Central Christian Church August 28, 2023

CENTRAL CONNECTION

Upcoming Events

August 29-Sept 1
Pastor in Paris

<u>Friday, September 1</u> Ladies Coffee @ Abby's

Sunday, September 3 10am - Sunday school 11am - Worship

Monday, September 4
Office closed for Labor Day

UPCOMING

September 13

Board meeting

October 14

First Responders'

Breakfast

Don't forget to check out our website or Facebook page to find worship services, newsletters and more!



Those of you who have been around Disciples a while, and have come from other denominations such as Catholic, Presbyterian, United Methodist or Episcopalian, may have noticed that we don't often (if ever) use the Apostle's or Nicene Creeds in worship in DOC churches.

In our founding years, controversy arose because some people believed that if a person did not ascribe to the creeds, they could not share in communion. Stone and the Campbells both held that while the creeds are not necessarily bad or wrong and can be useful for instruction and discussion, they should in no way, shape or form be used as a test for fellowship at the table. For them, the communion table was open to all based on the grace of God, not a document created by men of the church.

And to this day, we hold that same principle - both on creeds - we aren't anti-creed; we are simply against using creeds as a way to exclude people from the church and the practices of the church.

By the same token, we as Disciples, do not believe we are the gatekeepers for the communion table. It is not our job to police who receives communion. It is the Table of the Lord, and God's grace is for everyone. So everyone, no matter where they are on their journey, is welcome to receive. It is not up to us to deny the grace and work of Spirit within the sacred table.

Pastor Lory

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Nation and World, Tammy Brockman, Nancy Atkison, Madison Wardell, Charlotte Reagan, Brylie, Bob Miller, CASA Kids, Laura Hunt, Tony Barker, Rios Family, Vivian Contareas, Sharon Brown, Dieter Stratemann, Shirley Miller, Jerry Don Maness, Ken Backus, Reese Handley, Christy Hoff, Chris Tettleton, Chad Brown, Mary Walker, Patty Johnson, Kal Luke, Joe Kalal, Morgan Heck, Mary Lou Davis, James Carminati, Patty Dunn, Joe Benton, Charlotte Reed, Carolyn Tapley, Scott Bell, Pam Kessler, Paula Whitfield, Steve McCoulaugh, Larry Lyons, Cole Pittman, Isabell Family, Darrel Fuller, Cecilia Prine, Cecil Webb, Johnny Martin

Families of: Lynn Stovall, Jean Shears, Tina Ortiz Giger, David Waldrip

Worship This Week:

Elders: Kabisch, Veale Deacons: Mesler, Seay Communion: Seay Sermon Text: Matthew 16:21-8 Sun School: Romans 12:9-21

Rev. Lory Hunt, Pastor 940-825-3794 – CCC OFFICE 254-285-4745 – Cell Phone revloryhunt@gmail.com "Many thanks to all who provided the refreshing means for us following mother's visitation; many thanks for those who served the good and readied the fellowship hall. You've got to love a small town. They reach out their collective arms and lovingly embrace those in need. Blessings, Gloria Foster"

"We appreciate the meal y'all prepared. It means so much to all of us. Everything was perfect. It was really nice with us having so many from out of town. Out church family is the best. - Yancy and Abby"

Notes from the family of Jimmie Sue Foster



September 1st Abby Seay's House 9am

A Prayer for Rain from the Book of Common Prayer:

O God, heavenly Father, who by your Son Jesus Christ has promised to all those who seek your kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we entreat you, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to you honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.