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# Weekly Visitor

## Denny's Dabblings...



We are glad to welcome to our church family Tom and Donna Riehl, 20 Brookside Drive, Lucasville, OH 45648. It is a special thrill for me to have Tom and Donna at Central. They were baptized at the Carey's Run Church of Christ by my dad. Now I have the privilege of being their preacher. Welcome Tom and Donna to our church family.

Lord willing, this Lord's day we will continue our current sermon series, "**A Better Life**". The message for this Sunday is "**A Better Understanding**". The scripture is Hebrews 4:12-16. Read these verses and it will help prepare you for the message. On Sunday evening, we will continue "The Lucy Show Bible Study", as we consider, "Lucy, The Star Maker."

Welcome to our church family ...

The cold weather took a toll on our attendance yesterday. Hopefully this will be the low point for our attendance figures this year. One of my concerns has been the decrease in our attendance numbers the last couple of years. One goal that I have for this year is to get our Sunday School attendance back over the 100 mark. We have really slacked off in this area. I hope to encourage you to attend a Sunday School class and get involved in a weekly Bible study program. The Sunday School is designed to promote Bible knowledge and understanding. We have classes that are designed for every age group, so why not get started this coming Sunday? If you have attended Sunday School in the past, you know the benefit and blessing that comes from this format of Bible study and the close fellowship that results from being in a small group setting. Will you make a strong effort this week to get to Sunday School? The Friendly Workers and JOY Classes meet in the chapel. The Preacher's Class, which is an elective study, meets in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.

The beginning of a new year is a time for

for reflecting and making resolutions to make improvements in our lives in the new year. Let me share a brief story about resolutions. Jonathan Edwards, the 18<sup>th</sup>-century revivalist, sat down at the age of seventeen and penned twenty-one resolutions by which he would live his life. Throughout his lifetime he would add to this list until, by his death, he had seventy resolutions. He put at the top of the list: "Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humbly entreat Him by His grace to enable me to keep these Resolutions. ...Remember to read over these Resolutions once a week." Jonathan Edwards did not casually make New Year's resolutions with an expectation of eventually breaking them. Each week he did a 'self-check.' He regularly summed up how he was doing and sought God's help in the process. Christ calls us to commit to actively work at becoming conformed to His image. This coming year resolve to become a person committed to godly transformation. If you faithfully do this, you will see your life begin to focus on the spiritual rather than on the passing, material world. (Jan Brown, Christianity Today)

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**2010 Budget Needs**

In order to meet the 2010 budget that was approved at the congregational meeting, the following amounts are needed weekly:

General Fund: **\$4,050.24**  
Missions Fund: **\$480.77**  
Building Fund: **\$611.44**

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**Drama Rehearsal**  
Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 p.m.

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## Central's Facts and Figures

### January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010

General Fund.....	\$3,163.00
Missions.....	\$422.50
Building Fund.....	\$262.50
Envelopes.....	\$123.00
Deacon's Fund.....	\$10.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$3,981.00</b>

#### Current Expenses:

Budget Need to Date.....	\$4,050.24
Received to Date.....	\$3,163.00
Under Budget.....	\$887.24

#### Missions:

Budget Need to Date.....	\$480.77
Received to Date.....	\$422.50
Under Budget.....	\$58.27

#### Building Fund:

Budget Need to Date.....	\$611.44
Received to Date .....	\$262.50
Under Budget.....	\$348.94

### ATTENDANCE January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010

Sunday School.....	71
10:30 Morning Worship.....	149
6:30 Evening Service.....	71

### Upcoming Events

- Children's Ministry Meeting – Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – immediately following morning worship in the chapel
- Men's Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 AM
- Sunday School Breakfast – Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 AM
- 5th Sunday Singspiration with First Christian Church – Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 PM

### Heavenly Helpers

Monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the church fellowship hall. Bring your favorite snack item or finger food.

### Double Nickel

Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 PM – Church Fellowship Hall  
Bring one of the following: pot of soup or salad or dessert – Sign up list has been posted on the bulletin board

### Children's Ministry

Happy New Year everyone! I am looking forward to another great year with all the kids here at Central. I'm sure we will have plenty to keep everyone busy, so keep your eye on the paper for any upcoming events. If you would like to volunteer to help with anything we are always looking for extra hands to throw into the mix. Just let me know and I am sure we can find some place to plug you in.

Now that we have completed our Christmas Program the Kids for Christ Choir will start singing prelude every 6 weeks again. They look forward to getting up and singing for the adults and they really do learn from the songs we sing.

If you get a chance take a stroll down by the Rainbow Room. We have a banner hanging outside the door that tells what Heaven means to our kids. We worked on this for several weeks and I think they really came up with some solid ideas. They also learned that Heaven is our Salvation because of Jesus not a reward for living a good life. We did nothing to earn Heaven, Jesus gave us the opportunity of everlasting life when he came to Earth to give his life for us. We really had some good discussions while completing this project. I love to watch the kids when they really start to grasp something and this is a topic they really got into; ask them and see what answers you get from them.

. Tracy Smith

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