Keynoter is Christian Piatt, author of many books and articles including "My Space to Sacred Space: God for a New Generation."

Workshops and practical learning courses include: Beyond Alligator Wrestling (by our new Regional Minister Bill Spangler-Dunning); Death and Dying, Having the "talk": youth, technology, limits and the church; Mission Trip Planning, 7 Powerful Benefits for Ministry Leaders; Church Finances; Congregational Energy Efficiency, Ministry to Persons with Dementia; Office ideas for Church Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, To Be Church in a Different Way; Transforming Christian Education; and new this year Bethany Village...outdoor experience of games, learning, challenge courses, etc. for children and youth. This is just a small sampling. There are courses and opportunities for one and all.

The cost is only \$20 including a wonderful lunch. Pastor Brent is the Chair of the School for Congregational Learning. Come, learn and be part of a one of a kind experience to guide you in ministry, mission and life.

Cedar Falls Bible Conference

The Cedar Falls Bible Conference is scheduled for July 31 through August 7 at Riverview Conference Center in Cedar Falls. Featured speakers are Jill Briscoe, Mark Cahill, Dr. D. Stuart Briscoe, Scotty Smith, Dr. Donald McCall Brunson, Jr., and Dr. Derek Thomas. Featured Performers are The King's Brass, Art Perri, Diane Susek, and The Rick Webb Family.

If you are interested in attending any of the events, check out the website www.CedarFallsBibleConference.org or call the church office at 234-6231 for times of events. You may also stop by the church office and check out the brochure that has information on the Bible Conference.



Building God's Kingdom Continues --#2

How exciting that Central's **BGK** Fundraising Campaign continues to gain momentum! More supporters of Central Christian Church are experiencing God's encouragement to join this movement. We are so thankful for those individuals and families who have stepped out in their faith and have committed their dollars to this Campaign. Praise God!

In the previous CONNECTOR, **BGK** translated to **B**elieve **G**od is **K**ing of everything in our lives. Thinking a bit more, **BGK** also means **B**ehave with **G**enuine **K**indness.

Ephesians 4:32 - "Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you."

Romans 12:9-13 - "Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality."

We gratefully acknowledge those Central Christian folks who **B**ehave with **G**enuine **K**indness each day in their walk with the Lord, not just at church on Sundays when others can see. They treat others as they would like to be treated. How wonderful to be the recipient of kindness, love, and respect!

The next CONNECTOR will offer yet another slogan for **BGK**. Ah, sweet mystery!

Your **Building God's Kingdom** Task Group,
Wendy Brudevold, Lisa Walker, Julianne Kahn, Jane Griffith, Alan Asher, MariLynn Pierce, Sharon Gatewood, and Dr. L. Brent Cantrell

Website Updates

Check out Central's <http://www.centralchristianwaterloo.org> to see a calendar page that permits its viewer to look at the current month, previous month, future months, current week, or current day. Then one can click on a particular day (or simply place the cursor over that day) for more information to appear. Birthdays and anniversaries also are included. If anyone desires a specific year incorporated for a birthday or anniversary, notify the Webmaster. Presto! Your request will be granted.

Two new slideshows on the Home Page are those from Sunday, June 12. One focuses on the recognition of Central Christian Church's graduates, while another shows the Fellowship Lunch that followed the Annual Congregational Meeting. Although you may not experience thrills and chills while viewing either set of photos, you will see the enthusiasm and smiles exhibited by those photographed. That's a very good thing, too!

Keep clicking on our website to see what's happening at Central!

Your devoted Webmaster,
Jane Griffith

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DOOR GREETERS

Upper Door: Come and see!
Lower Door: Linda Lambert

ELDERS SERVING

3 Toots Weston
10 Judy Hughes
17 Mike Deters
24 Peggy Moore
31 Sharon Longhorn

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Stacie Uhlenhake	11 Sue Geisler
3 Mark Miller	13 Joan Landau
3 Rachel Crow	14 Alexis Miller
6 Tenisha Shorter	14 Carmen Miller
7 Chet Fredin	14 Jane Griffith
7 Brandy Linsey	15 Alyssa Newcomb
7 Dan Geisler	20 Maxine Weichers
8 Dustin Kane	20 Ella Mae Pelton
8 Jan Sawyer	21 Jack Parks
9 Allison Smalley	22 Michael Deters
9 Benjamin Small	26 LuVerne Miller
10 Maurice Williams	26 Nevaeh Newcomb
10 Colette Mosley	

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

6 Mike & Francine Perry
12 Gene & Nancy Terry
27 Alan and Larysa Asher
29 Tony Phan & Kelly Deters
