

Century Christian Church

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“Our Mission is to Transform Lives in Christ”

From the Pastor.....

As we begin this new year of 2012, the Chinese “Year of the Dragon” there is a temptation to use January the first as a cutoff date from the past and a launching point for our future. There are always the best of 2011 lists that come out, and the many predictions for the year 2012.

Newspapers, Magazines, and television shows have been full of the best of 2011 lists over the past few weeks. We have lists of the best music, the best books, and the best movies. We have lists of the most important figures in sports and in entertainment. There are lists of the most influential businessmen and the most prominent politicians. There are lists of the most important news stories of the year. It was some time ago that the 2012 Car of the Year choices were made by many of the leading automobile publications (I have always wondered how the 2012 models came out so early in 2011). If you watch the television show “The Simpsons”, you see that Reverend Lovejoy awards a “Church Member of the Year” award (Ned Flanders always wins).

Just as significant are the prediction for this year that have seemed to come at us from all corners of our culture. We have predictions about the weather, about the awards that will be won for musical and movie making honors. We have prognostications about who will be up and comers in the worlds of politics and culture. We have predictions in the business world in the forms of budgets and projections. And you have to have really been isolated to be unaware of the fact that

January 2012

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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

2012 is an election year. A president will be elected in November of this year. That is the one prediction that the pundits can state with absolute certainty.

The passage of time in the event of a new year seems to be something of minor significance in the life of the church, Although there were many sanctuaries open for a New Year’s Eve service this past week, the event does not hold nearly the importance as the events of the church calendar from Advent through Lent to the Christ the King Sunday. And even with our unique calendar for the liturgical year, the advancement from year to year seems to be insignificant for the church. There is no person of the year in the congregation here in Owensboro. There is no top sermon list for 2011 or best outreach project for the year.

Perhaps the idea of a new year is downplayed due to the increased significance of the “this day” in the life of our church. Give us this day our daily bread. The most important person is the one in front of you right now and also the person the furthest away from you at this very moment. The best song is the one that is in your heart as you read this. The best film is the one in playing in the mind’s eye that brings you deeper into your relationship with Christ. The most important business event of the day is loving your neighbor. And the best news story of the day is the “Good News” of Jesus in our world. That is the list for yesterday. It is the list for today. And we can predict with assurance that it will be the story of tomorrow.

Shalom

Andy

Chatter from the Choir Loft



There once was a very wise pencil maker. This pencil maker would tell each pencil five important lessons just before placing it in the box:

- 1.) **EVERYTHING YOU DO WILL ALWAYS LEAVE A MARK.**
- 2.) **YOU CAN ALWAYS CORRECT THE MISTAKES YOU MAKE.**
- 3.) **WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS WHAT IS INSIDE OF YOU.**
- 4.) **IN LIFE, YOU WILL UNDERGO PAINFUL SHARPENINGS, WHICH WILL ONLY MAKE YOU BETTER.**
- 5.) **TO BE THE BEST PENCIL, YOU MUST ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE HELD AND GUIDED BY THE HAND THAT HOLDS YOU.**

We all need to be constantly sharpened. This parable may encourage you to know that you are a special person, with unique God-given talents and abilities. Only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed and, like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are, is what's inside of you and then allow yourself to be guided by the hand of God.

Make a joyful noise,
Charlotte

Attendance & Offerings

December 2011

Attendance

Average Worship Attendance.....	60
Average Sunday School Attendance.....	21
Total Monthly Offering.....	\$14,217
Total Monthly Expenses.....	\$13,661.08

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) Brenda Story (Friend of Betty Jagoe), Lorraine Forrer (Friends of Joyce Hulsey) Charles Gosnell (Friend of Steve and Susan Rice), Frank Keller (Friend of Steve and Susan Rice), Ruth Dehaven

At Home: Rosemary Sallee, JR Hatfield, Bryant Forrester

Also: Harborside - Wanda Forrester

Western Ky Veterans Center - Deb Stearsman

Century welcomes our newest members:

Wayne Newton - 12-11-11 and

Donna Rawlings - 12-18-11

Thank you Century Christian Church for helping make this Christmas a little brighter for eight families in need. A special word of thanks to all who volunteered to arrange our Christmas baskets deliver them and the many who contributed toward our goal. The Christmas Basket outreach wouldn't have run so smooth without our 'Super Shopper" Brenda Green and Linda Green and Connie Corley that contributed greatly to organizing and contacting the families.

Thanks again
Outreach

Senior Forum
Monday, January 9
2 pm
“The Teachings of Jon”

We'll watch a soul-touching and funny video about Jon. We'll contemplate questions of how we value each individual and what is truly important in life. Jon has an important purpose...not necessarily to learn, but to teach. It is truly a celebration of a life.

Goodbye to 11, Hello to 12

Before we say goodbye to 2011, the Finance Committee would like to thank the congregation for not only your usual support, but also for the response for the building crisis and all the other concerns of the church. The year 2011 was a busy year. We started the year with a leap of faith budget which usually means just keep everything going. We as a congregation of believers in Christ did not just sit in one place. We are not going to list all the events here, but be reminded that you made everything possible. Looking forward to 2012 we need to continue to grow spiritually as a congregation and as individual believers. We must continue to share our time, our talents and our money. We do this not because God needs these gifts, but sharing God's word with the un-churched and the under churched requires our efforts. Let us continue to pray daily for Century and the world and let

us continue to share these three gifts to the highest extent possible. Let us continue to trust in God and he will take us to places we cannot imagine. Be reminded daily our goal is to “Transform Lives in Christ”
Blessings



Single Parent Support
Group
Monday
January 9
6:00 – 7:30 pm
Supper Provided

Program for Parents
Homework Help and Recreation for Children
Century Christian Church
1301 Tamarack Rd
Owensboro, Ky 42301
Phone: 270-684-0286
Free Childcare Provided for Ages 2 -Pre-School
Children

Dearest Century Family,

My faith was again reaffirmed knowing that my church family was praying and thinking of my family and me. Your caring support helped lessen the sting of losing Daddy on Christmas Eve. Thank you for the memorial gifts, flowers, cards, visits, and prayers during this difficult time.

Blessings to each of you,
Charlotte

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(Disciples of Christ)

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Serving Schedule January 2012

Cordial Greeters: Janada Hagerman and Sheila Campbell

Deacons:

Susan Rice

Karen Taylor

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:

Steve Rice

Don Hagerman

Laura Green

Charlie Chinn

Communion Setup:

Shirley & Starling Lambert

Communion Clean-Up:

Julie Benson & Millie Tatum

Jan 1

Elder Bread: *Gene Crume*

Elder Cup: *Frank Green*

Jan 8

Elder Bread: *Sue Napper*

Elder Cup: *Mike Salmon*

Shut-In Communion

Gene Crume &

Millie Tatum

Jan 15

Elder Bread: *Joyce Hulsey*

Elder Cup: *Mike Benton*

Jan 22

Elder Bread: *Brenda Green*

Elder Cup: *Jean Julius*

Shut-In Communion:

Frank Green &

Dianna Shields

Jan 29

Elder Bread: *Yonnie Wight*

Elder Cup: *Dan Crume*