



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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Sermon Title and Scriptures

May 17, 2020

“Being the Church”

Acts 17:22-31; I Peter 3:13-22

Sermon Title and Scriptures

May 23, 2020

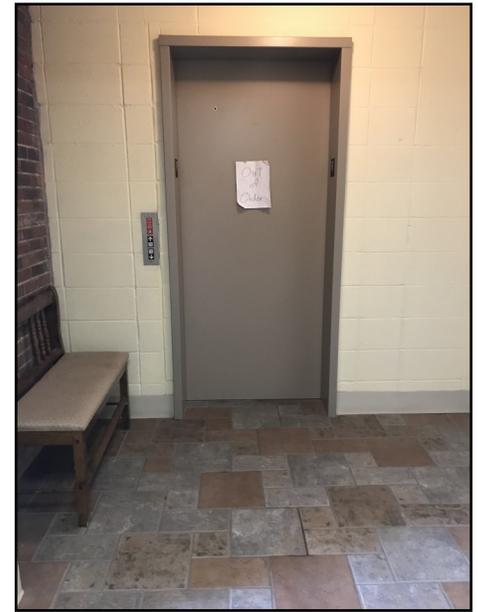
“Young and Old Alike”

I Peter 5:1-11

Building updates and improvements

Even as we continue to be unable to meet together as a congregation, work continues around the church building.

In late April, the oven in the McGinnis Fellowship was repaired. Culture Club and other groups using the kitchen have been working around a faulty temperature control valve in the oven. We are excited for oven to be fully useful once we are able to resume regular activities in the building. The grill also got a good cleaning.



Special thank you to Bev Vestal for making this repair possible.

Next week, May 20, we will be replacing the sump pump in the elevator shaft to one that will work automatically, instead of requir-

ing someone to manually turn on. Additionally, an alarm will be installed that will notify Ken Hillen, our facilities caretaker, if the pump does not automatically start. Thank you, Ken, for your vigilance in overseeing these repairs.

Calling all bakers

Our friends at The Connecting Grounds have been providing homemade baked goods in the nightly dinners they are providing for people without permanent housing. If you enjoy baking but don't want temptation hanging out on your counter, please consider making those cookies, brownies, or Rice Krispies treats to share with others. You can drop them off at the church office between 9 a.m. and noon, Monday through Thursday, and we will make sure they make it to TCG. This will help reduce the number of people in one place at one time, in order to maintain appropriate social distancing, while still providing for others.

TCG has also reported a need for muffins and breakfast loaves of bread for the breakfast bags they are taking to our un-homed friends sheltering in area motels. Those can also be dropped off at the church during regular office hours.

Congregational Concerns

Regina Maness, mother of Marilyn Ferguson	Vicky Claborn	Dan Hicks	The family of Herb Knight
The family of Caleb Lipscomb	Beth Taylor	Peter Nozza	Ginger Williams
Linda McCoy	Lisa Lynch		
Retha McDowell	James Willingham	Greg & Paula Walton	Marilyn Elsass
Barb Rossetter	Paul Martin		
Ann Simon	Easton Lewis, great-grandson of Mary Harris	Jaden Willingham	Karen Sunderwirth
Mary Pering			
Vicky Turner	Traci Vargas & children	Shirley Cobb	Judy Gibson, friend of Maryann Wakefield
Evelyn Looney			
Debra Gleghorn	John Thurman	Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier	Rosa Lee Butts
Victoria McIlwain			
Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs	Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn	Janice McGee	
Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth	Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray		

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



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Boyd school supply needs for 2020-21 school year

Once again we have the opportunity to help some of our youngest neighbors prepare for the next school year. We will be **partnering** with Central Assembly to meet the **school supply needs** for students at **Boyd Elementary**. We are still working out the details regarding which congregation will provide what; the school has already provided us with the least of needs. There is no rush to collect these items at this point, but please keep your eyes open for these items in the coming days, weeks, and months.

