

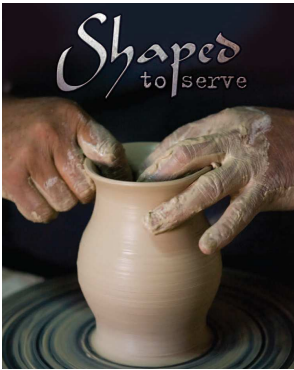
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**Central Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)



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**VISITOR**



## shaped to serve

We are in the midst of our stewardship emphasis, entitled, *Shaped to Serve*.

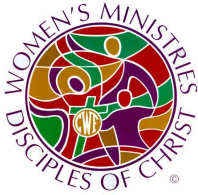
The theme verse comes from Jeremiah 18:5-6: "Can I not do with you, O House of Israel, just as this potter has done?" says the Lord, "Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O House of Israel."

How have you been shaped to be in God's service? What do we have to give to God's service? These are some of the questions we will be looking at.

Make plans now to join in these exciting things:

- October 17th - Consecration Sunday. You will have the opportunity to participate in the life of the church by filling our your 2011 Estimate of Giving card.
- October 17th - New Member Sunday. Come celebrate as we welcome new members into our church family.
- October 17th - Celebration Lunch. Join us for lunch following Worship as we share in food and fellowship together.

Blessings, Pastor Donna



**DISCIPLES  
WOMEN'S  
MINISTRIES  
NEWS**

**NEARLY NEW SHOP**

September Sale: \$1,021.87

Expenses:

Newspaper Ad 32.00

Supplies 51.57

Pressure Washer (church) 426.93

Outreach:

Migrants: 8 bags clothes, comforter, pillows, mattress pad, 25 pr shoes

Veterans: 12 pr shoes, 30 shirts, 1 bag clothing

Global Compassion Ministries: 1 bag T-shirts

Grace House: 1 box household goods

We can always use more help sorting goods and delivering them to the appropriate places. Please come and help!! **Next sale will be Friday and Saturday, October 1st and 2nd** (8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.). Please call Hilda Hamilton (726-3449) for the times they will be working.

**MIRIAM STUDY AND SERVICE GROUP**

Our next meeting will be October 14th at the home of Barbara Bridgeman, 1171 Porter Drive, Largo. We will be using a Bible Study DVD from the Quadrennial Assembly by Dr. Sharyn Dowd☆. Please read John 14:25-31 before you come. We will also be putting together a Halloween treat for one of the Health Facilities.

All women of the church are invited to join us once a month for study, service and fellowship. Please contact Wilma Wilhelm at 446-0363 for more information.

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Forest University, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Emory University. From 1987-1999, Sharyn taught New Testament and Greek at Lexington Theological Seminary. She has served churches in Winston Salem, NC and Waco, TX, where she taught Biblical Studies at Baylor University from 1999-2008 before returning to congregational ministry. Sharyn is the author of two books on the Gospel of Mark and articles in various publications including the Lexington Theological Quarterly.

**FLORIDA DISCIPLES WOMEN  
FALL RETREAT**

**NOVEMBER 13-14, 2010**

THEME: *RIBBITS, RAINBOWS  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES*

Christian Church Conference Center  
Silver Springs, FL

**KEYNOTERS:**

Darrell and Joy Faires  
St. Louis, Missouri

Cost: \$80.00/weekend or  
\$60.00/Saturday only

Registration Deadline: November 1st

For more information,  
See Wilma Wilhelm

**THE CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
WEAVING - BIND US TOGETHER, LORD**

We continue to create our special church family tapestry or wall hanging. You are invited during the week of your birthday, to bring a piece of fabric or ribbon, or anything you chose, to weave into a loom that is set-up in the sanctuary. The material must be at least 3 & 1/2 feet long (it will not be returned to you). Please choose something that is important to you or represents you in some way. All ages are invited and encouraged to participate. If you don't have anything to weave, material is available at the church. If you miss your week, it is okay, you can weave your material the next week you attend worship.





**Crosswalk**  
Youth Ministry of  
Central Christian Church

*Monday*

“The Word” Youth Bible Study 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
(High School/College)

*Wednesday*

Band Practice 6:15-7:00 p.m.  
Crosswalk Youth Ministry Worship 7-9:00 p.m.

*Friday:*

Fusion (Middle-School) 6:30-8:00 p.m.

*Sunday:*

Band Practice 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Oct. 14 - 16 - Regional Assembly in Orlando  
Oct. 24 - Family Fall Festival 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY FUSION**

. . . is designed just for middle school students and will meet on Friday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m.. There will be games, food, small group discussions, and large group discussions. If you are in 6th-8th grade or know someone who is, please invite them to come out and join us.

