



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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May 10, 2022

Sermon Title and Scriptures

May 15, 2022

“We Have to Celebrate”

Luke 15:11-32

Sermon Title and Scripture

May 22, 2022

“Everyone Will Know”

Psalms 148; John 13:31-35

Celebrating Mark’s ministry and future

On Sunday, May 15, we will celebrate Dr. Mark Bowdidge, his 10 years of service as Director of Music at Central Christian Church, and his new call to serve the Church universal. As he wrote himself in the last issue of *The Call*, Mark has started a business, serving as a consultant for churches looking to “renew and refine traditional worship.” Though he is leaving Central’s staff, he is not leaving the congregation. “I will continue to be a member of Central Christian and serve, at the congregation’s will, as an elder,” Mark said. “But I will be absent from normal weekly services in order to give my replacement the opportunity to establish themselves without interference from their predecessor.” **Please join us for a morning worship service full of special music, and a reception during the time of fellowship.** We pray for Mark in this new endeavor and send him off with our best regards.



Ushers, Greeters report to Spring Training

No, this isn’t baseball. But we are a little out of practice in this area. As we tentatively return to all the ways we are known for extending hospitality, please let the church office know if you are interested in welcoming people to Sunday morning worship on a quarterly(ish) basis.

Congregational Concerns

Greg & Paula Walton	Phil Brown	Wayne Riddle	Steve Vestal	Wilma Frazier	
Ginger Williamson	Fred & Norma Spence	Rex Biggs	John & Kitty Manary	Winnie Young	
Greg & Teresa Turssso	Gary Wright	Lisa Lynch	Dan Hicks	Norma Knight	Linda McCoy
Robert & Beth Taylor	William Francis	Shirley Potter	Betty Jo Gardner	Evelyn Looney	Don Nix
Frank & Pat Dodd	Nan OImsted	Paul & Sharon Martin	Hattie Penland	Glendon Walker	
John Thurman	Dana Powell	Karen Hahn	James Willingham	Diana Criger	
Lorene Murray	Vicky Claborn	Jaden Willingham	Victoria McIlwain	Karen Sunderwirth	
Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier	Barbara Gard, daughter-in-law of Lorene Murray		Barb Rossetter		
Elaine Spradlin, mother of Alyssa Spradlin	Traci Vargas & children		Isaac Ferguson, friend of Karen Sunderwirth		
Barbara Richardson, mother of Vicky Claborn	Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs				

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

**Livestream our Sunday morning
service—starting at 9:30—at
www.centralchristianspringfield.org.
Connect with us on social media:**



SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel at
Central Christian, Springfield, MO



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**FINANCIALS &
ATTENDANCE**

5/1/2022

General Fund
Contributions: \$8,215
Attendance: 97
Online service views: 38*

5/8/2022

General Fund
Contributions: \$5,084
Attendance: 92
Online service views: 14*

*At the time of publication

	<u>May 15</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>May 29</u>
Elders	Joe Pyles Kay Parrish	Everett Deeds Dorothy Thurman	Linda Zweerink Cal Wise
Deacon Team Leader	Patsy Tipton	Bill Fischer	Everett French
Invocation and Offering	Joe Parrish		
Communion & Fellowship Prep.	Patsy Tipton, Bill & Karen Fischer	Joe & Carol Pyles	Craig Miller, Yvonne Erwin, Bob & Dorothy Thurman
Usher	Robert & Beth Taylor	Everett & Carolyn Deeds	Youth
Greeter			
Fellowship Pianist	N/A	Dorothy Thurman	Steve Sherrill

MINISTER'S Message

It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers together to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever, the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud...for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God "

– 2 Chronicles 5:13 & 14b

Central Christian has a wonderful history of music being gifted to us and praising God since it began in 1889. Mark Bowdidge continued that tradition for us. We have been blessed to have him with us bringing his talent and the talents of multiple musicians into our worship and our community. The glory of the LORD has filled our ministry and reached out into the community for which we serve.

I want to thank Mark for being a partner in ministry with me and with our congregation. His care for the Word of God, and the different ways to bring it out through music, has opened us up to new ways of worshipping and praising God. He has added to the musical legacy of our church, and we are blessed for it. Through strings, brass, organ, bells, and voice our house has been filled with the glory of the LORD each and every Sunday.

There are not words that can express what his ministry has meant to all of us, and how it has grown our faith and our practice of worship. I invite everyone to join us on Sunday and help to show Mark how his service to Central Christian and to all the Springfield community has brought us closer to God and to each other. We wish nothing but the best for Mark in the future and remind him of the love Central will always have for him.



May Mission Spotlight

Our May Mission Spotlight is our partnership with Boyd Elementary. While we miss the school's proximity, we continue to offer support through the Culture Club Legacy Fund. This is the means by which we help provide those special extras to promote and encourage the education of some of our youngest neighbors in Midtown. Additionally we will begin collecting school supplies through the summer to help meet those needs so students can focus on learning. Please designate **Culture Club** to help with initiatives that recognize and motivate the students, teachers, faculty, and staff, or **School Supplies** to help us take advantage of bulk buying once we receive the list of needs.

Lunch at the VFW

You are invited to lunch by the VFW Post 3404 Auxiliary, on Sunday May 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meal will feature Italian-themed dishes. The cost is \$8 per person, which includes beverage and dessert. The meal will be held at the post, 1136 East Atlantic.

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Return Service Requested

Specially prepared for:

Sunday Mornings

**9:30 am Worship, in person
and via our Livestream**

10:45 am Fellowship

11:00 am Sunday School

Ministry Team

**Bill Fischer, Board Moderator
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
Ken Hillen, Church Caretaker**

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