

"KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"

Center Church of Welcome

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Dear friends,

I ran across this several years ago at Frazer Church in Montgomery Alabama. WE are in the middle of celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior and I started thinking about this little article. If we are a community of faith and a people of the resurrection should that same resurrection impact our church?

Live Churches and Dead Churches

Alive churches are constantly changing. Dead churches don't have to.

Live churches have lots of noisy kids. Dead churches are fairly quiet.

Live churches' expenses always exceed their income. Dead churches take in more than they ever dreamed of spending.

Live churches are constantly improving for the future. Dead churches worship their past.

Live churches move out in faith. Dead churches operate totally by human sight.

Live churches focus on people. Dead churches focus on programs.

Live churches are filled with tithers. Dead churches are filled with tippers.

Live churches dream great dreams of God. Dead churches relive nightmares.

Live churches don't have "can't" in their dictionary. Dead churches have nothing but "can't."

Live churches evangelize. Dead churches fossilize.

I am so thankful we are a "live" church at Center. We look forward to seeing you at the resurrection place Sunday!

***Grace and peace,
Pastor Mitch***

Date: March 10, 2024

Center Church of Welcome Administrative Board Meeting

The Center Church of Welcome Administrative Board met with 11 board members present. Heather Noel opened the meeting with devotional on Easter and Jesus's resurrection. Chairperson Jeff Mendenhall called the meeting to order. Marlene Wood gave the financial report. Correction on some of the dates listed on minutes from February, then the minutes and financial report were approved by consensus vote.

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Committee Reports:

Staff Parrish: Nathan Thanos reported they are working on guidelines for next Gen minister. They are looking into the possibility of an associate pastor. We are still in need of nursery workers. He also asked about our directory listing people who attend regularly. There was much discussion about a digital directory. Heather Noel made the motion we check into a digital directory and Karri Hollingsworth second it. Motion carried.

How to handle the collection of mission offerings at the Centered serves should be checked with Josh York. Any cash will go to Marlene Wood to deposit and she will write a check for the total to that Sunday's mission.

Children's : Karri Hollingsworth reported things are set for breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

Youth: Kaitlyn Berrier reported they had a great basketball season with wonderful support. The cross walk is March 29 at 10:00. They start at Oak Forrest and ends at Midway church. They raised \$833 from the pancake supper and those proceeds went to the CCA. They are working on the adopt a parent luncheon for April 14th. April 28th, the youth is in charge of family night. It will be a "reverse" night where the youth will act as adults. August 24th concert at RCR will showcase four bands.

Missions: Aaron Whitfield reported they are working on photos from their trip to present. The Mission budget in the directory is incorrect.

Trustees: Clary Berrier reported the CFC will be cleaned April 1st, along with the chairs in the fellowship hall. There are safety issues with our playground equipment so work needs to be done there. The black bus is at the end of its life, transmission wise. To get a rebuilt transmission would be about \$5,000 and a new one \$8,000. There is a church that would like to sell us a larger bus that they do not use. It is a 29 passenger 2015 model with 10,000 miles. It is a diesel and also has storage compartment. The price is \$55,000. The trustees are exploring possibilities.

School: Kaitlyn Berrier reported \$1,800 was made on the soup to go fund raiser. They are working on next year's enrollment and have 18-20 in the after school program. Pre K is getting started and currently have 3 students enrolled. They are looking to hire 3 after school workers and 2 PreK for next year. Designer bag bingo fund raiser is April 27th. You may purchase one ticket for \$35 or a table of 8 tickets at \$30 each. The August 24th concert at RCR will showcase four bands.

Men's Ministry: Donald Hamilton reported they had 30 men present for the first meeting. They meet on March 11 at Chris Michael's house. Currently they have planned to help with the Easter Bunny breakfast, pancakes and bacon and Easter Sunday breakfast of biscuits.

