

Central Christian Church

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Updates, Upgrades and Up & Coming Property News

- ◇ Church building has been re-keyed. We are fully functional with our keypads and intercom systems on the church and Watkins buildings. If you are a current key holder for either building and have not received your access code, please contact Mollie Sawyer at the church office.
- ◇ The fire escape on the church building will be receiving an enclosed fence. Many homeless sleep on the fire escape and the concrete pad, necessitating the need to enclose the area.
- ◇ Our sanctuary chiller has had all 6 compressors replaced due to a power surge caused by a storm. (insurance covered the replacement)
- ◇ Fall property landscaping clean-up has been ongoing and will continue throughout September.
- ◇ Clean up of the Balcony area pews is underway (bibles and hymnals wiped down etc).
- ◇ Floor maintenance has been ongoing over the summer and will continue through September.

If you have any questions or concerns about the buildings and our property, you can contact Mollie Sawyer at the church office (859) 233-1551.

PERIODICAL



Sunday in Worship September 11, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Rev. David Shirey,
preaching

Chris Teesdale, Elder

11 a.m.

Rev. David Shirey,
preaching
Revs. Elizabeth King,
Jimmy Gawne and
Hank Sneed leading
worship

Sara Moon and
Connie Hubbard, Elders

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7
Sermon: "What a Time for
a Baby!"

Connect:

Sunday services are broadcast live at 11 a.m. on WWRW-105.5 FM and streamed on iHeart Radio. You may also listen to the sermon on our website at centralchristianlex.org. Look for us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CentralChristianLex/>

With Labor Day now behind us, we've entered into the fall of our 200th anniversary year. I encourage you to read this issue of the *Chimes* closely because it includes news about:

- Our new Minister of Faith Formation, the Rev. Jimmy Gawne
- A new schedule for Sunday Youth Groups
- A new radio station for our 11 a.m. service of worship
- The renewal of our monthly Saturday Men's Breakfasts
- Recent new members
- A new keyless entry system
- The kickoff of KidsCentral
- An announcement about a not-to-be-missed all-church variety and talent show we're calling The Central Follies.

As you note upcoming dates, please mark your calendar for **Homecoming Sunday**, October 30. It will include opportunities for renewing old friendships formed at Central as well as forming new ones.

Homecoming Sunday will begin with **festive worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.**, including:

- A liturgical dance interpreting the lovely music and striking lyrics of the song "Grateful" by John Bucchino.
- The culmination of our 2016 Stewardship Emphasis (Every Member Canvas) whose theme this 200th Anniversary Year, "Grateful," is based on 2 Corinthians 8-9. We will have the opportunity to place our pledges for 2017 in the offering plate, gifts of gratitude which will bear the fruits of Central's ministry as we begin a third century of ministry.

Homecoming Sunday will continue with an afternoon of activities celebrating **Central's long affiliation with Trails End Camp**. Steve and Debbie Rice are coordinating this homecoming of Trails End "alums" that will include travelling Sunday afternoon to Floracliff Nature Preserve, 8000 Elk Lick Falls Road, for the sharing of memories and pictures, a program by the Floracliff staff on the future re-purposing of the Trails End property, a tour of the Trails End Lower Cabin and grounds, and an opportunity to hike to the Elk Lick Creek and the Kentucky River Palisades. A shared meal is also in the works.

NOTE: There are an estimated 100-200 people whose lives have been touched by the Trails End facility that would want to know about this event. Please send Steve Rice the email addresses and names of people who might desire information about this Trails End Homecoming at Steve@RiceKY.com.

For Central's children, Homecoming Sunday will offer an **afternoon Halloween Party** with costumes, fun, games, and treats.

Save the date for Homecoming Sunday, October 30, and all the fall events that follow in this *Chimes*.

In Christ,

David Shirey

Faith Formation Minister

Rev. Jimmy Gawne

Rev. Jimmy Gawne's ministry as Central's Minister of Faith Formation began on Wednesday, August 31. His first Sunday leading worship was Sunday, September 4.

Rev. Gawne, an Arizona native, did his undergraduate studies at Northern Arizona University and completed his Master of Divinity at Wake Forest University. He is married to the Rev. Caitie Smith, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ.

Jimmy's office is located in the west wing on the second floor of the Watkins Building. He may be contacted at (859) 233-1551 or at jimmy@centralchristianlex.org. He will have office hours Monday through Thursday with Friday as his day off.

He has set a new schedule for Youth Groups, which will commence Sunday, September 18:

4 p.m. Chi Rho (Middle School)

5 p.m. TeenSING (Middle School through High School)

6 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. CYF (High School)

We welcome Jimmy and his wife, the Rev. Caitie Smith, to Lexington and our Central Christian Church family.



E-newsletter for Regional News



Want to stay up-to-date on what is happening in the Kentucky region of the Christian Church (DOC)? The region issues a bi-weekly e-newsletter called "CCK News."

Want to know about youth news, mission stories, and the prison ministry? Interested in events like the upcoming regional assembly in Lexington and special seminars and retreats at Christmount in North Carolina? Need resources for searching scripture or writing prayers? All those topics and more were in a recent issue.