Can't wait to see you, The Fusion Team  
(Pastor Matt, Leanna Harvin & Danny Fuller)



**BIBLE STUDY**  
**THURSDAYS AT 10:30 a.m.**

. . . We meet in the Parlor every Thursday morning and are currently studying *Christianity and Islam* by Ronn Kerr.

On the first Thursday of each month, we go out for lunch together following the study.

**KIDS CONNECTION**  
**AFTER CARE**

**WILL BE CLOSED**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15th**



**WALK TO SCHOOL**

Wednesday, October 6th will be *Walk to School Day*. We will have parents, grandparents, etc. parking in our parking lot to walk to Plumb Elementary School with their students.

Please **be aware** of extra vehicle and pedestrian traffic on that morning!!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Would you like to be part of a Bible Study but find it impossible to attend during the day? This may be for you - every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Come join us!



**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**  
**October 17th**



This lunch will be sponsored by our Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team.

We will be celebrating two events at this luncheon: ☆Consecration Sunday (we will have received the 2011 Estimate of Giving Cards during Worship); and ☆New Member Sunday (welcoming those who have chosen to “officially” join membership with us at Central Christian Church). You won't want to miss this joyful celebration.

Meat, drink, and dessert will be provided: please bring a dish to share (salad or vegetable). Donation: \$2/person - Adult and Child. And, remember, when you sign the Red Book on October 10th to indicate how many will be attending (ex: J. Jones - Lunch 2A/3C) or RSVP by calling the church office: 446-0988; this will help as we plan table set-up AND food preparation.

Next newsletter deadline is noon, Wed.,  
Oct. 20th be issued Wed. Oct. 27th.



**OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR OUTREACH**

We are excited to become a part of the Feed America outreach. This will provide us with an outlet to purchase food at an extremely low price. Bread and bakery items will be free for us, so we can distribute to others who are in need. If you, or someone you know, is in need of food, please let our church office know so we can help. We will only need a family name and number of people for whom we will be supplying food. We are working on getting a food pantry going so Pastor Donna will have a supply on hand.

Military boxes are continuing to go out. If you have a family member serving our country, please let Tracey Lilly know.

We are registered and online for the 2011 Relay for Life. Once again we will be at Osceola High School walking, bake sale, and supporting cancer survivors; and remembering those we have lost to the struggle. The dates are set for April 29th, so go online and sign up. It is not too early to start to raise money for this great cause. Nancy Russell will be chairman of our team and will have more information about it later.

September 29th to October 3rd, Barb Bridgeman will be serving a prison ministry at Hernando County Institute. Please lift up in prayer the inmates who will be attending the retreat. Our prayer is that God will reveal Himself to these girls and make Himself known to them in a personal way. Thank you for your prayers.

November is a retreat month. Anyone that is able to attend a Walk to Emmaus, Via De Christo weekend, please let Barb Bridgeman know. We encourage all church leaders to attend for a spiritual renewal and encouragement. The men's weekend is Nov. 11 to 14; and the women's retreat is Nov. 18 to 21.

Outreach blessings to you all,  
Barb Bridgeman, Chair

**OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Outreach for the month of August 2010

*World Outreach Budget:*

Disciples Mission Fund	\$	350.00
Conference Center		383.33

*Church in Society Budget:*

RCS - The Haven		200.00
Good Samaritan Mission		166.66
Habitat for Humanity		150.00
National Farm Ministry		100.00

*Special Offerings*

Pentecost		100.00
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*Commitment Funds*

RCS Food Pantry		20.00
Administrative Discretionary		<u>90.00</u>

<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,559.99</b>
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**COME TO THE NEARLY NEW SALE**

Friday, Oct. 1st and Saturday, Oct. 2nd  
So many new treasures . . . COME AND SEE!  
**COME AND BUY!**

If you have a Pastoral Care Concern please call one of our pastors (church office, 446-0988), or one of our Elders:

Lorraine Bowler	734-1515
Barb Bridgeman	535-9705
Andy Laney	449-2611
Cliff Lawrence	461-0338
Paul Maxwell	531-7478
Sylvia Meador	39 2-1669
Larry Norman	938-4260
Natalie Norman	938-4260
Terri Peterson	812-5682
Chad Whetstone	535-6980
Noel White	447-2321
Wilma Wilhelm	446-0363
Cheerie Wolf	586-6269

**A NOTE FOR YOU**

The Worship Ministry Team would like to remind you to take advantage of *The Upper Room* and *The Secret Place* devotional booklets available in the narthex. There is a canister available for donations to help with the cost.



## MEETINGS SCHEDULES

There is a Congregation Meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 10th following Worship. On the agenda will be the election of 2011 General Board Members. We hope you will be in attendance.

There is an Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. On the agenda will be 2011 Budget and other necessary business. The Executive Committee is made up of: the President and Vice President of the Congregation, Board Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Chairperson of the Elders, the Chairperson of the Deacons, and the immediate past President of the Congregation. A Trustee, to be named by the Chairperson of the Trustees, shall be an ex-officio member.

