



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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Sermon Title and Scriptures

March 10, 2019

“Tempted”

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16; Luke 4:1-13

Sermon Title and Scriptures

March 17, 2019

“Imitation”

Psalms 27:1, 11-14; Philippians 3:17-4:1

CWF Love Gift Luncheon

The CWF Love Gift Luncheon will be held Sunday, March 10. The menu will include beans, soup, corn bread, fried potatoes, and lots of desserts. There will be a sign-



up sheet for assistance with bean dishes, soup, and corn bread on Lisa’s desk. **More assistance with food is requested.** Central’s Christian Women’s Fellowship appreciates the support of the church.

Culver-Stockton Choir hosts needed

The choir from Culver-Stockton College will join us for morning worship on Sunday, March 10, after singing at South Street Christian Church at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday, March 9. Please remember to pick up your student singers after the Saturday concert if you have volunteered to serve as host. Homes are still needed. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

Scholarship Application Time—NEW Deadline

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, active participant, or have a connection with Central (or applicant’s family member).
2. Be a senior in High school, or have graduated within the past two years, or have received GED.
3. Have at least a 2.5 GPA and have been approved/accepted for enrollment into a post secondary school.

Stop by the office for applications, which are due with accompanying letters of recommendation by **April 7**.



We embrace in Christian sympathy the family of **Eldon**

Cobb, who passed away on

February 15, 2019, and the

family of **Rick Vestal**,

who passed away on February 17, 2019.

Ash Wednesday services

Ash Wednesday, this year, will be on March 6. As always we will be having three services that will help us to ready ourselves for the Lenten season. Come and be a part of these services as we will impose ashes, pray, read scripture, and prepare ourselves for Easter, and Christ’s death and resurrection. Services will be held at noon, 5:30 p.m., and 8 p.m.

Congregational Concerns

Diana Criger The family of Rick Vestal, on his passing The family of Eldon Cobb, on his passing Ann Simon
 Karen Sunderwirth Marilyn Ferguson Barbara Gard, Daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray Paul Martin Beth Taylor
 Judy Gibson, Friend of Maryann Wakefield Phil Groner, Nephew of Gary and Nancy Morris Victoria McIlwain
 David Hopkins, Son of Ellen Grier Terry Bagot, Brother of Shirley Musser Barbara Presley Dan Hicks
 Lisa Lynch Marvin Prosser, Brother-in-law of Joyce Moots Herb Knight Ken Hillen Mary Gleghorn
 Lori Harach, daughter-in-law of Gary and Nancy Morris Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier Linda Zweerink
 Shelbee Maudlin, Friend of Rita & Bill St.Gemme Marjorie Ray Traci Vargas & Children Jaden Willingham
 Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn Isaac Ferguson, infant Friend of Karen Sunderwirth John Thurman
 Johnny Odell, Son-in-law of Ann Hudging Rex Scott Biggs, Son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs James Willingham
 Greg & Paula Walton Marilyn Elsass Mary, friend of Robert and Beth Taylor Rosa Lee Butts
 Janice McGee Lloyd Hoover Debra Gleghorn Lynda McCoy Joe Cross Mary Pering

(Please notify the office when a concern can be removed)



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	<u>March 10</u>	<u>March 17</u>	<u>FINANCIALS</u>
Elders	Kay Parrish Phillip Brown	John Bermond Gwen Thomas	<u>2/24/19</u> General Fund Contributions: \$7,417.67 Attendance: 158
Deacons	Everett French- Diana Criger Carolyn Condict Marilyn Ferguson Debra Gleghorn Sandra Graham Bill Grier Helen Gunther Dan Hicks Teresa Hicks Ken Hillen Joyce Moots David Moots Kathy Osborn Dewayne Rout	Patsy Tipton – Jim Criger Kylie Criger Jack Edel Pat Edel David Edel Geoff French Susan Haynes David Lane Charlie Mabry John Manary Don Nix Faye Nix Dana Powell Larry Wakefield Jan Richerson	<u>3/3/19 CANCELLED</u> General Fund Contributions: \$0 Attendance: 0
Invocation and Offering	Ginger Williamson	Gary Witt	
Communion & Fellowship Prep.	Jim & Marilyn Ferguson Bob & Dorothy Thurman	Bob & Tiffany Lynch Bill & Karen Fischer	
Usher	Paul & Sharon Martin	Everett & Carolyn Deeds	
Greeter	Dave & Joyce Moots	Robert & Beth Taylor	
Fellowship Pianist	Mark Bowdidge	Vicky Claborn	

You Know I'm Gonna Be Like You

Lately I've been doing some introspection. Which probably a lot of us do from time-to-time. As we progress through the "golden years" we reflect on our accomplishments as parents, wondering how well did we really do? Sometimes, even without reflection we receive a startling reminder we really didn't do as good a job parenting as we have thought. We have a child that flunks out of college or university. Or one of our children gets involved in illegal activities and ends up doing some time courtesy of the justice system. Most likely it is not anything as dramatic. More likely they just make choices in spouses or choose career paths that disappoint us.

There is a 1974 folk rock song performed by Harry Chapin titled "*Cat's in the Cradle.*" It topped the Billboard Top 100 in December of 1974. If you listen carefully to the lyrics there's a very poignant message for parents, particularly fathers. If you have never heard the song, you can find it on YouTube, or you may hear it on XM 70s on 7 if you have an XM receiver in your car. The lyrics are about a father's and son's interactions while the son is growing up beginning at the son's birth and continuing through the different stages through to adulthood and the father's retirement.

The last verse goes like this, "*I've long since retired, my son's moved away. I called him up just the other day I said, 'I'd like to see you if you don't mind.' He said, 'I'd love to, Dad, if I can find the time. You see my new job's a hassle and the kids have the flu. But it's sure nice talking to you Dad, it's been sure nice talking to you.'* And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me he'd grown up just like me, my boy was just like me."

How many of us would be extremely proud to announce our child had grown up to be just like us? Think about it. Have we been a parent who was always available for our children, or have we been like the father depicted in Harry Chapin's lyrics, too busy to find time for our children? We know through the scriptures our Heavenly Father is always with us. He has sent a Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to be with us, assuring us of God's presence. Though through the laws given to Moses, our Heavenly Father sent His Son to live among us and further instruct us in the way we should live our lives.

In retrospect, as children, did we make our parents proud of our accomplishments? Did we grow up to be like them? Christians, followers of Jesus, were first called Christians at Antioch in what is present day Syria. It was used as a description of those who were living their lives "Christ-like." In the Gospel of John, chapter 14, verse 9 Jesus says to Philip who has asked Jesus to show them the Father: "***Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.***" Jesus is the visible, tangible image of the invisible God. He is the complete revelation of what God is like. To know Jesus is to know God, the Father. As Christians, is our Heavenly Father proud of us? As we have grown as Christians, as children of God, have we grown to be more like our Heavenly Father?

————— Luther Young

Giving back for Lent

We are collecting food—with an emphasis on proteins—for Ozarks Food Harvest during the period of Lent, March 6-April 18. While the emphasis is on canned or pouched fish, other nonperishable food items and monetary contributions will also be gladly accepted.

The youth are collecting supplies for hygiene kits for Lent, to be given to Crosslines. Each kit can be created for around \$9. Monetary contributions will be gladly accepted. For a list of specific hygiene items, please contact the church office.

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Specially prepared for:

**Sunday Mornings
9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship
10:45 am Sunday School**

Ministry Team

**Larry Graham, Board Chair
Rev. Geoff Weinman, Senior Minister
Rev. Alyssa Spradlin, Associate Minister
Dr. Mark Bowdidge, Music Director
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