	K/1	2nd/3rd	4th/5th	Sped	Totals
B&W composition notebooks	40	200	180	40	460
Large (24) packs of pencils	40	200	180	20	440
Pencil boxes	60	200	180	20	110
Sets of Fiscar scissors	40	50	60	0	150
Glue sticks	80	200	250	0	530
Packages of washable markers	30	50	60	0	140
Packages of crayons	50	50	60	0	160
Large erasers	60	100	0	0	160
Plastic, 3-pronged folders	180	200	180	0	560
Boxes of Kleenex	120	100	180	0	400
Rolls of paper towels	0	100	0	0	100
Packages of disinfectant wipes	60	50	60	0	170
Bottles of hand sanitizer	60	50	60	0	170
Spiral notebooks	0	150	0	0	150
Skinny black whiteboard markers	0	75	0	0	75
Packs of mulicolored Expo markers	60	75	100	20	255
Packages of gallon-size Ziploc bags	0	25	0	0	25
Packages of sandwich-size Ziplocs	0	25	0	0	25
Packages of colored pencils	0	0	60	0	60
Tubs of Play-doh	120	0	0	0	120
Ink pens	90	0	0	0	90
Packages of baby wipes	60	0	0	0	60
Packages of wide-rule notebook paper	0	0	60	0	60
Plastic rulers	0	0	60	0	60
Backpacks					175

A word from our Board Moderator

What an interesting 6 weeks in the life of Central Christian Church. There are many adjectives that can describe this time, i.e., uncertain, cautious, fearful, (new) normal. The one word that reigns supreme for me is FAITH. Through this time, I am sure we have all had occasion to ask why this is happening and I am also sure that there are those that have quoted scripture in the Book of Revelation as this being a biblical event. I am not here to pass my personal judgment on this event only to say that it is something that I never thought I would see in my lifetime. But through it all my Faith has not wavered one iota.

The biggest adjustment I have had through this time is not being able to enter our building on Sunday mornings and worship in our sanctuary. Did I cease to worship God? Absolutely not!!! Quite on the contrary, our ministry staff of Geoff Weinman, Alyssa Spradlin, Shirley Musser, Mark Bowdidge, and Vicky Claborn have gone above and beyond to allow each of us to worship in the confines of our respective homes. They have produced an extremely spiritual service each Sunday when we have not been able to come to church. By the way, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the excellent music that has been performed by our section leaders in the choir. When we are able to reconvene, please let these people know how much you appreciate all their efforts to bring us a meaningful service over the internet.

I have the highest appreciation for our staff but I also have a comparable appreciation for each and every member of our congregation. When church services are not happening in our building then the natural inclination is to forget that the expenses of building and staff and Outreach continue. Our giving is down some but then again we did not celebrate Easter in our building but rather in our homes. Generally speaking we would have 250-300 people in church on Easter and of course the offering would increase proportionately . . . but that did not happen. At the end of each service on YouTube, Geoff has laid out the various ways we can continue our tithes and offerings, i.e., on-line and mail. But there is also one additional source of giving and that is by tithing a portion of the Federal Stimulus money that almost all of us received. I mention this as a result of watching a segment on the NBC Today show about people across the country that are donating a portion of their Stimulus to various charitable organizations including churches. The Outreach of the church does not stop when there is a world wide pandemic as can be seen in the help we give to The Connecting Grounds, the meals prepared for the Culture Club kids that hopefully help them while not attending school, as well as the individual needs arise from people walking up to our doors during the week. This money has been a godsend for those out of work and that is the intent of the stimulus check. Many in our congregation have been blessed through life. If there is anyone that feels moved to give a portion of their stimulus checks to help our church and community outreach programs, that would be another way that we, as Christians, can show our love for God and his people.

There are so many people that have stepped up to help during this crisis that I am humbled. Several years ago, we, as a congregation, were challenged to decide if we wanted to relocate to another area of the City. Resoundingly we said NO!!! Our ministry is here in this neighborhood! With that in mind, please keep supporting the ministry of Central Christian both spiritually and financially until that point in time we can reconvene on Sunday mornings. Hopefully it will be sometime in June but keep watching The Call and Facebook for announcements as they present themselves. Stay Safe and Healthy.

Yours in Christ, Bill Fischer

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

Ministry Team

**Bill Fischer, Board Moderator
Rev. Geoff Weinman, Senior Minister
Rev. Alyssa Spradlin, Associate Minister
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Vicky Claborn, Organist
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