

## Central Christian Church

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### Council on Christian Unity Names President-Elect, Rev. Paul Tche

The Board of Directors of the Council on Christian Unity (CCU) is pleased to announce the selection of Rev. Seung Un (Paul) Tche as president-elect of the CCU. Tche will begin his work on September 1, working alongside current president Dr. Robert Welsh, who will retire in 2016.

"We had several excellent candidates for the position," said Rev. Kory Wilcoxson, chair of the Search Committee, "but it was clear to us that Paul was the right person for the job. The committee was impressed with his gift of relationship-building, his authenticity, and his personal experience in working for Christian unity. The Board looks forward to working with Paul as we help CCU move into its next chapter of leadership."

Tche currently serves as pastor of White Oak Pond Christian Church in Richmond, Ky. He has previously served churches in Louisville and Lexington [Resident Minister at Central Christian Church]. Tche, a first-generation immigrant from South Korea, received his Bachelor's and Master of Arts degrees in South Korea, and earned his Master of Divinity from Brite Divinity School in Texas.

### You're invited to an Ice Cream Social!

Here's the scoop! Ice cream, swimming, more ice cream, paddle boats, games and more ice cream!

**Sunday, July 26, 4-6 p.m.**

Pepperhill Farm (1127 Bakers Lane, Nicholasville)

Bring: • An ice cream topping • Your swimsuit and towel if you want to swim

• A picnic for your family if you want to picnic.



### Sunday in Worship

June 28, 2015

8:30 a.m.

Rev. David Shirey,  
preaching  
Rev. Elizabeth King,  
leading worship

Dr. Phil Points, elder

11 a.m.

Rev. David Shirey,  
preaching  
Rev. Elizabeth King,  
leading worship  
Rev. Don Chase and  
Rev. Lynda Woodard, elders

Scripture: *Esther 6:1-11*

#### Connect:

Sunday services are broadcast live at 11 a.m. on WWTF-1580 AM and streamed on iHeart Radio. You may also listen to the sermon on our website at [centralchristianlex.org](http://centralchristianlex.org). Look for us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CentralChristianLex>.

Linda Sutherland was baptized during the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, June 14.

A resident of Central Apartments, Linda is a fixture on the front pew for worship services, attends Thursday evening choir practices to bask in the beauty of the music, is present for Lunch Bunch on first Wednesdays enjoying the food, fellowship, and program, and shows up throughout the week whenever the church doors are open.

Several weeks ago, Linda asked me if she could be baptized. I assumed by her name on our membership roles and her regular attendance that she had been. "Linda," I asked, "You've never been baptized?"

"It's a long story," Linda responded. And it was. She then recounted for me the contours of her life over 6+ decades, including her being told by her father as a young girl that she needed to be baptized. "Forced" was the word Linda used.

I launched into a theological exegesis of baptism that would have made my Divinity School professors proud, chief among its points being that the efficacy of baptism does not rest in our

feelings at the time or our understanding of its meaning, but rather in the trustworthiness and sovereignty of God who embraces us in the waters "just as we are" and matures us from there thanks to the power of the Spirit's presence and the risen Lord's leading. "So Linda," I concluded, "there is no need for you to be baptized again."

Whereupon Linda nodded politely and told me in so many words, "Pastor David, I *want* to be baptized at *Central*. Central is the first church in my life that ever welcomed me. Before, I *had* to be baptized, now I *want* to be baptized."

So much for theological arguments. Linda's sincerity won. She bought herself a baptismal robe so she would always have a keepsake of her baptism. She bought some baptismal certificates, too, and asked that I fill one out and sign it as another reminder. And on the morning of her baptism, she arrived an hour early, as eager as a child on Christmas morning.

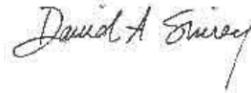
Debbie Rice and Lori and Olivia Brewer donned baptismal robes themselves and assisted

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Linda into and out of the waters. But if they weren't there, I have a strong sense Linda would have gotten herself into those waters on her own, so fierce was her desire to claim Jesus Christ as Lord.

I have a strong sense, too, that though we had a microphone in front of the baptistry, Linda's "I DO!" to the question "Do you believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God? Do you accept him as Lord and Savior?" was heard loud and clear in the very back of the balcony. Would that we all would reach times in our lives when, like our sister Linda, we're moved to reaffirm our faith with an insistent, not-to-be-denied, full-throated and joyful, "I DO!"



**Our Sympathy**

To Wayne and Virginia Bell and family in the death of their son David Bell.

To Sarah Hall in the death of her mother Verna Futch.

To the family and friends of John Lackey, III in his recent death.

**Our Congratulations**

To Jessica Brock and Jacob Stone who were married June 13 with Rev. Chad Snellgrove officiating.

To Heather Combs and Haven Murray who were married at Central Christian Church, June 19, with Dr. Ray Holdren officiating.

**Memorial Gifts**  
The following gift has been given...

*In memory of*  
**Victoria Ackall**  
by  
Serene Ackall

*In memory of*  
**David Bell**  
(to the Building Fund)  
by  
Dan & Betsy Stewart

*In memory of*  
**Robert Congleton and Bobby Congleton**  
(to the Central Music Academy)  
by  
Marian Congleton

*In memory of*  
**Jody McDaniel**  
(to the Central Music Academy)  
by  
Art & Margarete Gundry

*In memory of*  
**Jack Russell**  
(to Disciples for Habitat)  
by  
Ray & Lila (Lyle) Brown [granddaughter]

*In honor of*  
**Kids SING April Performance**  
by  
Nancy Kesten

**Adult Summer Camp**

Under the leadership of Lisa Maas, the Congregational Care Ministry team is making some of the most memorable pieces of the youth church camp experience available for adults this summer.

- \* Saturday, June 27, 10 a.m.-12 noon: "Multiple Intelligence Toolbox 101: Interpreting Scripture YOUR Way and Having Fun, Too!" with Jennie Shirey
- \* Wednesday, July 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: "Exploration of Healing Touch" with Drs. Angela and Jon Webb
- \* Wednesday, July 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: "Yoga" with Megan Murph
- \* TBA—"Campfire Songs and S'mores" at Pepperhill Farm with Barb and Don Stephens.

Please register by calling the church office (859) 233-1551 or by emailing Elizabeth at elizabeth.n.king@gmail.com. There is no cost to attend.

**July 2015**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7 p.m. Stephen Ministers	2	3 Church Office Closed	4 Happy 4th! 
5	6 11:30 a.m. Staff Mtg.	7	8 12 noon Black Church Coalition Lunch 5 p.m. Property 6 p.m. Parish Nurse 6:30 p.m. Adult Sum- mer Camp	9 12 noon Chimes articles due for July 15 issue	10 5 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	11 5:30 p.m. Wedding
12 12 noon Operational Effectiveness Strategic Planning	13 11:30 a.m. Staff Mtg. 6:30 p.m. DW Circle 15	14 4:30 p.m. Stewardship & Finance	15 4 p.m. Board of Trustees 6:30 p.m. Adult Summer Camp	16	17	18 Christian Church (DOC) General Assembly in Columbus OH → → →
19 General Assembly → → →	20 General Assembly → → →	21 General Assembly → → →	22 General Assembly	23 12 noon Chimes articles due for July 29 issue	24	25
26 12 noon Outreach Ministries 4 p.m. Ice Cream Social at Pepperhill Farm	27 9:30 a.m. Staff Planning Retreat	28	29 7 p.m. Administra- tive Board Meeting	30	31	