

## *From The Pastor*

### 10 THINGS EVERY CHURCH SHOULD KNOW ASOUT MINISTERS

(before calling a new pastor)

by Rev. David E. Brown

#### 1. ALL MINISTERS ARE DIFFERENT

Some ministers are more different than others. But are you ready to embrace the changes your new pastor will bring? Will you accept and appreciate this new pastor's gifts, style, skills, priorities and ideas? Did you do this with your interim pastor?

#### 2. ALL MINISTERS MAKE MISTAKES

Some might call this sin. Don't expect your minister to be perfect. He/she is not. And if you put any minister on a pedestal, he/she will fall. Can you forgive your pastors, former and current, for mistakes that he/she has made?

#### 3. IS NOT THE MINISTER'S FAULT

Though ministers do make mistakes, many church problems have nothing to do with the pastor. More often than not, members need to, first of all, get the logs out of their own eyes. Blaming a current or former pastor will not help solve the problem.

#### 4. ALL MINISTERS ARE HUMAN

We cannot read your minds. We cannot walk on water. We do not have all the answers. Don't expect too much from your pastors. Be realistic about the workload. There is only so much one minister can do.

#### 5. A NEW MINISTER WILL NOT FIX YOUR PROBLEMS

These are your problems, present before the minister arrived. When a church has an illness, the doctor (minister) may be able to diagnose the cure and suggest a treatment, but no church will become healthy until the members decide to work together, taking responsibility for healing the sickness. The minister does not have a magic pill for this.

#### 6. ALL MINISTERS HAVE FEELINGS

Sometimes we get angry. Sometimes we are joyful. Sometimes we are sad. We experience and may express the full range of emotions. We do appreciate compliments and constructive criticism, But be gentle and remember, we have feelings too.

#### 7. ALL MINISTERS ARE CALLED BY GOD

Though we may understand our callings differently, we all feel that God is the one who has called us into ministry. We are called to listen to God first and to do God's will. We love you, the people of God, the Church, even when we call you to repentance.

#### 8. ALL MINISTERS DESERVE RESPECT

Official church bodies have ordained us. We are seminary educated. We have been trained to be your spiritual leaders. God may actually be speaking to you through us. One way to show your respect is to pay your minister adequately and appropriately.

#### 9. ALL MINISTERS NEED TIME OFF

Most of us have families, and all of us need time to get away and have a life away from church. Ministers need a day off every week, vacations, and study leave in order to grow in their faith and live balanced lives. Don't allow your pastor to get burned out.

#### 10. ALL MINISTER'S NEED LOVE

It can be lonely as a pastor. We truly are grateful for any kindness you might throw in our direction. Your pastor needs your prayers, your support and your love.

## THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE IN JANUARY

ELDERS:	Jan.	3	Dorothy Kay	Dick Barnhart
		10	Sheryl Reeve	Dorothy Kay
		17	Eva Reiff	Sheryl Reeve
		24	Maria Ford	Eva Reiff
		31	Dick Barnhart	Maria Ford

DEACONS:		Amy Barkley
		Colton Bloomfield
		Ann Borders
		Ellen Borders
		Nettie Borders
		Carolyn Files
	Tom Files	
	Pat Schertzer	

ACOLYTES:	Jan.	3	Alisha Large
		10	Laney Davis
		17	Allie Seckel
		24	Alex Large
		31	Mickey Millisor

## CHANCEL FLOWERS



Dates to supply January chancel flowers are all available at the time of this printing. The new flower calendar is posted on the Narthex Bulletin Board. Be sure to sign up for the Sundays you wish to provide flowers.

**January 3, 2010 - Commitment Sunday**

**VALET PARKING** is offered by Kathie Sizemore at 8:30 a.m.

**COFFEE HOUR** begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Children's message will be given during the 9:30 a.m. worship. Sunday School for all ages follows worship.

**FOOD PANTRY** - offers a chance for you to help feed the area's hungry. Please bring food staples to help us continue our support of this community ministry.



**Millennial Class**

Pastor Dave will resume teaching the Millennial Class January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in the church parlor

**Chi Rho**

Youth 9 years old and older  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 4-5:30 p.m. in the church parlor

**Community Breakfast**

A community breakfast is offered the last Sunday of each month from 8 - 9:30 a.m.

**Ladies Exercise Group**

every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 5:15-6:30 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

**Prayer Blanket Group**

every Thursday at 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor

**Ruth Group**

1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2010  
in the Social Room  
All women of the church are invited.

**"Then Sings My Soul"**

Come learn about and listen to your favorite hymn/s. This group will meet Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Room. So mark your calendar!

**CMF Breakfast**

Saturday, January 16, 2010  
7:30 a.m. at the Marion Diner  
All men of the church are invited.

**Gazette Deadline**

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

**Prayer Concerns Lists**

Just a reminder of our new policy regarding printed prayer concerns lists - in the bulletin and in the *Gazette*. On February 1<sup>st</sup> all names will be removed from our prayer concerns lists and will begin again. If you would like to keep your name or the name of someone you have placed on these lists, all you have to do is notify the church office of your wish by January 19, 2010. Of course, anyone can be added at any time.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the FH.

