



### Want to Love God? Love Others!

*"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food...'" Matthew 25:34-35*

As I have been preparing for this season of Lent, I have been reading a book of reflections from Henri Nouwen. In one of his reflections Nouwen discussed the topic of loving God and what it really means to love God here on earth. Nouwen wrote, "What does it mean to live in a world with a truly compassionate heart, a heart that remains open to all people at all times? It is very important to realize that compassion is more than sympathy and empathy. When we are asked to listen to the pains of people and empathize with their suffering, we soon reach our emotional limits. We can listen only for a short time and only to a few people. But God's compassionate heart does not have limits. God's heart is greater than the human heart. It is that divine heart that God wants to give us so that we can love all people without burning out or becoming numb." Perhaps during this time of Lent we should consider who God has called us to love each day. Every person that we encounter is not just another appointment or interruption or distraction, but a child of God who we have the opportunity to love unconditionally. May God give you the grace and sensitivity to see those persons in your life; for when we love others we are loving none other than God Himself.

In Christ

Rev. Brad Brittain



Dear Friends,  
We would like to thank our Central Family for your constant prayers and many cards, calls and e-mails during this past year. We are thankful to God that prayers have been answered and the cancer is gone. Bill continues to recover from the treatment. We wish all of you God's blessings for the coming year.

Sincerely,  
Martha Sue and Bill Miller

# THE CENTRAL CELEBRATION

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March, 2012

### Persons & Ministries to be Lifted Up in Prayer

☼ We pray for God's guidance and blessings on Central as we grow together in faith—seeking what His plan is for us.

#### Those we will pray for:

Sherri Farmer, Martha Dixon, Paul Brookshire V, J.D.& Norman Cozart, Anna Urbanovsky, Mary Wooly, Glen Arnold, Jeffrey Ragsdale, Bill Miller, Wayne Lawson, Bill Worsham, Howard Rowan, Allan Caruthers, Carolyn Mallard, Ciarra Lawson, Audrey Lyons, Mike Cooper, Pat Adams, Barbara Schultz, Bobby Childress, Felipe & Maria Flores, Bobby Hueske Family of Glen Arnold, Family of John Fowler

MILITARY: Kevin Winget, Ryan Paulson, Ann DeHaan, Jennifer DeHaan, William Bergendahl, Danny Hegar, Shane Sexton, Kevin Kugel, Aaron Mezzles, Jimmy Rains, Shawn Carriere & wife, Cody Holt, Aaron Gilbert, Austin King, Will Daniels, Bobby Martin, SFC Griffin and her unit.

### CDC CHAT Room

The center currently has over 200 children enrolled. Whoop! We were recently featured in *Wacoan* magazine and we were on the cover of *Hooray* magazine for families! We have several volunteer opportunities available:

- Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 6 to 9 pm Region 12 Education Service Center is offering a class for parents. Central has agreed to provide child care. The more help the better.
- March 10<sup>th</sup> is a work day at the school. We want to put in a garden. We need help with minor repairs. Classroom tables, chairs, and toys need to be washed and organized. Teacher need help decorating their rooms. Lunch & snacks are requested to be donated.
- March 31<sup>st</sup> is the church and school egg hunt beginning at 10:30 a.m.

**Central Conversations:** A Central Conversation is a time for our Church to gather to look ahead to coming ministries and plans for the Church. Rev. Brittain will lead the discussion as we outline plans for ministry and mission not just here within the walls of Central but outside in our community. Members and guests alike are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will have our Central Conversation on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>—one session will be held at 2:00 p.m. and another at 7:00 p.m. You may attend either session—whichever is best for your schedule.

# Plug-In! to MINISTRY...



**Central Saints Luncheon**  
Thursday, March 15, 2012  
12 Noon

*Bring a friend and covered dish with extra to share for this time together.*

*Guest speakers will be Richard and Peggy Williams.*



March 4<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 P.M.  
Gym

This will be a great time to enjoy some fish and fellowship! We will not be selling tickets to the fish fry but will be accepting donations for the Mexico Mission Trip.



