

The Torch

Central Church of Christ

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

1st Worship:
8:15 a.m.

2nd Worship
& Bible classes:
9:30 a.m.

3rd Worship
& Bible classes:



Fiesta Faith: Life . . . A Party in Process

Join us for a fun afternoon filled with wonderful food, music and fellowship!

Whether you are hungry for fried chicken or for a taco, we will have a tasty array of foods awaiting you.

Children's Activities: Inflatables, Rock Climbing Wall and more . . .

Cotton Candy, Sno-Cones and Popcorn, too!

No need to bring anything but a lawn chair and a friend!

Promotion Day for Central's Sunday School classes is August 14

Your children will move to their new class or area on Sunday, August 14

If you have a child going into kindergarten they will move to the elementary wing for 9:30 Children's Worship in the gym (Green Line) or 11:00 K-1 Sunday School (Blue Line).

If your child is going into 2nd grade 9:30 is still Children's Worship but at 11:00 they would move to the 2nd-3rd grade Sunday School Class (Red Line).

If your child is going into 4th grade they will have 9:30 4th grade Sunday School (Red Line) and at 11:00 they will go to Jr. Worship in the gym (Green Line).

For children going into 5th grade they will have 5th-6th grade Sunday School (Yellow Line) at the 9:30 hour and Jr. Worship at the 11:00 hour in the gym (Green Line).

Those going into 7th grade will promote to the Student Worship ministry in the Lower Level of the ministry center.

Fellow Co-workers,

Dr. Rory Christensen

This one starts with a conversation. It's between a husband and wife, Fred and Martha. They were driving home after a church service, and this is what went down. "Fred," Martha asked, "did you notice that the pastor's sermon was kind of weak today?" "No, not really," answered Fred. "Well, did you hear that the choir was flat?" "No, I didn't," he responded. "Well, you certainly must have noticed that young couple and their children right in front of us, with all the noise and commotion they made the whole service!" "I'm sorry, dear, but no, I didn't." Finally in disgust Martha said, "Honestly, Fred, I don't know why you even bother to go to church."

I read that story years ago, and have liked it ever since. On the surface I feels like a story about a critical spirit, but it's really about attitude. Two people can go through the same situation, and have different experiences because of attitude alone. Isn't that true? Attitude determines your approach. It guides your interpretation. It moves your emotions. It motivates your response. Attitude changes everything. There's an old quote that says, "The same sun which melts wax hardens clay." I'm convinced that, in the same way, attitude spells the difference between a challenging or difficult situation affecting us in a positive or a negative way. It is the one indispensable essential for life and positive progress in life. Years ago, Charles Swindoll taught me that. His words:

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company . . . a church . . . a home." The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past . . . we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. . . . I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you . . . we are in charge of our attitudes.

If I had to boil down much of what God has been teaching me over the past month, it would center around this one word: Attitude. We follow a risen Savior who saw joy in the cross because of where his eyes were fixed (Heb 12:2). And he now invites us view our situations and difficulties through the same lens: to choose joy (versus a truckload of negative attitudes) in the face of difficulty (however it comes) because of where our eyes are fixed (James 1:2-4). Interesting story: Our response to that invitation may carry more weight than we give it credit for.

Be bold. Stay faithful. Choose joy.

Rory



I would like to thank all of the awesome volunteers that I have worked with during my years here at central! It has been my pleasure and honor to serve with you here.

You and your willingness to serve the Lord and His kids are the glue that holds children's ministry together.

My prayer is for you to continue in your love and service to the Lord and His kids.

For His Kids,

Evelyn Taylor

Thank You

Barb and I want to thank our church family, Elders, and staff for your ongoing prayers on my behalf during my recent heart surgery and lung treatment. Your cards, notes and gifts have been so inspirational during this trying time, and I know that I have a way to go for complete recovery.

We truly do serve an awesome God, and I praise Him for His answered prayer.

Thank you, again, for being such a loving and caring congregation.

Serving Him together,
Jim Blalock



Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study set to start

Please come and join us as we explore the Word of God. We will have our first fall meeting on Tuesday, August 16. Ladies are invited to meet in the Ministry Center's Upper Room every Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. You can expect to meet 40 ladies of various ages who enjoy refreshments, laughing at almost everything, praying, growing in the knowledge of the Word of God, and being challenged and humbled before our God. Childcare is provided; please let us know if you need this service, so we can plan appropriately. Call the Church Office (815) 673-1581. If you have any questions, please call Diane Hallam, (815) 673-3665.

Baptized

- Rance Vaughan, Jr.
- Bryan Villareal
- Marisol Torres
- Benjamin Torres



Offerings

E Giving

Since April 2016
16 givers



Offerings needed to meet Budget-Y-T-D for 2016:

\$368,383

Offerings given to-date:

\$391,966

Financial Statement available at the Kiosk in the foyer or the Church Office



Statistics for July 24, 2016

1st Worship	85	
2nd Worship	247	
3rd Worship	128	Total 460
Bible Classes	176	

Statistics for July 17, 2016

1st Worship	64	
2nd Worship	195	
3rd Worship	121	Total 380
Bible Classes	149	

Statistics for July 10, 2016

1st Worship	83	
2nd Worship	271	
3rd Worship	117	Total 471
Bible Classes	167	

Statistics for July 3, 2016

1st Worship	79	
2nd Worship	261	
3rd Worship	148	Total 488
Bible Classes	169	

Statistics for June 26, 2016

1st Worship	75	
2nd Worship	245	
3rd Worship	128	Total 448
Bible Classes	148	

Exercise Class for women

Exercise Class for women happens here on Mon, Tues. and Thurs. at 5:00 p.m. and Sat. at 8:00 a.m. In August class is starting the 21-day challenge of 21 Day FIX . . Beach body workout at the times listed above.

If you have any questions please contact Dee Allen or the Church Office (815) 673-1581.



Thank you to all who worked in any way at Submerged VBS!

You made 2016 VBS great.

Our largest day we had 236 kids. Our smallest day we had 220.

It was an awesome week!

The total that was collected for Haitian Christian Outreach \$1879.73!

Once again thank you to everyone for the awesome week!

We would also like to thank these area businesses that donated gift certificates or gift cards as awards for children that attended and worked hard on their award points.

If you stop into any of these businesses please say thank you for supporting Central's VBS!



- Subway
- Marco's Pizza
- Family Video
- Chix
- Chippers
- Planet Pizza
- La Casa Jalisco
- Mr. J's
- New China
- Kentucky Fried Chicken

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