



Center Community Church

# The Vision

MAY 2011



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ON MAY 5th

Our church will have 24 hours of prayer. This is an important day of prayer for our nation, state, church and families. Imagine the impact of millions of Christians all in prayer on one day. Please sign up in the foyer. Each person signing up will receive a list of subjects to lead their prayers. The church will be open for 24 hours to all participants who wish to do their prayers in the sanctuary.

## MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

**PITCH-IN MEAL**

*(Meat and Drink provided)*

### SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

**6:00 p.m.**

**BRING YOUR SMILES**

*for a picture!*

*The program will include:*

*honoring mothers, music, specials  
and a presentation by the "Red Hats".*

*There will be special recognition of the oldest mother, youngest mother, mother coming the farthest and the mother with the most daughters/daughters-in-law/granddaughters present.*

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**Saturday, May 7th,  
8:00-4:00**



**2nd ANNUAL  
CAR/TRUCK/MOTORCYCLE SHOW**

**Saturday, May 14th**

**Registration 9:00—12:00 Awards 3:00 p.m.**



## From Roger

### **The Head Hog**

A man called up a Bible-believing church and the church secretary answered the call. The man on the other end of the line said, "I'd like to speak to the head hog." The secretary replied, "That wasn't a very nice thing to say about our beloved minister, Rev. Jones." Again the man replied, "I'd like to speak to the head hog because I'm going to donate \$75,000.00 to the church. She replied, "Hold on a moment, I think the big fat pig just walked in."

As they say, if the shoe fits! Do you remember that time when the church was taking in so much money every Sunday that we couldn't figure out what to do with all the money?..... No? That's because we have never been in that situation. No matter what our needs are, it seems we have always taken in as much as we needed to get by.

Looking at the present budget, some ask where are we going to get the money for an addition? The money is there. Yes, financial times are tough. I KNOW financial times are tough. But our God is bigger than our finances. Our God is bigger than our troubles. The need is there, the vision is there, and the rest is going to have to be a matter of faith and prayer. (And if calling the Preacher names gives you incentive to give—GO FOR IT!!)

*“To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.” 1 Corinthians 9:22*

## Dear Church Family,

Last month Denyse's mother passed away. While we rejoice in the fact that she has reached her eternal reward after struggling several years with Alzheimer's, we are never quite ready to let go of those we love. The outpouring of cards, calls, e-mails and visits from our Church Family was really quite uplifting and humbling. Denyse, Julia, and I are now even more appreciative of our Church Family.

I am reminded again that such support and care cannot be organized or planned. It just comes as an expression of those who care about our Church and its family. And so it is with many, many activities in our Church.

There are also a great many tasks that we do attempt to organize and plan. Much of this work is performed voluntarily and without much fanfare. As this newsletter is being printed, the Nominating Ministry is setting out to find people to serve on various ministries. Please pray for this group as they are seeking people to serve in a variety of positions.

Also please pray for those that are being asked to serve, that they might accept the challenge of helping our Church grow and that they would receive a blessing from their service. May it always be first and foremost for our Church to share the love of Jesus, just as many of you did recently with our family's loss.

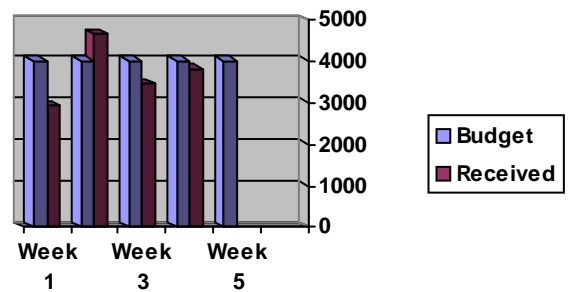
May the Lord continue to bless our Church as we strive to minister to one another.

Allen Thorpe  
For your Ministry and Council

## Stewardship

	S.S.	A.M.	General Fund
3/27	48	139	\$2,939.00
4/3	56	139	\$4,651.00
4/10	56	130	\$3,469.93
4/17	56	145	\$3,812.00

**Building Fund to date      \$78,186.14**



## FROM THE MISSION MINISTRY

Wheeler Mission's purpose statement is: "To provide Christ centered programs and services for the homeless and those in need". Their website is [www.WheelerMission.org](http://www.WheelerMission.org). Wheeler receives no help from government agencies, which leaves the Mission free to go far beyond the boundaries set by "politically correct" restrictions. Wheeler is maintained by donations from businesses, individuals and churches like ours. They have a Donation Center, Annabel's Thrift Shop, a Men's Ministry location and a Center for Women and Children. Those who use these facilities are encouraged to get jobs, save their money and finally be on their own. Training toward becoming independent is provided. In a recent report, it indicated that the Mission furnished 2,500,000 meals in one year. They provide "an average of 8,333 nights of shelter" each month.

