



# The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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***Sermon Title and Scriptures***

***February 9, 2020***

*“Who May Dwell”*

***Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15***

***Sermon Title and Scriptures***

***February 16, 2020***

*“We”*

***I Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-24***

**CWF Assembly**

The CWF assembly will be on Feb. 11, at 10:30 a.m. “Meditation: Merits and Methods” will be presented by Dr. Rick Westphal, MSU Professor of Communications, and Director of Senior Activities at King’s Way UMC. Both ladies and gentlemen are welcome as guests to learn and practice relaxation methods. Guests who wish to stay for the potluck lunch at noon are asked to bring a dish of food to share.

**Pre-Valentine’s Tea**

The Ladies of Pitts Chapel United Methodist Church, 600 N. Benton Ave., have invited us to a pre Valentine’s Tea on Saturday, Feb. 8, from noon to 2 p.m., in the Pitts Chapel fellowship hall. There will be a tea cup exchange, silent auction, and a fashion show. Attendees are encouraged to wear something red.

**Scholarship Time**

It’s time once again to invite applications for the annual scholarship awards. Any student who has finished high school, or is a senior in high school who will graduate in the spring of 2020, and is planning to continue their education may apply. Two letters of recommendation are required, as well as proof of enrollment or acceptance in a college/ university, or trade school. If you have received one scholarship, you may apply one additional year.

We are proud of our students and wish to encourage them in their educational pursuits. A student need not be a member of Central, but should have close ties to the church.

**Deadline: March 29** – All applications due to the church office.

Come in to the church office soon and pick up your scholarship applications!

—*Dorothy Thurman and Memorial Fund Scholarship Committee*



Thank you to everyone who helped with Sunday’s Mid-town Concert Series event and reception.

**Looking Ahead**

**Feb. 10**—Outreach Committee

**Feb. 11**—CWF Assembly, 10:30 a.m.

**Feb. 17**—NO Culture Club

**Feb. 17**—Executive Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

**Feb. 25**—Seeking Knowledge/ Gaining Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.

**The Fairbanks**

The Fairbanks Community Center Grand Opening will be this Saturday, Feb. 8, from noon to 3:30 p.m. The event will include tours of the newly renovated Fairbanks Hub and a glimpse into the rich history of the building. Appetizers and drinks will be provided. The Fairbanks Community Center is located at 1126 N. Broadway Ave. On-street parking will be available on Broadway. Please RSVP to [info@drewlewis.org](mailto:info@drewlewis.org).

## Congregational Concerns

Linda McCoy Lisa Lynch Herb & Norma Knight Vicky Claborn Kitty Manary Vicky Tucker, sister of Ken Hillen  
 Barb Rossetter Bob Thurman Easton Lewis, great-grandson of Mary Harris James Willingham Mary Pering  
 Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray Jaden Willingham Evelyn Looney Retha McDowell Ann Simon  
 Greg & Paula Walton Judy Gibson, friend of Maryann Wakefield Vicky Turner Chrystal Melton Shirley Cobb  
 Barbara Presley Karen Sunderwirth Debra Gleghorn Traci Vargas & children John Thurman Janice McGee  
 Mary, friend of Robert and Beth Taylor Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier Rosa Lee Butts Victoria McIlwain  
 Phil Groner, nephew of Gary and Nancy Morris Rex Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs Marilyn Elsass  
 Paul Martin Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth Dan Hicks

