

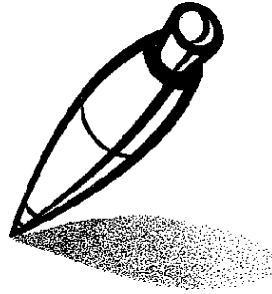
The Torch

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February 13, 2001

CONGREGATION VOTES SUNDAY ON DISCIPLESHIP MINISTER

The congregation votes this Sunday *upon the recommendation of the elders* to hire Henry "Butch" Ringwald as the newest staff member at Central. The elders are confident that Butch is the man God has led to Central. The congregational vote will be taken following all services on Sunday. For more information about Butch and his family please see Tim's "Out of my Mind" article on page 2.



Talent Show

Music

March 4, 6:30 p.m.

A very limited number of spaces are still open for acts. Make sure to sign up as soon as possible to ensure your participation.

Comedy Drama Singing Instrumentals

Christian Camp season underway

Registration for Rock River Christian Camp has begun. There are a variety of camps available for all age groups. Your camping experience can run the gamut of Main Camp to Wilderness Camp. Another option is Settlement Camp on the prairie near the farm. You can stay in the rustic cabins or rough it in the hogans and primitive housing.

Specialty camps are another avenue of camping fun. The sports camp is designed to increase your skill in basketball, volleyball or soccer as well as Bible study, the ropes course and other recreation. Two camps for equestrians are offered. Beginning and advanced equestrians will both enjoy their individual weeks of camp. Eagle Point Horse Farm is the scene of the daily rides. Campers stay at the Earth Lodge for these camps.

For the not so faint at heart, Rock River offers several adventure camps. All of these camping experiences are off-site, but lead by a dean from the camp. Imagine yourself white water rafting on Wisconsin's Wolf River, canoeing in the

boundary waters of Minnesota, rock climbing at Devil's Lake State Park (includes adults), or traveling to Colorado to hike trails on and near Mt. of the Holy Cross (includes adults).

Other camps for adults include, the deaf retreat, Young at Heart days, Women's Weekend, Men's Retreat & golf outing, and Labor Day camp.

It's a deal on March 4

Register for camp and pay half on or before March 4, and Central will pay another \$10. Available for full camp weeks only!

Saturday workdays

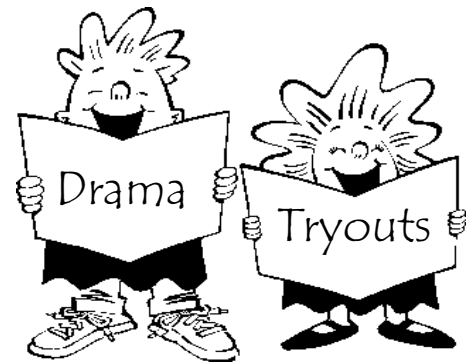
April 21 & 28; May 5, 12, 19
Starting at 7:30 a.m.

Central's Pantry day donation

Bags of Charcoal

Our goal: 500 lbs.

Keep an eye out for donation days!



Sonshine Singers audition for speaking parts

Sonshine Singers, Central's children's chorus, audition for speaking parts in the upcoming Children's musical entitled, "Promise U," this Sunday, February 18, from 6 to 7:45 p.m., in the Upper Room. Try outs take place both before and throughout the regular Sonshine Singer rehearsal time. The entire chorus continues to meet at their regularly scheduled time of 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in a speaking part plan to attend. If you can not come this Sunday evening, but wish to have a part, please call Angela Staley at 672-9199 or Jan Gaff at 672-4984.

Out of my mind...

Tim Hughes

This past Sunday we invited Henry “Butch” and Dian Ringwald to Central for an interview with the elders, and also to teach a lesson on Sunday morning and visit our worship services. I heard many good reports on the lesson Butch taught and the interview went very well. The elders have decided to recommend Butch Ringwald to the congregation as our new Minister of Discipleship. We will be having a congregational meeting this Sunday at the conclusion of each worship service.

Butch is a 1981 graduate of Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, Tennessee. He is 50 years old and he and his wife have two adult children. He has served in the ministry at First Christian Church, Madisonville, Tennessee; Charlottesville Christian Church, Charlottesville, Indiana; Springhill Christian Church, Springhill, Louisiana; First Christian church, Hinton, Oklahoma and is presently serving at the West Corbin Christian Church, Corbin, Kentucky where he has been since 1995.

