



# The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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## Our Outreach



On February 18th we have the privilege to serve those in our community who might need a little help. It is our time to bring a meal to the Veteran's Coming Home Center and to help those who are in need of a little food and in need of a little compassion. The weather will play a big part in how many people will be needing food. If the shelters are open then we could feed around 300 people. If you can help, it will be needed. There are many opportunities for you to help, from helping in the kitchen, helping to pack up the food, and serving the food to our neighbors. Please let us know how you can help by putting your name on the list outside of the office.

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### Soup-er Donations



We want to thank everyone for the love you have shown to those in our community who is in need of some help. We were able to collect an entire grocery cart full of soup that will be taken to Crosslines and donated. Thank you again as everyone continues to show God's love for all people.

**Congregational Concerns**

Kay Corder    Doris Thornton    Cal Wise    Everett Deeds    Maryann Wakefield  
 Jimmy Carson, Ken Hillen's Uncle    Sharon Martin    Fred & Norma Spence    Darrell Copeland  
 Gary Morris    Larry Graham    Frank Dodd    Greg Walton    Martha Williams    Richard Lee  
 Joyce Moots    Winnie Young    Howard & Lynda McCoy    Patty Thurman    Rhonda Stewart  
 Lisa Lynch    Charles Marshall    Jim & Elaine Spradlin    Kitty Manary    Wilma Frazier    Gary Wright  
 Dan Hicks    Pat Dodd    Patty Soukup    Steve Vestal    Jean Hagerman    Don Nix  
 Annie Anderson, Daughter of Charlie & Carol Mabry    Robert & Beth Taylor    William Francis    Shirley Potter  
 Rebecca & Justin Ebert, Daughter of Ray & Sharon Lowry    Evelyn Looney    Paul Martin    James Willingham  
 Barb Rossetter    Karen Hahn    Karen Sunderwirth    Zach D., Friend of Jayden W.    Gloria Brown and family  
 Tammy Larimore, friend of Carol Pyles    Barbara Richardson & Leslie Clements, mother & sister of Vicky Claborn  
 Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier    *(Please notify the office when a concern can be removed)*

**Livestream our Sunday morning  
 service—starting at 9:30—at  
[www.centralchristianspringfield.org](http://www.centralchristianspringfield.org).  
 Connect with us on social media:**



SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel at  
**Central Christian, Springfield, MO**



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**FINANCIALS &  
 ATTENDANCE**

**2/2/2025**  
 General Fund  
 Contributions: \$7,971.90  
 Attendance: 74  
 Online service views: 47\*

**2/9/2025**  
 General Fund  
 Contributions: \$16,659.50  
 Attendance: 79  
 Online service views: 31\*

\*As of 2/11/2025

	<b><u>February 16</u></b>	<b><u>February 23</u></b>	<b><u>March 2</u></b>
<b>Elders</b>	Bill Fischer Kay Parrish	Linda Zweerink Joe Pyles	Cal Wise Luther Young
<b>Deacon Team Leader</b>	Patsy Tipton	Bill Fischer	Everett French
<b>Invocation and Offering</b>	Ginger Williamson	Carolyn Deeds	Kay Parrish
<b>Communion &amp; Fellowship Prep.</b>	Jim & Marilyn Ferguson	Joe & Kay Parrish	Bill & Karen Fischer
<b>Usher</b>	Joe Parrish		
<b>Greeter</b>			

# *Thoughts from the congregation*

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The last several sermons have been about spreading our Christian love all around. We are not to restrict our love to only our congregation, friends, or family. We are to take the scriptures, and the lessons we learn in church, and apply those lessons outside of the walls of our church building and our homes. Love is not meant to be isolated and practiced only when we feel like it.

That reminded me of some of the lessons we (students and teachers) learned while working in special education throughout my career. We were required by federal and state law to write an IEP, or Individual Educational Program, for each student. We tested and analyzed where the child was developmentally through a battery of exams and observations. Then, we designed a program to help each child achieve those skills he or she needed to master. We set about teaching the “next step” through classroom instruction and experiences at school and in the community.

When we wrote a goal and/or objective in the IEP, one of the developmental steps might be to master a skill in the classroom, then “generalize across the curriculum” so that skill is applied to other aspects of daily life. For instance, we may be working on understanding the value of money, such as counting out coins. If that student goes to inclusion in the regular education classroom, he or she needs to be able to also count coins correctly in that environment. And, equally important, is taking that skill of counting money out into the grocery store and using it accurately in that location. Until that student can take the skill as taught and use it functionally, it isn’t really useful to anyone at all.

