

"KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"

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Dear friends,

Our mission statement reads, "To know Him and Make Him known". Our mission is to share Jesus with our world. No, we may not be able to go to the far reaches of the world personally but we can go to our families and friends or down the street. God has specifically called us 'to make disciples (Matt. 28:19).

I am so thankful for our strong Sunday school and various small groups that are meeting since we celebrated *40 days of Community*. It is our goal to start other groups this year. It is our goal to reach out to our neighborhoods and connect with those who do not have a church family. Pray about your role in touching unsaved loved ones for the Lord.

I also want to tell you about an exciting tool your church has subscribed to from *Right Now Media*. It has thousands of streaming videos for all ages and small group resources. Many have free study guides as well. Those of you who turned in your email address will be receiving and invite and instructions soon. In addition, others can simply use the QR Code below for your smart phone or download the link for your smart TV or **invite link:** <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/ccow>. The great thing about this resource is that you can share it with your neighbors and loved ones to use. Another great tool to make Jesus known!

Thank you for your faithfulness.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Mitch



Center Church of Welcome Administrative Board Meeting April 14, 2024

The board met with eleven members present and three guests. Chairperson Jeff Mendenhall called the meeting to order. Rocky Hedrick opened with devotions from Matthew 7, 1-5 on judgement. Marlene Wood gave the financial report. The minutes and financial report were approved by consensus vote.

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OLD Business:

Chase Leonard, standing in for John Snyder, reported that the church that had reached out to us to sell their bus, has decided to keep their bus.

NEW Business:

Maya Oakes from Welcome pool reported that Welcome pool will host the county meet at Thomasville Aquatics center this July 12 & 13th. They are requesting the use of one of our buses along with a driver, to shuttle people from the parking area because it is a long and hilly climb for some of the elderly. Gray Boger made the motion we accommodate them and Karri Hollingsworth second it. Motion carried. Jessica Frye from ND men's soccer asked to use our CFC May 19th from 3:00-9:30 to host a banquet for the ND women JV and V soccer teams. Tina Fulcher will be their facilitator. Gray Boger made the motion we allow them to and Chase Leonard second it. Motion carried. Nathan Thanos asked if the CFC could be used for rec volleyball when ND is not available. They have Monday and Thursday practices. Staff Parrish report: Nathan Thanos presented the first draft of NextGen. Minister Job Description. With a few word changes, Gray Boger made the motion to accept it and Rocky Hedrick second it. Motion carried. The committee will look into retirement/ health care versus \$2000 stipen. This position will be Kaitlyn Berrier's and will begin May 1,2024. There will be a yearly reevaluation. The staff parrish committe wants to bring clarity with job descriptions. Regarding a new church directory they are looking into church management systems that would do a directory along with other benefits.

Trustees: Chase Leonard reported they are planning a clean up day April 20th from 7:00-2:00. They will be moving appliances in the kitchen and doing a deep cleaning. There will be a facilitator training course that day. The carpets and chairs have already been cleaned.

Children's Ministry: Tina Fulcher reported there were more than 125 children at the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. They had a great turnout. They will be feeding the homeless in May.

Worship: This Mother's day they are looking to do something different such as muffins for mom and then Father's day, doughnuts for dads. The Youth want to do photo booths for these days. Want to streamline the welcome announcements and children's time to 2-3 minutes.

Memorial Day Sunday, May 26th we will have an outdoor combined service at 9:30 and Sunday School at 10:30.

Graduation Sunday is June 2.

Youth: Kaitlyn Berrier reported that the leadership of five will cover her during her maternity absence. April 28 family night the youth are in charge and it will be a role reversal evening (adults are kids).

The school board is enrolling for PreK. They have 9 enrolled and can take 12. After school had 20 enrolled and can take 28. They have \$30,790 for salaries and snacks in their separate account from the church. Remember the Designer Purse Bingo (fundraiser) 4/27. They are in need of small sponsorships for that and larger sponsorships for the August concert.

Centered Men: Gray Boger reported they want to do a Vision Sunday/Breakfast with Mitch, where the two different services can visit with one another and vital information given. On these Sundays we would have our early service and 11:10 services as usual but no Sunday School in between. During the Sunday School time, there will be biscuits and fellowship with both groups. Karri Hollingsworth made the motion and Gray Boger second it. Motion carried.

Jeff Mendenhall reported that per Chris Michael, we have sewer capacity for the school or further add ons. Jeff also suggested we make signs for Sunday Missions. That would remind people what the giving is for that day. Mitch Wilson reported an increase in attendance from last January to January 2024 of 15%.

