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2021 NEWSLETTER

Central Christian Church



Where EveryONE is Welcome

THE LINK

Dinner and a Movie – Easter Upside Down

Special Maundy Thursday Event | 4/1/21 at 6:15 p.m.

No one can turn things upside down like Jesus. The king who would become a servant. The women in the background who would become leaders by example. The disciple who would become a betrayer. The denier who would become the rock of the church.

- ♦ Come hear from Mary of Bethany who anointed our Lord's feet with oil.
- ♦ Come hear from Mara who prepare the Last Supper.
- ♦ Come hear from Judas who lost his way.
- ♦ Come hear from Peter who found the way.

We will share a meal together as Jesus did with his closest friends that fateful Thursday night. We will watch these four people who interacted with Jesus, sharing their stories of how they witness him turning things upside down.

EASTER
UPSIDE
DOWN

Then we will share the Lord's table, joined together in communion, remembering Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

It's going to be a very special night.

Weekly Ministries

Bible Study



- Mondays at 10 a.m.
- Wednesdays at 7:30

Celebrate Recovery

- Mondays at 6:15 p.m.

NA Meeting

- Tuesdays at 6:15 pm

Choir Rehearsal



- Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Prayer Team

- Thursdays at 4 p.m.

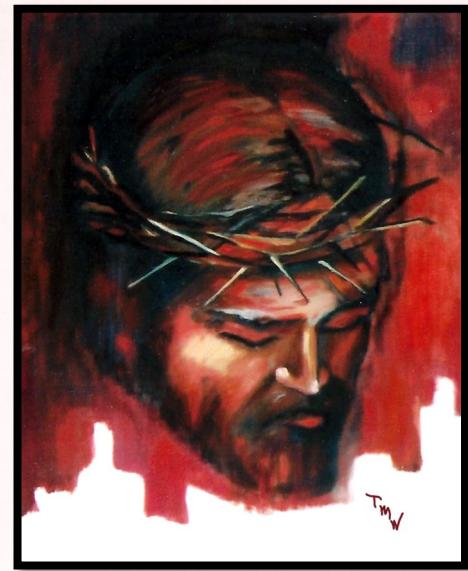
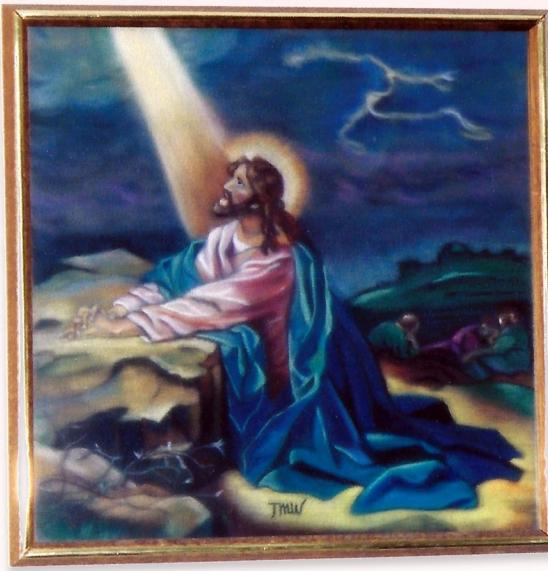
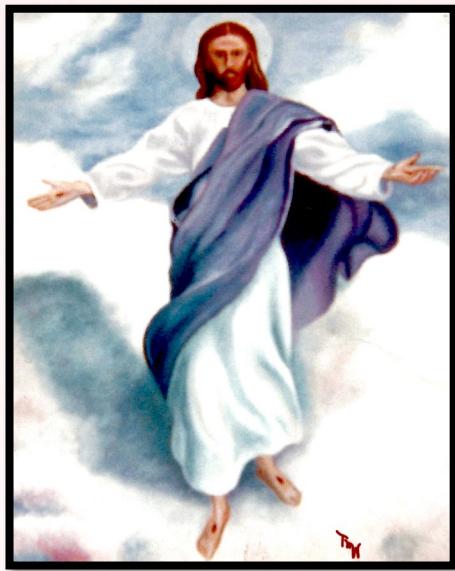
Movie Night



- 3rd Friday of Each Month

A HOLY WEEK ART EXHIBIT

During Holy Week, our Communications & Program Coordinator, Terrie Zieber will be sharing her art depicting images of Christ. Her paintings which were created in the mid-1970's are replicas of famous works in the mediums of pastel chalk and oil. We hope this art display helps you fully connect with the passion of Christ during this important time in the life of the church.



