

# Central Christian Church

Growing Our Faith, Living Our Faith, Sharing Our Faith —  
Together

*Thy Kingdom Come*



**December 4, 2016**

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**Save the DATE**

**December 8, 2016**

*The Greatest Gift EVER*

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Welcome—Seth Rash

Sharing our Resources Moment

*The Light of Christ is brought in as the service begins.*

***I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*** Purple 58

***Angels We Have Heard on High*** Red 155 (v, 1, 2)

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Children are invited to Worship & Wonder

Time of Prayer—Michelle Fritz

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel*** Red 134

Prayer—Michelle Fritz

Scripture Reading

**Luke 1:76-79**

***Special Music***—Choir (8:30)

***Song of Isaiah***—Choir (11:00)

Sermon—Dan Simmons

***I Wonder as I Wander*** Red 161 (v. 1, 2)

Invitation to Communion—Remy Tercero

***The Circle of Faith*** (8:30)

***Be Thou My Vision*** Red 595, v. 1, 3 (11:00)

Changing the Light of Christ

Closing Prayer—Dan Simmons

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## Mission of the Church

*Growing Our Faith,  
Living Our Faith,  
Sharing Our Faith...  
Together*

## 7 Elements of Our Faith

- Worship
- Studying Scripture
- Praying and Meditating
- Building Relationships
- Sharing Our Spiritual Gifts
- Sharing Our Resources
- Sharing Our Faith



## **What's happening at CCC—**

### **Congregational Meeting Preparations...**

As we prepare for 2017 and prior to our **December 11 Congregational Meeting**, the Stewardship Team & the Administrative Team would like to invite you to review and ask questions about our proposed CCC Ministries 2017 Budget and changes to the Bylaws of the Church. We encourage you to be a part by asking detailed questions about the proposed budget. The Church Constitution calls for a review of Constitution and Bylaws every 5 years. 2016 is the year for this review and there have been a few revisions. The revised editions have been posted to the church website along with a summary of those revisions.

A second Small Group Meeting will be offered: Sunday, December 4th immediately following 11:00 Worship in the Church Parlor in the Adult Education Building.

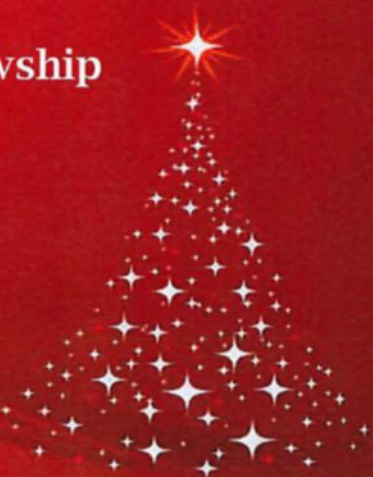
You can pick up a copy of the Budget or Bylaws Revision in the church office.

Thank you for your support!

### **Ladies Christmas Fellowship**

**Monday, December 5, 6 pm  
in the home of Pam Walker,  
709 Norton St.**

**Bring a favorite holiday dish  
& gift (\$10 limit).**



**Disciples Women Fellowship  
will meet on Tuesday, Dec 13  
at 10 am in the Church Parlor.**

**Kathy Porter will bring the  
program entitled "Christmas Bells".**

***All are invited to attend and share in a Holiday  
Covered Dish Lunch following meeting!***







# *O Night* **Divine**

**ALL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY**

**CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

**6:30 pm - Sanctuary**

**"O Night Divine"**

Gather your family and friends, bring your favorite holiday dish and let's celebrate our Christmas together. At 6:30 pm we are gathering in the Sanctuary to hear the Adult choir's message of "**O Night Divine**" as well as a special performance by the Children's Choir!

THEN...it's off to Cuppett (Fellowship) Hall where everyone's favorite Holiday dish will be shared along with a special visit by an old friend!

Bring your FAVORITE Holiday Dish and join your family and friends for our Christmas Gathering and let's have a great evening!

## The Peaceable Kingdom by Seth Rash

Isaiah 11:6-9

"The wolf will live with the lamb,  
and the leopard will lie down with the young goat;  
the calf and the young lion will feed together,  
and a little child will lead them.  
The cow and the bear will graze.  
Their young will lie down together,  
and a lion will eat straw like an ox.  
A nursing child will play over the snake's hole;  
toddlers will reach right over the serpent's den.  
They won't harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain.  
The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the LORD,  
just as the water covers the sea."

This sure seems nice, predator and prey relaxing together. If only it were the case. If only sworn enemies could figure out how to live in the same space together. It seems like a pipe-dream, doesn't it?

However, I am reminded of an Amazon commercial I saw recently in which a Muslim Imam and Catholic Priest meet for a cup of tea. Now, Muslims and Christians have been killing each other as long as the two religions have existed. So the fact that this Imam and Priest are meeting for tea is a BIG deal. After their conversation they stand, but each has a hitch in their get-e-up. After years of kneeling for prayer their knees are worn. The commercial continues with them ordering knee braces from Amazon and wearing them the next time they meet for tea.

But here's the lesson; in order for enemies to live together, the first step must be realizing they are similar. Only then can the seeds of the Peaceable Kingdom be planted. Only then can knowledge of the Lord grow within the earth.

Who is your enemy, and how are you similar to them? That is a very good question for us to ask ourselves this Advent season as we realize Jesus made this Peaceable Kingdom available for us; we just have to work for it and live into it.

