



The Central Report

Central Christian Church

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October 1 Waco's Largest Pumpkin Patch

Unloading begins at 9:00 am. We will have a full truckload.

Work shift sign ups are available at the church or online at www.cccwaco.org

See page 4 for pumpkin patch activity details.



October 2 World Communion Sunday

The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On this day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers.



October 9 & 16 Stewardship Sundays

Rev. Roland will address the congregation about our goals and aspirations for 2012. Watch the mail for your pledge card and how you can help make 2012 a year of blessing for our church and our community.

Rev. Richard Roland
Senior Minister

Rev. Kristin Jack
Associate Minister

Trent Futral
Youth Minister

Chris Diamond
Music Director

Katie Loudermilk
Organist & Pianist

Justin Jack
Church Administrator

Diane Attaway
Office Assistant

Jenny Akin
Director,

Noah's Ark Preschool

David Cruz
Custodian

Michele Ryan
Custodian

**Cindy Calvert &
Emilie McGraw**
Childcare



October 17 Children's Sabbath

Children's Families will soon be receiving an email with details about leadership opportunities for the children as they lead our congregation in worship for this year's observance of Children's Sabbath. Our theme this year is "On the Journey together." Several of the children from our Baptism Retreat will help lead the sermon about how our faith is like a journey. We'll also have a special "Parents' Moment" instead of Children's Moment. AND! .due to popular request, the children will get special Children's Sabbath T-Shirts just like the Youth do for Youth Sunday!



October 30 Heritage Sunday

Rev. Roland will be preaching as this year marks the 141st Anniversary of Central Christian Church.

Central Comments

Richard Roland, Senior Minister

I have never been comfortable with the word *östewardship*. It's a good word but somehow doesn't fit in with other expressions of our faith. So let's talk about Christian giving and its significance for God, Central Christian Church and our personal lives.

All material things belong to God. We are just the users of them while on earth. If you don't believe this, make a list of the things you brought into the world and the things you will take with you when you leave! Short lists, right?

God gives us 90% of what we earn, inherit, and get in other ways to use for ourselves. I'd say that's pretty generous of God, wouldn't you? God asks for only 10% to be used for his purposes. It's called a tithe. God says in Malachi, "Bring the full tithes into the storehouse that there may be food in my house" (Malachi 3:10) People ask me, "Is a tithe 10% of your gross income or your net income?" Pick one! If you can't do 10%, try 5% and increase it every year.

Central Christian Church relies on good faith, volunteer giving to exist. If we as members of Central do not contribute financially we will close the doors. The sanctuary will be empty on Sunday and the whole building the rest of the week. The Electric Company does not accept gifts of time and talent in payment for our energy costs. If we have inadequate income, we have no programs for children and youth because we have no way to pay

salaries. You fill in the rest!

Central, like many individuals and families, is having a tough time financially. Central currently owes Extraco Bank \$25,000 we have borrowed in the last two years. It's not because of bad financial management. It's not because we have overspent for important programs. It's not the result of salary increases for our staff. It's mainly due to replacing our twenty year old and older facility equipment like air conditioning units and meeting other facility needs. Our 2012 Budget includes payments on this debt.

Many in our congregation give liberally and sacrificially all the time. We are grateful for this consistent support. It's what keeps the doors open, the lights on and the programs going. You will be receiving your Estimate of Giving card for 2012 along with information about our program. Central needs an increase of about 10% through Estimates and Other Contributions for next year. This is a big order! Those of us who have much are responsible for giving much. Those of us who have less are accountable for less. God expects all of us to give something!

All giving and givers are blessed. The rest of the words in Malachi 3:10 are, "and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." All givers know the blessings. Are you in this category? If not it's open for membership!

Church Leadership and Meeting Dates

Worship Department - Justin Jack	715-3673	justin@cccwaco.org	5:30 pm	Oct. 18
- Trudy Woodson	772-4493	twoodson@ppwaco.org		
Property Department - Tom Ragland	753-0233	ibex12@sbcglobal.net	7:00 pm	Oct. 4
Christian Ed. Department - Adults , Virginia Babb	857-4892	virbbb@yahoo.com	11:00 am	
Youth , Sharon Horton	857-3152	sharonh@spenco.com	11:30 am	TBD
Children , Gretchen Pentzer	(812) 583-6950	pentzerg@gmail.com		
Finance Department - Jim Young	756-3059	jdyoung58@aol.com	6:30 pm	Oct. 18
Board Meeting - Nancy Hollinger (Chair)	848-4853	nhollinger@natlloyds.com	7:00 pm	Nov. 15
Cabinet Meeting - Claire Johnson (Vice-chair)	405-4728	jfwaco@aol.com	7:00 pm	Oct. 18
Elder's Meeting - Frank Hughes	666-4070	hugesfran47@netzero.com	8:30 am	Oct. 23
Deacons & Deaconesses -Earl Holloway	662-0701			
-Patricia Reaves	751-0897	pareaves40@hotmail.com		
Stephen Ministers - Gerret Conover	848-9096	conoverx2@gmail.com		
Noah's Ark Preschool - Richard Roland	722-9927	rhrol@aol.com	6:00 pm	Oct. 24
Outreach Department - Dayna Roberts	715-6357	wacojewrlylady@yahoo.com		
Church Growth & Evangelism				

