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Spanish Classes to begin in September



Spanish classes taught by Maria Jacobs will begin again in September in room 240 and end in November.

There is **no cost** to sign up; no homework and definitely no tests! Just lots of learning and fun.

Classes will meet on Mondays and Thursdays from **5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**
- Beginning dates for each class are:

- **Monday** September 10th
- **Thursday** September 13th

To sign up please call the office (428-4336) or email central@cccdisciples.org with your name, email, phone number and class you will be attending.

“Bible 101” Bible Study coming September 11

As a companion to our current sermon series “Back to Basics” we will be offering a six-week Introduction to the Bible small group called “Bible 101.” This is a class truly designed for those who would like the most basic information on how the bible is put together. All ages are welcome (though it’s probably most suited for late junior high / high school and above). The group will meet on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. Note: we need to know how many people are interested in attending this class so we can determine how much space we will need. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or by calling (428-4336) or emailing (central@cccdisciples.org).

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| • 9/11 | Mountain #1 – Mt. Sinai |
| • 9/18 | Mountain #2 – Mt. Zion |
| • 9/25 and 10/2 | Gospels (part 1 and 2) |
| • 10/9 | Epistles and the Book of Acts |
| • 10/16 | Book of Acts and Revelation |

*A weekly visitor to your home bringing you news from Central Christian Church
Our mission ... Sharing Christ,
Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

SUNDAY, September 9, 2018

WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.

Back to Basics #4

Text: *John 11: Selections*

Michael E. Karunas

Women’s Book Club

Mon, Sept. 10 - 12:30 pm &

Tues, Sept. 11 - 5:30 pm

at Panera

This Month’s Read: *Yellow Crocus*
by Laila Ibrahim.

Description: Moments after Lisbeth is born, she’s taken from her mother and handed over to an enslaved wet nurse, Mattie, a young mother separated from her own infant son in order to care for her tiny charge. Thus begins an intense relationship that will shape both of their lives for decades to come.

Just Flicks Presents....

How Green Was My Valley

Sunday, September 9, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Central Christian Church

John Baird

Discussion Leader

Counting On You

Sunday, September 2, 2018

Worship Attendance 249

Sunday School & Small Groups.....62

Central Celebration & Picnic

Pony Rides
Animal Exhibits
Sno-Cones

ARTS & CRAFTS
ENTERTAINMENT
Rock Wall

Face Painting
Bounce House
Picnic Lunch

September 8

Activities 10-12 Picnic 12-1

Public Welcome!

RAIN OR SHINE

Join us for Family Fun
and Picnic

We'll be inside the
church if it rains!

Enter through the
WEST ENTRANCE

Minister's Article

Rest from our Labors

I have been asked to perform the Gospel of Mark from memory in October at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Thus, I have been re-learning and rehearsing the lines of Mark's gospel that I first memorized in 2010. Every time I do this, there are two verses that stand out in my mind. Both are related. The first is one I mentioned in this article last week – Mark 6:31. Jesus said to his disciples, “Come away, by yourselves, to a deserted place and rest. For many were coming and going and they had no leisure not even to eat.” Rest is important to Jesus, for the very fact that we cannot fulfill our purpose as his disciples without it. The second is a verse nearly hidden amid all the frenetic activity of chapter 1 (healings, exorcisms, temptations by Satan...): “Early in the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went away to a deserted place. And there he began to pray” (Mark 1:35). Rest is likewise important for spiritual renewal.

At our retreat last weekend at Villa Maria, Rev. Al Keeney told a story about the importance of rest as it pertains to perspective and clarity of vision. *A seeker of truth sought out the wise, old hermit, renowned world-wide for his wisdom. The seeker, finding him in a hut in the farthest reaches of the wilderness, begged to know his secrets. “I do not know how to see clearly; how to live or act; how to make my way in the world.” The hermit silently nodded, then beckoned the seeker to follow him. He took a drinking glass before leaving the hut and walked slowly down to the shallow, muddy stream that rolled gently by his hut. He dipped the glass into the brown, murky water and then returned slowly to the hut. He motioned for the seeker to sit down opposite him, and he placed the glass of water on the ground between them. For hours they sat like that, watching the water in the glass. First it swirled, with all manner of dust particles in movement. After some time, the particles stopped moving and began to settle. Finally as the sun was going down, all of the sentiment rested on the bottom and what sat upon it was crystal, clear, transparent water.* Sometimes, the lesson learned by the seeker that day, true wisdom in life comes only by “resting” and letting the chaos swirling around us to settle.

Sadly, rest for us may seem like a rare and prized commodity. Many businesses are open “on the sabbath” and, correspondingly, their employees are expected to work. Finding time to rest and let things settle may seem like a tremendous luxury. True, we have days like Labor Day, which has been a national holiday since 1894 and the result of the late 19th century labor movement's desire to celebrate the accomplishments of factory laborers. But even on this holiday, many businesses – such as hospitals and long-term care facilities – simply must remain open.

And yet rest remains of great emotional, spiritual, and intellectual value. So as you read these words, consider the following, when it comes to rest:

Assess your ability to rest. How often during the week/month, outside of sleeping, do you take time to do nothing but “rest”? And are you resting enough at night (in your sleep)? In whatever free time you have from work, are you able to rest? Or do you tend to pack more activities into that time?

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Are you able to take a complete day off from your place of employment? If so, how do you fill that time? It may not be on Sunday (the traditional sabbath), but can you find your sabbath day at another time during the week?

Are you able to carve out any sabbath time (time for rest) at all over the course of any given week/month? If not, what is motivating you to fill your time with the activities that you undertake? What would happen if you didn't undertake them all?