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



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	<u>February 9</u>	<u>February 16</u>	<u>FINANCIALS</u>
<b>Elders</b>	Shirley Musser Luther Young	Everett Deeds Kay Parish	<u>1/26/2020</u> General Fund Contributions: \$17,875.77 Attendance: 122
<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Bill Fischer</b> – Michelle Brown Karen Fischer Don Horton Paula Letterman Sean McGinnis Nan Olmsted John Rickman Traci Rickman Barb Rossetter Josh Thomas Larry Thomas Lynette Thomas Carma Weinman Darrel Zweerink	<b>Everett French-</b> 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	<u>2/2/2020</u> General Fund Contributions: \$6,991.50 Attendance: 118
<b>Invocation and Offering</b>	Dana Powell	Carol Pyles	
<b>Communion &amp; Fellowship Prep.</b>	Joe & Carol Pyles Mike & Carma Weinman	Patsy Tipton, Greg Walton Don & Faye Nix	
<b>Usher</b>	Robert & Beth Taylor	Bill & Rita St. Gemme	
<b>Greeter</b>	Everett & Carolyn Deeds	Bev Vestal & Dana Powell	
<b>Fellowship Pianist</b>	Luc Deeds	Steve Sherrill	

# Apostolic or Apologetic Christian: Which are we?

As quite often happens when I get an inspiration for an article's subject matter, I barely have an inkling of what will come of it. Such was the case with this article's subject. I originally thought it would be as simple as comparing apple and oranges. Wow, was I wrong! I was really naïve.

I guess it would probably help if I defined the terms. The term *Apostolic* represents a denomination's belief that it follows the teachings of the twelve Apostles who followed Christ. With roots in the 1904-1905 Welsh Revival, the Apostolic Church seeks to stand for first-century Christianity in its faith, practices and government. Gee, I had no idea there was a church, a whole denomination. *Apologetic* is defined as, "Regretfully acknowledging or excusing an offense or failure." My idea was to simply ask the question, "Are you a believer unafraid to acknowledge your faith and belief or are you always seemingly apologizing for being a follower of Christ Jesus?"

Bear with me, please. Please give me just a little latitude. As I was gathering information I discovered, as in a lot of things, there was/is nothing simple about it. The complexity begins with not having an understanding of the vastness of the term *Apostolic*. It is way much more than simply believing in and following the teachings of Christ as given to us through the writers of the New Testament. As I said previously, I was naïve. Right now, my fear is that I have, as we in the Ozarks are want to say, bitten off more than I can chew. But, with God's guidance, here goes.

The above definition for *Apostolic* was lifted from the description of the beliefs of the Apostolic Church. A denomination which follows a literal interpretation of the Scriptures, particularly those of the teachings of the Apostles to the first-century church. There are three beliefs that sit Apostolics apart from other Christians. These are: 1. The Ministry of Apostles and Prophets: Apostles and prophets arose before the existence of church buildings and Christianity. The Apostles were chosen by Jesus Christ and were tasked with building the foundation of the Christian Church. Apostolics, however, believe these offices were not just for starting the Christian church. 2. Speaking of Tongues is necessary for Holy Spirit Baptism: The speaking of tongues occurs when words are granted to the believer by God in a language unknown to her or him. The believer speaks the foreign words out loud in a message directly from God. Apostolics believe the spiritual baptism is necessary to enter the kingdom of God. 3. Believers Strive to an Image of Christ: Apostolics embrace Theosis, which elevated the divine capabilities of humans. The goal is not just to maintain a relationship with Christ but to become like Him.

So, given what we know, have been taught, about the first-century church, first-century Christians through the writings of the Gospels and the other books of the New Testament, how different are we? Sure there are some doctoral differences as there are even between "main-line" protestant denominations. We believe Christ is the Son of the Living God and He is our Lord and Savior. We strive in our daily life to be more "Christ-like," hence the name Christians first given to believers by the citizens of Antioch in the first century. We believe God's grace encompasses all humanity. Salvation was granted by God through the death of Christ and through His resurrection victory over death and eternal life in the presence of the Father has been granted us.

So, my original question remains. Are we comfortable with our belief, confident with our faith? Are we, in that sense Apostolic, or are we apologetic? Do we share our belief, our faith, or do we apologize to non-believers for holding our particular beliefs?

In the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 10, verse 33 it is recorded Jesus said, "If anyone denies me here on earth, I will deny that person before my Father in heaven." (NLT)

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