Staff News

Shirley Guthrie has concluded her service to Central as our part-time custodian. Following her treatment for cancer, her fall on our parking lot in October, 2010 and subsequent treatment, and her recent shoulder surgery, Shirley has indicated that she is no longer able to fulfill her responsibilities in the way she would like to. We appreciate very much the work Shirley has done for us. There will be a time later on to express our gratitude to her. Michele Ryan is currently working in this position.

Music

Chris Diamond, Music Director

The Chancel Choir has now been back from its break and we have begun rehearsal for the Christmas Cantata. It is not too late to join for the Cantata if you are interested. Please catch me after church, or email me at Chris.Diamond@baylor.edu. Even if you are unable to make the commitment to join the choir on a weekly basis, the opportunity is still open to sing Christmas music.

Children's Sabbath is coming up October 22. In preparation of this, I will be working with Kristin in preparing the children to sing a song for the congregation.

As some of you may have noticed, hand bells have not reconvened this past month. We currently do not have the numbers to maintain a viable choir. I am currently looking through our library, and

catalogs for music that can be performed by a smaller choir. Also, if you have had any inclination to try hand bells, please join us.

Last year, we made the moves towards hiring a section leader or two to sing. The decision was made to hold off until the fall to search for singers, as most college students are set up in various church positions by the spring semester. Flyers have been posted at Baylor, with moves being made to post at MCC. To date there have been four responses. I have begun interviewing as schedules allow.

Thank you all for your time, and as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Chris Diamond

Worship

Justin Jack & Trudy Woodson, Chairpersons



This is the time of year that schedules get busy; school activities pick up, weeknights are filled with meetings and weekends are dedicated to football games.

Church is no exception. There is a lot going on here on Sunday mornings. Our goal is not for worship to be one more thing on your To Do list but rather a place to find rest and renewal, a place to find peace amongst the chaos of the week, and a place to join in fellowship with others struggling through life's challenges.

This month we celebrate World Communion, Stewardship, Children's Sabbath and Heritage Sundays. That is followed by All Saints Sunday and then Advent begins.

Each of these Sundays has a special meaning and purpose for celebration. If you feel that you have been too busy to attend we understand. Let us help you rediscover the joy of worship. Make time to commune with others. Celebrate the gifts that God has provided you in your life.

The cure for busyness is knowing the difference between what matters and what doesn't.

Noah's Ark Preschool

Jenny Akin, Preschool Director

Hooray for Autumn!

There are a lot of fun things that are welcoming the new season here at Noah's Ark!

Our t-shirt fundraiser was very successful. Thanks to all of you who supported us. We look forward to seeing you style around town with our new logo. T-shirts should arrive at the school by the first of October.

We would like to invite you to our first Family Night Out dinner October 12, 13, and 16. We will be dining at the Panda Express on Bosque Blvd. The kiddos will spend the week learning about pandas and their native country of China. We will conclude the unit with a yummy meal at Panda Express where twenty percent of a meal's total bill will be returned to the school and used to help our teacher education fund. Coupons will be inserted into the October 16 church bulletin. Let's go eat together after church! We'll need our strength to return to the church and unload pumpkins that day! We, as always, appreciate your support as we help our teachers

maintain the standard of excellence in which our school takes so much pride!

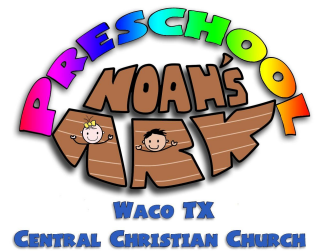
Our Pumpkin Party will be October 18. We will celebrate the coming of the pumpkins by decorating pumpkin shaped cookies, making crafts, and perusing the patch that day at school.

Our first Teacher Training workshop will conclude the month on October 29. We will be inviting other preschool teachers from around the area for a discussion on classroom environments and lesson planning. Ms. Melba Bunch from the Education Service Center will be our speaker.

We would like to thank you again for your support of our program. It's what keeps our boat afloat! Happy October to you!

Blessings!

