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THE HERALD

THE NEWSLETTER OF CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Bringing People In! Lifting People Up! Sending People Out!

OUR VISIONS & HOPES

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.” 2 Corinthians 5:18-19!

Our Triune God is revitalizing Central Baptist Church of Quincy, Illinois. The Lord is using a variety of people, ideas, and the Natural Church Development (NCD) program to bring new life to an older established, mainline congregation. Members are witnessing God’s transforming work over the past three years and we pray the Spirit of God will continue to breathe new life into our church.

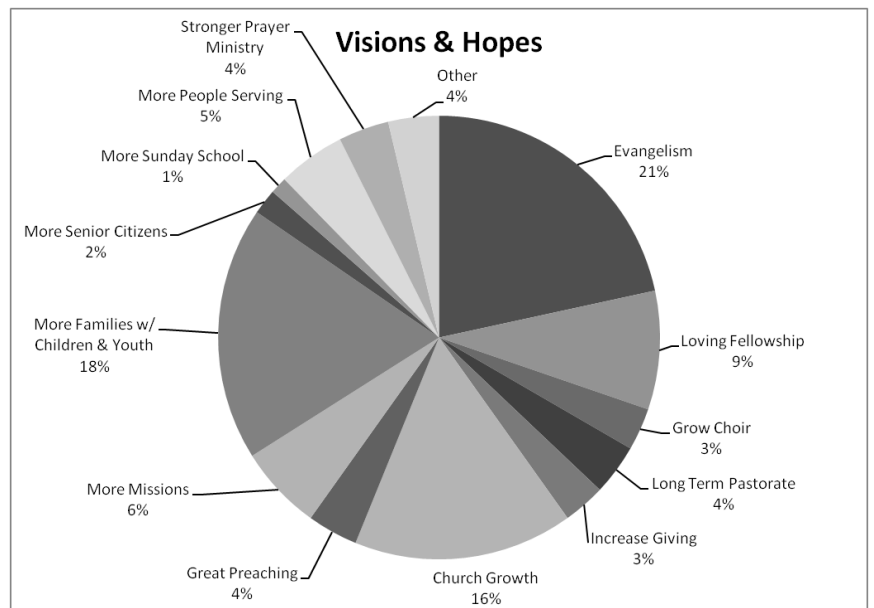
On Sunday, November 6, I presented my vision for Central Baptist Church during the worship service: **Our Vision is to win Quincy to Christ by Bringing People In, Lifting People Up, and Sending People Out in Jesus’ Name.** Worshippers were invited to share their Visions and Hopes for the Church. The response was overwhelming! We received 84 responses with people’s hopes, dreams, and visions.

Most of the responses agreed with God’s vision statement for the Church. As you can see from the graph: thirty-five responses to focus on winning people to Jesus Christ (evangelism), twenty-six responses hoping for more members (church growth), thirty persons would like to the church attract and keep more families with children and youth, and fourteen people wanting a more loving fellowship. There was strong support for growth in the choir, more missions, more people serving, and a stronger prayer ministry. Other responses were unique, such as a deeper understanding of the Old Testament history, be more respectful for other religions and their beliefs (baptism by sprinkling as an infant, etc.), open mindedness in worship, and a new building. Thank you to every person who shared their visions and dreams for the congregation.

I plan to work with the Church Council and leaders of the church to implement ministries that cooperate with God’s vision to renew Central Baptist Church in the New Year. There are several programs that I hope to implement in 2012, including an All Church Daily Prayer Ministry called 7•7•7, new Bible studies, a gift-oriented volunteer program, and a weekly visitation program. We can truly be thankful the Lord is uniting Central Baptist church through evangelism, missions, and service.

New Year Blessings!

Pastor Ivan



NEWS IN THE PEWS

AED (AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR) TRAINING

– Our church is fortunate to now have an automated external defibrillator, which can diagnose and treat dangerous cardiac rhythms in someone having a heart attack. Sandy VanOs, RN, will provide training on the use of an AED on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 from 5:00 – 5:45 in the Lounge. Training will only take 10 – 15 minutes. Church staff, ushers, and all regular attendees of Central are encouraged to drop by and find out how to help save a life. No medical knowledge is required...just a desire to know how to help in case of an emergency situation.

AMERICAN BAPTIST MEN – SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:

bring your brown bag breakfast and laughter to the Church Parlor on Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship, storytelling and fun. The men spend time each morning in prayer for celebrations and concerns. Men of all ages are welcome!

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRY

– Women of all ages are invited to join one of these small groups for devotions, prayer, laughter, hands-on-mission work, spiritual encouragement, and fun.



