

# CENTRAL CONNECTION

## Upcoming Events

### May 14

10am - Sunday school

11am - Worship

### May 15 -

11am - Senior Saints Lunch  
at Orange Giraffe

### UPCOMING

May 20 - Texoma Emmaus  
Meets at Central, Nocona

May 28 - Pentecost Sunday  
Potluck Lunch

May 29 - Memorial Day  
Office Closed

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



I got my official letter from the RCOM committee this week outlining next steps toward my final interview for transfer of standing into the DOC. Between now and Thanksgiving (if I want to get into the January interview session) here's what is required:

1. Application for Ordination
2. Letter from sponsoring congregation about the work I'm doing
3. Send in transcripts from MDiv work
4. Send in documentations of Healthy Boundaries training
5. Complete a mock interview addressing: communion, baptism, ordination, DOC history/polity, pastoral care, the church, Jesus and God, salvation, scripture - authority and interpretation, self-care, theology of stewardship
6. 5-7 page paper on the Christian faith, nature and work of church, representative ministry of Christ, and office of ordained ministry
7. 3-5 page paper on my journey to DOC and my understanding of my call to ministry
8. Record a sermon (which I do every week)
9. Complete a Search and Call packet - which gets me in the system - it will not be published as seeking a new call - I'm not! It includes a background check, four references, a profile, additional forms, etc. and takes a month or

**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, Crystal Shelton, Shirley Miller, Jerry Don Maness, Ken Backus, Reese Handley, Christy Hoff, Chris Tettleton, Chad Brown, Mary Walker, Patty Johnson, Kal Luke, Joe Kalal, Jimmie Sue Foster, Vickie Baker, Connie O'Neal, Tina Ortiz Giger, Phil Staley, Morgan Heck, Ben and Sharon Robertson, Mary Lou Davis, James Carminati, Patty Dunn, Jana Bremenkamp, Carol Fitts, Joe Benton, Tom Morrow, Charlotte Reed, Carolyn Tapley, Vicki Jones, Emily Dickerson,

Families of: Gary Cash, Pat Maxwell, Angel Dyer, David Dennis, David Sappington

**Worship This Week:**

Elders: Kabisch, Veale

Deacons: Mesler, Seay

Communion: Lierly

Sermon Text: John 14:15-21

Sun School: 1 Peter 3:13-22

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longer to complete.

10. Audit a Disciples History and Polity Course at an ATS accredited institution - this will be the week of August 7-11 at Phillips in Tulsa at a total cost of \$600 for tuition and hotel, etc. I will be requesting partial continuing ed reimbursement for this and Paris will be kicking in some as well and I will cover the rest. :)
11. Sign and return the letter that spells all this information out!

There's a lot to this process, but it is so worth it. I'm grateful to be on this journey with you, Central!

Pastor Lory



Join us for a fun time of lunch (dutch treat) and fellowship at the Orange Giraffe inside Gibb's Pharmacy downtown.

**Summer Reading Group**

I'd love to get a summer reading group together. Even though I'll be gone a couple of weeks, I'd love to read a fiction or non-fiction work with a group and discuss it. There will be a sign up sheet on the podium in the sanctuary, as well as a place for suggestions for reading options. I'm open to pretty much anything y'all would want to read - except partisan politics! ;)