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Spring Ahead

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The Visitor

A Letter from the President of the Board.

Hello fellow Christians and HAPPY 2012!!!

2012---A challenge is upon us as Christians. What a glorious way to look at the new year before us! We have responsibilities as believers to be the Body of Christ and do what GOD has chosen for us.



Our task:

- Believe God Is Who He Says He Is
- Believe God Can Do What He Says He Can Do
- Believe You Are Who God Says You Are
- Believe You Can Do All Things Through Christ

We have important issues to accomplish:

- Improve our relationship and prayer time in the presence of God
- Keep our hearts pure to receive the grace of God
- Love and care for one another and spread the Good News
- Comfort and tend to our fellow members of the congregation of Central Christian Church
- Financially help where it is needed and return in abundance what has been given to us

This year will surely be a memorable one for me, and certainly rewarding because I am among such earnest believers. This is a lot of responsibility to work for Christ and all His chosen and blessed children. Only through my faith and love of God, and of course your prayers and help, will I be able to endure.

Time spent with the Lord: each hour, minute, second, or nano-second is a reward within itself. Romans 4:4 "People are declared righteous because of their faith, not because of their work." We are all righteous in God's eyes. Shall we prove it?

God Bless You All In Christ Love,
Donna Hudran



Prove **me**,
O LORD, and
try **me**;
test my **heart**
and **mind**.

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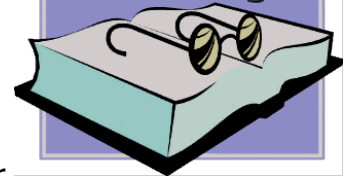
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Time flies! Here we have just started the new year, and it's already Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22, this year), which means Easter is only six weeks away. Lent is a time of examining and preparing ourselves for Easter. One of the things I prepare for is my Pastor's Class. This class is geared toward younger people who are considering being baptized or ones who have questions about baptism and their faith walk. Baptism is not a requirement of the class, but will be encouraged. There are no age limits. Usually members of this class are between eight and sixteen. The only real requirement is that they be able to read and write. Parents are welcome to sit in on the class as well. The classes will be offered the two Sundays prior to Palm Sunday (March 18 and 25 this year). We will meet for approximately one hour following the late worship service. If you would like to be part of this class, or know someone who is interested, please let me know.

The Pastor's Ponderings



Grace and Peace,



Sermon Topics

The Last Words (Pre Lent)

- Mar. 4** #3 Love
Scripture: Proverbs 13:20
- Mar. 11** #4 Hope
Scripture: Matthew 27:45-49
- Mar. 18** #5 Promise
Scripture: John 19:28-29
- Mar. 25** #6 Victory
Scripture: John 19:19-30

Please call the office if you would like a visit from Pastor David

New Age Happenings

You may have noticed a few new faces wandering around the church these last few weeks. Well, that's because we've been having record numbers of youth show up on Sunday mornings!



It seems that just about every week I'm adding new names and numbers to our contact list, and that's been a great motivator for a bunch of our more familiar faces in the youth room to invite a friend to Sunday School as well.

We just had a lesson on the history and spiritual implications of Valentine's Day. We've also been spending a lot of time hanging out at the new Jack in the Box on Highway 50. If you get a chance, you'll have to ask one of our youth how to play our new favorite sport, "Psychoball." Also, we're gearing up for Midwinter Retreat.

All this participation has forced me to become a little more "tech savvy," so in the past few weeks we've created a new email address



Computer Savvy

ccyouthpueblo@gmail.com and a Google+ account for social networking. Don't forget to "like" our youth's Facebook page by searching for Central Christian Youth and clicking on our "laughing Jesus" logo under "places". You can also follow us on Twitter @ccyouthpueblo to keep up with what all is going on around church these days. Alternatively, just drop by the youth website at www.centralchristianchurchpueblo.org/YOUTH.html and sneak a peek at our Google calendar. With all of this social media, it's no surprise we're seeing new faces each week!

In Christ,
Jed

Our Daily Prayer: **The Second Line in the Prayer**



The prayer states "Grant me the heart of your son, Jesus, and his abiding love." I have been told that there can only be one Jesus, and we can't do what he did. What did Jesus do that we can't do? I don't expect to be able to perform miracles: but can I? You bet! It's called prayer. If you truly believe that through prayer you see people healed, brought to Christ, and have the Holy Spirit come into their hearts, then it's possible.

Jesus gave his love to everyone. He never once looked down on a soul no matter what the circumstance. He ate with sinners, forgave the wrong, wept for us; He endured pain and suffering.

In our 40 Days in the Word study, I have learned what Christianity is really about. We studied Mark 2:1-12 about Christ speaking in a house that is full. People gathered outside just to hear Him. Then, four men tore open the roof and lowered a paralytic down to be healed by Christ. Let me examine this further.