Jenny Akin



Children's Ministry News

Virginia Babb, Chairperson

Children's Church is Expanding

Beginning on October 30, there will be an opportunity for the children of our church to experience an upgrade in our Children's Church time. For those of you who don't know, Children's Church over the last year has become a Kids' Worship time. We want to expand this worship experience for children to include a time of offering, more creative Bible storytelling, and communion in addition to our singing and prayer time. It's exciting to see the children of our church understand what it means to worship and live that out each and every week during Children's Church!

Disciples Women

Disciples Women Monthly Gathering Groups...

The **Monday Evening Young Women's Group** will meet Monday, October 3, 6:30 pm at the home of Dayna Roberts. Her address is 713 Willow Creek, Waco, 76712. Email Dayna for more information: wacjewelrylady@yahoo.com.

The Monday/Tuesday Evening Group The Monday-Tuesday DWG will be meeting on Monday, October 3, at 6:00 pm. We will meet in the Pumpkin Patch and volunteer our assistance with the pumpkins. There will a large tent with tables and chairs, so no lawn chairs will be needed. Eileen Conover has volunteered to provide the Santa Fe Stew and cornbread for all. Of course, we can always use additions to this meal, like salad, dessert, ice tea, etc. Just notify Carol Reinking regarding what will be brought to our meeting. One big issue is the planning of the fall meetings and the Central's Christmas Market on December 3. Please invite anyone else who may be interested in joining us. Contact Carol Reinking for details about their October gathering at sscarol.24@gmail.com or 399-0927.

The **Thursday Daytime Group** will meet on Thursday, October 6, at the church at 8:00 am to embark on a Tyler Rose tour. Gerret Conover will be driving the church van. Events of the day include: Tour Rose Gardens, lunch at Potpourri House, drive around Jarvis College in Hawkins, Texas, visit Jarvis Chapel and return home around 5:00 pm.

If none of the above days/times work for you, but you want to be a part of a Disciples Women group, please contact Kristin Jack at kristin@cccwaco.org



Grace Young Adult Fellowship

The grace meeting schedule will be emailed out the week of October 2 - 8. Check your inbox for times and locations.

grace

MILE OF PENNIES

Please bring your loose change to fill our Mile of Pennies Jars for this year's Mission Waco Christmas Toy Store. Our goal is a mile of pennies (\$844.80) for a shopping trip with our children and youth to purchase toys for the Mission Waco Toy Store.



Accolades

The Central Texas Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals recognizes businesses and individuals that better the community through their volunteer efforts each year. The October issue of Waco Today recognizes two of our church members as award recipients for 2011.

Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser - *Betsy Robinson*

Distinguished Service - *Trudy Woodson*

The full Articles will be posted in the main hallway at the church.

VARIETY SHOW

Central Christian Church is looking to put forward a variety show in January. This is open to the church, family members of the church, and groups that church members are involved in. Start thinking now of what you'd like to do and contact me at Chris.Diamond@baylor.edu or stop me after service on a Sunday so we can start setting things up. With your help, I think we can make this a great event.



Help needed

Gospel Cafe is still in need of volunteers. Eileen Conover and Mary Deeley volunteer on Fridays, and would love for you to join them. If this is not possible, perhaps a few can get together in CCC's State approved kitchen and prepare a large casserole or two, and/ or a few iced sheet cakes weekly, monthly or quarterly. Eileen (cell # [254-744-6453](tel:254-744-6453)) would be happy to pick these up from the church refrigerator or freezer, and deliver to the Cafe.

Gospel Cafe (located at 10th and Cleveland) operates on donations. They are open Wednesday thru Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.. The Cafe is also in need of any color/pattern dinner sized plates (not paper or plastic). These can be left for pick-up in our church kitchen.



New Paper Recycling program is now in effect

Perhaps you noticed the additional dumpster bin in the main parking lot last week. CCC has partnered with GreenFiber paper recycling to reuse all of our paper waste.

What does GreenFiber get from this deal? They turn old paper into home insulation. What does CCC get in return? We get paid! \$20/ton. So every little bit helps.

What can you do to help? Bring your paper and cardboard products and place them in the bin. That's it!

Acceptable items: Newspapers, Phone Books, Office Paper, Cardboard, Cereal Boxes, Magazines, Brown Paper Bags, Construction Paper, etc.

This is only for paper products so no glass, metal or plastic please.

This is a free service. So let's fill it up. Its good for us, good for GreenFiber and good for the environment.

Sympathy

Our love and concern are expressed to the following families and their loved ones:

**The Stromberg family
for Joel Stromberg**

**The Childs family
for Pat Childs**

**The Roden family
for Charles Roden**

**The Bewley family
for Helen Orr, Arminda's sister**

**The Crafton and Pentzer families
for Amy Crafton**

**The Lowry family
for Tommy Lowry**

**The Griffon and Tracy families
for Clark Griffon**



**Wedding Shower
for Kathy Kieran
& Norbert Trimmer**
Sunday, October 2,
3:00 - 4:30 pm

Come celebrate the upcoming marriage of Kathy and Norb as we gather in the Fireside Room for an afternoon Wedding Shower. They are registered at Dillard's, Kitchen Connection and Home Depot.

