



Center Community Church

The Vision

JANUARY, 2012

COMING IN FEBRUARY

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Feb. 11,
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From Roger

THE HISTORICAL BIBLE

“Are you the tooth fairy?” a seven year old asked her mom after yet another tooth fell out. Very impressed that the young girl picked up on this, the mom assured her that she was in fact the tooth fairy. Her bubble was burst a few minutes later when after thinking for a few seconds, the seven year old asked, “How do you get into the other kids’ houses?” Fables, fairy tales, myths and legends are the stuff that we have grown up with all of our lives. However there is a danger when we start to place the miracles of the Bible into those same categories.

Latter day historians are often heard taking the facts of history and decrying the acts of heroism as embellished and likely to have not happened. They think that having a degree and calling themselves “Professor” or “Historian” gives them license to explain history according to their beliefs. The heroes of yesterday are being remade into mediocre individuals who were merely victims of national propaganda. Facts of history such as: “George Washington didn’t defeat the British. He just ran around long enough until the French won the war for us.” Or “the defenders of the Alamo didn’t fight to the death because many surrendered later to be executed” are but a couple of examples. When we set out to water down history, we steal from the courageous the honor due them. We rob the present day heroes of motivation to excel.

Many have portrayed the miracles of the Bible and the men and women of faith as mere parables rather than historical fact. Let me tell you something. God did flood the Earth with only Noah and 7 others surviving. God did turn the Nile into blood; God did have a large fish swallow Noah; God did part the Red Sea; God did bring down the walls of Jericho and Jesus did walk on water, heal the sick, feed 5,000 and resurrect from the dead. When anyone tries to take away from the truth of God’s Word, they not only risk undermining the faith of some that God is preparing a place in Heaven for, but they are actively blaspheming against Him. “If anyone causes one of these **little ones**—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”
—Matthew 18:5-7

The same God who spoke our universe into existence and sent His only begotten Son to the world in the form of flesh is the same God who created the laws of physics and can bend, break or remake them according to His will. As I learned from Christ in Youth’s long time motto which remains fresh in my mind to this very day: **“Praise to Him who specializes in the impossible!”**

Dear Church Family,

A New Year

As we are about to start this New Year, I ran across the following copyrighted poem, printed by permission by M. S. Lowndes. It is titled: **A New Year With The Lord**

A new year is about to unfold, with new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences, new adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things, the things of this past year
The Lord will do new things in us, much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us, as we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step, by His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts, we find we’ll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities, we’ll see the door to go through

We mustn’t let anything hold us back, but rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be, with a fresh touch of His grace

As we embark on 2012 and think about new beginnings, we hope that 2012 will be one of the best in the history of Center Community Church.

Some of the things being planned for 2012 include: progressing with our New Building Campaign, a new church directory, repeat of Financial Peace University, another evangelistic effort perhaps similar to 40 Days of Purpose, another series of family prayer visitations by fellow church members and revising our current by-laws.

With the holidays behind us, Ministry and Council is forming a short term committee to review our current bylaws. We have a couple of volunteers for this, but would welcome others to join us as we upgrade our bylaws to more closely align with our current operations and goals. If you have an interest in such a ministry, please let me know as we plan to have a kickoff meeting within the next month.

God has a Plan. May it be a New Year’s resolution to all of us to seek God’s will in our lives and at Center Community Church.
—Allen Thorpe, for your Ministry and Council

PRAISE ! The New Building Fund is now over the \$100,000!

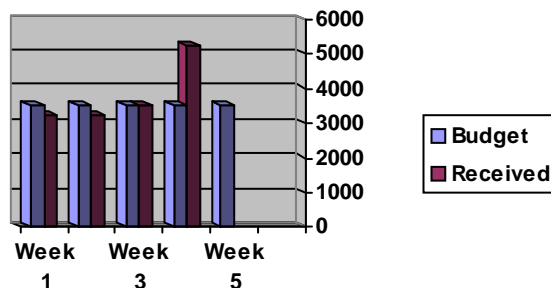
Thanks to all who are praying and giving time, money and recycling as we go forward for the growth of His kingdom.