New Business: Deena Tolley said the special needs prom is May 11th. Funds are needed for appetizers and decorations. Nathan Thanos made the motion to donate \$1,200. Rocky Hedrick second it. Motion carried.

Mitch and Kaitlyn reported there is an online site and App for Christian videos for SS classes of all ages. It is called Right Now Media. Once we subscribe, anyone and all the people in the church can access it with our code. The cost is \$90 monthly, with the first month free. It passed with a consensus vote.

Mitch asked about funds to finance school plans. There was much discussion. The sewer issue needs addressing first. Nathan Thanos made the motion we move on with the Preschool program. Heather Noel seconded it. Motion carried.

Mitch reported that worship figures are up. There will be a new member's class in April.

Rocky Hedrick volunteered for April's devotional.

With no further business Jeff Mendenhall adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Mendenhall Chairperson
Terri Bates Recording Secretary

Women's Ministry
March 12, 2024

Members present: Heather Noel, Stacie Michael, Marsha Black, Lucinda Black, Lisa Bates, Kay Hedrick, Linda Leonard, Marcia Craver, Deena Tolley, Deena Tiller, Molly Long, Sydney May, Rena Meredith, Audrey Wagner, Elizabeth Baker, Tamara Lineberry, Leslie Craver, Michelle Carter, Rhonda Michael, Rachael Owen, Patti Miller, Reida Snyder, and Angie Leonard. Visitor: Mary Brown

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Lisa Bates opened the meeting with prayer and wished all the ladies with a March birthday- Happy Birthday!!

February minutes were approved and can be filed for audit.

Heather Noel had the devotional "Obstacles to solve". She asked a very important question, "Can you pick up water and put it back into the container?" She read from Job 11:16. He can redeem the water that is under your "bridge". God is always there to help you even if you can't help yourself.

Molly Long had the program about "The Great Physician". She read scripture from Matthew 14:14. He listens. He makes house calls. He is knowledgeable. He takes care of us. He loves us and wants to have a relationship with us. He can heal us body and soul. He has the right prescription - the Bible. How is your relation with the Great Physician?

Heather Noel gave the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$7,944.51. The available balance is \$5,346.51.

Angie Leonard read a thank you note from Lois Weaver.

Old Business:

If you would like to be a part of the "Just sisters" program, please contact Lisa Bates.

We gave 27 gift cards to The Factory for North Davidson School bus drivers last month.

Chicken pies were a huge success!! Thank you to all that helped!!

Linda Leonard discussed a schedule to visit shut-ins (new name-Sunshine Visits). Those are Thursday March 21st and Saturday March 23rd. Please reach out to Linda if you would like to help.

After much discussion we have decided to table our new Promises until the next meeting. Ideas were: Wycliffe Translators, Compassion International, Foster Children of Davidson County, Tunnels to Towers Foundation, Dragonfly House, and Unto. Lisa will send out more information via email about praying and thinking of other ideas for our Promises this year. We will vote at next month's meeting.

New Business:

The Goodwill committee has asked to increase donations to those who are members of the ministry. Kay Hedrick made a motion to increase the memorial fund to \$50.00. To give immediate family members up to \$40.00 for a flower/plant. To send a flower/ plant to the hospital if a member is sick, the price would increase up to \$40.00. Deena Tolley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sydney May along with Kay Reich and Michelle Carter are planning and organizing the upcoming Ladies Banquet on October 19th. She has two ladies speaking and Rocky Hedrick will cook and clean along with our youth serving. Tickets will be \$20.00 and the money will be donated to the school here at Center Church. More details will be coming in the upcoming months.

