



Consolidated Schedule Starts September 10

As good stewards of people's time and the expense of transportation, Central Christian Church consolidates as much of the church's schedule on Sundays and Wednesday evening as possible. This one night of the week set aside for church frees the other evenings of the week for personal and family pursuits. This "church night" brings together fellowship, quality time for community prayer, growth and learning, leadership development, serving together, preparation for worship and ministry, and conducting the necessary business of the church.

Wednesday Night Live

More Wednesday Night Live Info on Page 4

Every Wednesday

- 6:00 PM "Sandwich, Salad, Soup Supper"
- 6:00 PM Chancel Bells' rehearsal
- 6:20 PM Children's music group rehearsal
- 6:40 PM "Table Prayer"
- 7:00 PM Electives

First, Third and Fourth Wednesday Electives

- Bible study
- Companions in Christ
- Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Children's Activity

Second Wednesday Electives

- Congregational service project
- Board (odd months: January, March, May, July, September, November)
- Elders (even months: February, April, June, August, October, December)
- Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Children's Activity

Fifth Wednesday Electives

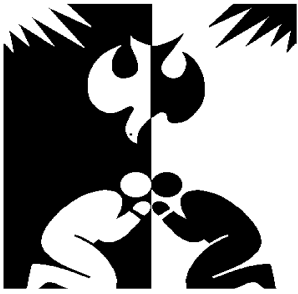
- Congregational "town hall" meeting
- Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Children's Activity

Congregational Service Project September 10

Please bring a food donation for North Dallas Shared Ministries to **Wednesday Night Live on September 10**. We will inventory and pack our good donations. Judy Rorrie, Executive Director of North Dallas Shared Ministries, will make a brief presentation and receive these donations that night. They are in special need of these items:

Canned Tuna	Canned Carrots
Canned Pears	Canned Salmon
Canned Spinach	Peanut Butter
Canned Pineapple	Canned Mixed Fruit
Canned Potatoes	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Ramen Noodles	Jello Mix
Salt	Breakfast Cereal
Coffee	Saltine Crackers
Tea	Canned Black-eyed Peas

Norm's Nurture Notes



For the past three years, as a congregation we have been intentionally pursuing a process of renewal and transformation. A major emphasis of the effort has been establishing relationships with our neighbors and pursuing as many ways as possible to draw them toward faith in Jesus and into the life of our congregation. Though due for a little updating, you can get a picture of this vision on the “Our Church” and “Ministries” tabs of our web page www.cccd.org.

The Southwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is in the midst of a similar process. I hope you will be pleased to know that Central Christian Church has been integrally involved with this effort. Pastor Todd Boddy has represented the North Texas Area on the Southwest Region’s *New Day, New Direction Task Force*. Bill Anderton, Russell Church and I have participated in the various workshops and study groups offered by the Task Force.

Through these gatherings all across the Southwest Region (basically Texas and New Mexico) and the work of the Task Force four strategic issues (challenges and opportunities) have been identified. I will list them in this column and discuss each one in coming weeks.

Challenge and Opportunity One: Vision, Purpose, Goals, Identity

- If we the Southwest Region, understood ourselves as a people called by God and sent on a mission – what new vision and structure might flow from that understanding? How would we relate to one another and to our world?

Challenge and Opportunity Two: Changing Context – Destabilizing Effects

- What are some opportunities for Christian witness in today’s culture?
- What is one new way you can imagine being church together for the sake of witness to Jesus Christ in today’s culture?

Challenge and Opportunity Three: Connection with One Another

- What would bring you joy – and a sense of being about God’s work – as you imagine sharing ministry with other Disciples of Christ congregations in your geographic area?

Challenge and Opportunity Four: Communication – Central to Our Life Together

- What might your role be in rebuilding relationships between the Disciples of Christ near you? In your Area and across the Southwest Region?
- For what does each of these challenges and opportunities cause you to pray?

Norman Stolpe,
Pastor

Starbucks and You!