We are excited to have 20 individuals participating on a mission trip to Puerto Penasco, Mexico, the week of March 10-17. The group will be working with others to build a home for a family in Mexico. Our group will be joining others from the Amor Ministries team. Thanks to all who have supported the trip financially and through your prayers.



Community Easter Egg Hung will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 a.m., on the CUMC campus. In addition, Mark Winter will be here to share a magic show with the children and to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Invite your friends.



**HOLY WEEK**

Sunday, April 1st - Palm Sunday  
April 5th— Maundy Thursday Service—7 pm  
April 6th—Good Friday Service—7 pm  
Easter Sunday—April 8th -with regular Sunday morning schedule of 8:15 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

**Thursday, March 1**  
6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Team

**Friday, March 2**  
Meals-on-Wheels  
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary /CDC

**Saturday, March 3**

**Sunday, March 4**  
8:15 a.m. Worship\*  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School\*  
9:45 a.m. Worship\*  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School\*  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service\*  
11:00 a.m. Youth Service  
12:00 p.m. Fish Fry  
2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Practice\*  
7:00 p.m. B.A.S.I.C./Rehearsal\*

**Monday, March 5**  
Meals on Wheels  
9:00 a.m. CDC Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Bible in 90 Days  
7:00 p.m. Volleyball

**Tuesday, March 6**  
10:00 a.m. CUMW

**Wednesday, March 7**  
Meals-on-Wheels  
9:00 a.m. CDC/Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Tai Chi  
1:30 p.m. Bible in 90 Days Study  
5:00 p.m. FELLOWSHIP MEAL  
6:00 p.m. Youth  
6:00 p.m. KID'S TIME  
6:00 p.m. KOI\*  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir\*  
6:00 p.m. Bible in 90 Days Study  
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi

**Thursday, March 8**  
6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship  
6:30 p.m. CUMW

**Friday, March 9**  
Meals on Wheels  
9:00 a.m. CDC/Sanctuary

**Saturday, March 10**  
Youth Mission Trip

**Sunday, March 11**  
8:15 a.m. Worship\*  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School\*  
9:45 a.m. Worship\*  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School\*  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service\*  
11:00 a.m. Youth Service  
6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Practice\*  
7:00 p.m. B.A.S.I.C./Rehearsal\*

**Monday, March 12**  
Meals on Wheels  
9:00 a.m. CDC Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Movie and Lunch  
6:00 p.m. Bible in 90 Days Study  
6:30 p.m. CFCDC Staff meeting  
7:00 p.m. CGCDC Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Volleyball

**Tuesday, March 13**  
10:00 a.m. Circle of Friends

**Wednesday, March 14**  
Meals-on-Wheels  
9:00 a.m. CDC/Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Tai Chi Classes  
1:30 p.m. The Bible in 90 Days Study  
5:00 p.m. FELLOWSHIP MEAL  
6:00 p.m. KOI\*  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir\*  
6:00 p.m. The Bible in 90 Days Study  
6:30 P.M. Tai Chi Classes

**Thursday, March 15**  
12:00 p.m. Central Saints Luncheon  
6:30 p.m. Praise and Worship

**Friday, March 16**  
Meals on Wheels  
9:00 a.m. CDC Sanctuary

**Saturday, March 17**  
7:00 p.m. Singles Volleyball

**Sunday, March 18**  
8:15 a.m. Worship\*  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School\*  
9:45 a.m. Worship\*  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School\*  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service\*  
11:00 a.m. Youth Service  
2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Practice\*  
7:00 p.m. B.A.S.I.C./Rehearsal\*

**Monday, March 19**  
Meals on Wheels  
9:00 a.m. CDC Sanctuary  
1:00 p.m. Senior's Etc.  
6:00 p.m. Bible in 90 Days Study  
7:00 p.m. Singles Volleyball

