

Center Community Church

The Vision

JANUARY 2010

HAPPY NEW YEAR

MAY THIS BE A YEAR OF BLESSING AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH!

2010

A Year of Great Celebration.

We will be celebrating 150 years of the ministry of this Church.

GREETER SEMINAR

Tuesday, January 5, 7:00 p.m.

CAREER/JOB SEARCH WORKSHOP

Sunday, January 17, 6:00 p.m.

Where to look? How do I write a resume? Interviewing?

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YOUTH SUNDAY

**January
31st**

**Jason,
preaching**

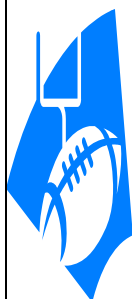
Coming in February...

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday

February 7th, 5:00 p.m.

Bring snacks and games!



From Roger

Merry Christmas? Happy New Year?

How many times do we hear the above statements during this time of the year? In years past they were reminders of promise and joy. But for many people this year they feel like empty words. This time of year is notorious for depression and suicide. Being a Christian does not exempt you from having these feelings. Some of you have faced the loss of loved ones in your lives and the idea of starting a new year without them, let alone get through Christmas, seems a hopeless cause. Some of you have received bad news from a doctor or suffered a damaged relationship. I am not going to try to put a Band-Aid on your feelings and tell you to get over it. Your emotions are very real. Someone who could more than relate to these emotions is one of our favorite Bible characters, David. Despite God making him King, despite having family and wealth, despite being called a man after God's heart. He had several tragedies in his life and occasions to feel depressed.

We love the Scripture and sing the words, *"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God."* (Psalm 42:1) Beautiful imagery makes for a great song. However read the rest of the passage. *"My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Where can I go and meet with God? My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long, 'Where is your God?' These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?"* (Psalm 42:2-5) Here David is grieving because things have turned out so badly and the only good he can think of is what he is no longer able to do or have. He is so grieved that he just wants it over and go to God.

On another occasion we find David in a state of anxiety and depression. *"My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death assail me. Fear and trembling have beset me; horror has overwhelmed me. I said, 'Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest. I would flee far away and stay in the desert; Selah I would hurry to my place of shelter, far from the tempest and storm.'" Ps 55:4-8.* Here David is in such anguish that he just wants to run away from it all. And yet in the previous passage David makes a decision in verse 5, *"Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God"*. David does not feel like praising at this time, but he chooses to put his hope in God and praise Him. How you react to your depression and move past it is a choice.

Remember that we can't make decisions for our lives based on emotions, we base our lives on truth, not feelings. Philippians 4:1 tells us to rejoice in the Lord always, whether we feel that way or not. What can we do to get through this dreadful onset of emotion? (1) Trust the Lord..... You might be thinking, "Is that it?" No, but first and foremost we must trust the Lord. Choosing to trust truth rather than your feelings may require a lot of faith. But that is a first and most important step. God does not want you going through life in sorrow. He has given you too much to rejoice about to sit day in and day out grieving about what you have lost or what might have been. (2) Talk to God about it. Sharing your problems with a friend really does help to work through depression. Sharing with God does even more. God loves you and He wants you to bring your problems to Him. (3) Praise Him. It is hard to feel down when you are lifting God up. That's what David did. He praised God and put his trust in Him. Other things that might help are (4) Talk to a Christian friend about it. (5) Read your Bible. (6) Listen to good Christian music. (That is one of my favorites, in fact I am going to turn my favorite Christmas music on right now.)

Sometimes the problem is physical. Do not be afraid to go to a doctor. They are not going to lock you up. He will find out if there is some sort of physical imbalance in your body that might be the cause of your depression. My last bit of advice is this: If you spend these holidays grieving over what you have lost, you will never know the joy of appreciating what you have.

God bless.

Your answers are:

1. The Little Drummer Boy
2. Up On A Housetop
3. Deck The Halls

4. Twelve Days Of Christmas
5. Oh Little Town Of Bethlehem
6. Hark The Herald Angels Sing
7. All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth

8. Joy To The World
9. Silver Bells
10. We Three Kings
11. Away In A Manger
12. Silent Night

**We wish all of
our church
family a
blessed
New Year!**
Monty and Terri

Dear Church Family

Well a New Year is upon us. I am sure that most of you, like me, are looking forward to all the things the New Year has to offer; all the possibilities of what we might do or places we will go. Some of you might make New Year's resolutions, things you want to change in your life or something you would like to accomplish. These things are always well-meaning, you know; quit smoking, lose weight, learn a new skill or something like that. I have never heard anyone say "I am going to gain twenty pounds, start smoking and get a demotion at work this year." But as good as our intentions are we usually have forgotten about these resolutions by March and so goes another year.

