



*C*entral  
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August 18, 2010

Dear Friends,

Covenants are a way of life. Everyday life is filled with covenants ranging from the simple exchange of money for a cup of coffee to the vows made at a wedding. Covenants are what bind us together in society. The Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms defines a covenant as a formal agreement or treaty between two parties that establishes a relationship and in which obligations and mutual responsibilities may be enacted.

Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, will be a special day of observing the creation of a new covenant blessed by the Presbytery of Arkansas between the Central Church family and me. In a way we are getting married to each other. The covenant will be sealed by the vows you as the congregation and I as the associate pastor take. The service of installation is not just empty words and a lot of fluffy ceremony, it is a sacred contract into which we are entering in the presence of God. It is every bit as holy as the covenant God made with Adam and Eve, Abraham, David, and all humanity through Jesus Christ.

When I was in seminary I had the privilege of being included in a transition into ministry program that spent an entire semester studying the nine questions that constitute the vows taken by Ministers of Word and Sacrament at their ordinations and installations. The questions Ministers of Word and Sacrament answer are almost identical to those that elders and deacons answer with the exception of the name of the office and a few minor phrase differences. All church officers are equal in terms of honor and rank, they just have different duties and responsibilities, thus the constitutional questions are very similar. The vows are important in that they signify the need for both parties to hold each other mutually accountable for the conditions of the covenant. The questions to me (Book of Order W-4.4003) are as follows:

- 1) Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledging him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- 2) Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- 3) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- 4) Will you be a minister of the Word and Sacrament in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and continually guided by our confessions?
- 5) Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- 6) Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- 7) Do you promise to promote the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- 8) Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, and love?
- 9) Will you be a faithful minister, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the governing bodies of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

The congregation also has constitutional questions that it will answer as part of the covenant making process. These questions are your vows to uphold the covenant nature of the relationship between pastor and congregation. The questions as found in the Book of Order (W-4.4006b) are as follows:

- 1) Do we, the members of the church, accept (Name) as our pastor (associate pastor), chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?
- 2) Do we agree to encourage him (her), to respect his (her) decisions, and to follow as he (she) guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?
- 3) Do we promise to pay him (her) fairly and provide for his (her) welfare as he (she) works among us; to stand by him (her) in trouble and share his (her) joys? Will we listen to the word he (she) preaches, welcome his (her) pastoral care, and honor his (her) authority as he (she) seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

It is an honor and privilege to be called to this place at this time, and I am deeply humbled to know that I will be entering into covenant with you. I realize that at times I will do things with which you might not agree, but please understand that I take very seriously the covenant between us that God blesses and seals. I will always do my best not to violate the spirit of my ordination vows and will strive to faithfully serve the Lord by serving as one of the leaders of this congregation. May the Lord continue to bless us as we embark on this journey together.

Faithfully,

*Brian*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Amanda Rowley . . . . .	08/22	Joy Morrow . . . . .	08/29
Katie Scott . . . . .	08/22	George Singleton . . . . .	08/29
Jane Boudra . . . . .	08/23	Jeff Aulgur . . . . .	08/30
Peggy Griffin . . . . .	08/23		
Henry Kalvesmaki . . . . .	08/23	Bob & Linda Griffin. . . . .	08/22
Joe Morrow . . . . .	08/23	Mikel & Barbara Fuller. . . . .	09/03
Theresa Singleton . . . . .	08/23	Chuck & Audrey Olson. . . . .	09/03
Mary Cohoon . . . . .	08/24	Stan & Mary Henson. . . . .	09/04
Emily C. Griffin . . . . .	08/29		

## Prayer Concerns

*A special prayer that you'll be blessed with tender care and needed rest, warm thoughts of friends that mean so much and most of all, God's healing touch.*

Beth Starks	David Bollinger	Betty Yates
Sara Beth Whitby	Lila Turner	Connie Zimmer
Jim & Madie Westbrook	Sue Doss	Paula Reid
Sam Jones	Alon Athey	<b>Beverly Tollison</b>
Rexann Oller		

Amber Parrish (Tara Thompson)	Jane Casto (Susan Wetzel's Mom)
Aiden Stevenson (Donna Przybys)	Donald Saucier (Lynn Wade)
Judy Hottinger (Gretchen Douthit)	Michael Neary (Lisa Cochran)
Jessie R. Green (John & Cindy Gowin)	Pat Hunnicutt (Sandy Kremp)
Sherry Felder (Barbara Fuller)	Donna Kruger (Connie Schutt)
Kirk Williams (John Aikman)	Cliff Norman (Roy & Beth Monroe)
Elizabeth McDonald (Tiffany Meadows)	Daranda Golden (Amber Perrin)
Beth Brown (Connie Schutt)	Barre Finan (Kurri Gortemiller)
Sam McDonald	Rev. Chip Andrus (Sally Ramey)
Chris & Lora Briggs (Ken Coker)	Laurie Athey (Kris Griffin's Sister)
Dorothy Clark Fike (Linda & Bob Griffin)	Gaylon Teal (Lissa Teal's Husband)
Michael Harrington (JoAnn Hutchinson)	Tammy Copp (Bill Boudra)
Lucille Engelbrecht (Jessie Qualls' Sister)	Sheila Fuller (Mikel and Barbara Fuller)
Alexandria Turner (Connie Zimmer)	Meme Pitney (Help Network)
Jennifer Stane (John Aikman)	John Przybys (Donna's Husband)
Charles Dale (Linda & Bob Bell)	Emogene Coffman Family
James Young (Ann Shields' Father)	Mark Grimes (Rita Goodman's Son)
Zaden Brewer (Connie Zimmer)	Terry Heslin (Joan McCallum)
Suzanne Gatewood (Carol Wilkins)	<b>Gary Williamson Family</b>
Becky Tucker (Doug Martin)	<b>Tiffany Meadows (Barb &amp; Mikel Fuller)</b>
Marn Heslin (Joan McCallum)	<b>Neal Jester (Jimmie Coker)</b>
Victoria Acklin (John Aikman)	