- **“JOY CIRCLE”** – The first meeting of the New Year will be Thursday, January 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. All are welcome to join. Please contact Nata Selves or Betty Thomas, Co-Chairs.
- **“SARAH CIRCLE”** – The first meeting of the New Year will be Thursday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Peggy Cumby's home. Contact Peggy

Cumby, President of Sarah Circle, for information.

- **“CIRCLE 31”** – All young women of the church are invited to join this small group. The first meeting of the New Year will be Friday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Please see Cindy Brown for details.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT – Congratulations to Shirley Rhodes on the birth of her newborn grandsons and granddaughter. The triplets were born on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at

1:27 a.m. to Amy and John Erickson in Springfield Illinois. Blair weighed 4 pounds and 8 ounces. Brock



weighed 3 pounds and 12 ounces. Beau weighed 3 pounds and 14 ounces. All three babies were 17 inches long. Amy and her triplets are doing well.

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB – The Christian Book Club will not meet in December, January, and February. The book for March is **“Nearing Home,”** by Billy Graham. Graham teaches important lessons on how to view our time here on Earth. Books are available for purchases at the Mustard Seed Christian Book Store or on-line at www.Amazon.com. The date for March will be announced at a later time. For more information or to suggest an evening time to meet, contact Dr. Ken McNutt.

BOOK CLUB

CHUPPERS – Register for CHUPPERS (our Wednesday night common meal) on-line at www.cbcquincy.org, on a Friendship Card, or call the Church Office before Wednesday,

noon. Cost: Adults \$3.50; Child \$2.00; Family \$9.00. **JANUARY CHUPPERS MENU:**

- **JAN. 4 – TACOS**, Ice Cream Sundae (Servers: Floyd Muegge)
- **JAN. 11 – HAM & BEANS OR CHICKEN & NOODLE SOUP**, Sandwich & Dessert (Servers: Fumiko Stuckey & Joan Sigler)
- **JAN. 18 – MEATLOAF**, Potato, Veg., Salad & Dessert (Servers: Breta Cook & helper)
- **JAN. 25 – CHILI SOUP or CHEESE SOUP**, Hot Dogs & Dessert (Servers: Breta Cook & helper)

FREE COFFEE – Fresh caffeinated coffee is served in the Heritage Room each Sunday morning by the Ministry of Family Life. Please join Pastor Ivan for an informal time of conversation after the service. See Chet Coonrod to volunteer to brew the coffee.

GLOBAL IMPACT CHURCHES: The Baptist World Alliance invites All Baptists are invited to join us in these prayers for Baptist World Alliance Member Organizations in **Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania.** Baptist World Alliance Member Organizations in these countries are: **Baptist**



Union of Bulgaria - 107 churches, 4,950 baptized believers; **Baptist Union of Hungary** - 340 churches, 11,650 baptized believers; **Convention of Hungarian Baptist Churches of Romania** - 255 churches, 9,201 baptized believers; and **Romanian Baptist Union** - 1,549 churches, 88,799 baptized believers.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER SERVICE – Join the Adult Bible study and prayer service each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. We will start song festival at 6:15 p.m. All adults welcome. This Bible study is free and open-to-the-public.

MINISTRY MONTHLY MEETINGS: The Ministries of the Church hold their monthly meetings on:

- **DIACONATE** – on Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.
- **CHILDREN** – on Thursday, January 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor.
- **YOUTH** – on Monday, January 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room
- **MISSIONS** – on Monday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **TRUSTEES** – on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge.
- **CHURCH COUNCIL** – on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

All meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome. Financial reports are available in the Church Office.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY – The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 2 to observe the New Year.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – The new box set offering envelope sets for 2012 have been ordered and will be available for pickup this month. You may pick them up in the Heritage Room once they have arrived. Persons wanting Jim Mealiff, Stewardship Secretary, to mail their box sets should contact him at 217-936-2668. Thank you for generously giving to God through Central Baptist.

OUR DAILY BREAD – Take a free copy of the devotional to help in your daily Bible reading and prayer time. Copies of these inspirational books are available in the foyer.

PATHFINDERS – INTRODUCTION TO CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH:

a three-week class to introduce new and perspective members to the Good News of Jesus Christ, Christian Living and the Church. This course is taught by the Pastor.



Topics include: Christian discipleship, Believer's Baptism, and History of Central Baptist Church. Come find God's path for your spiritual life. Upcoming classes are on Mondays, January 9 – 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Questions about Heaven and Answers about Hell

SERMON SERIES STARTING JANUARY 22, 2012

– Pastor Ivan will begin a new six-week sermon series on Sunday, January 22, on the topic: **Questions about Heaven and Answers about Hell.** There is a plethora of contemporary books that describe people's experiences of entering heaven and hell. Rob Bell's new book, *Love Wins: Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived*, proposes that hell does not exist and that all people will ultimately go the heaven. Is this true? Join Pastor Ivan as he seeks answers from the Bible about the ultimate questions of faith and our eternal destiny in **Questions about Heaven and Answers about Hell.**

SALVATION ARMY FOOD ITEMS – The Ministry of the Diaconate will collect **RAMEN NOODLES**, and other non-perishable food items for the month of November. Please leave items in the grocery cart in the coat foyer. **The item count for December was 266. Thank you for your generosity!**



Salvation Army
Drive

SOUTHERN GOSPEL CONCERT – THE MASTER'S VOICE SOUTHERN GOSPEL GROUP

- The nationally acclaimed Christian music group, Master's Voice will ring in the New Year today with a live concert.