The list for college and military members was updated. Molly Long made a motion to purchase McDonalds gift cards for each person. Marcia Craver seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Chicken pies: April 18,19, 20

Next meeting: April 9th

Devotions: Karri Hollingsworth

Program: Lisa Bates

Thinking of you cards: Marlene Wood

Community outreach: Any paper products, diapers, wipes, or hygiene items for the Homeless Shelter in Lexington- Hope Ministries

Lisa ended the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Bates, President

Angie Leonard, Secretary

NEW MEMBERS CLASS-APRIL 21- 4:00 PM

Anyone who is not a member of Center Church is invited to attend a New Members Class on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

**SACRED HARMONY
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
MAY 5, 2024
9:00 AM AND 11:10 AM**



Please join us for a
BABY SHOWER
Honoring
Kaitlyn and Clay Berrier

April 21, 2024
CFC - Floating
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Hosted by: CCA Board and Youth Council

Mission Offering

First Sunday: Community Mission offering. Contact: Aaron Whitfield

Second Sunday: Blessing Box ... nonperishable food items. Contacts: Members of the Goodwill Sunday School Class **

Third Sunday: Pastor's Pantry ... nonperishable food items or spare change offering. Contact: Rocky Hedrick

Fourth Sunday: Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center. Contact: Gray Boger

Fifth Sunday: Blessing Box .nonperishable food items. Contacts: Members of the Goodwill Sunday School Class.**

**All food items must be brought to the altars (Centered Service & Traditional Service) in a grocery bag for easy pickup by the contacts.



Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center

Come join us for an evening of Pickin' & Grinnin' in the Christian Fellowship Center on

Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 PM

A Hotdog Meal will be sold for \$6 starting at 6:00pm

The Offering this month will be given to:

Center Youth Trip to

MFuge Mission Training Camp at Ridgecrest

CENTER CHURCH'S FLOAT - HONORABLE MENTION!

Our church float won Honorable Mention in the 25th Annual Welcome Easter Parade! Our children sang baeustfully on our float with “Miss Molly”, the youth and members of the faith builders and Friendship/Good Samaritan Sunday School Classes walked beside our floar and greeted parade goers with candy and information about our church and a smile! The Friendship/Good Samatitan class decorated our float with beautiful flowers and the message, “Be the Change/Light in Our World”. Chris Michael provided our construction site and Clay Berrier pulled our float with his great-grandfather’s Allis-0Chalmers tractor which Clay had fully restored. Members of our church family provided the candy for our walkers. It definitely was a church blessing!

CHILDREN’S MOMENT ROTATION FOR APRIL, 2024

- APRIL 7 – Tina Fulcher**
- APRIL 14 – Angie Leonard**
- APRIL 24 – Warren Miller**
- APRIL 28 – Molly Long**

	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>BIBLE BEARER</u>
APRIL 7	Ryder Tidwell	River Tidwell
APRIL 14	Micah Hollingsworth	Grady Brinkley
APRIL 21	Addie McMahan	Marley McMahan
APRIL 28	Ervin Hobbs	Leland Hobbs

GREETERS FOR APRIL, 2024

- APRIL 7 Smiley and Karen Tysinger; Tad Leonard and Holly Bowman**
- APRIL 14 Vann and Rita Wood; Rusty and Wendy Grubb**
- APRIL 21 Gregg and Glenda Stabler; Gary and Christine Brinkley**
- APRIL 28 Gray and Barbara Boger; Tim and Debbie Williams**

MEMORIALS/HONOR Through April , 2024

- March 17, 2024**
- In Honor of Ann Robbins***
- Budget Fund***
- Kaye Beck**

- In Memory of Dale Robbins***
- Budget Fund***
- Kaye Beck**

- In Memory of Faye Sambleson***
- Budget Fund***
- Paul and Susan Wammock**

- In Memory of Faye Sambleson***
- Youth Fund***
- Donese Leonard**

- In Memory of Faye Sambleson***
- Music Fund***
- Goodwill Sunday School Class**

TAKE TIME TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

(Any updates should be sent to the church office with a brief explanation and will be shared in our monthly newsletter)

Dawn Barker – Prayers for pain control, improved kidney function, healing of fractured ribs and compromised vision as her eye is still not stable.