The newsletter will be sent to your e-mail address if you request it. Subscribing is easy. Go to Central's homepage, look under the menu "News" and click on "subscribe to bi-weekly newsletter." You will soon receive a greeting from the regional minister and will know that you are a successful subscriber!

Men's Breakfast Resumes

September 10

All Central men are invited to the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 10, at 8:30 a.m.

Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Albert Pennybacker.

Reserve a spot by notifying Lynn in the church office by phone 233-1551 or lynn@centralchristianlex.org.

Save the date for a hearty breakfast and good fellowship with the men of Central.



The Next *Chimes*

In order for articles to be considered for the September 21 issue of *The Chimes*, they must be submitted by September 15 @ 9 a.m.

Please send *Chimes* Articles to Mollie Sawyer; director@centralchristianlex.org.

Other ways we communicate

Wednesday ([Let's Go Deeper](#)) from Rev. David

[Friday](#) E-Blast—from Staff
Facebook, www.facebook.com/CentralChristianLex/

Visit our web site, www.centralchristianlex.info
Make sure you have updated your e-mail address with the church office.

Did you know you could GO Green by having us e-mail you the *Chimes*? Call the church office for more information, (859) 233-1551.



Prayers of joy for the birth of **Naomi "Omi" Bassham Dalton**, daughter of Townley and Lisle Dalton, born August 26. She is welcomed by her brothers, Reilly and Wit; grandparents, Teal and Dann Reilly; and aunt Tricia Reilly. The name Bassham is for her great-grandmother, Pat Bassham Gulley.

Welcome

Ken and Anne Armstrong moved to Lexington to live near their two children, their spouses, and their four grandchildren (ages 6-12). For Ken and Anne finding a church home has always been a priority when moving to a new place. After prayer and seeking guidance they feel they chose well when they joined Central on August 14. They said, "This church seems committed to mission and service in the inner city." Their daughter, Cassie Howard, and grandson, J.R. have been attending worship with them.

Welcome, Ken and Anne. We are grateful you are in ministry with us.

Week of Compassion

Central Christian Church Lexington Bicentennial Fund

A member of our Central Christian Church has expressed a desire to establish a named endowment fund to perpetually contribute to the ministries of Week of Compassion in honor of Central's 200th year. The donor is making a gift of \$2,000 to establish the fund with the Christian Church Foundation. Central members who wish to contribute to the fund this year in honor of Central's bicentennial may contribute \$2, \$20, \$200, or \$2,000 or a gift of your choosing. Send your gift to Central Christian Church, 205 E. Short St., Lexington, KY 40507 with a memo noting "Week of Compassion Bicentennial Fund." Received funds will be directed to the Foundation and added to the Central Christian Lexington, KY, Bicentennial Fund. Week of Compassion (WoC) is the relief, refugee, and development fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada. WoC alleviates suffering through disaster response, humanitarian aid, and sustainable development throughout the world.



Congregational Meeting

September 18 (after each service)

The proposed agenda includes:

Little Building sale to the Central Christian Childcare Center as suggested in the approved Long-range Plan, approved by the Administrative Board on July 13 and by Congregational vote on July 31.

SAVE THE DATE

Women of Central Christian, please join us for lunch after the 11 a.m. service on October 16 in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have food, fellowship and fun as we grow together in God!



Our Sympathy

We express our sympathy, as a congregation, to the following people:

To **Donna Rose and Sara Rose Isaacs** and family in the death of her sister, Susan Wunderlich.

To **Paula Coyle Drew and Rocky Drew**, in the death of Rocky's mother, Wilma Drew.



Central's 200th Anniversary Year

(1816-2016)

September: Life's Milestones

September's theme is LIFE'S MILESTONES. Our focus will be the manner in which the church embraces us throughout our lives from birth to death: baby dedications; baptisms; weddings; funerals. Central's arms have enfolded generations of the faithful at these milestones of life. In the words of the great hymn,

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

Sept. 11 Birth. We'll observe the 15th anniversary of 9/11 with a moment of remembrance and make a courageous, faith-based turn toward the future by focusing on the church's ministry at birth in a sermon titled "What a Time for a Baby" based on Isaiah 9:2-7

Sept. 18 Marriage. A few years ago, a film titled *Juno* featured a teenager going through the ups and downs of adolescence. She asks the plaintive question, "Is it possible for two people to stay in love forever?" We'll look at how faith undergirds lasting relationships and provides grace and healing when relationships must end.

Sept. 25 Death. A sermon titled "Nunc Dimittis" ((Lord, now let your servant depart)) based Luke 2:25-38 will invite us to consider how we can live life in such a way that we can say at death, "Into thy hands I commend my spirit."