Center regularly sends financial help to Wheeler Mission. Abby Moran and our Missions Ministry are planning a "Night in a Box" later this year to raise support for the homeless. The date is to be announced later.

Chuck Elston,

For the Missions Ministry

## To Serve is to Change

*When I face uncertain change, I do something for someone else. I pray for my church family and their many needs. I pray for guidance for the many changes our church is facing. Prayer will help us to stay off the emotional roller coaster and focus on the needs of each other, the leaders of the church and the upcoming nominations for Ministries and Committees. Let us realize that we are all connected; all of us are part of a greater plan.*

Passing on a note from Airline Bee of Roanoke, Virginia: **F.R.O.G. Fully Rely On God**

*In Christian Love,*

*Terri Cook*

## REMEMBER TO BRING...

Items for recycling: Bibles for the Christian Support Center, Ink Cartridges for the Office, and Aluminum cans, newspapers, and metal for the NBC

**W.R.E.** (Weekday Religious Education) is seeking a new Director. If interested, see the bulletin board or call Nettsie Banning 839-7118 for more information.

### **GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP**

*Wed., May 4 at 11:30 a.m., Golden Corral*

### **GAME NIGHT**

*Fri., May 27 at 6:30 p.m.*

*Bring snacks, games,  
and friends.*

**Don't forget  
your  
Secret Sister!!!**

## LADIES' SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

*Doris Elston, Teacher*

*New lesson series "The I Am's of Jesus"*

*I am the Resurrection*

*I am the Bread of Life*

*I am the Good Shepherd*

*I am the True Vine*

*I am the Door*

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life*

*???*

*Thanks to Jera Foggin for teaching the past series.*

**9:00 a.m.**

***Might include the 4 items from the front page of the Jan. 2011 newsletter—Things to donate.  
(Can cut & paste )***



PR Ministry would like to honor any CCC veteran who has passed away. If you know of any Veterans who were members of CCC, contact Monty or Terri Cook with name, branch of service and date of death. A church plaque will be presented Memorial weekend.

**Primary Sunday School March Attendance**

Becca Elston and Brynn Hudson attended three weeks and Anna Elston and Rylie Williams came for two weeks. Delaney Fields, Haley Hines, Katie Hines, Connor Hudson, Rory Hudson, & Andrew Williams all attended one Sunday. Please bring children ages 4 through Grade 1 to learn with us!

—Teachers: Allen & Denyse Thorpe

**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>Terry Howe</i>	<i>Tim Krebs</i>
<i>Ruth Lovell</i>	<i>Gordon McCormick</i>	<i>Denise Mejean</i>
<i>Glenn &amp; Evelyn Newby</i>	<i>Dean Pappas</i>	<i>Phyllis Peasley</i>
<i>Don &amp; Gail Perkinson</i>	<i>Tom &amp; Geri Shepherd</i>	<i>Nancy Smith</i>
<i>Jon Taylor</i>	<i>Carolyn Wallace</i>	
<i>Rosalie &amp; Allan Van Blaricum</i>		

**Family and Friends**

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

**Requested by**

*Bob & Barbara Goedl*  
*Ruthie Rayl*  
*Stephani Steckler*

**Serving our Country**

*Richard Dillon, Nat'l Guard*  
*Zach Elston, Air Force*  
*Brian Ewig, Nat'l Guards*  
*Matthew Ewig, Nat'l Guards*  
*Steven Goode, Army*  
*Michael McDowell, Nat'l Guard*  
*Wayne McWhorter, Nat'l Guard*  
*Stephen Mejean, Army*  
*Brian Rayl, Nat'l Guard*  
*Steve Rayl, Nat'l Guard Reserves*  
*Eric Smith, Navy*  
*Joe Villarreal, Marines*  
*Scott Weaver, Air Force*  
*K.C. White, Army*

*Rosie Dillon*  
*Chuck & Doris Elston*  
*Clyde & Jane Fields*  
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*K. Pat Adams*  
*Toni Belcher*  
*McWhorters & Taylors*  
*Dave & Denyse Mcjean*  
*Ruthie Rayl*  
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*Monty & Terri Cook*  
*Sharon Davis*  
*Jerry Weaver*  
*Stephen Mejean*

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

**Thank You**

We praise God that we are "rich" in Christian Family and Friends. Thank you to our Church Family for the many beautiful cards and gifts and for those who were able to share in our 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. It was a joy to see most of our Wedding Party, family and friends from four churches where we have ministered.