Next Board meeting will be held Monday 5/13 at 6:30 due to Mother's day. Karri Hollingsworth will have our devotion.

Praises: Children did an outstanding job today during the service and some kids got up and sang with Josh in the early service.

With no further business, Mitch Wilson adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Mendenhall, Chairperson
Terri Bates, Recording secretary

Women's Ministry
April 9, 2024

Members present: Molly Long, Karri Hollingsworth, Lisa Bates, Kay Hedrick, Linda Leonard, Patti Miller, Rachael Owen, Pat Simmons, Marcia Craver, Marsha Black, Debbie Williams, Audrey Wagner, Rena Meredith, Pat Simmons, Marlene Wood, Deena Tiller, Angie Leonard, Reid Snyder

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Lisa Bates opened the meeting with prayer and wished the ladies with an April Birthday- Happy Birthday!!

Karri Hollingsworth read a devotional by Ashley Morgan Jackson called "How could God's plan have so much pain". We need to remember to not look further than the cross. She read from Matthew 16:21-22. When we know Jesus we have hope.

Lisa Bates read Philippians 2: 3-4 during the program. The ladies made small butterfly gifts to be delivered during the Sunshine visits. Lisa asked us to think about two important questions. Do we ask God to help others? Do we care for others? The gifts that were made will be delivered soon.

Last month's minutes were approved and can be filed for audit. The treasurer's report will be read at the next meeting. Lisa said we have approximately \$5,200.00 to spend. Lisa thanked everyone for donating paper products for the Genesis House in Lexington. They will be delivered by Lisa this week.

Lisa sent out an email explaining 6 different ideas for the annual pledge to mission for the 2024 year. Going forward we will call it "promises". She included explanations of what each organization does and how it benefits others. After much discussion, Angie Leonard made a motion to donate our "promises" to the Dragonfly House. Pat Simmons seconded . The motion passed. Please see Heather Noel to receive the promise cards.

The college and military gift cards are in the process of being mailed out. Thank you Marcia Craver and Marsha Black!

Please contact Lisa if you would like to join the "Sunshine Visit" outings.

Angie Leonard read thank you cards from Charles Richardson and Lois Weaver.

Important upcoming dates to remember:

Chicken pies: April 18th, 19th, and 20th

Graduation Sunday: June 2nd

Women's Ministry next meeting: May 14th

Thinking of you cards: Marcia Craver

Program: Sydney May

Devotional: Patti Miller

Community outreach: items for the animal shelter(blankets, toys, food, treats, etc.)

Molly Long closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Bates, President

Angie Leonard, Secretary

ANNUAL BLOOD CROSS DRIVE, SUNDAY, MAY 5, FROM NOON
UNTIL 4:30 PM ***It will be in the Center Christian Fellowship***
Center. You can sign up by calling 1-800-Red Cross or 1-800-733-
2767: online@redcrossblood.org: or Call Barbara Cross: 1-440-567-
6570. .



American Red Cross

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, May 30 at 7:00 PM**

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

The Offering this month will be given to:

Backpack Program for Welcome School

*To Our Friends in Christ,
During a time like this
we realize how much
our friends and relatives
really mean to us...
Your expression of sympathy will always
be remembered
Love & Prayers
The Lois Weaver Family*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT ROTATION FOR MAY, 2024

MAY 5 – Dawn Essick

MAY 12 – Lilly Leonard

MAY 19 – Patti Miller

MAY 26 – Jennifer Brinkley

ACOLYTE

MAY 5	Hollis Smith
MAY 12	Katlyn Leonard
MAY 19	Lacee Pangan
May 26	Outside Service

BIBLE BEARER

Wailyn Smith
Elena Langau
Marley McMahan

GREETERS FOR MAY, 2024

MAY 5	Mark and Barbara Cross; Butch Wood
MAY 12	Pete and Rita Jones; Ashley Johnson, Autumn and Isabelle
MAY 19	Michael Griffin; Larry Bailey, Hannah Bailey
MAY 26	Robert and Lisa Bates; Cindy Leonard

