

The Vision

MARCH 2010



CMF—Christian Men's Fellowship
Sun., March 7

Time: 2 p.m.—Meet at CCC before going on a field trip to the Police Station—See the Lock-up/911 Area/SWAT Vehicles and more.



CWF

MON., MARCH 8

7 P.M.

LIVING FRUGALLY

All ladies are invited to attend and bring a friend!



REMEMBER:

Turn your clocks forward on Sat., March 13 before going to bed! We don't want you to be late for Sunday School and Worship!

7th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER AND TALENT SHOW

Come on Sunday, March 14 from 5-6 p.m. for dinner. Tickets: \$7 for ages 12—Adult, \$3.50 for ages 4-11, and children 3 and under are Free.

At 6:30 there will be a **Talent Show**.

This is the Kick-Off Evening for the 2010 Camp Fund.

Don't forget to pick up your blue "Quarters for Camp" container!



BUNNY BREAKFAST

Sat., March 27 —9 a.m.

- ENJOY A "YUMMY" BREAKFAST
- HEAR ABOUT JESUS' RESURRECTION
- GO ON AN EASTER EGG HUNT
- GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Invite your family and friends to bring their children.



Cookson Hills Mission

Trip—Sat., March 27-Sat., April 3



Please keep our youth and sponsors in your prayers.

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MEN'S BREAKFAST
(and more)

DON'T MISS THE FOOD AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP!
EVERY MONDAY

8:30 a.m.



ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

Sat., March 20th

8 a.m.—Everyone is welcome!



MARCH GAME NIGHT

Join in the fun on **Fri., March 26th, at 6:30 p.m.**

Bring snacks, games, and friends to play games, socialize, and fellowship.



From Roger

What Do You Believe?

Singer Sheryl Crow said recently, in a New York Post interview: “I believe in God. I believe in Jesus and Buddha and Mohammed and all those that were enlightened. I wouldn’t say necessarily that I’m a strict Christian. I’m not sure I believe in heaven.” Sheryl Crow is where many people are today; they believe in everything and nothing at the same time. Their belief is not based on the facts of God’s unchanging word.

Sheryl Crow may not call herself a strict Christian. She should not call herself any kind of a Christian except a non-Christian. Faith in Christ, who He is, what he did, what He will do is fundamental in being able to be able to label yourself any type of Christian. If you do not believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, I can say beyond a shadow of a doubt you are not a Christian. If you are going to compare God & Jesus with the false teachings of Mohammad and Buddha, you actually place yourself in the role of an enemy of God and our Lord.

When I look at people’s personal websites on the internet, for many young adults and teenagers, I find them referring to themselves as “Agnostic.” It is impossible to be saved, to consider yourself a Christian in any capacity of the word and be an Agnostic. A definition of agnostics is as follows, “a person who claims that they cannot have true knowledge about the existence of God (but does not deny that God might exist).” This flies in the face of Hebrews 11:1 which states, “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

Could it be that many do not believe in real Christians, because they have never really seen one?

Dear Church Family

Did you hear the one about the youth standing in a church parking lot in Plainfield, IN making strange motions and noises? A local youth minister asked him what he was doing. “I am keeping away elephants,” replied the youth. The youth minister replied, “There are no elephants around here.” The youth smiled and said it was working.

The story reminds me of another story about a guy named Patrick, that folklore says drove snakes out of Ireland around 400 AD. The story is a part of the Legend of St. Patrick, a person that is still associated with March 17th, St. Patrick’s Day. We more commonly associate green with the day which comes from the Irish Shamrock. Patrick was well known for his ability to convert pagans to Christianity. He often used the three leafed shamrock as an object lesson to explain the relationship of Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit, which are three distinct entities held together as one. Time, of course, has eroded away much, if not all, of the Christian importance associated with the day.

Three days after St. Patrick’s Day, Winter will officially end and much awaited Spring will return. Our world will start to be green again. Spring always reminds us of rebirth, and the fact that we serve a Risen Savior. As our world starts to green up again, I hope it will remind us all that some day we as Christians will have an even better life after this one. And we also realize the important roles that the Holy Spirit, Jesus and God play in our daily walk right now.

Allen Thorpe
For your Ministry and Council

From the Mission Ministry

AMERICAN REHABILITATION MINISTRIES (ARM) is an *arm* of the church to help fulfill the biblical mandate of Jesus, *"I was in prison and you came to visit me," Matt. 25:36, NIV.*

Joe R. Garman is founder and President of **A.R.M.** Joe and his wife **Linda** were serving as missionaries to Korea in 1969 when a Chaplain of the U.S. Military told them about four American servicemen incarcerated in a Korean prison. With great fear and trembling, the Garmans entered their first prison, halfway around the world. A great love for these American prisoners developed and Joe began going to the prison on a regular basis.

After the Korean prison ministry was firmly established, the Korean prison ministry was turned over to the Korean churches. They returned stateside. In May 1973 they founded **AMERICAN REHABILITATION MINISTRIES**, later to be known as **A.R.M. PRISON OUTREACH.**

Each year ARM places an average of 4,800,000 DaySpring Greeting Cards in American correctional facilities. More than 3000 baptisteries have been placed by ARM. ARM has partnered with The American Bible Society to provide thousands of Bibles to correctional facilities. ARM also sponsors in-prison "See Through the Scriptures" seminars. These 12 hour courses help prisoners realize they can read and understand the Bible.

Rapha House is a related ministry providing a safe house for girls in Cambodia. These girls are victims of human trafficking. The Daughter's of Ruth Foundation provides a safe house for young girls in Thailand. These girls have parents in prison or have been just released from prison themselves. Both provide girls with the opportunity to have a new and better life.