Master's Voice members include Jonathan



Drew (lead singer), David Herring (pianist) Ricky Capps (tenor), and Joey Johnson (baritone). Concert goers will be blessed by the timeless message of hope found in the songs and testimony of the four young men comprising Master's Voice.

Presenting with a harmony that compares to none other, Master's Voice began more than 16 years ago with the church youth presenting special music on Sunday. Soon, the youth group musicians transformed into one of Christian music's greatest vocal messengers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The concert is free and open-to-the-public. A free will offering will be received during the concert.

WORLD MISSION OFFERING – Thank you for giving to the World Mission Offering (see video on-line). Your donations to the World Mission Offering and your monthly donations to the Mission Fund, helps with world-wide evangelism and compassion ministries through the dedicated work of Central Baptist Church's five special interest missionaries:

1. **Wendy Bernhard** in Congo, Africa
2. **Deliris Carrion** in Haiti
3. **Annie & Jeff Dieselberg** in Bangkok, Thailand, Asia
4. **Ruth Mooney** in Costa Rica, and
5. **Charles & Sarah West** in Zambia, Africa

The Ministry of Mission set the 2011 World Mission Offering goal at \$3,000.00. Thank you to Ruth Mooney, our missionary to Costa Rica, for helping us celebrate World Mission Offering Sunday on October 30, 2011.

YOUNG CHRISTIANS WEEKEND – The annual **Youth Valentine Party**, 'A Night in Paris,' will be on Saturday, February 11, 2012. The time and reservation date will be announced soon.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER SOUP LUNCHEON – Will be on Sunday, January 8, 2012 in the Fellowship Hall. Vegetable soup, potato soup, and Chili will be served at 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Thank you in advance for your support

YOUTH SKWIM TRIP 2012 – The SKWIM trip is set for January 13 – 16, 2012. SKWIM is a ski retreat designed to create a shared experience between students and adults. The church hopes that our group will have a great time, experience God in a unique way through worship and teaching, and grow closer to one another through the activities and group time together. SKWIM happens thanks to the support of the American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region, all churches and denominations are welcome to participate.



Thank you to all at Central Baptist Church for your expressions of sympathy with cards, prayers, and kind words at the passing of our sister, Irma Martin, on November 16,

2011. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.
Ken Phillips and Betty Fortner

Thank you for your well wishes and for sharing our 50th Wedding Anniversary Party with us.
John and Betty Harker

Pastor Ivan,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has sent cards, letters, and gifts to our father, Bill Hoyt while he continues to recover from surgery. They always bring a smile to his face, and help him remain connected to his church family. He has moved from the Rehab facility to the skilled nursing portion of Bethesda while he continues to heal. His new room number is 224. We thank everyone at Central for their prayers and support. A Very Merry Christmas to all! From the Hoyt Family

Dear Church Family,

We thank you with all our hearts for being there during our loved ones illness. The hospital visits, meals, gift certificates, prayers, cards, flowers and many visits to our home, at our loved ones bedside expressing your Christian love with words of comfort were such a blessing to all of us.

A special thank you to Ivan, a true minister of the word of God, and for being there right after her passing and blessing our loved one into the Fathers care, and bringing sweet peace and comfort to our family. The out pour of so many people at her visitation and celebration services was a special treat; she truly touched many lives and left us a wonderful memory to cherish and a legacy to move us forward with a living hope, knowing we will meet again. And we must not forget to thank Sandra VanOs and her crew who prepared an enjoyable meal after the funeral. We Praise God for each and everyone.

Hess Family!

It is with Christian love that I send you a note of “thank you” for all the amazing and wonderful things you have done for me and my family this past year. All of the cards, calls, understanding, food, so many acts of kindness, and all of those prayers. I have been richly blessed by such a loving church family and friends. Central abounds with love and kindness as Christ wants us to and it is good to be a part of its family. A special thank you to some that have done so very much and to Pastor Ivan for patiently and spiritually guiding me through some rough times. We are blessed to have such a gifted servant of God as our Pastor.

God bless each of you,
Jakay Steckler

A note of thanks to Bob & Christi May for their donation of time and materials for painting the downstairs bathroom in our Church home. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN TODAY!