Stewardship

	S.S.	A.M.	General Fund
11/20	44	127	\$3,252.00
11/27	42	125	\$3,241.00
12/4	48	140	\$3,523.93
12/11	46	140	\$5,207.00

BUILDING FUND (as of 12/7/11) \$100,031.92

Does not include recycle fund.



From the Mission Ministry

Here in Central Indiana, it can be daunting to fulfill God’s call to spread His Word to the entire world, but by supporting Mid - India Christian Mission [MICM], Center Community Church makes an impact half way around the world. In Mathew 9:37, Jesus warns his disciples that “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” Yet, undaunted by the difficult task, this Christian organization is attempting to reap a harvest in the face of persecution in this predominately non-Christian nation. The organization’s outreach extends to a diverse need base. Their four main services include: literature printing, teaching the blind, ministering to widows, and sending children to school.

Through their printing program, MICM has distributed sixteen Christian books, one hymn book that is “used in more than 800 churches”, and thousands of tracts. At the blind school, which assists 47 students who were formerly street beggars, pupils are not only taught academics, but also spirituality as the students learn to read with Braille Bibles. Desiring to help all less fortunate, MICM strives to care for widows. As their website declares, “The Bible teaches that the greatest service towards God is to take care of widows, love them, serve them, and thus make them realize that Jesus loves.” Also, through their children scholarship program, MICM provides people the opportunity to sponsor children to go to school and buy a “uniform, an umbrella, milk and cookies, books, [and] medical attention.” Through these and their countless other services this organization obviously has a heart of service and humility.

Abby Moran for Mission Ministry

Mission Shake-out on January 8th for the Radio Bible Class which supplies the “Our Daily Bread” devotional books.

Primary Sunday School November Attendance

Naomi Walling attended all four Sundays. Jimmy Walling, Rory & Haley Hines attended three times and Becca Elston and Delaney Fields attended twice. Thanks to Bev Lenz and her helper, Jennifer Gray, for teaching one week for us. A New Year will be starting soon. It would be a great time to start coming to Sunday School and learn about Jesus

Teachers: Allen & Denyse Thorpe

C.W.F. (Christian Women’s Fellowship)

The January meeting will be on January 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy fellowship and games with our CCC Ladies. Jera Foggin will give devotions, and Kathy Wilhite is the hostess.

Golden Fellowship at Golden Corral

Wed., January 4th at 11:30 a.m.



THE GAME PARTY

Sun., Feb. 5

5 p.m.

Plan now to attend and enjoy food, fellowship, and games.



For more information on Church Activities, go to:
<http://centerchurchplainfield.org>

SYMPATHY to:

Brad & Jessica Elston and family in the death of Jessica's father, Pat Stanley.

Kathy Wilhite and family in the death of her mother, Stella Wilhite.

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>Lois Capps</i>
<i>Sharon Dakin</i>	<i>John & Helen Doran</i>	<i>Lois Eller</i>
<i>Mary Lou Etter</i>	<i>Clyde & Jane Fields</i>	<i>Charley Harlan</i>
<i>Raymond Hays</i>	<i>Alice Henderson</i>	<i>Billy Hines</i>
<i>Terry Howe</i>	<i>Tim Krebs</i>	<i>Ruth Lovell</i>
<i>James McWhorter</i>	<i>Denise Mejean</i>	<i>Glenn & Evelyn Newby</i>
<i>Dean Pappas</i>	<i>Phyllis Peasley</i>	<i>Don & Gail Perkinson</i>
<i>Ruthie Rayl</i>	<i>Mary Roe</i>	<i>Tom & Geri Shepherd</i>
<i>Nancy Smith</i>	<i>Stephani Steckler</i>	<i>Jon & Sarah Taylor</i>
<i>Rosalie & Allan Van Blaricum</i>		<i>Carolyn Wallace</i>
<i>Jean Weber</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

Thomas Akin, Army
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
Justin Summer, Mariens
Joe Villarreal, Marines
Scott Weaver, Air Force
K.C. White, Army

Shirley Joslin
Chuck & Doris Elston
Clyde & Jane Fields
Clyde & Jane Fields
K. Pat Adams
Toni Belcher
McWhorters & Taylors
Dave & Denyse Mcjean
Ruthie Rayl
Ruthie Rayl
Monty & Terri Cook
Bill & Linda Eckert
Sharon Davis
Jerry Weaver
Stephen Mejean

If there are others you would like to have included, contact the P.R. Ministry.