Philemon: 17-18

*So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.
If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.*

New To Our Family... Dave & Dale Neas

Dave and Dale Neas recently joined Central Christian Church. They are spending their first full winter here in Florida after visiting their daughter here for the last several years. They are retired. Dale was a Case Manager for the Iowa Department of Human Services, working primarily with persons with intellectual disabilities. Dave was an English teacher at Southwestern Community College. They were both active in their local church in Iowa, holding leadership positions in that church and counseling high school-age young people in the Upper Midwest Region's camp ministry. Dave is a Commissioned Disciples of Christ minister of that region. With lots of help from Dale, he served one church for five years while still teaching. After retirement from teaching, he did one short interim assignment and then served another church full time for the last five years before retiring from there last summer. Between them, Dave and Dale have five grown children, fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They found Central Christian after looking for a Disciples congregation in the area, began attending, and felt very much at home immediately. They are looking forward to participating in the ministry of the church during the months they are in Florida.

Pastor's Pen...



Join us for these life-changing Easter celebrations:

- ◆ **Palm Sunday – March 28th at 10 am**
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday - April 1st at 6:15 pm – Dinner and a Movie – Easter Upside Down**
- ◆ **Good Friday – April 2nd anytime from Noon – 8:00 pm – Prayer and Reflection in the Sanctuary**
- ◆ **Easter Sunrise Service – April 4th at 7:00 am – Outdoors Surrounded by God’s Creation!**
- ◆ **Easter Sunday Service – April 4th at 10 am – Easter Changes Everything!**

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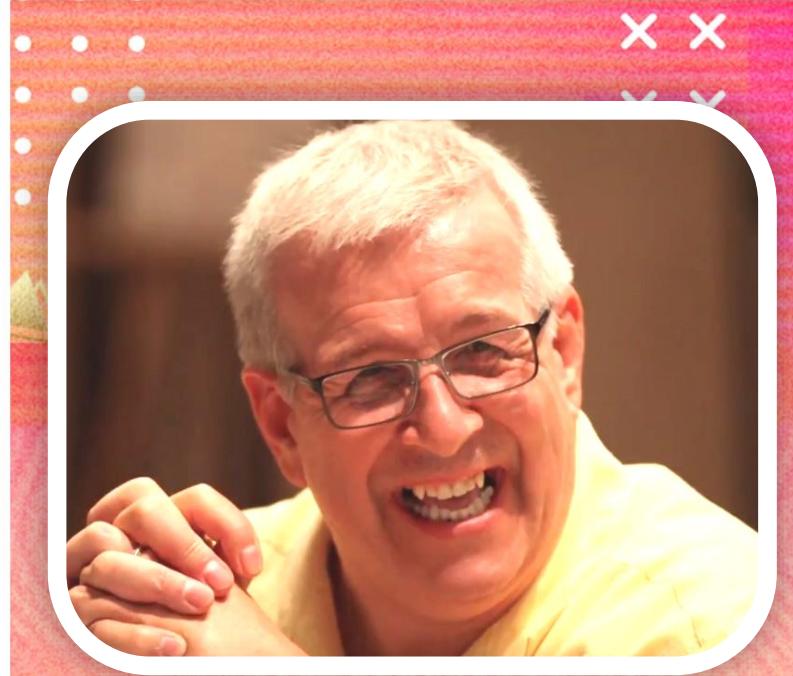
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Come to them all or just come to the times you can – any and all of them will be a spiritual experience that will leave a lasting impact.

The resurrection of Jesus confirmed that he was indeed the promised Christ from the Scriptures of old. Perhaps you do not believe in those old Scriptures; after all, are they not filled with ancient stories, myths, and legend? Yes, they are! They are great stories of how God was working in the world through ordinary people throughout history and how people understood God within the world they lived at that time.

Now we have all new stories. Yours and mine. The stories of how a relationship with the living Christ has changed our lives. For many, life experience is a lot more believable than something read in books written thousands of years ago. Those books are holy inspired Scripture, but it is our changed lives as believers that convince us our faith in Jesus is real.

Through Christ’s resurrection, God reconciled the world back into relationship with the Divine Trinity. Because Jesus is alive, we can have him in our lives. Now, today, in a very real way. A life-changing way. Come hear and share some testimonies about how God and a relationship with the living Christ has changed everything!