GOOD NEWS! God’s Word is the authority for all of life. And the Bible clearly outlines the way to become a follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** - Admit to God you are a sinner. Repent and turn away from your sins (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOUR SINS AND GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** - Believe that Jesus is God's Son and that God sent Jesus to save people from their sins. Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead. (Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6)
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS LORD (ULTIMATE LEADER) OF YOUR LIFE** - Confess you want Jesus to be Lord of your life and commit your life to Jesus. Trust Him to be your Savior and Lord.

(Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)

4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS** - Be baptized as your first act of obedience to Christ. Tell someone else about your new faith in Christ. Spend time with God each day in prayer and Bible study. It does not have to be a long period of time. Just develop the daily habit of praying to Him and reading His Word. Ask God to increase your faith and your understanding of the Bible. Seek fellowship with other Christians. Develop a group of Christian friends to answer your questions and support you.

The starting point to a New Life in Christ is to “come” to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publically announce your decision to become a Christian and join this Christian congregation. The Pastor and Deacons will warmly welcome you!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 – Leigh Baird | |
| 2112 Curved Creek Court | 62301 |
| Bev Guthrie | |
| 4116 N. 12 th Street | 62305 |
| Maddie Hughes | |
| 3721 Briarwood | 62301 |
| Gavin Underhill | |
| 602 S. 5 th Street | |
| Canton, MO | 63435 |
| 2 – Donnie West | |
| 1233 N. 6 th Street | 62301 |
| 4 – Franc Langenburg Jr. | |
| 625 S. 21 st Street | 62301 |




Sandy McDonald		RFD 1 Box 51B	
1408 Summers Lane	62305	Camp Point, IL	62320
Emiko McKenna		21 – Dallis Harmon	
731 Pawn Avenue	62305	1812 Hilltop Drive	62301
5 – Allison Chewning		Kambyl Shelton	
222 Lind Street	62301	2086 N, 1050 th Avenue	
Patricia Sprague		Liberty, IL 62347	
195 Foster		23 – Carolyn Triplett	
Plainville, IL	62365	3319 Maine Street	62301
7 – Damon Gibson		DeMiracle Tucker	
1028 N. 2 nd Street	62301	642 Harrison Drive	62301
8 – *Marguerite Wilson		Charles Tuttle	
St. Vincent Home Room 407		1115 Vermont	62301
1440 N. 10 th Street	62301	24 – Kaleb Johnson	
9 – Mariah Anderson		1427 N. 10 th Street	62301
1037 Ohio Street	62301	25 – Scott Darrow	
10 – Sarah Breuer		2047 Maine Street	62301
1640 Westfield Court		26 – Nicole Pepin	
Lawrence, GA	30043	Edwardsville, IL	
11 – Donald Gall		30 – Earl Hochgraber	
3732 S. 46 th Street	62305	2719 Cedardale Drive	62305
12 – Kyra Johnson		31 – *Mardelle Gibson	
2924 Lind Street	62301	2021 Cherry Lane Estate	62301
Christine Spohr		* INDICATES SHUT-IN MEMBERS	
3501 S. 46 th Street	62305	† Missionary	
13 – John Kuhl			
1431 Curtis Creek Road	62301		
15 – Clarence Daugherty			
1311 Koettters Lane	62305		
16 – Brendan Steckler			
4506 Quail Creek Drive	62305		
17 – Russell Wilson			
3716 Highway 96 S	62305		
18 – Wanda Weed			
1117 N. 8 th Street	62301		
19 – Charles Grace			
1435 Pheasant Run	62305		
Franklin Hernandez			
842 S. 6 th Street	62301		
Carrie Lisenbee			
4521 W. 13 th Street			
Wichita, KS	67212		
Benjamin Vonderheide			
2821 West Bluff Court	62305		
20 – James Maas			



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

9 – Roger & Rene Schwengel			
215 Holiday Drive			62305
26 – Edward & Tammie Todd			
117 Federicks			
Ursa, IL			62376
31-Andy & Anna Pepin			
2603 Brook Drive			62305

JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  As We Start the New Year Master's Voice Concert 8:30 AM Traditional Comm. 9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM RADIO MINISTRY WTAD AM 930 11:00 AM Contemp. Comm	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 6:00 PM Praise Band Reh 7:00 PM Ministry of Diaconate	4 9:00 AM Bible Study- Good Samar Hm 5:00 PM CHUPPERS 6:00 PM BuGs Bible Club 6:00 PM Youth 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir Reh	5 10:00 AM "Joy" Circle Small Group - Parlor 6:30 PM Ministry of Children, Parlor	6 11:00 AM HORIZON "Soup Kitchen", 701 Hampshire	7 8:00 AM AB Men's Breakfast - Parlor
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