



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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Sermon Title and Scriptures

May 19, 2019

“Have the Experience”

John 10:22-38

Sermon Title and Scriptures

May 26, 2019

“Everyone Will Know”

Psalms 148:1-5, John 13:31-35

19 years and counting

Culture Club wrapped up its nineteenth year last week with a party for birthdays in April through August—including pizza and cupcakes, and a talent show. This ministry of Central provides a safe place for K-5th students at Boyd to spend time after school, with opportunities for physical activity, a healthy meal, and homework assistance.

The program would not be possible without dedicated volunteers from the church, and a partnership with Drury that brings college students in to work with the students from Boyd. A debriefing meeting was held last Wednesday to discuss plans for the future.

In April, Springfield voters approved a bond initiative that will allow Springfield Public Schools to build a new Boyd School near the intersection of Division and Sherman, to open in Fall 2021. Discussions on what that might mean for Culture Club are ongoing.



Drury student Savannah McCauley leads the Kindergarten and first graders in Easter bingo, using jelly beans as markers.

Children in Action— Saturday

Children in Action will meet this Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This month’s activities include going out into the community to help others, followed by a walk and picnic at the Nature Center. If you know anyone in grades K-6, please invite them to join us in learning how we can interact with our community and God.

Children in Action will normally meet the last Sunday of each month from 4-6 p.m. If you have questions please contact Joyce Thomas our Children’s Director.



Over 60 hygiene kits created for Crosslines



Week 1—six kits

Youth group members Kalie Nix, Sierra Hickey, Erin Frazier, Luc Deeds, and Curtis Thomas helped collect hygiene items and packs during Lent (and a little after).



The Central Christian Church youth group collected items for hygiene kits as its Lenten service project. Through their efforts, and the generosity of the congregation, supplies for 62 hygiene kits—including shampoo, soap, toothbrush/holder, toothpaste, washcloths, deodorant, petroleum jelly, and hand cream—were obtained, packaged, and donated to Crosslines. The youth group would like to thank the congregation for supporting their outreach efforts.

Silver polishing

Our beautiful, heavy silver communion trays are in need of some polish (and elbow grease) before they can be properly packed up and stored. If you are able to spend some time helping with this, please contact the church office at 869-7241.

Congregational Concerns

Retha McDowell Greg & Paula Walton Diana Criger Karen Sunderwirth Beth Taylor Paul Martin
 Barbara Gard, Daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray Marjorie Ray Pat Lane Jaden Willingham
 Judy Gibson, Friend of Maryann Wakefield Phil Groner, Nephew of Gary and Nancy Morris Victoria McIlwain
 David Hopkins, Son of Ellen Grier Barbara Presley Dan Hicks Herb & Norma Knight
 Marvin Prosser, Brother-in-law of Joyce Moots Lynda McCoy Mary Gleghorn Mary Pering
 Lori Harach, daughter-in-law of Gary and Nancy Morris Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier Lisa Lynch
 Traci Vargas & children Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn John Thurman Lloyd Hoover
 Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth Debra Gleghorn Shelbee Maudlin, friend of Rita & Bill St. Gemme
 Rex Scott Biggs, Son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs Ann Simon Mary, friend of Robert and Beth Taylor
 Janice McGee James Willingham Marilyn Elsass Rosa Lee Butts

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



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	<u>May 19</u>	<u>May 26</u>	<u>FINANCIALS</u>
Elders	Everett Deeds Dorothy Thurman	Patty Thurman Kay Parrish	<u>5/5/19</u> General Fund Contributions: \$8,490 Attendance: 119
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>5/12/19</u> General Fund Contributions: \$4,253.50 Attendance: 147
Invocation and Offering	Michael Olmsted	Asher Tillman	
Communion & Fellowship Prep.	Youth Group	Joe & Kay Parrish Gary & Sandy Wingo	
Usher	Dave & Joyce Moots	Janice McGee	
Greeter	Bill & Rita St. Gemme	Glendon & Anna Marie Walker	
Fellowship Pianist	Vicky Claborn	Lorene Murray	

I Can Only Imagine

We have just celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord. Mary Magdalene, the Apostles Peter and John, and others have witnessed the empty tomb. There was a term used by the military during the initial part of the second Gulf War, “shock and awe.” That expression, I think, best describes how these women felt immediately upon seeing the opened and empty tomb where they knew Jesus had been buried. According to my Life Application Bible, New International Version, there are seven instances where Jesus appeared to his disciples and others following his resurrection.

I wonder how we, you and I, would react if Jesus were to appear before us or among a group in which we had gathered, such as a Sunday school class or a Worship Service. Would we respond with disbelief as did Thomas when the other disciples told him Jesus had appeared to them? Would He go unrecognized by us as He did to the two disciples traveling to Emmaus? How would you react if surrounded by the Glory of our risen Savior?

There’s a song made popular by the group Mercy Me titled “I Can Only Imagine.” The lyrics are, *I can only imagine what it would be like when I walk by your side. I can only imagine what my eyes would see when your face is before me. I can only imagine. I can only imagine. Surrounded by your glory what will my heart feel? Will I dance for you Jesus, or in awe of you be still? Will I stand in your presence? To my knees will I fall? Will I sing Hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all? I can only imagine. I can only imagine.*

I’m confident that at certain times in your life, as I have in mine, felt presence near. We have had to face experiences that at the time we wondered how, or even doubted, we would make it through. Yet somehow we have survived. More than once in my 70 plus years I have sat alone or with family and friends in a hospital waiting room and felt this calming, strengthening feeling. As I recall these experiences, I’m reminded of the poem “Footprints” also known as “Footprints in the Sand.” Though the poem refers to Christ Jesus as the Companion, I feel, in my case anyway, the Companion/Comforter has been the Holy Spirit. The Gospel of John, chapter 14, verse 16 Jesus said, ***“And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever.”***

I, quite honestly, have no idea how I would behave if I was suddenly face-to-face with Christ Jesus. I strongly suspect I would be in “shock” and in “awe.” Since I am a very skeptical person, I would probably react similarly to Thomas. Not that I doubt Christ has risen. It is just that I don’t anticipate running into Him just any old time. I (and I’m confident most of us) anticipate meeting Him after we enter Heaven; but to be confronted by Him physically at our front door would be most startling. Although in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 28, verse 20b Jesus said before ascending to be with the Father, ***“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”***

What will it be like to walk side-by-side with Christ? What will it be like to meet Him face-to-face? I can only imagine.

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