Butch states the following as his objective in ministry: “To serve as an associate minister of discipleship and small groups in a progressive congregation that has a Christ-

centered vision for reaching the lost, discipling them to maturity and helping them reach their potential as leaders through a strong discipleship and education process, small group ministry and ministry teams.”

An excerpt from Butch’s summary of his ministry includes this statement: “. . .Over twenty years experience in ministering with adults and youth but the main emphasis during the past five-and-a-half years has been on discipling believers to maturity in Christ and developing ministry team leaders. I am skilled in expository preaching but have found that my main spiritual gift is teaching, especially in a small group setting using discussion questions that get everyone thinking and discovering the truths found in Scripture.

Butch’s responsibilities would include Adult education, Young At Heart, and various aspects of Discipleship ministry including small groups. Butch lists his hobbies as singing, reading, woodworking, scuba diving, volleyball, camping and fishing.

Worship & music

Kent Sanders

This Thursday the **band for Sunday morning** will rehearse at 6 p.m., and the **vocalists** will rehearse at 7 p.m. The **choir** will rehearse at 7 p.m., Thursday. The **Sunday evening worship team** will rehearse at 5:15 p.m., Sunday.

There are still spaces left for the Talent Show coming up on March 6. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested.

Worship Schedule for Feb. 18: 7:30 a.m. piano: Marcia Goodwin; **10:30 ushers:** Rod Kreier, Jeremiah Monts; **AM sound:** Dwight Galyen, Travis Sweeden; **PM sound:** Jerry Miller, Rob Happold; **Multimedia:** Kelly Lefler (9:00), Jim Spraggon (10:30), Julie Happold (6:30); **AM Vocalists:** Rob Taylor, Rick Jepsen, John Lamb, Jim Cox; **PM Vocalists:** Kim Spraggon, Paula Gahm, Karen Libby, Rick Jepsen.

Small groups

Kent Sanders

The study group for *Imitation of Christ* will meet next Tuesday at 7 p.m., in the upper room of the Ministry Center.

Please be ready to discuss all of Book One.

I would like to thank everyone who came to the **Book Discussion Group** last week to talk about the **Harry Potter** series. We had a great exchange of ideas. As we rated the book(s), we agreed that they were very entertaining and helped us see the world through different eyes. However, we felt overall that they did not lift up Christ and often presented ideas which conflict with Christian ideals. (Each time the group discusses a book we will present a “rating” which will hopefully be valuable as you and your family choose books to enjoy.)

I would like to make a correction to some information about the next book for the **Book Discussion Group**. I had publicized that we were going to discuss the book *Wounded Spirit*, but we have changed the book to *Roaring Lambs* by Bob Briner. We will meet on Feb. 27, at 7 p.m., to discuss it.

The **Singles’ Retreat at Lake Springfield Christian Assembly** will happen March 2-4. Some of the workshop topics include: “Forgiveness,” “Prayer” and “Streamlining Your Life.” The cost for the entire weekend is only \$50 (you may attend part of the retreat for a smaller amount). Workshop leaders include our very own **Bob Monts** as well as **Warren & Mary Lou Hughes** (Tim’s parents). If you would like to register or would like more information please let me know, or see the registration forms at the Welcome Center.

As I’ve walked thru life. . . I’ve learned that we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

Student Ministries

Rondel Ramsey

Thanks for the Birthday party, gifts, presents, and surprise. Dennis and I really appreciated it. You got us! We love you.

Frontline Student Ministry is purpose driven! Paul stated in Col. 1:28-29, "We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect (mature) in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me." Paul had a goal. Using correcting and teaching (which happens best on a relational basis) Paul set out to see that everyone he came in contact with reached maturity. Another way to say it is that Paul wanted everyone to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus, a true disciple. Everything he did focused on that one goal. That same is for us. Let me tell you what I hope to see EVERYONE of our students look like as a disciple when we graduate them into adult ministry. I don't apologize for the fact that we proclaim Him, admonish, teach... so that we can present every (student) mature in Christ! It is our prayer that each student exhibits the following:

- D** - Daily living in an authentic relationship with God
- I** - In constant connection with God through prayer and Bible study (& brings Bible to church)
- S** - Surrenders to the Lordship of Christ through loving, obedient choices
- C** - Celebrates God through worship, giving of money, and service



Happy Valentines Day to all. I hope that your sweetheart treats you well, or that your class gives you lots of Valentines. Don't forget who loves you the most is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He not only gave you his heart, but he gave you his life.