I hope that if you set out to achieve some level of personal growth this year that you are able to achieve it. But I challenge everyone of us to use this New Year to renew ourselves in the LORD. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 it says "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."

I say we resolve to serve Christ this year by spending some time helping others. Maybe there is some area of the church you have always thought "I should be helping with that," but just never have. Or it could be some other volunteer opportunity that you have thought about but just never got around to doing. Every Thanksgiving Day on TV we watch the people helping serve dinner at the homeless shelter and say to ourselves "we should do that next year." Lets make this the year we do it! Whether we decide to help in the nursery at church, go to the soup kitchen and serve, or take a hot meal to a neighbor in need during these hard times let us do it in the name of our LORD.

Remember Jesus said in Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." So as you make all of your plans for this New Year, lets all make sure serving the LORD is part of them.

In Christ,
John Steckler, Ministry & Council

BOX UP YOUR TREASURERS

Begin To box up your treasurers. The Bus Ministry will hold a Rummage/Bake Sale on May 1st. There will be a baked goods sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

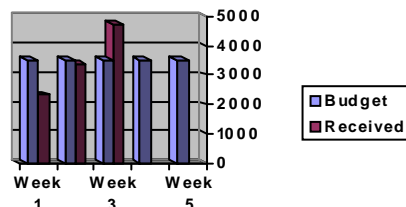
Thanks...

... to everyone who shared in the Christmas Season. A **large** box of socks and 98 gifts (one for each child) were sent to Cookson Hills Christian Ministries... to all who worked with the children and teens for a great program...to the CWF for the cookie/fruit bags and to all who went Caroling...for the many cards sent !!!

Stewardship

	S.S.	A.M.	General Fund
11/29	51	148	\$2,321.25
12/6	45	171	\$3,394.67
12/13	57	170	\$4,705.09

Weekly Financial Need: \$3,500.00



Building Fund to date \$76,800.66

Veterans Honored

The following Veterans received plaques:
John Anderson, William Armand, Robert Butler, Kenneth Clymer, Daniel Dubak, Bill Eckert, Ellen Eggleton, Robert Goedel, Charles Harlan, Raymond Hays, Ray Henderson, Bob Hines, Terry Howe*, James (Russ) Jones, Norman McCormack, Gordan McCormick, James (Jamie) McWhorter, Stephen Mejean, Thomas Shepherd, Daniel Smythe, Clyde Fields, Don Rayl and Jeff Walling.

*Pending

Primary Sunday School November Attendance

During the month of November, Brynn Hudson attended all five Sundays! Anna Elston & Becca Elston both attended three weeks while Rylie Williams attended two weeks. We'd still like to have more 4 & 5 years olds, as well as Kindergarten students attend our class. These children are learning so many stories about Jesus. Ask them to tell you a recent story sometime and you'll be amazed at what they know!

Teachers: Allen & Denyse Thorpe

C.W.F.

(Christian Women's Fellowship)

Monday, Jan. 11th

7:00 p.m.

Program:

NEW BEGINNINGS

Depression & Addiction

SPEAKER: **Ellen Ferguson**

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Devotions: Jera Foggin

Hostess: Kathy Wilhite

MEN'S COFFEE (and more) HOUR

They have enjoyed donuts, egg/sausage casserole, biscuits & gravy, sausage sandwiches, pancakes AND great fellowship!

EVERY MONDAY 8:30 a.m.

BAPTISM

Abby Moran stated her belief in Jesus and was baptized on November 29th. She is the daughter of Dan & Barb Moran and lives at 8206 Liberty Lane, Mooresville.

Samantha Neal confessed her faith in Jesus and her desire to be a Christian. She was baptized into Christ on December 13th. She lives at 201 Hanley, Plainfield. Samantha is the granddaughter of Jerry & Pat Boles.

Welcome, Abby & Samantha, to our Christian Family at Center! Pray for these teenagers in their stand for the Lord.

REDEDICATION

Loretta Davis came forward on December 6th to rededicate her life to the Lord. Loretta and her husband, Jim, live at 2235 Crystal Bay W. Drive, Plainfield. Please pray for her.

