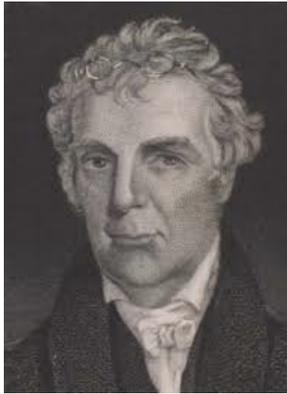


## Let's Go Deeper...

### Wednesday, January 6, 2016



Happy Epiphany! Today is the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas (Count 'em). On the Christian calendar, we celebrate the arrival of the wise men. We use the word "epiphany" to speak of an insight, an *Aha!* moment: "Now I see. Now I get it." The wise men *got* it. They had *the* Epiphany. They were able to perceive that the babe born in the manger was the Messiah, the Son of God.



200 years ago, a pastor named **Barton Warren Stone** arrived in Lexington. He had an epiphany a revival at his Cane Ridge Church <http://www.caneridge.org/> in Bourbon County that filled him with a lifelong passion for Christian Unity. In 1816, he founded what has become Central Christian. What a privilege it is and what a pleasure it will be to celebrate Central's bicentennial year with you. My prayer is that we will have numerous epiphanies throughout this year—welcome recognitions of the legacy that has been bequeathed us by our forebears, a rich, proud history that provides us with a firm foundation from which to launch into a 3<sup>rd</sup> century of serving God and neighbor.

To kick off our 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, here's a quiz I shared with elders at their meeting last Sunday. See how you do. The answers are at the end.

#### How well do you know Central's History? A Just-for-fun Quiz

1. The Cane Ridge Revival hosted by Central's founding pastor Barton Warren Stone took place in August of what year?  
a) 1777 b) 1786 c) 1801 d) 1815
2. Founded in 1816, by 1831 the fledgling Central Christian Church had a membership of: a) 24 b) 74 c) 124 d) 184
3. The union of the Christians (Stoneites) with the Disciples (Campbellites) took place at the Hill St. (High St.) Christian Church on New Year's Day in:  
a) 1825 b) 1832 c) 1845 d) 1850
4. In 1842, the congregation, now numbering 300, moved from Hill St. (High St.) to Main Street. During the Civil War, the Main Street C.C. was used as a:  
a) hospital b) jail c) munitions depot d) post office
5. In 1843, a 16 day, four hour per day debate on what topic between Alexander Campbell and Presbyterian Nathan Rice drew capacity crowds to the 800 seat Main St. Christian Church?  
a) the resurrection b) communion c) the inerrancy of Scripture d) baptism

6. In 1868, the Disciples in Lexington were hosting on one campus the institution(s) or higher education that would become  
a) Transylvania b) U.K. c) Lexington Theological Seminary d) a & c e) a, b, & c
7. Sermons during the mid-1800s were usually how long?  
a) 15 minutes b) 45 minutes c) 1-2 hours d) 2+ hours
8. One of Central's pastors, L.L. Pinkerton, has the distinction of introducing the first \_\_\_\_\_ into Disciples worship in 1859 when he pastored Midway Christian Church.  
a) hymn b) children's moment c) organ d) robe
9. The lot on which Central stands today formerly belonged to:  
a) Masonic Temple b) First Baptist c) Transylvania U. d) Lexington Hospital
10. On July 22, 1894, at the first worship service on this corner, Rev. Robert Mathews' dedicatory sermon expressed a vision for a church:  
a) "built on the foundations of prayer and praise"  
b) "at the intersection of reaching up and reaching out"  
c) "worshiping God and serving humanity"  
d) "in the heart of Lexington with a heart for the world"
11. When was the fire that led to the reconstruction of the sanctuary and reorientation of the chancel and altar?  
a) June 13, 1927 b) January 19, 1933 c) March 7, 1940 d) September 18, 1945
12. In the early 1900s, Rev. I. J. Spencer was instrumental in transforming Central's eldership from a focus on the disciplining of church members to:  
a) "encouraging faithful stewardship"  
b) "increasing biblical literacy"  
c) "positive and constructive shepherding"  
d) "cultivating a climate of prayer and praise"
13. From 1895 to 1921, a primary issue that faced Central was:  
a) controversy over the interpretation of the Bible  
b) debt  
c) the role of women in church leadership  
d) making room for a rapidly growing membership
14. Between 1899 and 1926, Central regularly hosted "Congresses" focusing on:  
a) discussion of the controversial questions of the day  
b) effectively lobbying legislators for social change  
c) building closer relationships among Protestants, Catholics, and Jews  
d) encouraging local business people to see their work as a Christian vocation
15. In January, 1945, three months after his arrival, Dr. Leslie Smith began:  
a) an 8:30 a.m. worship service  
b) publishing *The Chimes*  
c) quarterly board meetings  
d) a Capital Campaign to add an Educational wing to the church

16. In 1960, the Holtkamp organ was installed in the sanctuary at a cost of:  
a) \$5,750 b) \$57,750 c) \$157,750 d) \$257,750
17. A Welcome Statement approved first by the elders and then by the board in what year declared that membership in Central should be open to all sincere Christians irrespective of previous denominational affiliation, creed, mode of baptism, or race: a) 1935 b) 1945 c) 1955 d) 1965
18. In the Spring of 1980, the hand-carved red oak doors were installed featuring what six figures?  
a) Noah, Abraham, Isaiah, Jesus, Peter, Paul  
b) Abraham, Isaiah, David, Jesus, Alexander Campbell, Barton Warren Stone  
c) Abraham, David, Isaiah, Jesus, Peter, Barton Warren Stone  
d) Moses, David, Micah, Jesus, Paul, Barton Warren Stone
19. The first women were elected elders in: a) 1953 b) 1963 c) 1973 d) 1983
20. Place the following Outreach Endeavors of Central in the chronological order in which they were acquired/ launched  
a) Watkins Bldg, Evans Music Rm, Adult Day Center, Central Apts, St. James Pl.  
b) Watkins Bldg, Central Apts, Adult Day Center, Evans Music Rm., St. James Pl.  
c) Watkins Bldg, Adult Day Center, Central Apts, Evans Music Rm. St. James Pl.  
d) Watkins Bldg, Central Apts, Evans Music Rm, Adult Day Center, St. James Pl

1. c
2. a
3. b
4. a
5. d
6. e
7. c.
8. c.
9. a.
10. c.
11. b.
12. c.
13. b.
14. a
15. b
16. b. (\$461,237 in today's money)
17. c.
18. d.
19. c.
20. d.

**This Sunday...** we'll be celebrating **The Baptism of our Lord**. Our text will be **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**. It'll be an opportunity for us all to remember the significance of our baptisms. (Mine was March 26, 1972). See you then!