

Center Community Church

The Vision

AUGUST, 2010

CONCERT



BY

THE MINISTER'S QUARTET

August 22nd 10:10 a.m.

A LOVE
OFFERING
WILL BE
TAKEN



NOON
PITCH-IN
MEAL

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TO GOD BE THE GLORY !

150 YEAR CELEBRATION

**October
16 -17**

*“The Lord has done
great things...”
Psalm 126:3*

From Roger

Awake and Alive

Have you ever driven for a long period of time and had to fight to stay awake? It can be scary and a sure sign that you need to pull over. Many when driving for a moment, close their eyes and don't realize it until they suddenly open them. Not intending to, they, for a moment fell asleep. A youth minister in a previous church I served in was alone driving the church van home. He was so tired that he fell asleep and didn't realize it until he was crawling out of the wreckage. Sometimes this happens spiritually. Sometimes we allow ourselves through inactivity or lack of spiritual effort to "fall asleep" in the Lord.

There is a story told of a preacher who was in the middle of his sermon when a man suddenly had a heart attack. They called the ambulance and made sure everyone remained where they were as they waited. The paramedics came and entered the sanctuary and went to half the congregation before they actually found the man who was really dead. Just a little pulpit humor.

To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

"These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits^[b] of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you." Revelation 3:1-3

Dear Church Family,

As everyone is painfully aware our economy has faltered. Many individuals, families, organizations and businesses are facing difficult and uncertain financial times.

In July, Ministry & Council met with the Finance Ministry. Finance Ministry put forth a great deal of preparation into this meeting and their efforts were greatly appreciated. Based on the first six months of this year and known upcoming expenses, we anticipate our weekly expenses for the remainder of the year to have increased to \$4,000 a week.

While we are unaware of current wasteful spending, M & C will be asking all Ministries and individuals to closely monitor and evaluate all expenditures. The church has routinely reimbursed any expenses incurred by individuals and Ministries. We, however, are at a point where expenses will need to be trimmed if giving remains constant.

For a variety of reasons, we have operated a couple of years without a projected annual budget. It is our current intention to reinstate this practice by presenting an annual budget at our yearly meeting in November. Ministries will be asked to re-evaluate their spending over the past months/year and help create and project a realistic budget.

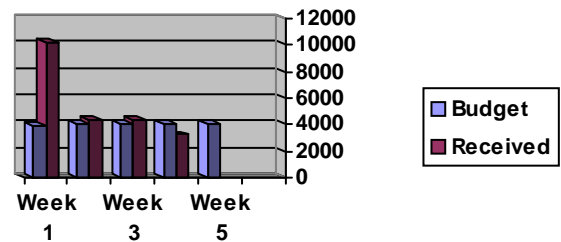
We are not in crisis mode yet and believe our finances to still be solvent. The Lord has blessed our Church for 150 years. While the next few months may cause some frustration and adjustment as we become more fiscally responsible, we strongly believe this will be a period of growth for our Church.

Please pray for the situation and help us understand what God wants us to learn from the experience.

For your Ministry and Council,
Allen Thorpe

Stewardship

	S.S.	A.M.	General Fund
6/27	50	117	\$10,243.00
7/4	39	128	\$ 4,290.00
7/11	55	147	\$ 4,402.93
7/18	47	141	\$ 3,230.00



Building Fund to date \$70,473.51

Keep saving your cans, aluminum foil (and any other aluminum) and get them to Niki Smythe.

FROM THE MISSION MINISTRY

International Disaster Emergency Service (I.D.E.S.)

Why? - *"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink ..."* **Matthew 25:35**

These are the first words you'll see when you seek information about IDES online. <http://www.ides.org/aboutides.html>
I've only seen pictures of what it was like around New Orleans in 2005 or in Haiti last January. A few in our church saw the devastation and were moved to go help out. Thank God for people like these Christian brothers and sisters. What motivated them is what daily motivates those who work within the I.D.E.S. organization.

It was founded by an Indiana man who had grown up extremely poor. The Christian influence and help received from a compassionate man was never forgotten by the boy. Grown up in 1972, he saw a television report on Bangladesh: "... devastated by civil war, and then was hit by both typhoon and tidal wave. The reporter pointed to an elderly gentleman lying in the street with nothing but a thin sheet to cover him, and asked, *Won't somebody help these people?*" He began to cry and questioned, *Where is the Christian Church / Church of Christ?*" This man Milton Bates decided to do something. In 1973, he, with the help of his wife, organized nine others to form the International Disaster Emergency Service. Since then, I.D.E.S. has helped people in need in over 100 countries, providing; disaster relief, medical relief, hunger relief, developmental projects, and evangelism with Jesus Christ at the Center.

In 2009, I.D.E.S. reported \$2,685,251 total income with \$2,795,207 being disbursed. Five Financial Facts:

1. Donor Intent: Designated gifts are used 100% for the purpose stipulated by the donor (nothing deducted for administrative expenses).
2. Fiscal Efficiency: When you total all the gifts IDES receives in a year, at least 80% is devoted to project expenses.
3. Financial Privacy: Your contact information and your gifts to IDES are confidential. We do not sell, rent, share or loan our donor records to any outside parties.
4. Shared Sacrifice: All IDES staff members are committed to supporting this ministry financially.
5. Accuracy of Accounting: Each gift received passes through a system of seven checkpoints to be certain it is accurately designated, receipted and used for advancing God's kingdom purposes.

You should know, that each of us here at Center Community Church are playing a role. We contribute \$1000 per year through our Missions Ministry. As the beneficiary of our VBS Mission funds, I.D.E.S. will receive money to purchase over 1000 chickens. In April of this year, I.D.E.S started a chicken farm in Haiti. In May, they started one in India.

