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Weekly Visitor

Denny's Dabblings...



We are glad to welcome to our church family, **Lacey Kirkendall, 1034 23rd Street, Portsmouth, Ohio.** Lacey was baptized this past Sunday, January 31st. She is the daughter of Chris and Jennifer Kirkendall. Be sure to welcome Lacey and encourage her as she begins her new walk with Jesus. Welcome to Central Church of Christ, Lacey.

"Bam! We're going to kick it up a notch!" These are the words of the well-known host of a popular cooking show, Emeril Lagasse. Usually when he uses this phrase he is talking about adding some particular ingredients or doing something special to make the dish better-tasting or even better-looking. If I can adapt his words to our church situation – **"Bam! We're going to kick it up a notch!"** We do need to kick it up a notch at Central Church of Christ. We need to **kick it up a notch** collectively as a church family and individually as well. Think about some areas where we need to **kick it up a notch**. Look at the overall attendance figures. For the month of January our attendance has been extremely low. I know that the weather has factored into this to some degree and has helped bring the numbers down, but not all of it can be blamed on the weather. Have you been faithful in your attendance at the worship times? Have you been inconsistent with a hit-and-miss attendance? What if every member of Central Church of Christ attended the church services as regularly as you do? Do you need to **kick it up a notch** in your attendance?

Let's look at our finances. You can look at the offering figures in this edition of the Weekly Visitor and see that we have fallen considerably behind in our budgeted needs. The problem with falling short of our budgeted needs is that some of our ministry programs are going to suffer. If the funds are not available those programs cannot be

carried out. Do you need to **kick it up a notch** in your giving for the Lord's work?

What about our work of evangelism? Are there people you can invite and bring to the church services? The church is dependent upon the members to bring others to learn and know about Jesus Christ. It cannot be done as effectively if you are not doing your part? Can you **kick it up a notch** when it comes to bringing others to the church services?

Think about your activities to help you grow spiritually. How much Bible reading and prayer time do you have each day? Again I challenge you to read through the New Testament in a month. You can do this if you will read just nine chapters a day. **Kick it up a notch!**

If everyone at Central Church of Christ will **kick it up a notch** we will see what a great impact it will have in our own lives and in our community as we reach others for Christ.

This coming Sunday, February 7th, Lord willing, we will continue our current sermon series on **"A BETTER LIFE"** from the book of Hebrews. We will talk about **"A Better Deal"**. Scripture is taken from Hebrews 8:1-13. Read this passage of Scripture this week and it will help you be prepared for the message.

Drama Information

Sunday, January 24th

4:30 p.m. – Drama music rehearsal in the chapel

5:00 p.m. – Drama rehearsal

Welcome to our church family ...

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Central's Facts and Figures

January 31st, 2010

Capital Savings Fund.....	\$3,492.24
Missions.....	\$275.50
Building Fund.....	\$110.50
Youth Fund.....	\$400.00
Deacon's Fund.....	\$10.00
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$5,581.00

Current Expenses:

Budget Need to Date.....	\$16,200.96
Received to Date.....	\$13,879.72
Under Budget.....	\$2,321.24

Missions:

Budget Need to Date.....	\$2,346.58
Received to Date.....	\$1,904.50
Under Budget.....	\$442.08

Building Fund:

Budget Need to Date.....	\$3,057.20
Received to Date	\$934.50
Under Budget.....	\$2,122.70

ATTENDANCE

January 31st, 2010

Sunday School.....	73
10:30 Morning Worship.....	133
6:30 Evening Service.....	137



Thank You

Dear Central Church family,

Thank you all so very much for your prayers, concerns and expressions of love and support. Thank you to the food team for the delicious food that was prepared and shared. We are blessed to know we have a loving church family at this difficult time.

The family of Elmer Oliver, Jr

Faithful Stewardship

A new year has started and it's a good time to look back and think about what we might do better in 2010. It's also a good time to think about our church giving for 2010. You knew I was going to get around to that, didn't you?

I'll keep it short. Put God and his church first in your thinking this year. Decide what you will give for the year, divide that by 52, then each week give that amount. You might even be surprised if you were thinking your yearly amount was substantial, but after dividing it by 52, it doesn't seem so substantial. For example, suppose you decide to give \$500 this year. After dividing by 52, that is \$9.62 per week. Check your income. Is that even close to a tithe for you? If you were receiving \$96.20 per week, then a tithe would be \$9.62.

Whatever you decide to give, be consistent. It is difficult to run a business or a church when the income doesn't at least meet the budget approved by the congregation for the year.

Central has many dedicated workers, both paid and volunteer. Let's make sure that they have what is needed to run their programs and keep Central moving ahead.

Have a great 2010.

Bill Brown

MEMORIALS

The following gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Elmer Oliver**:

M/M Dan Diehlmann – M/M Jerry Skiver –
Mary Frances Suter – M/M Charles Oliver

The following gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Virginia Hollis**:

M/M Dan Diehlmann – Thelma Wheeler – M/M
Jerry Skiver -- Mary Frances Suter

Meals On Wheels

Wednesday, February 10th

Ann Smith/Kathleen Richter – Betty Richey/Sharon
Kidwell – Dan & Sherry Mosley – Eddie & Rosetta
Henry – Mike & Bonnie Piguet

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!