Starbucks exists for several reasons. I think the most apparent are coffee/caffeine your way, social energy, and the aroma. Many people today work out of home offices and get claustrophobic. I get that way sometimes. I also get worn out sitting in my car in traffic. An answer to rush hour either way is to pull over into the coffee shop, whip out the computer and phone and presto, instant office with some entertainment and energy.

Everything happens in one of these places: sales meetings, reports, close friends, the news, or people escaping all day home with the kids. Some of the coffee shops get flooded right before the start time of local support groups like AA. Many have music as a background to all the pressing, boiling, grinding, and blending noises going on. Most do not have television. The few that do are tuned to CNN.

Within 1&1/2 miles of Central Christian Church is no less than five Star Bucks Coffee shops. Within that range are other lesser and greater café’s. One of my favorites is Café

Brazil on Cedar Springs. The fire station across the street will usually have several runs an hour with sirens blaring. Guadencia, the waiter has been there several years. According to him everything on the menu is “good, real good.” He works next door too, at a steak house supporting his wife and baby.

In the near future, gift cards to Starbucks will be made available at the Church. They will be for your use. Of course nothing in life is free (except salvation), so yes, there is a catch. If you accept a card, you must agree to pray, go and use it, and then hang around or stage a meeting until you’ve had a conversation. Also, I encourage you to be creative and brave and order some derivative or combination of coffee, mocha, cappuccino, frappuccino, espresso, or latte. Order it loud and with gusto, then slap your card down.

Todd Boddy,
Pastor of Mission and Outreach

Fellowship Class

Thought for the day: The happiest of people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything they have. Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. And enjoy the hot chocolate in your life.

What a nice gathering we had today as we began our class in song. Thanks to Katheryn Livengood who is doing a terrific job on the piano! We also thank Loretta Boddy who played for us as well after she escorted her grandson (with his new haircut) to the nursery. We were hoping to see Marybess Grisham back in class after hearing that she is not going to have surgery, but we were happy to see that she was able to be in the worship service. It was good to see Jesse Parman, too. Anna King was able to join us today as Frances Mosier once again lead our discussion group. Frances and Mary Chris Gibbons have been wonderful in bringing our lesson each week. Thanks to everyone that is able to participate in keeping our class going!

And now, may the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from the other.

Sherrie Narusis

Sunday Fellowship Dinner

Beginning September 14 and continuing the second Sunday of each month, the congregation gathers for Fellowship Dinner at 12:15 PM after morning worship. This is a relaxed time of sharing a real "Sunday Dinner" and chatting with good friends. Suggested donation is \$7.00.

- Elders after dinner at 1:00 PM (odd months: January, March, May, July, September, November)
- Ministry Teams and other service groups may schedule their meetings for any Sunday after Fellowship Time (about 12:30 PM) or after Fellowship Dinner (about 1:00 PM).

Welcome Back, Kenneth!

We are all very thankful that Kenneth Harold returned to work on September 2. When you see him, please extend a warm welcome, and please continue praying for his recovery, for strength and endurance and for the wisdom to pace himself. We can all help Kenneth as he resumes his responsibilities by being sensitive and alert. His main responsibility is cleaning followed by getting rooms in order for church events. Please do not ask him for favors or errands, and if you are involved with an event, try to help with set up and tear down, especially lifting, as much as possible.

News From the Library

In memory of Grover Ellisor, Kathy Owens has donated a book title *Secrets Of a Faith Well Lived* by Christopher Coppennoll. It is a series of interviews with well-known and respected Christian authors about what it means to be a Christian. Among those interviewed are Larry Crabb, Karyn Henley, Max Lucado and Scotty Smith.

The Rowand Family has donated to the Library a number of books from Mary Louise's personal library. After they are catalogued, a list will be published in *The Good News*. One of our resident scholars, John Cunyus, has a new book out, "*The Way to Wisdom: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon*," a translation from "The Latin Vulgate." If a passage has you confused, check out his interpretation in this volume which he has presented to our library.