This from the website of I.D.E.S. ... *"Wells are dug to give the missionary opportunity to teach about the Living Water. Food is given to open hearts to the Bread of Life. Lives are changed as blankets and medicines are given in the name of Jesus. Houses are built to provide shelter for families, and they experience the warmth of being part of the family of God. God's love is demonstrated not just with words, but with deeds and in truth."*

Missions Ministry by Dan Moran

Sympathy to...

... Rita Wooldridge in the death of her sister, Karen Bengé.

GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP

Golden Fellowship meets on Wednesday, August **4th** at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral. Join us!

MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP



EVERY MONDAY
8:30 a.m.

SOFTBALL GAMES

Come out and cheer them on in August.
August 10th — 6:00 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.
August 16th — 6:00 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.
August 19th — 6:00 p.m.
August 21st — Tournament

BUS MINISTRY

Need a ride to Church?

Call **MIKE EGGLETON** 797-0519.

Prayer Concerns

Church members with health concerns:

<i>Dollie Allen</i>	<i>Bill Armand</i>	<i>Joyce Bennett</i>
<i>Dale Best</i>	<i>Jerry Boles</i>	<i>Ida Cunningham</i>
<i>Rosie Dillon</i>	<i>Lois Eller</i>	<i>Mary Lou Etter</i>
<i>Billy Hines</i>	<i>Tim Krebs</i>	<i>Ruth Lovell</i>
<i>Gordon McCormick</i>	<i>Denise Mejean</i>	<i>Glenn Newby</i>
<i>Dean Pappas</i>	<i>Phyllis Peasley</i>	<i>Don & Gail Perkinson</i>
<i>Tom & Geri Shepherd</i>		<i>Nancy Smith</i>
<i>Rosalie & Allan Van Blaricum</i>		<i>Carolyn Wallace</i>

Family and Friends

Tom Goedl, cancer
Kathy Rayl for salvation & health
Chris Steckler

Requested by

Bob & Barbara Goedl
Ruthie Rayl
Stephani Steckler

Service men and women:

Shawn Capps, Marines
Richard Dillon, Nat'l Guard
Zach Elston, Air Force
Matthew Ewig, Air Force
Steven Goode, Army
Michael McDowell, Nat'l Guard
Wayne McWhorter, Nat'l Guard
Stephen Mejean, Army
Brian Rayl, Nat'l Guards
Steve Rayt, Nat'l Guard Reserves
Eric Smith, Navy
Jeff Walling, Nat'l Guard
K.C. White

Requested by

Monty & Terri Cook
Rosie Dillon
Chuck & Doris Elston
Clyde & Jane Fields
Pat Adams
Toni Belcher
McWhorters & Taylors
Dave & Denise Mejean
Ruthie Rayl
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Monty & Terri Cook
Martha Walling
Stephen Mejean

If there are others you would like to have included, contact the P.R. Ministry (Barbara Goedl, 839-8123).

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for my beautiful flower for my short stay in the hospital. Prayers and love saw me through.

With prayers,
Jane Fields

Thank you to all who donated supplies and coupons for the V.B.S. craft this year. Thanks also for the ladies who helped with the classes each night.

Linda Eckert
V.B.S. Craft Director

Thank you to the Building and Grounds Ministry and any others who helped with the lawn mowing, mulching and trimming this past month. It looks great!

Thanks to Christian Education Ministry for the V.B.S. Carnival. A special "THANKS" to Charley Harlan for all his hard work for that day.

Thanks to all who gave money to make it possible for the following youth to attend camp:

Andrew Williams	David Foggin
Bailey Hines	Morgan Hudson
Kaitlyn Willis	Rylie Williams
Garrett Steckler	Collin Elston
Corin Pippin	Katie Hines
Jerod Elston	

Also, Jason attended as faculty for one week. Rylie's Grandpa, Gary Shultz, attended with her and Brad Elston attended with his son, Jerod.

Primary Sunday School June Attendance

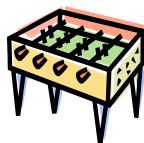
Brynn Hudson attended all four Sundays. Anna & Becca Elston came three weeks while Jimmy and Naomi Walling both joined us for two weeks. Destiny Hernandez and Haley Hines came one week. Thanks to Julia Thorpe for helping teach one week. We still have room for more students ages 4 years through grade 2.

Allen & Denyse Thorpe, teachers

GAME NIGHT

Friday, Aug. 27th

6:30 p.m.



Bring snacks and enjoy the evening.





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*In response to God's love for us, as expressed in His Word and by Jesus' example
we at Center Community Church commit ourselves to:*

- * Seek and save the lost*
- * Strengthen the saved*
- * Send disciples into ministry*

For the glory of God and His kingdom.

	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Service Leader	T. Belcher	T. Belcher	T. Belcher	T. Belcher	Youth
Pianist	C. Lane	J. Cottrell	C. Hines	C. & C. Mitchell	C. & C. Mitchell
Special Music	A. Slayten	J. Elston	J. Doran	Minister's Quartet	Youth
Communion Meditation	C. Mitchell	K. Eller	J. Steckler	J. Anderson	Youth
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>					
Teacher	J. Williams	J. McWhorter	C. Harlan	J. Williams	YOUTH Sunday
Songleader	N. Smythe	N. Smythe	N. Smythe	N. Smythe	
Games	J. McWhorter	J. Williams	J. Williams	C. Harlan	
Toddlers	B. Moran	B. Moran	B. Moran	B. Moran	B. Moran
Nursery	Arranged by Jera Foggin				

***Don't ever question the value of volunteers.
Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals.***

Sunday School

9:00 a.m

Worship

10:10 a.m.