If we come to church and learn all about what Jesus and His disciples and apostles taught us about love in the scriptures, and we don’t apply it to our lives, as in generalizing across the curriculum, then we are the ones who are the clanging bells. We are called to love even the “seemingly unlovable.” Our outreach programs to serve our unsheltered neighbors and the neighborhood kids through Culture Club have no doubt taught us more about love through serving than we have taught them. Love is an action verb.

The charity song, “We Are the World,” is 40 years old now. There were some almost haunting lyrics in this single that still remains the 8th largest-selling single of all time: “We are all a part of God’s great big family, And the truth, you know, love is all we need.” And “there’s a choice we’re making. We’re saving our own lives.” Loving is healing to us, as well as to the recipients.

Linda Zweerink

# Around the Church



## **2024 Year-end Giving Statements**

Giving statements for 2024 have been emailed out to the email addresses we have for everyone. If you have not received a statement or if you need a paper copy please let the church know. We can mail out the statements to you or you can pick them up at the church. Please contact the church email at: [office@centralchristianspringfield.org](mailto:office@centralchristianspringfield.org) and let us know how you would like us to get the statements to you. If you have any questions, please let us know and we will do all we can to answer them. Thank you and God Bless.

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## **Memorial Scholarship Application Available**

Students entering college or vocational training school in the fall are invited to apply for the scholarships Central Christian offers yearly.

To be eligible, the applicant should:

1. Be a member or active participant at Central . (Or applicant's family member)
2. Have at least a 2.5 GPA
3. Have been approved/accepted for enrollment into a post secondary school.

**Stop by the office for applications. The deadline for the scholarship applications will be April 13th.**



# FOR SUNDAY MORNING

*Sermon Title and Scriptures*

*February 16, 2025*

*Luke 6:17-26*

*"A Level Place"*

*Sermon Title and Scripture*

*February 23, 2025*

*Luke 6:27-38*

*"Our Measure"*

## Live Streaming Again!

We are once again able to Live Stream our worship services. On Sunday morning, you can go to our website or our YouTube channel and see our service live beginning at 9:30. You can also visit both sites and see our service at any time, as well as old worship services and our Mid-Town Concert Series.

### FEBRUARY 16

He came down with them  
and stood on a level place...

- Luke 6:17a

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### FEBRUARY 23

...for the  
measure you  
give will be  
the measure  
you get  
back.

- Luke 6:38c

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# Celebrations!!!

## February

2/1 – John Letterman

2/2 – Elizabeth Aull

2/3 – Don Nix

2/4 – Darrell Copeland,  
Amanda Horton,  
Grady Musser

2/5 – Gloria Brown,  
Gary Wingo

2/9 – Marilyn West

2/11 – Carl Potter

2/12 – Joe Reichard

2/15 – Nancy Browning

2/16 – Faye Nix

2/22 – Clio Lynch

2/23 – Casey

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2/24 – Sharon Martin,  
Donna Williams

2/25 – Patty Thurman

2/27 – Angela Miller

2/28 – Davide Ferguson,  
Patty Soukup



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## March

3/3 – Vicki Nelson

3/4 – Scott Roan

3/12 – Kim Eoff

3/14 – Greg Walton

3/15 – Deyoveion  
Vargas

3/16 – Carl Frazier,  
Jody Hahn,  
Charles Marshall

3/20 – Kristine Roan

3/21 – Diane Miller

3/22 – Dennis Hahn,  
Karen Hahn

3/23 – Kentraya Vargas

3/27 – Debra Gleghorn

3/29 – Jon Thomas





# Thoughts from the congregation

Throughout the month of October we asked everyone to describe Central Christian using just three words. Many people turned in the three words they use to describe Central and we made a word cloud from the words. In the word cloud, the bigger the words are, the more they were turned in to the church office. This was the bulletin cover for our Homecoming Sunday to remind us what it is that Central Christian is to us and to our community. Below is the word cloud. Let it be there for you to remember all that Central has done for you and all that it will be doing in the future for all God's creation.

*This is who Central Christian is and this is who we all strive to be.*





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Specially prepared for:

*God's Beloved Child*



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**Sunday Mornings**

**9:30 am Worship,**  
in person and via our  
Livestream

**10:45 am Fellowship**

**11:00 am Sunday  
School**