First, how many people were there just to be seen? To say they had been there making an appearance. Next, how many were upset because Christ was interrupted? How dare they do that? What were they thinking tearing off the roof? They treat the house as sacred, like we do the church building. What was really important? It was sitting at Christ's feet, hearing his words, passing those words to those waiting outside, and witnessing the tremendous faith shown by those who lowered the paralytic down to Christ. They never had any doubt that Christ was the son of God and could heal. They were true followers of Christ. We have learned not to just read the Bible but to "Picture it!" We need to let the Holy Word soak into us and then adopt it in our walk with Christ as we become more like Christ. We are not to pick and choose only those things we prefer and cast out the things we don't care to do, saying that it's not my gift. Remember to "Grant me the heart of Your Son, Jesus and his abiding love." Tom

New Members:



Look At Us Grow!

We would like to welcome **Marjorie Gardner** and **Marjorie Forrester** to Central Christian Church.

Both women have been members of the Thursday night Women's Bible Study and have created many prayer shawls for our prayer list. Marjorie Gardner was a member about 50 years ago. She lost her husband a few years ago and is living with her daughter. She has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild (What a blessing!). Marjorie Forrester (her daughter) loves to garden, and works at Xcel Energy. She has two children and one grandchild.

Congratulations !

to **Lauren & Donnell Leomiti** on the birth of their new baby boy! He was born on January 20, 2012 at 5:54 a.m. and was 7 lbs. 5 oz. Little **Kae'ane Lee** was born two months early, but is happy, healthy, and "growing like a weed!"



Pueblo Cooperative Care Center Grand Opening

Pueblo Cooperative Care Center has a new location: 326 West 8th Street. They will be having a Grand Opening on February 29th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please join them in celebrating their new food distribution center and 30th Anniversary of Sacking Hunger ... Feeding Hope! Refreshments will be served.

Vacation Bible School

Hey all you kids out there--plan to attend our Vacation Bible School. Reserve June 18-22 on your calendar for a fun-filled time. This year's theme is "Sonrise National Park: All trails lead to Jesus." The times are Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Preschool thru 6th grade are welcome and bring as many friends as you want.

The main Bible verse for this year's VBS is "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" - Philippians 4:19.

Also, any adults who would like to help are more than welcome and much appreciated. Please call Sandy Reems at 553-7709 to register or to volunteer to help. Information is also available on the church's website!
<http://www.centralchristianchurchpueblo.org/CHRISTIANEDUCATION.html>

Pre-School Rummage & Bake Sale

The Pre-School Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Please bring items in the week of February 27th. Assistance is also needed to bring items from the shed into Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 26th, after the 10:30 a.m. service. Due to this event, Fellowship Hall will be closed that week. So, bring your rummage sale items and bake goods. Then, make sure you come shopping and bring a friend!

Grandparents to the Rescue

Are you a grandparent raising grandchildren? Do you know a grandparent who is raising grandchildren? The church is prayerfully considering a support group for grandparents raising grandchildren. The goals of this group will include legal and financial information along with fellowship of like-minded individuals. We know the need for such a group exists, but we first need a leader--a person to facilitate this group. This person would probably need to have some experience in social work or counseling and experience in raising grandchildren. This person would also need to have a passion for helping people in this situation and for facilitating this group. Please pray for God's direction as we lay the groundwork for this new venture for the community!



Treasured Memories

✚ **Illene Sutton** went to be with the Lord January, 21st, 2012 of Congestive Heart Failure. Memorial services were held on January 28th, 2012 in Greeley, CO.

🍷 In the Mail

A Sincere Thank You!

✚ I would like to thank you all for your prayers and concerns for my stay in the hospital. I deeply appreciated it.

Love, Sharon Ross

✚ The Emmaus of the Rockies Board of Directors would like to thank you for allowing us to hold our monthly meetings in your beautiful church. God Bless each and every one of you!

✚ Dear Pastor David, Staff, and Members of Central Christian,

I would like to say thank you for all the wonderful years working on the newsletter. It has been an experience I will always treasure. The members of Central are the finest people around and it has been a joy to serve you. At some point I know the Lord will point me towards a new task at Central and I look forward to that. I appreciate you all!

Sincerely, Raelene Wilson

✚ Thank you so very much for the beautiful blue prayer shawl! You are so thoughtful and appreciated! Recovery is slow and (I'm) still very weak.

Love you all, Faye Wood

✚ Thanks for all you do for these precious children!

Blessings, Lynn & Judy Alexander

🍷 Special News

Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen

The Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers to join the soup kitchen's Board of Directors. We meet once a month. Also, they need a paid, part-time cook, 2 to 3 days a week from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call Carolyn Manley at 545-6540 for more information.