Love & thanks,  
 Chuck & Doris Elston

Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you for your prayers, visits, basket of goodies and a cuddly bear! after my recent surgery.

Sarah Taylor

Dear Center Family,  
 Thank you so much for the outpouring of concern and sympathy shown to my family and me at the passing of my mother. The cards, calls, words of concern and hugs make this time of loss and transition easier. Also the donations to the Anderson University Scholarship Fund are very much appreciated since education was very important to Mom. I'm thankful the Lord blessed me with a Christian mother, and I know she is at peace enjoying her eternal reward. And again thanks to each of you who make Center Community such a special community of caring Christians.

Denyse Thorpe & Miller family

Dear CCC family,  
 Thank you so much for the lovely fruit basket and for caring. I will make good use of it.

In Christian love,  
 Dean Pappas

Thank you to our Church Family for the prayers, calls and cards after my eye surgery. Thank you for your prayers for Aaron during his time of recovery after his surgery. Please continue to pray that Aaron and Jennifer find a Church home.

Linda & Dubak

**GIFT IDEAS FOR...**

...Mother's Day, Father's Day, teachers, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and even graduation gifts.

**The Fruit of the Spirit Cookbook**

CWF's cookbooks are selling for \$7 each or 3 for \$20. There are so many great recipes included from Center's great cooks!

**Mike's Express Carwash Tickets**



See Jason Williams or Denyse Thorpe if you'd like to purchase some at \$8 per ticket.

This helps support the Youth Fund.



**SAVE THOSE CANS!!!**

Ask your neighbors.... Ask at your work place... or ??

Aluminum cans mean extra dollars for the Building Fund. Bring them when you have a large bag full and put them outside the kitchen door. (Aluminum foil & pans work too.)



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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.*

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Service Leader	T. Belcher	T. Belcher	T. Belcher	T. Belcher	Youth Sunday
Pianist	C. Hines	C. Hines	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell	C. & C. Mitchell
Special Music	C. Mitchell	B. Newlin	T. Clark	A. & K. Moran	
Communion Meditation	J. Steckler	C. Elston	C. Harlan	B. Hines	
<b><u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u></b>					
Teacher	C. Harlan	J. Williams	M. Eggleton	C. Harlan	
Toddlers	J. Mitchener	J. Mitchener	J. Mitchener	J. Mitchener	J. Mitchener
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.***

***Adult Bible Study***

***Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.***

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# Youth Ministry Newsletter

Jason  
Williams  
Youth  
Minister



Office  
Hours

Monday through Thursday  
9 am to noon

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Jason's cell 217-314-9008



**Center Community  
Church Youth Ministries**

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## Believe 2011

CIY's Jr. High Believe Now Tour was an amazing learning experience. The week was about using your "now" moment for God. Esther used her "now" moment by speaking to the king to save her people, even though she could have been killed for it. The kids also had some fun, watching the National Tricycle Racing League. Christopher in the above picture is sitting on a tricycle that can reach 40 MPH. Check out the videos online to watch it take a super jump.



[www.centerchurchplainfield.org](http://www.centerchurchplainfield.org)  
[www.cccyouth.weebly.com](http://www.cccyouth.weebly.com)

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Check out  
the Youth  
Website.

# Children's Church Calendar For May 2011

May 1st

Taught by Charley Harlan

May 8th

Taught by Jason Williams

May 15th

Taught by Mike Eggleton

May 22th

Taught by Charley Harlan

May 29th

Youth Sunday

## Upcoming Events

### Youth Ministry Needs

Due to an outlawing of drop down, fold down baby cribs, we are looking for a great condition crib without drop down or fold down sides. The old cribs have produced 32 deaths since 2000, and we want our babies safe. So anyone interested in helping out please see Jason. We would be interested in donations of money or an entire crib. Our babies in our church nursery will thank you.

We also could use some brand new toys for the toddler room, and nursery. (New, not used)

### Youth Ministry Wants

We are looking for video games, systems, and remotes. We currently would like 3 more Wii-motes, and num-chucks. Wii Games that are rated for everyone. We are looking for an Xbox 360, and remotes for this as well.

These are wants not needs.

Camp Speaker  
and pitch in  
May 4th, 6-7:30 PM

CIY MOVE 2011

July 17-23rd

For High School  
students  
\$325.00

(current 8th graders starting  
high School next year are en-  
couraged to attend)

\$50 Deposit Due May 8th