There is a General Board\* meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. On the agenda will be the 2011 Budget and other necessary business. The General Board shall consist of the following: The elected members shall be the Elders, Deacons, Executive Committee and the Trustees. The non-elected members shall be the Church Clerk, The President or representative of the Disciples Men, Disciples Women, Youth Fellowship and the Chairperson, or representative, of each ministry team.

*\*This General Board meeting is the regular quarterly meeting of the Board and all Ministry Team Chairs are asked to submit their written reports to the office by November 1st. The reports will be copied and distributed to save time during the meeting.*

**Mark your calendars now!**

## TAILGATERS AND BAKERS NEEDED

We are once again looking for Family Fall Festival Tailgaters and Bake Sale Bakers! NO Experience Necessary!

**Tailgaters!** Turn your car trunk or truck bed into a trick-or-treat destination for the children. Bring a couple of lawn chairs, relax and have a great time handing out candy to the neighborhood children. And, remember, you just might win a prize for your tailgate display!

**Bakers!** Bake up (or purchase) your special goodies and bring them to the event, or bring them to church the Sunday morning of the event. Refrigeration **will not be** available, so non-perishable items only, please.

If you can participate as a Baker or a Tailgater, or if you have any questions, please contact . . .

The office at 446-0988 and talk to Pastor Donna or Pastor Matt.

It's your participation that will make this year's Family Fall Festival a huge success!

## CANDY COLLECTION

If you can help provide candy for this year's Family Fall Festival - simply bring bags of Halloween candy and place it in the box provided in the Narthex.

**Sign up in the Narthex to help!!!!**

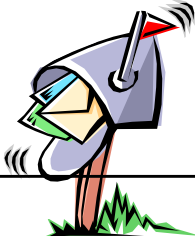
## EGYPT AND NILE RIVER TRIP

Join Rev. Ivan and Carolyn Fuller on March 19, 2011 for a 15 day trip to Egypt. Call for more details (727) 365-9103.



## REMINDER

There will be a General Election, Tuesday, November 2nd. Our Fellowship Hall is a polling place and will be used that day from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. If you will be at the church on Nov. 2nd, please remember - there will be extra vehicle and pedestrian traffic; and as our bumper stickers say: "Just Be Nice" !!



# IN THE CHURCH MAIL

## THANK YOU

"To Donna and Congregation:

Thank you so much for sending flowers for my brothers memorial service. It was much appreciated.

Sincerely, June B"

"Dear Donna:

I greatly appreciate the flowers you sent for my father's memorial service. I visited your church earlier this year to see my Aunt, June Brott, and appreciate your thoughts and prayers,

Sincerely, Roland Deevers"

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"Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Christian Church Conference Center! Thank you so much for your generous support of the Conference Center and all its vital ministries. Your gifts help us maintain and provide an environment where Campers and church groups seek out God and grow in unique and important ways.

We had to make several repairs at the Conference Center this year, so we are very thankful for the donations. We still have some repairs that need to be done and two cabin air-conditioners that need to be replaced, so your gifts will be put to good use.

The summer camps were great! We were able to award 149 scholarships of at least \$100 each to Campers, thanks to wonderful people like you who gave donations for that worthy cause. We saw a lot of new Campers this year and it was great to see Campers and Counselors grow in their faith and in their fellowship together. The theme for this year's camp was 'GOD IS BIGGER' and the Campers learned about the diverse ways to encounter God. Many of the Campers and Counselors talked about feeling God's presence while they were here. The Conference Center is a highly effective tool for helping people of all ages find and follow Jesus Christ and we look forward to having all the groups here. We pray we will have many more groups use our beautiful facility this year.

Our 2011 Calendar is filling up fast! We look forward to hosting groups such as Bethany Christian Church Elders, Creative Memories, FCWF Cabinet, Coastal Quilters, the Senior Adult Retreat, Summer Camps, Jigsaw, Disciples Women, Disciples Men, Presbyterian Cursillo, All Star Quilters, Tropical Sands Celebrate Recovery and so many more. Our event calendar even has some events that have booked for 2012! We pray more churches will plan retreats or meetings here. (We would love to have your church come!)

Again, thank you for making it possible for the Christian church Conference Center to provide this wonderful facility for our Campers and the many participants of other great events. Your gifts are essential in making us able to serve God, the Church and our community.

Peace, Cheryl and Terry Thompson, Directors of Conference Ministries"

LIVING  
STONES



# 101<sup>st</sup> Regional Assembly

October 14-16, 2010

Wyndham Orlando Resort  
in Orlando, FL

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN FLORIDA  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



## FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

**Sunday, Oct. 24th - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Trick-or-treat around the outdoor "tailgate" area collecting candy in a safe environment. There will be games, activities, a bake sale and a concession stand to purchase food.