Bible Reading Plan

September 8-14

Exodus 14:19-31

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

September 15-21

Exodus 16:2-15

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

More information at www.cccd.org. Go to "Holy Reading" under the Worship tab.

Children and Wednesday Night Live

Central Christian Church is able to significantly expand our children's ministry as part of Wednesday Night Live by working together with Iglesia Vision Mundial para la Familia. Activities for children in English will benefit both congregations.

- 6:00 PM Sandwich, Salad, Soup Supper
- 6:20 PM Children's Choir rehearsal, led by Nick Seeley and Holly Jackson of Central Christian Church (they will sing in worship for both congregations)
- 7:00 PM Nursery care for preschool children by the women of Iglesia Vision Mundial para la Familia
- 7:00 PM Children's Bible Activity, led by Juanita Silva (8th grade public school math teacher), Patricia Martinez, assisted by Central Christian Church folk
- 8:00 PM Parents pick up children as their electives conclude

Children's Musical Group Starting September 10

A children's musical group is forming this fall. They will sing in worship about once a month and practice every Wednesday evening as part of Wednesday Night Live. This group will combine children from Central Christian Church and Iglesia Vision Mundial para la Familia and sing in worship for both congregations. Holly Jackson and Vanessa Pavesio also bring a background in dance, which opens this additional possibility for special occasions in the future. This group is open to all school age children up to high school age. If you know of any children who would like to sing, please encourage them to come out, even if they have not been in church before. High school age young people who would like to sing are welcome in the Chancel Choir.

- Rehearsals: Wednesdays 6:20-7:00 PM (following "Sandwich, Salad, Soup Supper" at 6:00 PM and before Children's Activity at 7:00 PM)
- First rehearsal September 10
- First scheduled Sunday worship appearance, World Communion Sunday, October 5
- Director: Nick Seeley, assisted by Holly Jackson.

Wednesday Night Live Electives

Sign, Foretaste, Instrument: Discerning God's Vision for the Church

- A Bible Study from the *New Day, New Direction Task Force* of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest
 - Facilitator: Denzil Clifton
 - September 17, 24 and October 1, 15
- 7:00–8:00 PM following "Sandwich, Salad, Soup Supper" and "Table Prayer" at 6:00 PM
- The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest (our region) is in the middle of a major discernment and casting its vision and mission. The next step calls for involvement and feedback of congregations. You will be enriched personally, inspired for our congregation and influential in our Region with involvement in the Bible Study.

Embracing the Journey: The Way of Christ

- The first course of *Companions in Christ*, experiences in spiritual formation from Upper Room Ministries
 - Facilitator: Norman Stolpe
 - September 17, 24 and October 1, 15, 22
 - Participant's Book \$9, limit of 9 participants
- 7:00–8:00 PM following "Sandwich, Salad, Soup Supper" and "Table Prayer" at 6:00 PM
- Companions in Christ* offers an opportunity to engage the classic spiritual practices in fresh new ways, for each participant to create space for God in their lives. *Embracing the Journey: The Way of Christ* explores spiritual formation as a journey toward wholeness and holiness through the grace of God.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

- Preparation for musical leadership in Sunday worship
 - Director: Whit Whittington
 - Every Wednesday (and Sunday worship)
- 7:00–9:00 PM following "Sandwich, Salad, Soup Supper" and "Table Prayer" at 6:00 PM
- The ministry of the choir goes well beyond performing an anthem. The choir leads the congregation in worshipping God by singing hymns with enthusiasm, by guiding the congregation through the steps of the service with musical responses, by modeling attentiveness to God from the chancel. Passion for worship is more important than musical talent. Novices and veterans alike learn musical skills together in the choir.

