

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Chili Cook-Off at Noon on Sunday, January 21



Cook up your best pot of chili and bring it to see if you can take the title from Cathy Combs this year. If you don't want to be in the contest, that's OK. Bring chili, a side dish or dessert to share and enjoy the competition. ♦

If you are looking for a church home...

Please know that Central Christian Church would love to have you become part of our family.

You may join by transfer of membership from another congregation, or by confession of faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, as your Lord and Savior. To join, come forward during the singing at the end of the Worship service.

All are welcome!

DEADLINE REMINDER

Monday, January 15

for the **February Church Newsletter**

Please send your articles, photos or announcements to Sharron Anderson
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Monday-Thursday
9AM - 3:30PM

Friday - Closed

Sunday
10AM Sunday School
11AM Worship Service
3205 Hamilton Avenue
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A New You for a New Year



Al Munger

Paul declares these now famous words: **If anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

What can be claimed for a new creation by Paul can also be claimed for the new person in the new year 2024. Paul, like all of us, struggled with letting go of the past and seizing the future. Paul shares his wisdom from experience with the *Philippians*: **Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.** (*Philippians 3:13-14*)

Is it really possible to experience a new you in the new year? YES! That is exactly what God wants for you and for CENTRAL this New Year. God is in the life-transformation business. Paul gives us the truths and the inspiration to step into 2024 and make it a "new creation" year.

STEP ONE: FORGET WHAT LIES BEHIND

Have you been hurt in the past? Have people said bad things about you and done bad things to you? Join the club. We all have had bad things happen to us in the past. The difference between winners and losers is this: winners let the pain from the past go. They forget it. Losers hold on to it. God says LET IT GO. Give those hurts to me so you can move on down the road. Have you blown it in the past? Again, join the club. Confess, and then accept God's complete and total forgiveness and move on.

STEP TWO: REACH FORWARD TO WHAT LIES AHEAD

God does not want us to live looking in the rear view mirror. Have you been tempted to throw in the towel? Have you gotten knocked down and have yet to get up? The time is now to dust off the difficulties of the past and get back in the race. Press on toward the goal, toward the prize of pleasing the Lord and hearing Him say one day as you cross the finish line, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

It's a new year. God through the Prophet Jeremiah was positive about our future: **"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.** ♦

Congregation Approves 2024 Budget, New Board Officers and Members

Chairman: Cathy Combs

Vice-chairman: Eric Stuyvesant

Treasurer: Grace Willeford

Assistant Treasurer: Donna Dockstader

Secretary: Sandi Filip

Trustee to a term expiring 2026: Charles Combs

Elders to a term expiring 12/26: Michelle Coffey, Donna Dockstader, Jimmy Harding, Sharon Vinson, Troy Vinson

Deacons to a term expiring 12/26: Sandi Filip, Isaiah Olajire, Benjamin Olajire, Eric Stuyvesant

Sympathy

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Lisa Holt who died December 11, 2023.

Lisa started attending Central in 1962 with her parents Paul & Dorothy Bender (deceased) and was a Charter Member. She served as a member of the choir, bell choir, praise team, drama productions, Elder, chairman and member of many committees, and Adult Bible Study groups.

A memorial was held at Central on December 22, 2023. ♦

Meetings
Elders Meeting
January 15 • 6PM



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- JANUARY 2** Nell Dahl
- 5** Melowene Fitzgerald
- 6** Grayson Wooldridge
- 16** John D. Coffey
- 19** Judy Hill
- 21** Richard Kearns
- 23** Sue Rowe
Sandra Filip
- 26** Minnie Harding
Tonya Kennedy-Scarborough
- 28** Jack Scarborough

If you need an address for anyone, you can call the church office: 817-335-1520 or email Sharron Anderson sanderson@cccfw.org

Elder for the Month

Barbara Harding • 817-223-0647



Please contact the Elder of the month **Barbara Harding** for any need that may arise — such as: prayer needs, illness, hospitalization, family crisis, or to answer a question you might have about the church. ♦

Looking for another way to help stock our food pantry for our neighbors?

We have built a wish list on Amazon!

If you type in the link below, you will be able to see the items that are currently needed for the food pantry and the church. This list will be updated with things from time to time as the need arises. This is another way that you are able to participate in the ministries here at Central!

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact the church office at 817.335.1520.

<https://a.co/3IK9KwE>

Ryan Peacock




Just for KIDS

GOOD MEDICINE

During this time of year many people get a cold or the flu. Doctors can give medicine to help those people feel better. The Bible suggests something that we can give to make someone feel better anytime of the year. Proverbs 17:22 says, "A cheerful heart is good medicine" What is the best way to show our cheerfulness?

Connect the numbered dots to find out!

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