

Century Christian Church

1301 Tamarack Rd.
Owensboro, Ky. 42301
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www.centurychristian.org

“Our Mission is to Transform Lives in Christ”

From the Pastor.....

I am so tempted to go out and change the message on our sign here on Tamarack Road.

OPEN FOR CHRISTMAS!

I am assuming that many of you have heard of the controversy surrounding the last time on the calendar that had Christmas Day falling on a Sunday. Many of the large so called “mega churches” across the land felt that they could best fire a shot for the “War On Christmas” by closing that day to allow the staff and members to spend more time with family as opposed to a Sunday worship service.

While closing on Christmas has never entered the minds of the folks at Century Christian Church, it still presents a problem for us when these churches make news with such an announcement. It made news. In the eyes of many of the members of the media, these churches are looked at as the spokespeople for all of Christianity. Why is this the case? We live in a society where bigger must be better and the bigger churches are therefore looked at as more successful. It is these congregations with greater numbers and bigger buildings that attract the reporters when the voice of Christianity is needed.

This is the reality of what people who don't belong to a faith community see when the

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Office Information

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270-240-4796 or 770-584-6551

Sunday Service

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Wednesday

5:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice

news. They read about the financial impropriety that takes place in a few churches. They read about the scandals of sex that take place in a far too large, but still isolated number of churches. To the outsider looking into a church, the place is nothing but a bunch of longwinded blowhard preachers who are only looking for money or sexual gratification. Now they think that these Christians are such hypocrites that they won't even hold services on Christmas, but still demand that the greeter at Wal-Mart acknowledge the day instead of offering a generic “happy holiday” greeting.

We need to be open for Christmas and for every other day of the year as well. When the Church gives into the demands of what is perceived as a secular society then we are giving authority to such a split in our lives. A life of faith requires that we live all aspects of our lives with a conviction to love God and neighbor every day, not just on Sunday or during Advent.

Come to our church on Christmas Day, and every other Sunday for that matter. Or if you can't make it here, join in with another community of faith. And live the life that Jesus tells us to live all the time, not just when it is convenient, or when we think someone may be watching.

See you on the 25th

Andy

Chatter from the Choir Loft



It's time to trim the tree, don the house with lights, and wrap packages for giving. So many things to do and too much to remember-- it is sometimes so easy to forget

the true meaning of Christmas. As you mark your December calendar with parties, dinners, and family gatherings---don't forget to make plans to be at Century on the 4th, 11th, 18th, 24th, and 25th. Each Sunday plans are being put in place for beautiful music and lessons in God's love for each of us. Let's all work hard to keep Christ in **Christmas**. I know it will make yours a merrier one.

A huge thank you goes to all who participated in Hanging of the Greens on November 27th. Without your help it would be a service which would be impossible to achieve. Also halos and wings to all the angels that helped decorate the church for the Advent Season, it looks heavenly.

Century's Adult Choir sends each of you wishes for the most blessed Christmas ever. Come, join us in singing everyone's favorite carols during the Holiest of Seasons.

Merry Christmas,
Charlotte and Century's Singers

THE JOY OF GIVING

The Finance Committee would like to thank and give praise to Century's Congregation for a great year of financial support that helps carry forth God's work.

Approximately 18% of our budget and work goes to outreach: local, state and world wide. In addition we completed and paid for the \$6200 "air repair" project. We passed the quota for the Help Office and for Christmas for single parent families. We did move some funds to cover daily operational expense but less than we anticipated.