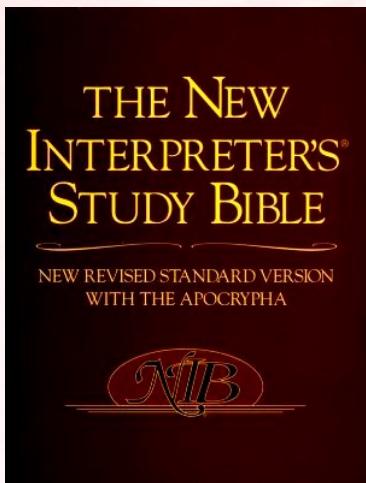
We learn how to follow Jesus through those Scriptures that reveal God’s nature to us and teach us how to be in relationship with each other. Guess what, Jesus revealed to his disciples that all those old Scriptures they used to hear in the Synagogue were about him also. Easter even changes the way the Old Testament is interpreted and understood.

If you need some changes in your life, Easter is the event that can bring those changes into reality.

Come and join us. Come and be changed!

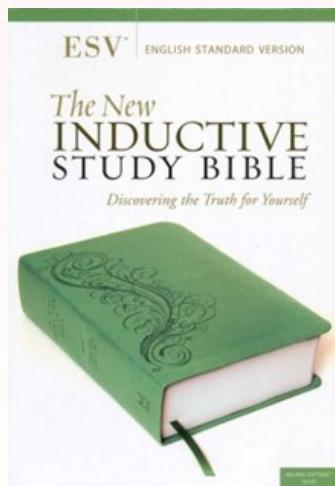
Three Excellent Study Bibles

The New Interpreter's Study Bible (NRSV with the Apocrypha), hardcover



The New Interpreter's Study Bible brings the best of biblical scholarship to the service of the Church. In this study Bible, based on The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible with Apocrypha, sixty distinguished scholars have provided background and insight on the biblical text. Features of this valuable new study Bible include extensive historical and theological annotations on the biblical text; brief introductions and outlines for each biblical book; excursuses giving further background and insight regarding themes and passages; and nineteen newly commissioned maps detailing the biblical world at various historical periods.

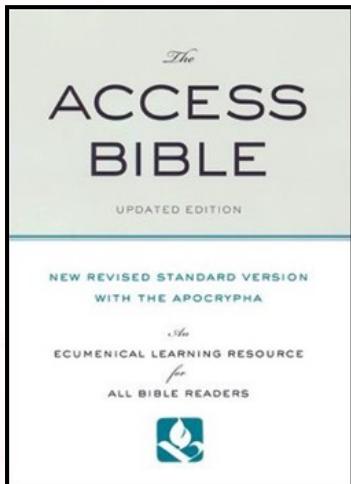
The ESV New Inductive Study Bible, Milano Softone, Green



The ESV New Inductive Study Bible is designed to encourage you to study the Bible for yourself, rather than relying on the interpretation of commentaries. It presents an inductive method of study and Bible marking which leads you directly back to the source, allowing God's Word to become its own commentary.

Its study tools and questions teach you how to understand and apply Scripture to your own life. Through an effective system of Bible-marking, the Bible itself becomes a personal record of insight and growth.

NRSV Access Bible with the Apocrypha, Updated Edition



The Access Bible has long been the go-to study Bible for Christians looking for insight into and background for the Bible. Designed for the individual reader, it's accessible to new readers but also offers enough depth for those who are already familiar with the texts but want to delve deeper into the culture and context of their authors and origins. A unique feature of the Access Bible is the running commentary which is interspersed with the Bible text. Difficult concepts are clearly explained in terms which everyday readers can easily understand.

