

CENTRAL CONNECTION

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 4

Office closed for Labor Day

September 10

10am - Sunday school

11am - Worship

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!**



When church people first walk in our sanctuary, they often ask "where's the baptistry?" It's a good question because ours is a bit hidden - under the communion table. It's a clever plan to get everything into a relatively small space.

As Disciples, we generally practice baptism by immersion as a response to understanding God's grace and committing to follow in the way of Jesus. It is a reminder of Jesus' burial and resurrection and a picture of our own death and burial to our worldly way of life and a resurrection to a new way of life living for God.

That said, as Disciples, we do not believe that a person must be re-baptized if they want to join as part of a Disciples church from another church that practices another form of baptism - whether in the form (sprinkling or pouring) or in time (infant baptism). That's because we believe that Spirit is present in baptism whenever it occurs.

It's also because we know that there is scriptural references that support both believer's baptism by immersion and infant baptism as well in the New Testament. It is also, in part, because we do not believe baptism is what saves us, but rather that it is a sign that points to God's grace which does save.

I encourage you to think about your own baptism this week. And if you have never been baptized and would like to talk about it, let me know.

Pastor Lory

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, Chad Brown, Mary Walker, Patty Johnson, Kal Luke, Joe Kalal, Morgan Heck, Patty Dunn, Joe Benton, Charlotte Reed, Carolyn Tapley, Pam Kessler, Paula Whitfield, Steve McCoulaugh, Isabell Family, Darrel Fuller, Cecilia Prine, Cecil Webb, Johnny Martin

Families of: Jean Shears, Tina Ortiz Giger, David Waldrup

Worship This Week:

Elders: Lierly

Deacons: Saunders

Communion: Seay

Sermon Text: Matthew 18:15-20

Sun School: Romans 13:8-14

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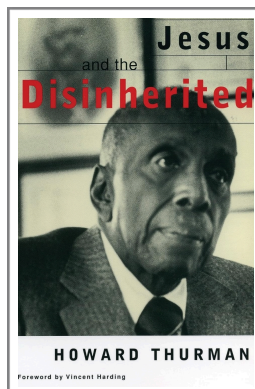
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A Prayer for Rain from the Book of Common Prayer:

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.



All area first responders are invited to join us for free breakfast as a thank you for the selfless service they provide to our community! Please help pass the word to any law enforcement, fire fighters, EMTs, etc you know!



What the Pastor's Reading This Week:

Andy Magnum, our regional minister, has started a reading group and the next book is *Jesus and the Disinherited*. I've been reading it while sitting with my mom this past week. (Along with books on preaching for my DMin project and commentary for sermon prep!)