CWF Group 1 held their February meeting in the penthouse at the Villas. This allowed three special ladies to be present: Odette Ritchie who is 97 years young, Marian Walker who is 95 years young, and Mae Sloan who is 94 years young.

Pueblo West & Southside TLC **CANCELLED**

Due to lack of participation, the Pueblo West & Southside TLC groups are cancelled until further notice. Don't let this happen: **attend and participate**. It's a new year, so you could even join a new group or two!

🍷 **Giving Report**

December Giving Report

General Fund \$22,239.00

Budget \$21,125.00

Designated Giving \$15,789.25

Loose Change Offering

Youth - \$148.57

Feb. – Salvation Army

Mar. – Co-Operative Care

Update: Repaying the accounts for the new heating system still has a bit further to go.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 st	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall closed (Rummage Sale Prep.)
2 nd	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall closed (Rummage Sale Prep.)
	1:00 p.m.	CWU – World Day of Prayer at 1 st Presbyterian
3 rd	8:00 a.m.	Pre-School Rummage Sale
7 th	9:30 a.m.	CWF Executives
11 th	2:00 a.m.	Daylight Savings Time Begins (Don't be Late to Church!)
	2:00 p.m.	Student Music recital
14 th	9:30 a.m.	CWF Groups #1 & 2
	5:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
15 th	12:00 p.m.	The Visitor Deadline
18 th	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
20 th	7:00 p.m.	CWF group #5
21 st	10:15 a.m.	Visitor Mailing
	12:15 p.m.	CWF Easter Prep
28 th	9:30 a.m.	Sewing Group

March 2012						
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Regular Weekly Events

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Praise Worship
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	Noon	Youth
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study Men's Book Study
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Strength Training
	11:00 a.m.	Prayer & Prayer Shawls Team
	7:00 p.m.	TLC
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	God's Messenger's (Evangelism)
	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	1:00 p.m.	Guitar Lessons (1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays)
	6:15 p.m.	Bell Practice
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Strength Training
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	TLC Group

Note: To avoid scheduling conflicts, please check the office calendar for room availability if planning a meeting or special event. Several groups use church facilities on a regular basis. Thank you!

Birthdays \$ Anniversaries

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 – Steve & Janet Pena
- 9 – Del & Mary Copeland
- 20 – Keith & Donna Schmidt
- 22 - Tom & Peggie Whaley
- 24 – Jeff & Rebecca Nolting
- 26 - Abbass & Rebecca Shafii
- 29 – Steve & Nikki Hansen



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Alison Panza, Kara Bertetto
- 3 - Susan Panza, RoseAnn Thomas
- 4 - Marilyn Buckles, Bob Bregar,
Gannon Kyle
- 6 - Wes Stratman, Charles Young
- 8 - Marvin Kissick
- 9 - Sherri Keys
- 11 - Trudy Pim
- 12 - Dillon Martinez
- 13 - Lori Gaide
- 14 - Brandi Aragon
- 15 - JoAnn Spear
- 16 - Hylon Weidner
- 17 - Pat Griffeth, John Medved,
Rose Ellis
- 18 - JoAnn Colian, Katelyn Carpio,
Heather Fox, Ashley Fox
- 20 - Caitlyn Frost
- 21 - Domonique Davis
- 23 - Debra Salameno
- 24 – Marian Walker
- 25 – John Martinez
- 26 - Chrystina Martinez, Sue Phillips,
Hayley Abernathy, Mary Abernathy
- 27 - Kerri Bloomer, Cole Bloomer
- 28 - Ron Brocail, Helen Moore
- 30 - Michael Crane, Deena Fox
- 31 – Lane Tihonovich



Garden of Prayer



Please pray for these “flowers” (people and programs) that are a part of the beautiful “bouquet” that makes us family at Central Christian Church. God knows each special need.

Sympathy for **Carolyn McGraw's family**

Bob Nolen

Troy Dalsing

Pat Flynn

Donna & Lloyd Eitemiller

Carol Atkinson's Granddaughter: Christi

Brian Johnson

Bob Miller

Shay Lynn Segura

Kavan Brown

Vince & Sandy Romito

Sam Corley

Chris Daugherty

Trinny Dawson

Jillian Summers

Merv Ammann

Charles Whitmer

Martha Farwell

Louella King

Wiles and Moselle

Thomas

Olive Kale

Bobby Van Pelt

Cristina Montana

Lloyd Eitemiller

Barbara Duffield

Frances Johnson

Ola Austin



Mission 300 and the **Shepherding Program**

The Ten Most Wanted (if you don't know what this is, ask David)

Troops and their families

The outreach ministries of the church and missionaries

Your Church

Your Pastor

Jed Cook and the youth program

Where God can place you in the ministries of the church

The needs God has placed on your heart





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Bible Discovery 9:15 am
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