MEMORIALS/HONOR Through April 14, 2024

March 31, 2024

In Memory of Scott Leonard

Budget Fund

Jeff Mendenhall Family

Dave and Barbara Kesler

In Memory of Scott Leonard

Youth Fund

Donese Leonard

In Honor of Ed and Becky Wassum's 60th Anniversary

Community Mission Fund

Molly Long

In Memory of Lois Weaver

Budget Fund

Friendship/Good Samaritan Class

In Memory of Lois Weaver

Budget Fund

Mike and Donna Leonard

In Memory of Lois Weaver

Budget Fund

Kenneth and Mary Jane Leonard

In Memory of Lois Weaver

Budget Fund

Jeff and Martha Mendenhall

In Memory of Scott Leonard

Budget Fund

Mike and Donna Leonard

In Memory of Faye Sambleson

Forward in Faith Fund

The Dorton Family

In Memory of Lois Weaver

CCA Fund

Elwood and Ruby Blackmon

In Memory of Lois Weaver

CCA Fund

Bud and Jean Sink

In Memory of Lois Weaver

CCA Fund

Karen Koontz

In Memory of Lois Weaver

CCA Fund

Gray and Barbara Boger

In Memory of Lois Weaver

CCA Fund

Wayne and Reida Snyder

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In Memory of Lois Weaver

CCA Fund

Pete and Rita Jones

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)

Stepnanie Androfski (Ansela Taylor's Request) – Multiple heart issues

Dawn Barker – Prayers for pain control, improved kidney function, successful removal of kidney stone, compromised vision as her eye is still not stable and pray that no more surgery is required

Karen Bentley – Prayer for continued healing so she can have much needed surgery

Gena Chisholm – Had very recent episode of shortness of breath with back pain, prayers for strength

Tommy Chisholm – Cast removed from ankle and using a walker to move around

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 at home from hip replacement surgery

J.C. Johnson – Wearing a heart monitor. Doctor altered his medication dosing and his rhythm corrected

Aaron Kepley – Recovering from a serious bike accident with significant left leg injury

Sherry Lanier – Battling COPD

Mike Leonard – Scheduled for surgery 04/23/24 to eradicate cancer

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

Bonnie Minter (Hadley Maloy) – For God to heal and give her long days and that she would remember

John Muraco (Donna's Husband) – Having knee replacement surgery 05/02/2024

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

Rubin Noel – Recovering from recent hip replacement surgery suffered in a fall

Bruce Phillips – Long term eye condition requiring ongoing treatments

Mattie Phillips – Upper respiratory infection and arthritis is giving her tremendous shoulder pain, pray for pain relief and right treatment

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

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

Randy Story – In the hospital with compromised kidney function because of kidney stone. Prayers for successful intervention and healing of his kidney function

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

Ed Wassum – Wearing a heart monitor for a couple of weeks to evaluate his rhythm

Vann Wood – Pray no seizure like activity (episodes) occurs but if they do, the doctor can find cause

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 Georgia



Our Women's
Ministry *Sunshine*
group surprised Martha
Varner with a visit and a
little "Spring Cleaning" in
her flower beds.

Maloy Ministry Moments

April 2024



You can always find him in the same spot—end chair, table to the left as you walk in Gospel Hall. If you take a second look at Mr. David, you'll notice that he doesn't look directly at the person speaking to him, and the cane leaning against his chair. Yet he doesn't need his eyesight to show up time and time again to volunteer his hands and his time at the Mission Packing Project. He's been coming for years, and his fingerprints are all over the countless school supply packs that have been shipped all over the world. Mr. David might have some unique limitations in life, but helping people in the toughest places on earth is not one of them!

Would you consider joining us, Mr. David, and an army of volunteers to prepare aid to ship to the mission field?

The Mission Packing Project is a one week event in Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania at our Global Logistics Center. With the help of a lot of volunteers, Unto will package about 40% of the annual aid we ship! You might be assigned to sort clothing, package meals, sew blankets, build boxes, or any number of tasks which benefit people in great need. Come ready to work! Whether you have a limitation or not—there is a place for you to serve. Your day will be peppered with snack breaks, reports from the field, prayer for those we serve, and fun.

Are you in?! Dates are June 18-22, 2024 (Tuesday to Saturday). It's free to participate, and lunch and snacks are provided. You can participate in as few or as many shifts as you want, but you need to sign up beforehand. Go to unto.com/volunteer for more information and to register. We hope to see you there!

Photos (from top):

Mr. David pauses his tasks and joins the team in prayer; young or old—there is a job for everyone at the Mission Packing Project! We'll work hard, but don't worry—you can take a break when you need to!



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May 5th, 2024
9:00 AM & 11:10 AM

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WELCOME, NC 273

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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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