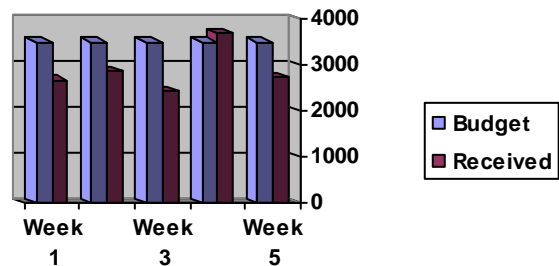
Bev Lenz
Mission Ministry

MISSIONS BANK SHAKE-OUT
Sun., March 21

Stewardship

	S.S.	A.M.	General Fund
1/24	52	140	\$2670.03
1/31	47	127	\$2865.00
2/7	56	133	\$2441.95
2/14	38	117	\$3696.00
2/21	57	112	\$2741.00

Weekly Financial Need: \$3,500.00



Building Fund to date \$76,831.66

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 Goedl, cancer
Kathy Rayl for salvation & health
Chris Steckler

Requested by

Bob & Barbara Goedl
Don & 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
Craig Rayl, Air Force
Eric Smith, Navy
Justin Summer, Marines
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
Don & Ruthie Rayl
Monty & Terri Cook
Linda Eckert
Martha Walling
Stephen Mejean

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

MORE MARCH EVENTS

GOLDEN CORRAL—Plan now to meet with others at the Golden Corral on Wed., March 3rd at 11:30 a.m.

KIDS BELL CHOIR—The Ding Dongs

The Kid's Bell Choir will practice on Wednesday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. (Dinner at 6:00!) They will play at the Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show on Sun., March 14th. Children ages 4 –11 are welcome to come practice.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER AND TALENT SHOW

Plan now to attend the Dinner at 5 p.m. and the Talent Night at 6:30 p.m. on Sun., March 14th. Please see Catherine Hines if you would like to participate in the Talent Show. Tickets for the dinner will be available from the Youth.

MISSIONS BANK SHAKE-OUT—Sun., March 21

PALM SUNDAY—Sun., March 28

WEDNESDAY FAMILY MEALS AND CLASSES

There will not be meals or classes on Wed., March 31.

SIGN UP TO COOK!



Charley Harlan is the meal coordinator for this series which goes through Wed., May 12.
He needs more cooks!

COMING UP IN APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES—April 2

- At noon there will be a community service.
- At 7 p.m., Center will have a service.

EASTER SUNDAY

- 7:30 a.m., Sunrise Service
- 8:00 a.m., Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m., Sunday School
- 10:10 a.m., Worship
- A “30 Pieces of Silver” Offering will be taken in each of the service.

Primary Sunday School January Attendance

Anna Elston, Becca Elston, and Brynn Hudson attended four out of five weeks. Rylie Williams attended three weeks. Jimmy Walling and Naomi Walling came for two weeks and Haley Hines and Andrew Williams were with us one week. We enjoy having such good children who want to learn about Jesus!

Teachers: Allen & Denyse Thorpe

BOX UP YOUR TREASURES

Begin to box up your treasures. 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.

NEW NEIGHBOR BOXES

If you have new neighbors, please take them a “New Neighbor” box. The boxes are located on the shelf above the coat rack in the lobby. These are a great way to invite your neighbors to Center Community.

2010—A Year of Great Celebration.

Center Community Church is celebrating 150 years of ministry!



They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the King of Israel!”

John 12:13

NIV



Dear Church Family

Well, here it is February 2010, the second month of the new year, the second month of the new decade and the second month of my promise to myself to lose some weight! Where did the first month go?

We are all accustomed to promises, we are also accustomed to seeing them made and broken. Anyone who has lived for a number of years would certainly never lay claim to having kept every promise made. There are many reasons why this is true. Sometimes we forget, sometimes we are negligent and sometimes it may be due to circumstances beyond our control.

Isn't it wonderful that we do not have to worry about God's promises to us? No matter what, God will keep the promises he has made to us. Of the many promises we find in God's word, I would like to share a couple with you. One is found in Mark 16:16 where Jesus says, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned". Another is found in Philippians 4:19 where Paul writes, "And my God will meet all your needs according to his riches in Christ Jesus".

Even though I have not done that well at keeping my promise to myself to lose weight, I know that I can count on my Lord to keep His promises to me. So let's make ourselves a promise, that we will share our Lord Jesus with someone daily.

Your brother in Christ,
Monty Cook, Ministry & Council

P.S. Remember "Prayer Works!"



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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>March 7</u>	<u>March 14</u>	<u>March 21</u>	<u>March 28</u>
Service Leader	A. Thorpe	A. Thorpe	A. Thorpe	A. Thorpe
Pianist	C. Hines	C. & C. Mitchell	C. Lane	C. & C. Mitchell
Special Music	J. Elston	J. Perkinson	C. Mitchell	A. Slayten
Communion Meditation	M. Cook	C. Elston	J. McWhorter	A. Thorpe
<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>				
Teacher	J. Williams	J. Williams	J. Williams	C. Harlan
Songleader	N. Smythe	N. Smythe	N. Smythe	N. Smythe
Games	J. McWhorter	C. Harlan	J. McWhorter	M. Harlan
Toddlers	J. Mitchener	J. Mitchener	J. Mitchener	J. Mitchener
<u>NURSERY</u> —Arranged by Jera Foggin				


Worship 10:10 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m
Wednesday Meal 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Classes 7:00 p.m.