**Tuesday, March 20**  
10:00 a.m. Circle of Friends

**Wednesday, March 21**  
Meals-on-Wheels  
9:00 a.m. CDC/Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Tai Chi Classes  
1:30 p.m. The Bible in 90 Days Study  
5:00 p.m. FELLOWSHIP MEAL  
6:00 p.m. KOI\*  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir\*  
6:00 p.m. Infuse  
6:00 p.m. KIDS TIME  
6:00 p.m. Youth  
6:00 p.m. The Bible in 90 Days Study  
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi Classe

**Thursday, March 22**  
6:30 p.m. Praise and Worship

**Friday, March 23**  
Meals on Wheels  
9:00 a.m. CDC/Sanctuary

**Saturday, March 24**

**Sunday, March 25**  
8:15 a.m. Worship\*  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School\*  
9:45 a.m. Worship\*  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School\*

**Monday, March 26**  
Meals-on-Wheels  
9:00 .a.m. CDC/Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study in 90 Days  
7:00 p.m. Volleyball

**Tuesday, March 27**  
10:00 a.m. Circle of Friends  
7:00 p.m. Game Night

**Wednesday, March 28**  
Meals on Wheels  
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary/CDC  
11:00 a.m. Tai Chi Clases  
1:30 p.m. Bible in 90 Days Study  
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir\*  
6:00 p.m. Kid's Time  
6:00 p.m. KOI\*  
6:00 p.m. The Bible in 90 Days  
6:00 p.m. Youth  
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi Classes

**Thursday, March 29**  
2:00 p.m. Central Conversation  
6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship  
7:00 p.m. Central Conversation

**Friday, March 30**  
Meals on Wheels  
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary/CDC

**Saturday, March 31**  
10:30 a.m. CHILD CARE AND  
CHURCH WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT



Total amount of food collected at CUMC for Caritas in the month of January, 2012 was 97 lbs. Thanks to everyone who participated.

**MINISTRY IS  
CENTRAL  
HOSPITAL CARE TEAM**

**Week of March 4:  
Linda Scott**  
**Week of March 11:  
Doris Howerton**  
**Week of March 18:  
Paula Wilson**  
**Week of March 25:  
Billie Frayer**  
**Week of January 29:  
Linda Scott**

Each year our Conference sponsors two mission trips for junior and senior high students. This year the senior high trip will be June 10-16th and the junior high trip will be July 15-20th. So what is CTCYM? Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission brings more than 2,500 youth and adults together to put Chrsitain faith into action by repairing and rebuilding homes and small facilities weathered by age, poverty or natural disaster. The seniors will be going to northern Arkansas and southern Missouri. The juniors will be going to the Wichita Falls area in the North Texas Conference region. If you are interested in attending (youth and adults) go to [www.ctcym.org](http://www.ctcym.org) to register. Registration ends May 10th.

**Glen Lake Mission: The week of March 12-16 a group from our Church will be going to Glen Lake Camp in Glen Rose, TX, to volunteer their time. Glen Lake is the camp of our Central Texas Annual Conference in the United Methodist Church. Our group will be doing various jobs to help repair and update the camp. Please be in prayer for those who ill be serving.**

**Church Attendance  
January 1– February 19, 2012**  
Jan 1 = 200  
Jan. 8 = 317  
Jan 15 = 267  
Jan. 22 = 254  
Jan. 29—No count received  
Feb. 5 = 228  
Feb. 12 = 241  
Feb. 19 = 213

**Sunday School Attendance  
January 1—February 19, 2012**  
Jan..1 = 84  
Jan. 8 = 100  
Jan. 16 = 91  
Jan. 22 = 128  
Jan. 29 = 78  
Feb. 5 = 60  
Feb. 12 = no report  
Feb. 19 =151

**Total Giving from  
January 1— February 19, 2012**

**\$91,334.66**

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