Prayer Concerns

Church members with health concerns:

<i>Dollie Allen</i>	<i>Bill Armand</i>	<i>Dale Best</i>
<i>Jerry Boles</i>	<i>Ida Cunningham</i>	<i>Bil Davis</i>
<i>Rosie Dillon</i>	<i>Lois Eller</i>	<i>Mary Lou Etter</i>
<i>Billy Hines</i>	<i>Johnna Klakamp</i>	<i>Tim Krebs</i>
<i>Ruth Lovell</i>	<i>Jamie McWhorter</i>	<i>Denise Mejean</i>
<i>Carole Mitchell</i>	<i>Evelyn Newby</i>	<i>Dean Pappas</i>
<i>Phyllis Peasley</i>	<i>Don & Gail Perkinson</i>	<i>Don Rayl</i>
<i>Tom & Geri Shepherd</i>	<i>Nancy Smith</i>	<i>Carolyn Wallace</i>

Family and Friends

Tom Goedel, cancer
Kathy Rayl for salvation & health
Chris 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
Craig Rayl, Air Force
Eric Smith, Navy
Justin Summer, Marines
Jeff Walling, Nat'l Guard
K.C. White

Requested by

Bob & Barbara Goedel
Don & Ruthie Rayl
Stephani Steckler

Requested by

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

If there are others you would like to include, contact Barbara Goedel, 839-8123.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEALS

Family Meals will begin again on January 13th.

THANKS to the families who cooked the last series: C. Elstons, Foggins, K. Wilhite, Thorpe/Moran, Williams. Eggletons and Ministries: P.R., Building & Grounds, Ministry & Council, Missions, Finance, Worship and the Youth Group.

Doris & Chuck Elston

From the Mission Ministry

Mid-India Christian Mission

Many of us are familiar with the Lall family and the Mid-India Christian Mission. It began with the conversion to Christianity of Stanley Lall's grandmother. When she learned of her family's intentions to kill her, she fled for her life with her 2yr old son, Samuel, to a mission. Samuel, was orphaned two years later, but grew up knowing Jesus Christ.

He later was in charge of a large orphanage established by missionaries. His three children, Vijai, Stanley and Ramola were all raised in the Christian faith. They all continue to work for our Lord. Mid-India Christian Mission is located in Damoh, India. It was founded in 1970, by the late Dr. Vijai Lall. It started with 17 children, one teacher and a rented house. Phenomenal growth took place in the work and now it involves six families and several phases of work: Evangelism, Christian School, Printing, Bible College, Media Production facility, Eye/General Hospitals, Village Uplifts, Benevolence and Christian Training Centers.

The school, Nav Jagriti (New Awakening), now serves around 2000 students. In 1989, the Bethlehem Bible College was formed. It has graduated 200 young men to serve the Lord in 66 churches in 6 states. Other missions, they support are: Eye Hospital, serving 20,000 people, School for the Blind with 47 students and a Widow's Ministry, with 48 women. Asha Project- allows support of a child for 12.00/month which provides school tuition, books, uniforms, medical attention, etc. There are 300 children being served in this program. The Art Media Production House, since 1980, prints Christian literature and produces Christian television programs.

Usually every month, I receive a newsletter from Neelam Lall. I read these letters with great humbleness and shame. They describe the difficulties of being a Christian in India. Everyday, they face persecution from the government and radicals. Our Indian brothers in Christ are being beaten, their land confiscated, their churches burned, and they are harassed by police. Yet they continue to worship, build churches and spread the Word of Jesus Christ in this hostile environment.

Please let us continue our support of this mission. Sponsorships of children are available for as little as \$12.00 a month. Please keep them in your hearts and prayers this Christmas season.

Bev Lenz
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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.

	<u>Jan. 3</u>	<u>Jan. 10</u>	<u>Jan. 17</u>	<u>Jan. 24</u>	<u>Jan. 31</u>
Service Leader	D. Moran	D. Moran	D. Moran	D. Moran	Youth
Pianist	C. Hines	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Hines
Special Music	R. Foggin	M. Walton & J. Doran	A. Miller	Praise Team	Youth
Communion Meditation	C. Mitchell	T. Belcher	C. Harlan	D. Moran	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	
Craft	M. Harlan	M. Harlan	M. Harlan	M. Harlan	
Games	C. Harlan/J. McWhorter	J. Williams	C. H./J. Mc	J. Williams	
Toddlers	J. Mlichener	J. Mlichener	J. Mitchener	J. Mitchener	J. Mitchener

NURSERY—Arranged by Jera Foggin



Worship 10:10 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Meal 6:00 p.m. (begins 1/13/10)

Wednesday Classes 7:00 p.m. (begins 1/13/10)