Sonshine Singers have officially begun their musical. Anyone interested in having a speaking part or solo, need to be there this Sunday night. Call Angela Staley if you have any questions.

Oil Team will meet again on February 25, at 4:30 p.m. Be sure to bring your Bibles and your notebooks with you.

Outreachous is Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., in the gym. This week is craft night and we will be talking about how Jesus' love is for you. Perfect for Valentine's Day. Bring some

- I** - Involved in ministry using the gifts God has given
- P** - Participates in a small group for accountability and fellowship (Sunday School/Dgroups)
- L** - Loves, accepts, and encourages others
- E** - Evangelizes his world because of what God has done for him.

Band practice is this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. We are working on our Talent show song. We need some more strong singers. Join us.

SALT - Wed at 7:30 p.m. Read chapter 32.

CIY deposit is due this Sunday, Feb 18. 9 students so far. Pay by Sunday, get \$30 more off!

Laser Quest HS Outreach - Feb 24. The cost is \$18 for 3 games and transportation. Pay by Feb 18. Limit to the first 25 who pay.

Jr. High Madhouse outreach is on Feb 23, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. It will be a wild and crazy time. We need Jr. High Youth Coaches and other parents to help out. Dennis is leading this Jr. High event. Let Dennis know if you can help out that night.

HS Adult Leader Meeting - Feb 21, 7:30 p.m.

Beulah Land Auxiliary Bake Sale
Yordy's True Value
Flanagan, IL
Saturday, March 17
 Donations need to be brought to the store by 8 a.m.

Melanie Sanders

Especially for kids nursery through 6th grade

friends with you.

Planning for **VBS** is well under way. Be sure to let Melanie know if you are interested in participating. Remember it takes over 80 people to make VBS a success.

Roller skating in Ottawa
Saturday, March 3; 5-7 p.m.

\$1.75 for rental and skating per person
 Join us and bring a friend.





Our condolences are extended to the friends and families of the following:

† Donna Grady family: Donna was the wife of Don Grady, one of our deacons.

† Maxine Plimmer

† Madeline Hert

Our hearts go out to these families.

Statistics for Feb. 11, 2001

1st Worship	59	
2nd Worship	281	
3rd Worship	217	Total 557
Bible classes	267	
Evenings	88	

Offering statistics unavailable at publication time.

Prayer Partners

February 14. Jan Head, 15. Myrtle Kooi, 16. Leota Tutoky, 17. Teri Bradley, 18. Kathy Magana, 19. Melanie Sanders, 20. Carolyn Simpson, 21. Jacob Erschen

Ode to a spell checker!

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weight
My chequer tolled me sew.

Leadership for Feb. 18, 2001

9:00 Worship

Elder: Mike Sullivan
Deacons: Rick Liptak, Ray Missel, Dave Sweeden
Serving: Ray Rieck, Gary Wilken, Dick Anderson, Fred Anderson, Jim Cashmer

10:30 Worship

Elder: Tom Hallam
Deacons: Mark Walter, Rob Dickman, Don Grady, Art Johnson, Rod Kreier
Serving: Jim Cox, Cliff Goodwin, Jeremiah Monts
Welcome Center: Marsha Dennis
Nursery: Julie Knox, Jean Conner, Carla Miller
Toddlers: Carolyn Hert, Kim Kennedy
Evening:
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Bernice Sopher, Dorothy Crawford, Billie Gage, Laura Hert

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Sunday Worship

1st Worship 7:30 a.m.
2nd Worship & Bible classes 9:00 a.m.
3rd Worship & Bible classes 10:30 a.m.
Student Ministries (6th-12th) 6:15 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Children's programs 6:30 p.m.

Staff

Tim Hughes, Minister 7:30 a.m.
Rondel Ramsey, Student Ministries 9:00 a.m.
Kent Sanders, Worship & Small Groups 10:30 a.m.
Melanie Sanders, Children's Ministries 6:15 p.m.
Martha Hughes, Secretary 6:30 p.m.
Debby Evans, Ministries Secretary 6:30 p.m.
Dennis McDannald, Student Intern

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