September 2008



September Birthdays

- 6 Carolyn Shinn
- 7 Oscar Escalante
- 9 Julie Ward
- 10 Oscar E. Escalante
- 12 Brooke Shirley
- 12 Todd Boddy
- 14 Arturo Sosa
- 16 Luis Escalante
- 17 Betty Martin
- 18 Ellamary Clifton
- 19 Shella Gugisberg
- 20 Helen Branan
- 20 Alice Adams
- 21 Anne Pogson
- 21 Elaine Tibbetts
- 22 Juanita Escalante
- 23 Austin Anderton
- 23 Nancy Anderton
- 25 Alice Cansino
- 26 Carol Archer
- 27 Sally Goodman
- 29 Robert Allen
- 30 Norman Stolpe

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		7:00 PM <i>Prayer</i> Group	10:00 AM Westside Workers 7:00 PM Bible Study (Cunyus)	7:00 PM Sawdust Makers Group		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	7:00 PM Marriage Prep Class	10:00 AM Westside Workers 7:00 PM <i>Exploring Prayer</i> Group	10:00 AM Ladies Share Group 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Live 7:00 PM Board Mtg. 7:00 PM Bible Study	7:00 PM Sawdust Makers Group		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	<u>Unless otherwise indicated:</u> Sunday School 9:45 AM Outdoor Worship: 10:00 AM Worship: 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship: 12:15 PM			

Looking Ahead

Sunday, September 7

9:30 AM Outdoor Fellowship
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Outdoor Worship
10:30 AM Choir Practice
11:00 AM Worship
12:15 PM Coffee Fellowship

James 1:2-4, 12-16 / James 5:7-11

Hang in There!

Norman Stolpe

Monday, September 8

7:00 PM Marriage Prep Class

Tuesday, September 9

10:00 AM Westside Workers
7:00 PM Exploring Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 10

10:00 AM Women's Prayer & Share
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Live
7:00 PM Board Meeting
7:00 PM Bible Study (Cunus)

Thursday, September 11

7:00 PM Sawdust Makers

Sunday, September 14

9:30 AM Outdoor Fellowship
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Outdoor Worship
10:30 AM Choir Practice
11:00 AM Worship
12:15 PM Fellowship Dinner
1:00 PM Elders Meeting

James 1:5-8, 17-18 / James 3:13-18; 4:13-17

Wise Up!

Norman Stolpe

Monday, September 15

9:00 AM *The Good News* article deadline

Tuesday, September 16

10:00 AM Westside Workers
7:00 PM Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 17

10:00 AM Women's Prayer & Share
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Live
7:00 PM Bible Study (Cunus)
8:00 PM On-line Bible Study

Thursday, September 18

7:00 PM Sawdust Makers

Live Hope Groups

Here is a list of the groups and where they meet. If you're not part of a group yet, why not visit one soon?

HIGHLAND PARK

Meeting time: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 7:00—9:00 PM

Place: the home of Bill & Nancy Anderton

Study or theme: Where Is God When It Hurts?

Contact: Candy Stolpe (214.902.8127)

WOMEN'S PRAYER & SHARE

Meeting time: Every Wednesday, 10:00—11:30 AM

Place: the home of Grace Anne Crank

Study or theme: Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible

Contact: Grace Anne Crank (972.523.6520)

LAKESWOOD BIBLE STUDY

Meeting time: Every Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 PM

Place: the home of John & Rocio Cunus

Study or theme: Song of Solomon

Contact John Cunus: (214.662.5494)

LIVE ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY

Meeting time: Every Wednesday, 8:00-9:00 PM, beginning September 17

Place: the netherworld of internet and cell phone

Study or theme: the Life of Jesus through the Gospel of Mark

Contact: Todd Boddy (972.547.0465)

THE SAWDUST MAKERS

Meeting time: Every Thursday, 7:00—9:00 PM

Meets at the home of Jim Archer

Study or theme: Christian fellowship & woodworking skill enhancement

Contact: Jim Archer (214.828.2222)

EXPLORING PRAYER

Meeting time: 2nd and 4th Tuesday, beginning September 9, 7:00 PM

Place: the home of Wendell & Suzie Patterson

Study or theme: Prayer

Contact: B. J. Austin (817.307.7327)