2009 GIVING RECORDS will be ready for pick up starting Sunday, January 17, 2010 and the next three Sundays after.

**ADDRESS CHANGE:**

**Dick Epley**, 535 Sioux Drive, Westerville, OH 43081



**Utilities for November 2009**

Columbia Gas	\$ 725.95
Ohio Edison	\$ 347.48
Trash/Sewer	\$ 231.02
Verizon	\$ 181.85
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1486.30</u></b>

**THANK YOU TO . . .**

- all those who decorated the church.
- all those who participated in the Live Nativity scene and Christmas Eve service.
- Mothers' Forum for the Children's Christmas Party.
- all who donated to the Mitten Tree.
- the Advent readers and those who went caroling.
- Libby Davis, Pastor Dave, Eva Reiff and Brenda Reish for working in the church office.
- the Ruth Group for the reception following the Cantata.
- Don and Agnes Ryan for donating new coffee makers.

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**Prayer Concerns**

**Members**

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Patricia Curl     | Dorothy Kay    |
| Betty Denney      | Roger Kingsley |
| Eleanor Gibson    | Betty Leib     |
| Dale & Pat Kaiser | Hilda Smith    |

**Non-members**

|                                      |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Kathy Bradshaw ( <i>Lusch</i> )      | Ed Rogers ( <i>Besch</i> )        |
| Rick Clark ( <i>Middaugh</i> )       | Pearl Rogers ( <i>Besch</i> )     |
| Stormy Cushing ( <i>Braumiller</i> ) | Tom Smart ( <i>Middaugh</i> )     |
| Gary Davis ( <i>Middaugh</i> )       | Don Sturgiss ( <i>Sizemore</i> )  |
| Dee Fryman ( <i>Van Gorden</i> )     | Helen Swinehart ( <i>Frye</i> )   |
| Suzanne Harris ( <i>Reeve</i> )      | Bob Walker ( <i>Sizemore</i> )    |
| Thelma Knapp ( <i>Middaugh</i> )     | Kim White ( <i>Besch</i> )        |
| Fred McFarland ( <i>Reeve</i> )      | Taylor Wilhite ( <i>Gilmore</i> ) |
| David Merrick ( <i>Middaugh</i> )    | Pete Zimmerman ( <i>Besch</i> )   |
| Chris DePuy ( <i>Middaugh</i> )      |                                   |

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**OUR SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF . . .**

**Steve Hecker** (*Shanda's father-in-law*)  
who passed away December 11, 2009

**Marilyn Epley**  
who passed away December 13, 2009

**Bunny DeBolt**  
who passed away December 15, 2009

**CHRISTMAS LETTERS . . .** To Read See FH Bulletin Board  
**Rev. Perry & Maureen Mattern      Rev. Ed & Alice Weber**

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**THANK YOU NOTES . . .**

To the Members and Friends of C.C.C.  
We extend heartfelt thanks to you for the prayers, cards and expression of support at the passing of Agnes Thiel.

***Mike, Becky and the Thiel Family***

To All Our Church Family,  
We would like to thank all for the thoughts, prayers, visits and cards to our Mother during the past year. To Rev. David Brown for his service. Kathie Sizemore and her crew for a very nice lunch. ***The Kingsley Family*** appreciated it so much.

***The Camm Family*** would like to thank the Central Christian Church and everyone who supported Benjamin with his summer-long youth recreation program that was his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. Ben earned his Eagle on October 15<sup>th</sup> and received it in a court of honor at the Church on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks for the support and donations of money, time, and gifts towards the project - the area youth had fun. Also, thanks for allowing Ben to host his court of honor here. The atmosphere helped to make it very special.

Dear Central Christian Church Friends,  
Thank you for your many cards and phone calls expressing your sympathy on the death of our brother, Dick Green.

***Bless you, Jane Acker and Susan Braumiller***

Pat and I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, talked to us on the passing of Earlene Schertzer - special thanks to Kathy Sizemore and her crew of Gen Seckel, Libby Davis, Eve Reiff and Kraig Gibson for a meal after the service.

***Pat and Bill Schertzer***

**CCC CELEBRATES  
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

*Happy Birthday!*

1	Chris Camm	20	Tyler Reeve
	Alex Bushatz	21	Bill Schertzer
	Bettie Ruth		Holly Wagner
2	Lisa Frye Burke		Karl Wagner
3	Roger Kingsley	22	Betty Jo Bernow
7	Eileen Stephenson		Verna Gilmore
11	Mary Willoby		Nicholas Mayne
13	Matthew Sharrock	23	Jordan Butler
14	Jean Frye	25	Hilda Smith
15	Will Camm	26	Ben Acker
	Michael Schertzer	28	Eugene Miller
	Tait Palm	29	Lisa Camm
17	Kathie Sizemore		Patricia Curl
18	Libby Davis		
19	Don Ryan		
	Carolyn Wagner		

*Happy Anniversary!*

13	Paul & Olga Geissler
16	Eugene & Charlotte Miller
18	Tom & Raetta Maurer
20	Clyde & Beverly Cole

*If you have a birthday and/or an anniversary in January and it does not appear in the list above, please call the church office immediately so it can be added in the future. Thanks for your help in keeping these lists as complete and accurate as possible!*