There will soon be sign-up sheets in the narthex . . .we are looking for volunteers to help with a variety of things . . .and you can pick the area where you would like to help. We are also asking for donations of individually wrapped candy. There is a box in the narthex to collect these donations.



### STEWARDSHIP CORNER FOR THE RECORD...



	<u>August</u>	<u>Yr. To Date</u>
Budget	\$ 25,352.70	\$202,821.60
Expenses	\$ 25,161.67	\$193,345.32
Income	\$ 33,962.88	\$198,870.42
Balance	\$ 8,801.21	\$ 5,525.10

Average Attendance - August

10:15 Worship	103
Nursery	8
Sunday School	on hiatus
Children's Church	11

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please schedule the use of any Church facility (bus, parlor, conference room, fellowship hall, etc.) through the Church office. This will help to minimize scheduling conflicts! Thanks!

### EMPTIES FOR CASH

The next time you have any empty inkjet printer cartridge, don't throw it away....put it in a Ziplock bag, bring it to church and put it in the special recycle box in the narthex. Our Youth will be paid \$2.00 for each cartridge with a printhead. These include: Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Compaq, Canon and Apple. Cartridges without a printhead are accepted for recycle but not payment. Thanks!

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Our Mission Statement: The mission of Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to be an active, caring community centered on Jesus Christ; sharing God's love and salvation through worship, Word and works.



Our Vision Statement: To be a spiritually growing, diverse community that is active and visible in society nurturing and equipping others to share the good news of Jesus through exciting ministries.



## **NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**

If you have been considering joining Central Christian Church then NOW is the time! We will be having a New Member Sunday on October 17, 2010. During worship, you will be asked to come forward and join the church (there are yellow *Decision Cards* in the pew racks). We will be having a celebration luncheon for the whole congregation following.

Benefits of Church Membership:

**Won't You Join Us?**

- A place to worship and to grow in your faith
- A place to give of your gifts
- A place to belong
- A place to call your Church Home

Please call the church office (446-0988) if you would like to join this day.



# FOR THE MONTH 2010



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Michael Blood
- 4 Michele Blood-Zollo
- 4 Lois Norman
- 6 Ethan Ruffing
- 9 Margaret Fitch
- 9 Marcy Goodchild
- 9 Alex Isak
- 9 Teresa McDonald
- 10 Cory Wilhelm
- 11 David Ledbetter
- 12 Brandy Campbell
- 13 Avery Adams
- 13 Dyke Rubright
- 14 Stephanie Hord Gately
- 14 Lyle Oberkreser
- 14 Laurie Voelker
- 15 Bob Keppel
- 16 Brigitte Ho
- 16 Betty Wohlers
- 19 Janet Kenneally
- 20 Barry Blood
- 21 Kathryn Neill
- 22 Martha Cummins
- 25 Rodney Hord
- 25 Ron Wertel
- 26 Karen Shumar

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Steve & Bobbie Ledbetter
- 10 Barry & Chris Blood
- 15 Olev & Karen Isak

## WORSHIP LEADERS

- 3 - Patricia MacGregor
- 10 - Jeb Graham
- 17 - Peter Young
- 24 - Annette Ballard
- 31 - David Wertel

## REFRESHMENT SERVERS

- October 3, 10, 24, 31
- Seekers' Class

## NURSERY HELPERS

- October 3
  - 9:00 - Mary Lane
  - 10:15 - Betty Wohlers and Janis Whetstone
  - - - Babies:
- October 10
  - 9:00 - Mary Lane
  - 10:15 - E.J. Laney and Gail Inhulsen
  - - - Babies: David & Tracey Lilly
- October 17
  - 9:00 - Mary Lane
  - 10:15 - Mary Miller and Barb Bridgeman
  - - - Babies: Lois Norman
- October 24
  - 9:00 - Mary Lane
  - 10:15 - Karen Lyda and Anna McDonald
  - - - Babies: Betty Wohlers
- October 31
  - 9:00 - Mary Lane
  - 10:15 - Nancy Schreiner and Noel White
  - - - Babies:

## SERVING IN OCTOBER

### ELDERS

Dick Merryman and Andy Laney

Next Elders' Meeting:  
to be announced

### DEACONS

Captains:  
Bruce and Linda Robinson

### Serving

Annette Ballard	Tim Ballard
Gail Inhulsen	Terry Inhulsen
Sandy Merryman	Ann Robbins
Nancy Russell	

### Communion Preparation

Assigned by Captains



Family Fall Festival

Don't Forget . . .  
The Family Fall Festival  
Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Fun \* Fun \* Fun \* Fun

Food, Games, Hayride,  
Bake Sale,

Trick-or-Treat in Tailgate Area