



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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Sermon Title and Scriptures

April 7, 2019

“Anticipation”

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126

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April 14, 2019

“The Wondrous Cross”

Choir Cantata

The Mid-Town Concert Series

a ministry of Central Christian Church

presents

THE DIVAS

*Rebecca Claborn • Dawn Gutierrez • Jennifer Forni
Jonathon Raney, accompanist*

Sunday, April 7, 2019 • 3:00 p.m.



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The Music Ministry of the Central Christian Church Presents

The Wondrous Cross

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Scholarship Application Time—Deadline is Sunday

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**.



Dear Central Friends,
Your love for Rick has been shown to me and my family in so many ways—the beautiful service & all the work put into it, the lunch, gifts in his memory & the many prayers.

The Vestal family

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all the cards, calls, visits, and prayers for a speedy recovery. Therapy is going good and I’m doing good and hope to be back to church soon.

In Christian Love,
Beth Taylor

Dear Friends at Central,
Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers over the past few months while I have been recovering from a double spinal fusion surgery. It has been a slow process, but I can say that I am seeing a complete recovery in the near future. It is a process achieved by baby steps, literally, and by all of the support from my church family.

Thank you,
Linda Zweerink

CWF Assembly Day

CWF Assembly Day will be Tuesday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m. Alyssa Spradlin, our associate pastor, will be share some of her previous experiences working with people with autism, and give us a better insight into all that is involved in this multi-faceted illness. Guests are welcome and those who wish to stay for lunch are asked to bring a dish to share.

Congregational Concerns

Greg & Paula Walton Diana Criger The family of Joe Cross, on his passing Ann Simon Karen Sunderwirth
 Barbara Gard, Daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray Beth Taylor Paul Martin Debra Gleghorn
 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 Lynda McCoy
 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
 Marilyn Elsass Mary, friend of Robert and Beth Taylor Rosa Lee Butts Janice McGee Lloyd Hoover
 Bill & Janice McGee and family *(Please notify the office when a concern can be removed)* Mary Pering



Children in Action will be the last Sunday of every month from 4pm to 6pm starting April 28th. It is for children K-6th grade. This will take place of VBS. During Children in Action your child will have Bible study, participate in missions projects and engaging activities. Please contact Joyce Thomas, Children's Director, to sign your child up for the program.

	<u>April 7</u>	<u>April 14</u>
Elders	Cheryl Horton Karen Hicks	Chrystal Melton Gary Morris
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
Invocation and Offering	Carma Weinman	Carol Pyles
Communion & Fellowship Prep.	Youth Group	Jim & Marilyn Ferguson Gary & Sandy Wingo
Usher	Bev Vestal & Dana Powell	Robert & Beth Taylor
Greeter	Paul & Sharon Martin	Everett & Carolyn Deeds
Fellowship Pianist	Lorene Murray	Steve Sherrill

FINANCIALS

3/24/19
 General Fund
 Contributions: \$3,020.97
 Attendance: 117

3/31/19
 General Fund
 Contributions: \$4,371.23
 Attendance: 127

Show Me the Way

Mortality! I'm pretty sure we have all experienced mortality. We have lost friends and loved ones over the years. Some of us may have come face-to-face with our own mortality. That can be frightening. I know. The strongest person I know when faced with their own mortality is my oldest daughter, Susan. In June of 2014 Susan was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a cancer of the bone marrow. We don't know how long she had had the disease. It was discovered when her hip broke and she fell. She was 49 years old and the emergency room doctor said, "You're too young for your bones to be breaking like this. There has got to be something going on." He sent her immediately by ambulance to Sloan-Kettering Memorial Hospital in New York City. With the diagnosis Susan came face-to-face with mortality. She knew any and all treatment available to her would only prolong the inevitable. She gallantly fought the battle for three years. Not for herself, but for her daughter.

In July of 2016 I was taken to the emergency room with heaviness in my chest and pain in my neck, across my shoulder, and down my right arm. Long story short I had a couple of veins around my heart mostly blocked and had double by-pass surgery. Afterwards I was having a conversation with Susan about my feelings and she very calmly said. "It is not easy dealing with one's own mortality." Truer words have never been spoken.

As young children, as teenagers, and even young adults we think and behave like we are immortal and invincible. As we approach the "golden years" we begin to realize there is an end coming. As Christians we are taught not to fear the inevitable. Our Savior is waiting with open arms to welcome us into Heaven where we will also be greeted by those who have preceded us. I look forward to seeing Susan again, along with my brother, sisters, and mother. But then there is a nagging voice which keeps asking, "Are you sure you're ready to meet your maker? Are you sure you won't be turned away?" How can we be sure? How can we be confident?

There is a secular song made popular sometime back by the group Styx. The first verse is: "*Every night I say a prayer in the hope that there's a Heaven. But every day I'm more confused as the saints turn into sinners. All the heroes and legends I know as a child have fallen to idols of clay, and I feel this empty place inside, so afraid that I've lost my faith.*" The first chorus goes like this, "*Show me the way. Show me the way. Take me tonight to the river and wash my illusions away. Please, show me the way.*"

Show me the way to feel more assured I have lived as I should so as to be welcomed into Heaven and told "Well done my good and faithful servant." Jesus has told us as recorded in the Gospel of John, chapter 14, verse 6 in response to Thomas: "***Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'***" But if that is not enough, particularly for those of you who are like me, and you need more clear instructions, I would recommend Leviticus chapter 19. The entire chapter is a checklist given to us through Moses on how we are to live our lives so when we actually come face-to-face with our own mortality we can face it with confidence we have done our best, and where we've failed be assured we have been forgiven because of our Savior, Christ Jesus.

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Return Service Requested

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
Vicky Claborn, Organist
Shirley Musser, Visitation Director
Joyce Thomas, Children's Director
John Bermond, Building Superintendent**

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