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# Weekly Visitor

## Denny's Dabblings...



*We are keeping things outside...*

We are back in Portsmouth and in the office today (Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>). We are so thankful for the time away this past week to be in Tennessee for Steve and Tabitha's wedding. Joan and I had some special experiences this past week. We had the obligatory 'get acquainted' with Tabitha's parents, Larry and Arlene Smith. Her family is really nice. We felt very much at home with them. We met many of her family members. The wedding itself was a beautiful ceremony. After the exchange of wedding vows, Steve went to the piano and sang a song to Tabitha. The song was "I Will Be There", by Steven Curtis Chapman. I really don't know how he sang to her and kept his composure but he did. I would have not been able to get through it myself. I almost lost my emotions just listening to him sing to her. They should be back home by the time you get this newsletter. Again, thank you for the time away and I am thankful for those who stepped up this past Sunday and filled positions that needed to be filled due to absences.

This past Sunday morning I had a unique experience also. Just a few miles from where we were staying was a Church of Christ and so that is where I worshipped. Joan was sick so I was by myself. Now bear in mind that in the south, Church of Christ usually designates a non-instrumental congregation and this was the case. That is not a problem for me so I was

glad to assemble with these brethren. There may have been 30 people present. Four of us were guests. I was the youngest one present with the exception of one teenage boy. Before the service began one of the ladies came to speak with me. She asked how the church was where I was from. She went on to tell me that their numbers had dwindled. She said they drove 16 miles to attend this particular church. And it was almost with pride that she said, **'We are keeping things outside that other churches are using to attract people.'** And I wanted to say, 'Well, it looks to me like you are doing a good job at that.' Now I know what she meant. She was referring to the liberality that some churches are moving to in doctrinal positions. We cannot forsake doctrine to gain numbers and God forbid that would happen at Central Church of Christ. But are we so anti-change that we refuse to do anything new or different that would be attractive to people in our community? The gospel which we preach can never change but the methods we use to proclaim that unchanging message can and must change if we are to be effective in reaching our community for Christ. May we be found faithful in the proclamation of the gospel until Jesus Christ returns.

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## Central's Facts and Figures

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Everett Stamper**, grandfather of Tyler Stamper. Services were held Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at Quincy Church of Christ, Quincy, Kentucky. May God's grace be near this family at this time.

### May 30, 2010

Current Expenses.....	\$2,155.00
Missions.....	\$361.50
Building Fund.....	\$190.50
Deacons Fund.....	\$15.00
Heavenly Helpers.....	\$507.49
Church Camp.....	\$200.00
CIY.....	\$12.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$3,436.49</b>

#### Current Expenses:

Budget Need to Date.....	\$85,055.04
Received to Date.....	\$73,356.29
Under Budget.....	\$11,698.75

#### Missions:

Budget Need to Date.....	\$10,519.67
Received to Date.....	\$8,476.50
Under Budget.....	\$2,043.17

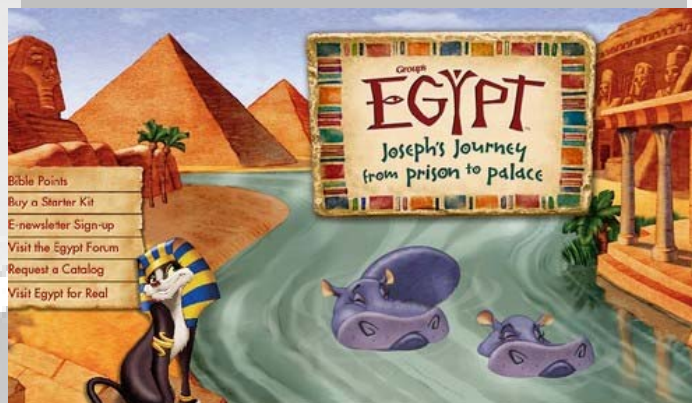
#### Building Fund:

Budget Need to Date.....	\$13,451.68
Received to Date .....	\$8,732.50
Under Budget.....	\$4,719.18

### ATTENDANCE May 30, 2010

Sunday School.....	76
10:30 Morning Worship.....	149
6:30 Worship .....	Singspiration with First Christian South Shore

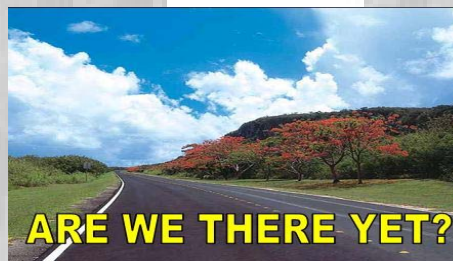
### Vacation Bible School



#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>  
 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
 Preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Father/Son Banquet



#### Father/Son Banquet

Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
 6:00 PM

See Jane Stevens or Jo Ramsey for your tickets!!  
 Cost \$2.00

### FYI

- June 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> -- Senior High Week at Howell's Mill Christian Assembly
- June 19<sup>th</sup> – Day Camp – HMCA
- Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – Car Wash – 1:00 PM
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - HMCA
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – Youth Summer Jam – 12:00 – 7:30 AM
- Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Ice Cream Social sponsored by Children's Ministry
- June 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – First Chance Camp - HMCA

### 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!