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# Weekly Visitor

## Denny's Dabblings...



We are glad to welcome Norma Yerardi, 10998 U.S Highway 52, Stout, Ohio, to our church family. Norma is a baptized believer and she placed her membership with Central this past Sunday (7/4). She is the mother of Sam Yerardi. Be sure to welcome Norma and encourage her in her walk with Jesus.

By the time you receive and read this newsletter Joan and I will be enjoying some vacation time in Tennessee. We will be leaving Wednesday (7/7) and will return on Thursday (7/15). We will be back in the office on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. If our services are needed while we are away, please call on the Elders (Mark Scott, Danny Mosley, Bill Brown, Roger McClay, Dennis Stevens) and they will be glad to assist you. In my absence this coming Lord's Day, Bro. Al Serhal will be preaching for the morning worship hour. Al is Church Relations Officer at Kentucky Christian University in Grayson, Kentucky. Al is a good preacher and you will enjoy him and his message.

Welcome to our church family...

We had a great fellowship time this past Sunday evening. "Your Favorite Summer Dessert" was a big hit. Thanks to all who furnished the desserts. A special note to Tom Riehl – "I think you'll need to get a bigger truck."

I want to share a couple of stories with you here. When the builders of a proposed bridge across the Niagra Falls began construction many years ago, the first matter at hand was how to span the river with the suspension cables. Launching a simple kite, the builders were able to get a thin string across. Using the string, they drew a rope across, which was

followed by a larger rope, then a small cable, and finally a cable heavy enough to use as support in building the bridge. When it was completed, the huge structure that could support a train, showed no signs of having once been launched by a simple kite. The point of this story is that from small beginnings come bigger things. This is a lesson for us concerning our stewardship. We may start out small but the Lord blesses and increases so we can give larger gifts to His work.

The preacher decided to take drastic action on stewardship. He hired an electrician to wire the pews. The next Sunday he said, "Today is Stewardship Day. We will be making our pledges publicly this morning. Who will pledge \$50 a week?" He motioned to the electrician to pull the switch and about half the congregation jumped to their feet. The church treasurer quickly began recording names. The preacher called for those willing to give \$75 a week and again motioned to the electrician to pull the switch. This time, however, the voltage was increased, and as the dollar amounts increased so did the voltage. Needless to say, it was a tremendously successful stewardship campaign. As they were totaling the pledges after the service an elder came to tell the preacher that there might be a problem. Four members were so stubborn about their pledges that they remained in their seats the whole time and were now seared to the pews. (from Stories For Preachers)

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## Central's Facts and Figures

### Golf

Enjoy some golfing and fellowship on Thursday evenings at 5:00 PM. Meet at Shawnee State Park Golf Course – this is open to everyone that loves to golf

### CHRIST IN YOUTH

Our teens and adult sponsors will be leaving July 12<sup>th</sup> to attend the Christ In Youth Conference in Cleveland, Tennessee. Be praying for them and safety as they travel.

### July 4, 2010

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Current Expenses.....   | \$3,728.50        |
| Missions.....           | \$370.50          |
| Building Fund.....      | \$475.50          |
| Deacons Fund.....       | \$10.00           |
| Youth Refund.....       | \$40.00           |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b> | <b>\$4,624.50</b> |

#### Current Expenses:

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Budget Need to Date..... | \$101,256.00 |
| Received to Date.....    | \$92,394.10  |
| Under Budget.....        | \$8,861.90   |

#### Missions:

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Budget Need to Date..... | \$12,923.52 |
| Received to Date.....    | \$10,549.00 |
| Under Budget.....        | \$2,374.52  |

#### Building Fund:

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Budget Need to Date..... | \$16,508.88 |
| Received to Date .....   | \$12,605.00 |
| Under Budget.....        | \$3,903.88  |

#### ATTENDANCE

##### July 4, 2010

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Sunday School.....         | 97  |
| 10:30 Morning Worship..... | 193 |
| 6:30 Worship .....         | 53  |

### Meetings

➤ **Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 Youth Committee Meeting immediately following Morning Worship  
 5:00 PM Preacher's Panel Meeting  
 ➤ The preacher needs to meet with those individuals who have been serving on the "Preachers Panel." We need to be planning for our upcoming "Family Fun Day" in September.

➤ **Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 6:00 PM Heavenly Helpers Meeting  
 Meeting will be held at Faye McClay's home

➤ **Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 Children's Ministry Meeting immediately following Morning Worship

➤ **Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 Double Nickel Dinner Cruise on the Ohio River

➤ **Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

Adult Choir Practice every Sunday at 5:30 PM



### Central Church of Christ

exists to

**REACH** the unchurched community to **CONNECT** them with the church to help them **GROW** in their faith and to challenge the growing to **DISCOVER** their ministry and **HONOR** God with their life!