**Have you returned your
Membership
Questionnaire?**

New Members

Tony & Jean Powell
5807 Mount Terminal Dr.
Waco, TX 76710



LeAnn LeNoir
5050 N. Goddard
Mart, TX 76664

Did you Know....

Kristen Parker has been working in Bastrop, Texas this past week with her Americorp Group helping with the wildfire relief efforts. They have been working 12 hour days and camping on site. Thanks to Kristen and others for all the hard work with the wildfire clean up and recovery.

Attendance & Stewardship

Sunday, Aug 28, 2011

Sunday School: 70
Worship: 120
General Fund: \$ 2,148

Sunday, Sept 4, 2011

Sunday School: 65
Worship: 130
General Fund: \$11,752

Sunday Sept. 11, 2011

Sunday School: 82
Worship: 152
General Fund: \$ 6,031

Sunday Sept 18, 2011

Sunday School: 72
Worship: 139
General Fund \$ 5,5873

Sunday Sept 25, 2011

Sunday School: 75
Worship: 133
General Fund \$ 3,468

Please remember in prayer

Ty Ruland, Afghanistan
Texas Fire Victims

Cameron Jordan - Brain Disease
Jim Kingman - Heart Concerns
Christopher Navarro - Kidney Transplant
Troy Zacharias - Awaiting Kidney Transplant
Shade Smith - Awaiting Heart Transplant

Cancer Treatment

Harlan Williams - Dennis DeWitt
Tim Hood - Tricia Henry
Alice Renner - Eileen McCoy
Karen Freeman - Tommye Gail Doyle
Kirk Feste - Kyle Nielsen
Allan Keim - Deanna Starling
Leshia Fuchs - Melody Petrick
Shirley Lanham - Cheryl Durbin Reece

Henrietta Slavik - Crestview
Joyce Ashley - Wesley Woods
Bob Watson - Sterling House
Mary Brown - SW Nursing & Rehab - FW

Mary Denman - Surgery - Hillcrest
Dennis Gilliam - Heart Surgery óProvidence
Hazel Andrews - Hospital - Corpus Christi
Steve Celey - MD Anderson
Carol Drewry - Immune Illness Concerns
Gabriel Suke - Hillcrest - ICU
Grant Draper, Garrett Draper, Tony Garcia -
Balcony Collapse Injuries
Michael Nicosia - India Mission Trip -
October 1
Lisa Bilton - Off Heart & Liver Transplant list
Beverly Stromberg - St. Catherine Center
Travis Bigham - Neuro Skills - Irving
Lorretta Durbin - Rehab - Broken Ankle
Patty Dolezal - Home
Betty Smith - Home - Arlington
Shawn Bird - Brain Tumor
Josh Butler - ALS

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Service
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**SUNDAY
MORNINGS**

Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday
9:00 am - Noon

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web address: www.cccwaco.org

Noah's Ark Preschool
Tues., Wed., & Thursday

254/776-6310

noahsark@cccwaco.org

October Servers

Deacons: Team 1 - Earl Holloway, Captain, Savannah Arnet, Bill Bewley, Laura Byas, Wes Byas, Jennifer Canady, Mary Deeley, Tommy Fulton, Helen Goddard, Rebecca Maxwell, Lee Ragland, Michael Ragland, Tom Ragland, Betsy Robinson, Maddy Viladevall, Jim Young

Deaconess: Mary Deeley

Open/Close Building: Tom Ragland

Stewards: Bill Bewley, Ila Jean Carothers, Lee Ragland



October 2, 2011

Elders: Buck Bigham, Wallace Capps

Acolyte: Seth Byas

Mon. A/M Stewards:

Wallace Capps, Jon Carothers

October 9, 2011

Elders: Virginia Babb, Bill Goss

Elders Special Care:

Rick Charlton, David Dickson

Acolyte: Cody Durbin

Mon. A/M Stewards:

Jon Carothers, Carl Johnson

October 16, 2011

Elders: Dick Belanger, Michele Ryan

Acolyte: Levi Gold

Mon. A/M Stewards:

Carl Johnson, Dick Belanger

October 23, 2011- 8:30 am Meeting

Elders: Leland McGraw, Charlotte Carpenter

Elders Special Care:

Joe Cook, Mary Denman

Acolyte: Savannah Jack

Mon. A/M Stewards:

Dick Belanger, Wallace Capps

October 30, 2011

Elders: Larry Schiflett, Jon Carothers

Acolyte: Jacob Roberts

Mon. A/M Stewards:

Wallace Capps, Jon Carothers