March Servant's Schedule

SUNDAY - 3/7

1st Reader: Billie Jo Laird

2nd Reader: Wendy Vanlanot

Elder: Wendy Vanlanot

Deacon: Pat Martin

Greeter: Billie Jo Laird

SUNDAY - 3/14

1st Reader: Bernadette Gregson

2nd Reader: Rick Session

Elder: Rick Session

Deacon: Billie Jo Laird

Greeter: Wendy Vanlanot

SUNDAY - 3/21

1st Reader: Terrie Zieber

2nd Reader: Barb Abbring

Elder: Barb Abbring

Deacon: Pat Martin

Greeter: Billie Jo Laird

SUNDAY - 3/28

1st Reader: Pastor Erwin

2nd Reader: Pastor Ken

Elder: Sue Fitzgerald

Deacon: Billie Jo Laird

Greeter: Wendy Vanlanot

April Servant's Schedule

SUNDAY - 4/4

1st Reader: Pastor Erwin

2nd Reader: Pastor Ken

Elder: Pastor Erwin

Deacon: Pat Martin

Greeter: Billie Jo Laird

SUNDAY - 4/11

1st Reader: Micki Baker

2nd Reader: Pastor Erwin

Elder: Anita Haisch

Deacon: Pat Martin

Greeter: Wendy Vanlanot

SUNDAY - 4/18

1st Reader: Anita Haisch

2nd Reader: Pastor Erwin

Elder: Wendy Vanlanot

Deacon: Billie Jo Laird

Greeter: Pat Martin

SUNDAY - 4/25

1st Reader: Rick Session

2nd Reader: Pastor Ken

Elder: Rick Session

Deacon: Pat Martin

Greeter: Billie Jo Laird

On Becoming a Child of God... Pastor Erwin Goodwin

"But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons" (Galatians 4:4-5).

The courtroom was not full, but it was filled with excitement. Family and friends gathered for what promised to be a joyful occasion. The judge asked the couple a few questions and then turned to the children for a few additional questions. Moments later, the judge finalized the adoption. A new family was born and the room exploded in celebration!

That the Incarnation would lead to adoption was surely in Paul's mind as he penned "that we might receive the full rights of sons" (Gal. 4:5). Paul's chosen word "sons" means "sons by adoption." The moment of our adoption was when we said "yes" to Jesus. John wrote, "To all who received him, to those who believed on his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12). But what are these "full rights" Paul mentioned?

In many cultures in the ancient world, "the full rights" of the family were not granted until you became an adult. In a Jewish family, you became an adult on the first Sabbath after your 12th birthday, after your bar or bat mitzvah. In Roman culture, you became an adult after your 15th birthday, when you were given a new toga. In Greek culture, you were not an adult till your 18th birthday, when you would have your head shaved.

In those cultures, three significant things were granted as "the full rights" of the family:

- *You could enter a room without being summoned by an adult;
- *You could speak without being first spoken to by an adult;
- *You could have unrestricted access to your parents.

The implications of these are staggering!

First, we can enter the very throne room of God. Far from being timid about this, we can "approach the throne of grace with confidence" (Heb. 4:16). This confidence is rooted in the fact of our adoption, giving us "the full rights as sons."

Next, we can speak freely in his presence. Even an honest "Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to you; I call as my heart grows faint" (Psalm 61:1-2a), is heard and welcomed as part of my "full rights" of belonging.

Third, we can enjoy unrestricted access to our Father. By virtue of our adoption into God's family "we have access by faith into this grace in which we now stand" (Romans 5:2). Take full and frequent advantage of accessing his presence with joy and humility!

"That God adopted us is due to the merit of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who humbled Himself under the Law and redeemed us law-ridden sinners" (Martin Luther). The Incarnation resulted in our adoption and extended to us "the full rights" of the family.

The courtroom will not be full but it will be filled with excitement. The Judge will finalize your adoption, and the host of heaven will explode in celebration.

Transportation Ministry

If you need a ride to church or to any of our other events: Bible Study, Prayer Team Meeting, etc. we will pick you up.
Contact Pastor Erwin at: 941-284-7541 or
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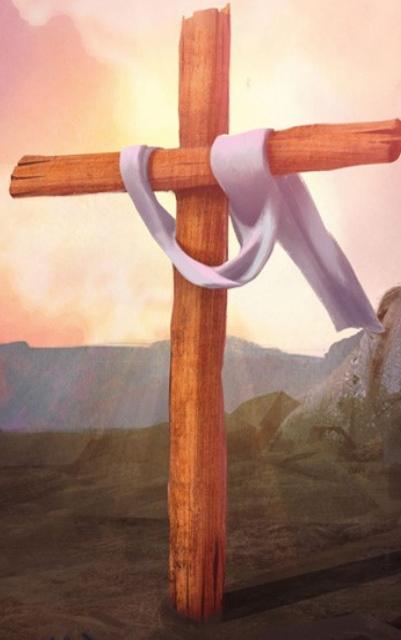




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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Women's History Month	2	3	4	5	6
7 Jeff Barco Birthday	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Movie Night 6:15 p.m.	20
21 Wendy Vanlanot Birthday	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday	29	30	31			

APRIL 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Maundy Thursday Dinner & Movie 6:15 p.m	2 Good Friday Prayer Time Noon - 8pm	3 Diane Reining Birthday
4 Easter Sunday Sunrise 7am Worship 10 am	5	6	7	8 Bernadette Gregson Birthday	9	10
11	12	13 Dave Zieber Birthday	14	15	16 Movie Night	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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