This 'N That

Is your picture on the "Church Family" picture board?
Does your picture need to be updated? See Linda Eckert—she has her camera with her on Sunday!...**Please ask for "stamps" when you shop at Family Christian Store. Turn them into the Office to be used for purchasing materials....Please recycle ink cartridges to the Church Office for recycling. Just put them on the table by the Office door....You can donate Bibles to the Christian Support Center. Please put them in the special box in the Lobby...Thanks to all who purchased the Christmas gifts for the 94 children and brought socks for Cookson Hills Christian Children's Home in Oklahoma....Don't forget your Secret Sister!!!**

THANK YOU to TONI BELCHER

A special thank you to Toni for being our Financial Secretary. She has resigned due to increased hours on her job. Crissy Livengood has assumed her duties. Thanks for all your hours of work!

CCC Ministry & Council

Thanks:

To All CCC family,

I want to say a Great Big Thanks. To CCC family for cards, visits, get well wishes and a lot of family help and prayers and a special thanks to Roger for being there before and after my surgery. With all this help and God on my side, it all went well. Hope to see everyone soon.

With a lot of love and prayers to all,
Lois Capps

Dear Church Family,

My mother (Ida Cunningham) missed coming to Church the last few months. I know she is well and no longer tired. She was ready to go home.

Thank you for the prayers, cards, food and flowers,
Tina McManama

To CCC,

Thanks for your prayers, thoughts and cards we received concerning my parents. Thanks! During Thanksgiving I'm thankful for food, fellowship and special hugs from my friends here at Church!

Thanks, Love you,
Juanita Mitchener

CCC Friends,

Thank you so much for the blanket throw you sent to Daddy's funeral. It will be a keepsake for us to remember you and your thoughtfulness. Your prayers and cards have meant so much as well. Our loss is deep, but God will see us through.

Brad, Jessica, Jerod, Collin, Anna, Becca Elston
& Becky Stanley



Upcoming Events

1/27-28/2012 Superstart for 4th -6th Graders at 91st Street Christian Church in Indianapolis.

4/20-21/2012 Believe for 7th & 8th Graders at Anderson University.

SEE YOU ON SUNDAY at 9:00 a.m. & 10:10 a.m.

SEE YOU ON WEDNESDAY at 6:00 p.m.



CCC Chronicles

JANUARY, 2012

January Events

- 12/4 6 to 8 p.m.—Youth Group Party
- 12/7 6 p.m.-Meal
6:45 p.m.-Play practice
- 12/11 5 p.m.—Christmas Caroling
- 12/14 6 p.m.-Meal
6:45 p.m.-Play Practice
- 12/16 6 to 11 p.m.—Santa's Little Helpers
will be providing child sitting.
- 12/17 10 a.m.—Play Practice
- 12/18 6 p.m.—Children & Teen
Program followed by reception.
- 12/21 No meal or classes
- 12/23 6:30 p.m.—Game Night
- 12/24 6 p.m.—Christmas Eve Service
- 12/25 Jesus' Birthday
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:10 a.m. Worship
- 12/28 No meal or classes



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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.

	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29
Service Leader	C. Mitchell	C. Mitchell	C. Mitchell	C. Mitchell	Youth Sunday
Pianist	C. Hines	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Hines
Special Music	T. Clark	R. McGuire	B. Newlin	A. Steckler	L. Dubak
Communion Meditation	D. Moran	J. Steckler	C. Harlan	M. Cook	Youth
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>					
Teacher	M. Eggleton	C. Harlan	M. Eggleton	C. Harlan	Youth Sunday
Craft/Game	N. Smythe	D. Mejean	M. Harlan	N. Smythe	
Toddlers	J. Harlan	B. Moran	J. Mitchener	B. Lenz	B. Moran
Assistant	B. Hines	K. Williams	M. Hudson	B. Patterson	C. Harlan
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.
Beginning January 11, 2012—
Wednesday Family Meals 6:00 p.m.
Classes for all ages 6:45 p.m.