### Church Staff

Senior Minister—Danny Couch  
Faith Development Minister—Dan Simmons  
Youth Minister—Seth Rash  
Children's Minister—Michelle Fritz  
Choir Director—Mac Chesnut  
Pianist/Assistant Choir Director—James Buckner  
Organist—Nancy DeWees  
Guitarist—Tony Brancato  
Media Technician—Ryan Grant  
Minister of Media & Promotions—Remy Tercero  
Child Care Workers—Christy Butler, Tessa Moore, Ellary Pardington  
Administrative Assistant—Joy Ellis

## Calendar

### **Sunday, December 4**

7:45 am—8:30 Choir  
8:30 am—Worship  
9:30—9:50 am—Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 – 10:45 am—Sunday School  
11:00 am—Worship

### **12:00—Small Group for Review**

4:00 pm—Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:00 pm—Elders Meeting

### **Monday, December 5**

9:00 am—Prayer Group  
6:30 pm—Grace Movers Disc Group

### **Tuesday, December 6**

10:00 am—Disciples Women Fellowship  
6:30 pm—L.I.F.E. Discipleship Group

### **Wednesday, December 7**

9:30 am—Wed Discipleship Group  
3:00—6:00 pm—Prayer & Meditation Time  
Wednesday Night Live!  
3:15—4:30 pm—School Pick-up & Fellowship Time  
4:30—5:45 pm—Children's Bible Study & Choir  
5:30 pm—Family Style Meal, Beef Veg Soup/Chicken Tenders  
6:00 pm—Scripture Meditation  
6:00—7:30 pm—Childcare Provided  
6:15—7:30 pm—Youth Activities  
6:15—7:30 pm—Adult Bible Study

### **Thursday, December 8**

6:15 pm—Thursday Evening Bible Study  
6:30 pm—Men's Discipleship Group  
6:30 pm—Infinity Discipleship Group

### **Friday, December 9**

6:30—9:00 pm—Parent's Night Out

### **Sunday, December 11**

7:45 am—8:30 Choir  
8:30 am—Worship  
9:30 am—Coffee Fellowship  
**9:45 am—Congregational Meeting**  
10:00 – 10:45 am—Sunday School  
11:00 am—Worship  
4:00 pm—Prayer Shawl Ministry  
**6:30 pm—All Church & Community  
Christmas Gathering**

### **Parents Night Out**

**Friday, December 9**

**6:30—9:00 pm**

**Make reservations by Dec 9.**

Contact Michelle at  
[michelle@cccweatherford.org](mailto:michelle@cccweatherford.org).



### **Memorials for Building Fund...**

Given in memory of Adam Troy by Bill & Jill Mitchell  
Given in memory of Adam Troy by Don & Sara Quy  
Given in memory of Adam Troy by Tom & Kathy Porter

## Prayer Updates

### **Recovering from Surgery**

Dee McKinley, Clarice Brawley, Jerry Wilhelm, Logan Ousley

### **Awaiting Surgery**

Jan Rodgers, Jerrie Brawley

### **In Need of Prayer**

Jay Hunt, Charice Shannon

### **Remembrance & Celebration of Life**

Family of Nancy—Fran Favor's sister-in-law  
Family of Anita Gamboa—Remy Tercero's great-grandmother  
Family of B. Chestnut—Mac Chesnut's grandfather

### **Homebound**

Jo Alexander, Judy Cassels, Randy Culpepper, Dorothy Henderson,  
Ann Sampler



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**Serving Schedule**



**Sunday, December 4**

Elders: 8:30 Service: Jay Larmer & Mary Lou Curry  
 11:00 Service: Rusty Pickard & Joe Tison  
 Communion Prep: 8:30 Service: Kathy Porter  
 11:00 Service: Deacon Team Three  
 Greeters: 8:30 Service: Bill & Jill Mitchell  
 11:00 Service: Darlene Mayberry  
 Homebound Serving: Flock 1-Leo Neely & Debbie Buckman  
 Flock 2-Jay Larmer & Janiece Oliver  
 Flock 3-Earl & Carol Gauntt  
 Acolytes: 8:30 Service: Tia Thurman  
 11:00 Service: Chloe Whitehead  
 Coffee Fellowship: Sanctuary Class

**Sunday, December 11**

Elders: 8:30 Service: Jay Larmer & Mary Lou Curry  
 11:00 Service: Sheri Stewart & Linda Salmon  
 Communion Prep: 8:30 Service: Darlene Benson  
 11:00 Service: Deacon Team Three  
 Greeters: 8:30 Service: Jan Rodgers  
 11:00 Service: Darlene Mayberry  
 Acolytes: 8:30 Service: Tia Thurman  
 11:00 Service: Kalen Lee  
 Coffee Fellowship: MorningStar Class

**Attendance and Giving**

**November 27, 2016**

8:30 Worship: 98  
 11:00 Worship: 103  
 Sunday School: 97

Weekly Budget	11,550.25
General Offering	10,157.24
Plate Offering	9,613.64
Electronic Giving (Vanco)	543.60
Memorial for Building Fund	175.00
Discretionary/Agape Outreach	500.00
Agape Christmas Dinner	500.00
Building Use Fees/Donations	150.00
Building Fund (Includes Vanco)	70.00



Electronic Giving is a convenient and consistent way of supporting the ministries of the church, growing our faith, living our faith, and sharing our faith— together.

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