Lynda Beck – Continues to have neck pain, receiving physical therapy

Teresa Beck (Eddie Beck's wife and Kay Beck's daughter-in-law) –Continued prayers as Teresa's cancer has returned with no known treatments available now

Karen Bentley – Discharged from Forsyth Hospital and recovering at home and hopes to have surgery

Gena Chisholm – All tests results done were good. No complications and her physician is continuing with her regular course of care.

Sylvia Craver – Recovering at home from total knee replacement surgery

Kim Dorton – Having peritoneal dialysis

Diane Henderson – Receiving injections for persistent leg pain and unspoken prayer request

Brad Hutchins – Heart issues

Margaret Jackson - Recovering from hip replacement surgery last week

Aaron Kepley – Recovering from a serious bike accident

Sherry Lanier – Battling COPD

Mike Leonard – Health issues

Larry Lineberry (Marlene Wood's Son) – Recovering from recent surgery

Cason McCrary (Doug's Grandson) – 4 years old, discharged from Brenner's Hospital prayers for healing

Jim Middleton – Home after hospitalization and doing better

Warren Miller – One of his knees causing pain and some problem with carpal tunnel syndrome

Gayle Nifong – Experiencing knee pain and will be seeing an ortho doctor

Bruce Phillips – Long term eye condition requiring ongoing treatments

Charles Richardson – Prayers for healing from recent successful surgery

Linda Russ – Health issues

Craig Shillinglaw – Biopsy was negative for cancer! Next surveillance CT scan is May 15

Pat Simmons – Prayers for a good recovery from her auto immune disorder

Bud Sink – Experiencing some improvement with back pain and is receiving injections

Jean Sink – Prayers for continued healing and upcoming physical therapy

Vicki Sink – Severe back pain

Martha Slabach –Metastatic cancer, receiving oral chemo, pray for improvement from treatments and for comfort and support

Margaret Story – Recovering from recent surgery and that healing will be quick and uncomplicated

Karen Scott Stump – Pending hip replacement surgery, recent fall & hospitalization for stroke

Martha Varner – Discharged from hospital, Sustained fractures in her back and prayers for healing and pain relief

Scott Wagner - Cancer

Charlie Ward – 3 year old fighting cancer for the fourth time

Lois Weaver – Back home from recent stay at Trellis Supportive Care in Winston Salem

Teeny York (Rick Griffin's Co-Worker's Wife) - Diagnosed with Stage 3 ovarian cancer

Military: Aaron Lineberry - Fort Bliss, Texas

Dylan Coleman - Germany

Blake King (Rebecca Sadler King's Husband) - US Army in Poland

designer purse

The word "BINGO" is spelled out using five colorful bingo balls: B (green), I (pink), N (teal), G (pink), and O (green). To the right of the balls is a pink handbag with gold hardware. The word "designer" is written in a black cursive font above "purse", which is also in a black cursive font.

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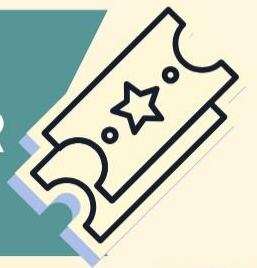
Center Church of Welcome
Saturday, April 27th

Doors open at noon

Bingo starts at 1:00 PM

Refreshments will be provided. Side raffles available. Pre-sale tickets encouraged. Please contact Deena Tolley (336-239-0844) or Kaitlyn Berrier (336-470-9654) or see Center Church's facebook for more info.

**\$35 PER PERSON
OR PURCHASE A TABLE OF 8 FOR
\$30 PER PERSON**



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Rise and Shine Service (Parking Lot) 8:30 AM

Drive In Service; tune your radio to 93.5 FM

Centered Service (Christian Fellowship Center) 9:00 AM

Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM

Traditional Center Service (Sanctuary) 11:10 AM

WORSHIP WILL BE STREAMED EACH WEEK!

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