As a pastor, who clearly works every sabbath day, I do believe it is possible to find "sabbath time" at other times during the week/month. It may not seem like it's obvious, but the time is there. Just think how much more clearly we would be able to see, if we took the chance to let things settle in our lives from time to time. That is my prayer for all of us.

Blessings – *Michael*

MIX-IT-UP with DORCAS!

Our first Dorcas meeting of the 2018-2019 program year is Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Disciples Room. Join in the fun and get to know each other better by sharing the names of your favorite foods, hymns and scriptures. We'll learn about our upcoming mission-focused programs, listen to an inspirational devotion and enjoy delicious refreshments.

We sincerely hope all Central women consider joining in the fellowship. RSVP to Nancy Ellen Taylor at xstra@sbcglobal.net or 620-5639 by Friday, September 14th. For more information about Dorcas Disciples contact Sandy Garver at 877-0800 or revrag@comcast.net.

Chalice Class

Title: *Foster Care*

Focus: The number of children who have gone into foster care has increased consistently over the past four years. What is foster care? What effect does foster care have on children? How can Christians faithfully respond to the needs of foster families?

Next Week: *Caring for Widows*

Preschool News

The preschool is back in session this week! We have a total of 53 students. We can take one more 4 year old and then we will be completely full. If you know anyone who may be looking, please send them our way.

The students will mostly be getting settled in this week and will start learning the classroom rules and routines. The teachers will be learning about what makes each child and their family unique.

Just inside the door of the preschool wing by my office, we will restart the collection of plastic grocery bags to continue making sleeping mats for homeless individuals and those sleeping in our local shelters. 232 mats have been made to date for men, women, and children. It takes approximately 700 bags to make 1 mat. There is a large number of groups ready to process the bags and get them turned into mats, so please start donating at any time.

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director



Sunday, September 9, 2018

Music:

Offertory-*Dee Dee Gain, organ*

Anthem-*We've Come This Far By Faith*

8:00-Worship Service

9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall

9:00-Fellowship Coffee

9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes

9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes

10:30-Worship Service

4:00-Youth Group

5:30-Just Flicks Setup, Great Hall

6:00-Just Flicks, Great Hall

Monday (10)

9:00-Good Sam

11:00-Operations Meeting, Conference Room

12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera

5:30-Spanish Class, 240

5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes

5:30-ITL Meeting, Connection Café

Tuesday (11)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207

1:30-Millikin Class, 240

5:30-Bible Study, Great Hall

5:30-Women's Book Club, Panera

6:30-Heart & Soul, Choir Room & C. Café

7:00-Millikin Heights, Disciples' Room

Wednesday (12)

10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center

10:30-Minster's Meeting

3:00-Trustee's Meeting, Conference Room

5:00-Women's Potluck, Great Hall & Kitchen

5:00-Elders Meeting, Disciples' Room

Thursday (13)

10:00-Al-Anon, 240

4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café

5:30-Youth Leaders Meeting, Connection Café

5:30-Spanish Class, 240

6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room

7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (14)

5:00-Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday (15)

1:30-Wedding

2:30-Reception, Great Hall

5:00-Taste of History Parking Overflow, P. Lot

Sunday (16)

8:00-Worship Service

9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall

9:00-Fellowship Coffee

9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes

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In the Hospital...

DMH:
No One

St. Mary's:
No One



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Serving Schedule—Sunday, September 9, 2018

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Liz Campbell, David Wagner

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 3 - Sid & Krista Rohrscheib, Jane Davis, Charlotte Ballance, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Bobby Munos, Brad Munos, Becky Johnston, Carolyn McCall

10:30 - Team 4 - Jeannie Backes, Matthew Swarthout, Jon French, David Martin, Zach Martin, Mark Beal, Doug Soebbing, Roger Rutherford, Ron & Gwen Miller, Seth Martin, Pam Ferguson, Brittney Munos, Luc Longcor, Pam Larrick, Shelby Baum, Dave Sheffer

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 2 - Becky Johnston, Capt., Bruce Campbell

10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt., Linda Virgil, Jon & Jane French

Greeters:

8:00 - Al & Chris Fagin, Gail Prince

10:30 - David Ash, Suzie Miller

Acolytes:

10:30 - Peyton Swarthout, Jordyn Keck

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Greg Carter

10:30 - Mike Kirby

Preparation of Communion:

Judson & Jean Pease, Susan Bryant, Donna Dash

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Andy Fulk 763-6624

Sunday School and 10:30 service - John Baird 429-5651

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

September 10 8:30-12:00 - Carol Bischoff

September 11 8:30-12:00 - Janet Gray

September 12 8:30-12:00 - Dave Flanders

September 13 8:30-12:00 - Nancy Taylor

September 14 8:30-12:00 - Cindy Soebbing

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Ashely Sparks.....Administrative Assistant
Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
Monica Hernandez.....Nursery Attendant
Cheryl Williams.....Nursery Attendant
Melissa Gillis.....Nursery Attendant
Jennifer Van Dyke.....Preschool Director
Angela Moore.....Teacher Assistant
Paula Partain.....Teacher Assistant
Lisa Coates.....Preschool Teacher
Kay Villarreal.....Preschool Teacher
Sharon Renfro.....Preschool Teacher
Samantha West.....Preschool Teacher
Diana Murray.....Preschool Teacher
Stephanie Nihiser.....Preschool Teacher
Lora WrightLead Caretaker
Jim Denzer.....Caretaker
Vernon Wimberly.....Caretaker
Andrew Evans.....Caretaker

Sunday School Classes	Floor	Room
Koinonia	2	212
Ecclesia	2R	240
Chalice	2	207
6th grade - 12th grade	2R	280
Kindergarten - 5th grade	2R	280
Nursery (Birth - 5 years old)	1R	150

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