In this season of giving please catch up or surpass your pledge or donations or make a Christmas donation to Century in the name of someone special in your life. Rather than to "render unto Caesar" (taxes) donate to Century and keep alive our goal of "transforming Lives in Christ"

Blessings
Finance Committee

Attendance & Offerings

November 2011

Attendance

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| Average Worship Attendance..... | 63 |
| Average Sunday School Attendance..... | 20 |
| Total Monthly Offering..... | \$10,371 |
| Total Monthly Expenses..... | \$12,634.58 |

Those in Our Concern

Concerns: Julie Wolfe (Friends of Karen Taylor), Glenda Baker (Donna Abell's Sister), Carmen Benton, Sue Birdlow (Prime Timers), Joe Wink (Friend of Congregation), Beade & Imogene King (Parents of Harold King), Earnest Baker (Donna Abell's Brother-in -Law), Sandy Fiedeke (Friend of Andy and Sandy Campbell), Gary Newton (Jim Martin's Nephew), Martha Johnson, Judy Wilson (Friend of Susie King), Robert Fulton (Madge Martin's Cousin), Paul and Cindy Camplin (Julie Benson's Cousin), Brooke Kesterson (Friend of Jim and Madge Martin), Chuck Deason (Former student of Gene Crume), CW Duncan, Pat Shue (Andy Campbell's Mother), Sue Campbell (Andy Campbell's Step Mother), Eudell Evans (Gene Evans Mother), Ray Walker Kennedy (Gene Evans Cousin), Jane Hagerman (Janada and Don Hagerman's Sister in Law) Jamison Clouse, Tammy (Friend of Yonnie and Karen Wight)

At Home: Rosemary Sallee, JR Hatfield, Bryant Forrester

Also: Harborside - Wanda Forrester
Western Ky Veterans Center – Deb Stearsman
Hermitage: CW Duncan

Congregational Vote for the 2012 Budget
Sunday, December 11
After Worship Service

Craft Bazaar

Thank you to everyone who purchased items, brought items and helped with the Bazaar. We raised about \$900 that will be used for Church and Outreach projects.

We have purchased 8 white tables for the Fellowship Hall, we contributed \$300 to the Air Repair and \$200 to the Help Office over the last couple of months. If you would like to become a member of CWF or the Crafter's, please let Connie know in the office and join in the projects we have coming up.

Cards for Kids

Texas Roadhouse and The Cliff Hagan Boys & Girls Club are teaming up this holiday season to help out our kids. Starting Nov. 15th through Dec. 23rd 10% of all gift cards bought through The Cliff Hagan Boys & Girls Club will go back to our kids!!! Help our community by purchasing a Texas Roadhouse gift card through our local Boys & Girls Club, and come in and enjoy Owensboro's best hand-cut steaks!

For more information or to pledge you can call The Boys & Girls Club at 270-685-4903.

Bible Study

Wednesday's

2 and 6 pm – A study of Luke

Youth Meeting's

Wednesday's

6:00 pm



**Single Parent Support
Group**

Monday Nights

December 5 & 12

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Supper Provided

Program for Parents

Homework Help and Recreation for Children

Drawing for Gift Cards

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**Free Childcare Provided for Ages 2 -Pre-School
Children**

Sponsored by Cliff Hagan Boys and Girls Club

RSVP 685-4903

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, Dec. 27

6:00 pm at CCC

11:00 pm at FCC



Century Christian Church Return Service Requested

(Disciples of Christ)

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Serving Schedule December 2011

Cordial Greeters: Shirley Horstman and Charlie Chinn

Deacons:

Dianna Shields

Marijane Salmon

1. *Serve Communion*

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2. *Collect Offering*

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3. *Prepare Coffee*

3. *Clean up Pews & collect Attendance Pads*

Layservers:

Jeanette Lambert Shirley Lambert

Starling Lambert Mary Roach

Communion Setup:

Yonnie Wight and Betty Jagoe

Communion Clean-Up:

Don Hagerman and Sheila Campbell

Dec 4

Elder Bread: *Gene Crume*

Elder Cup: *Frank Green*

Dec 11

Elder Bread: *Mike Benton*

Elder Cup: *Joyce Hulsey*

Shut-In Communion

Frank Green &

Starling Lambert

Dec 18

Elder Bread: *Sue Napper*

Elder Cup: *Mike Salmon*

Dec 25

Elder Bread: *Brenda Green*

Elder Cup: *Jean Julius*

Shut-In Communion:

Mike Salmon &

Marijane Salmon