The Central Follies

Plans are actively being made for a gala all-church talent show and follies produced and directed by Central's own Lyndy Franklin Smith and Jeromy Smith, founders of The Lexington Theater Company, Luanne Franklin of Opera House Theater Company, and accomplished actor Janet Scott, and assisted by Director of Music Michael Rintamaa and David and Jennie Shirey. The matinee show, whose date and venue will soon be announced, will feature acts by—YOU—the members of Central Christian. This afternoon of fun and fellowship invites acts of *all* ages. Perform solo, grab a partner, or put together an act with several Central folks. Publicity regarding sign-ups will be announced in the weeks ahead.



The following gifts have been given to
Central Christian Church
(all gifts are given to the Building
Fund unless otherwise stated)

***In memory of
Nancy West***

by
Marlene Young

***In memory of
Sherri Harkless***

by
Marlene Young
Don & Barbara Stephens
Albert Pennybacker

***In memory of
Frances Scott***

by
Marlene Young
Bill & Mary McDowell

***In memory of
Pat Gulley***

by
Bill & Mary McDowell

***In memory of
Paul Warnecke***

by
Bill & Mary McDowell

***In Honor of
Bobbie Thompson & Parish Nurses***

by
Ann Burns

***In memory of
Bill Embry***

by
Albert Pennybacker

***In memory of
Sid Cranfill***

by
Albert Pennybacker

***In memory of
Hazel Bush***

by
Albert Pennybacker

***In memory of
Ted Bates Sr.***

by
Albert Pennybacker

New Books in the Church Library

Ben Woodard, member of Central Christian Church, has written three children's books and donated copies to the church library. Displayed on a table at the front of the library are *Bubble Big Stink in Frog Pond* and *A Problem with Donuts*. These books are suitable for children ages five and younger. *Whispers of Trees* is written for pre-teens.

Rosemary Minnick, daughter of Rev. M. Glynn Burke, has published a book for children based on a 1988 sermon given by her father: *Rainbows in the Heart*. The library has one copy that may be checked out, or you may purchase a copy of this book and any of the others Rosemary produced based on Rev. Burke's sermons from Amazon.com. Bookmarks on the table list all the books Rosemary published.

The library recently purchased a copy of *The Kentucky Encyclopedia*. Published in 1992 as part of the bicentennial celebration of Kentucky statehood, this encyclopedia does not go out of date! All the historical information in it is still accurate and relevant. If you need to know something quickly about Kentucky, you might want to look at this reference book any Sunday morning or Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon.



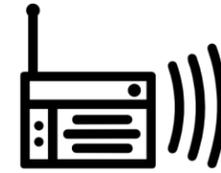
Reference Materials For Elders and Others

The church library has two shelves of reference materials that may be used by Elders and others as they prepare to participate in Sunday worship services or church calendar events, or make home visits. The materials cover prayer, worship and liturgy, lectionary, communion, and Lenten and Advent seasons. Extra home visitation cards are also available.

The *Elders Manual*, recently updated and revised, will soon be available. It includes a list of elders' Library Resources.

Please visit the library any Sunday morning, or Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon, to browse the shelves and borrow some of these materials.

New Station for Radio Broadcast: WWRW 105.5 FM



Beginning Sunday, September 11, Central's 11 a.m. worship service will be broadcast live over WWRW 105.5 FM. The service is also broadcast on iHeartradio.com. We are grateful to Sound Engineer Supervisor Stuart Talbert and our Sunday morning sound technicians for making this weekly service available to Central listeners near and far.

KidsCentral Fall 2016 Kickoff and Schedule

On Sunday, Sept. 11, an open house and reception to welcome Rev. Jimmy Gawne will be held in KidsCentral from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Children and parents are encouraged to attend both to meet Pastor Jimmy and to learn about our plans for the fall. Refreshments will be served and activities planned for an enjoyable time together. Opportunities for sign-ups to assist with KidsCentral activities during the fall will be offered during this time.

Following this summer's trial run with the Workshop Rotation Model on Sunday mornings in KidsCentral, the Faith Formation Ministry Team has decided to continue using this model during the fall in combination with the drama presentations of the past several years. Plans and upcoming curriculum have evolved out of conversations with Diane Ballard, Laura Santana, Pam Beck, and Jennie Shirey. On Sundays, September 18 and 25, we will take a close look at "This Book We Call the Bible," giving the children an overview of the Bible through a combination of fun and educational activities. Beginning on October 2, the plan is to have the dramatic presentations of the Biblical story being studied on the first Sunday of the month and rotate workshops for children in pre-school through grade five on the remaining weeks of each month. October's focus will be on the stories of Hannah and Samuel, November will study King David, and December will center on the stories of Advent and Christmas.

THANK YOU

Thank You to Summer KidsCentral Leaders

A special thank you to all those who offered their leadership in our summer Workshop Rotation Model Sunday School experiment in KidsCentral. Please offer your words of appreciation to the following folks who stepped forward to help: DeeDee Brumfield, Lisa and Mike Maas, Stephanie and Tim Bischoff, Rachel Catlett, Scott and Debbie Pierce, Steve Pruitt, Anne Taul, Pam and Scott Bridges, Susan Hubbard, Jane Smith, Elizabeth King, and David and Jennie Shirey.