Sunday School Classes

9:45 AM

Children

Nursery	0-3 years	Rm. 103
Pre-School	4-6 years	Upstairs
Elementary		Upstairs
Youth		Upstairs

Adult Sunday School Classes

Fellowship, Little Church	Mary Chris Gibbons
Lamplighter's, Parlor.....	Ellamary Clifton
Shank, Shank Room	Bill Wright
Sojourners, Upstairs.....	John Cunyus

Serving Schedule

Sunday, September 7

Deacon Captain: Mike Bowden
Deacons: Colton Boddy, Lisa Church, David Aston
Lead Elder: Jan Howell
Bread: Tyson Woods **Cup:** Ellamary Clifton
Greeters:
Scripture Reader: Carolyn Shinn
Children's Sermon: Joseph Joiner
Coffee Fellowship: Hosts Needed

Sunday, September 14

Deacon Captain: Wendell Patterson
Deacons: Suzie Patterson, David Tinney, Frank Whittington
Lead Elder: Jim Archer
Bread: Anne Pogson **Cup:** Bob Boyle
Greeters:
Scripture Reader:
Children's Sermon: Todd Boddy
Coffee Fellowship: Hosts Needed

Sunday Attendance & Visitors

August 24, 2008

TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 63
Sunday School: 21
VISITORS: Virginia Boddy, Elaine Cesare, Gretchen Shaw
OUTDOOR WORSHIP: 12

August 31, 2008

TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 77
Sunday School: 29
VISITORS: Mrs. Richard Crews, Peggy Nadolski, Lori Wilson
OUTDOOR WORSHIP: 9

"Constantly ask God's help in prayer, and pray always in the power of the Spirit...." Ephesians 6:18

Pray for healing for those who are recovering:

John Ellisor	Caroline Prada
Kenneth Harold	Jerry Rodgers
Oran Nabors	

Pray for strength and wholeness for those facing long-term health challenges:

Bob Allen	Anna King
George Cunyus	Lynn Myers
Libby Davis	Arvel Rodgers
Jimmy Griffiths	Wanda Rodgers
Herbert Hale	Karen Woods

Pray for those who do not get out on their own:

Alice Adams	Shella Gugisberg
Pat Austin	Herbert Hale
Helen Branam	Ivanola Hepworth
Lucille Connell	Mildred Lee
Libby Davis	Kathy Owens
Sally Eatmon	Jesse Parman
Elizabeth Fitzgerald	Willi Silvester
Nell Gammon	Amy Wallis
Jimmy Griffiths	

An encouraging note to those whose addresses are listed this week will lift their spirits:

- Amy Wallis, 1321 Colonel Dr. #1023, Garland, TX 75043
- Anna King, 14815 Surveyor, Addison, TX 75001
- Alice Adams, White Rock Court #130, 9215 White Rock Trail, Dallas, TX 75238

Our heart-felt sympathy to:

- Family & friends of Frances Sorrells who passed away on September 1.

Memorials and Gifts:

- Memorials in memory of Mary Louise Rowand were given to the Memorial Fund by Jim & Carol Archer, Judy Nash and Cruger & Sue Ragland.
- A gift in memory of Grover Ellisor was given to Central Christian Church by Don & Margaret Hawkes.

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Norman Stolpe
Associate Pastor	Rev. Todd Boddy
Music Director/Organist	Jon Whittington
Bookkeeper	Carolyn Shinn
Custodian	Kenneth Harold
Office Assistant	Laura Ninesling

Sanctuary Flower Dedications

September 14 Two Needed

September 21 Two Needed

Please remember order forms and payment are due in the church office two weeks prior to the Sunday you wish to place memorial or honorary flowers. Order forms and envelopes are in the rack outside the church office.

The Vision of Central Christian Church is to be the hospitable hands of Jesus Christ for our neighbors near and far.

The Mission of Central Christian Church is to invite our neighbors to a life of faith in Jesus Christ and into our congregation for the shared pursuit of Christian spirituality.

TeleWorship

At 10:55 AM phone 1.866.844.6291 and enter the access code: 6371829.

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