All military personnel including: Will Porter, Riley Whittenburg, Timothy Dann, Christopher Hays, Brian Carnahan, Callie Latimer, David Gordon, Brandon Gortemiller, Stephanie Williams, Will Holland, Mark Hendron, Jay Jackson, Dustin Clark, Joshua Johnson, Andrew Bellocchio, Adam Fuller, and Jacob Randle.

## Memorials

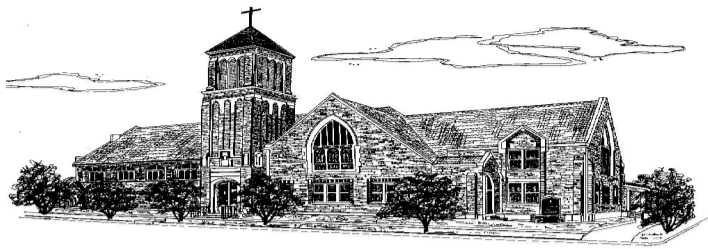
*In Loving Memory of Mary Martin by  
Sarah Kitchens, Earlene Webb, Bob & Jean Turner*

*In Loving Memory of Charlotte Mills by  
Doug & Jane Martin, Bob & Jean Turner*

## Honorariums

*In Honor of Helen Sweeden's Birthday by  
Robert & Martha Williams*

*"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry"*  
*1 Timothy 1:12*



*Central Presbyterian Church  
request the honor of your presence at the  
Service of Installation  
of  
Rev. Robert Brian Brock  
Sunday, August 29, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.  
Central Presbyterian Church  
A reception will follow*

## Thanks

A great big thank you to Lee & Elizabeth Hopkins and Carol Wilkins for helping fold the *Central Connection* this month!

Dear Friends at Central Church:

We want to thank you for the wonderful food, beautiful cards, phone calls, visits, offers of help and especially for your prayers for Alon's recovery after his heart surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital. God is good! We are so blessed to have each of you in our lives. We are so grateful.

*Love to all of you,  
Ethel & Alon Athey*

## Go Green

**Washing Machine Buying Guide – What to Look For ...** Energy-efficient washers can use up to 50 percent less energy and 60 percent less water than standard machines. If you have a top loader, regardless of how old it is, consider replacing it with an energy-efficient front loader. When shopping for a washing machine, look for: 1) Energy Star-rating: These machines are 37 percent more energy-efficient and use 18 to 25 gallons per load, about half what traditional washers use. 2) Water Factor: Part of the Energy Star rating, the Water Factor is a ratio of how much water is used compared to the size of the drum. For example, a machine with a 4-cubic-foot drum that uses 24 gallons per load has a water factor of 6. The figure is more accurate than gallons per load, since washers vary so much in size. The lower the number, the better. Energy Star-rated machines have water factors ranging from 3.2 to 7.9. 3) Front-loaders: Front-loading machines are, in general, more efficient than their top-loading counterparts, using 40 to 60 percent less water and 30 to 50 percent less energy. They also have the benefit of faster spin times, which means your clothes dry faster. Some local utilities offer rebates for purchasing front loaders. 4) Programmable wash cycles: Some washing machines have programmable wash cycles, which include settings for water levels and water temperature, so that you can arrange for the most efficient washing parameters. Learn more at <http://www.thegreenguide.com>.

## Service Committee Reports:

**"Words that help service committee live out our vision statement"**

You may have your own list of words that convey important things, ideas or thoughts we need to consider in living out our **Vision Statement**. I can think of many beginning with L and with P and with T and with M; but I find the majority of my list is composed of words that begin with "C". I will list just a few of the "C" words. It is interesting to note that many of the words begin with prefixes of "Co" or "Con" or "Com", all of which require or denote interaction with others.

***Communication, Compliance, Cooperation, Congeniality, Companion, Choices, Commonality, Completeness, Coordination, Collegiality, Courtesy, Comforting, Community, Commandment, Clarification, Concentration, Constancy, Caring, Charity, Concern, Character, Christ-like, Consequences, Conviction, Conscientiousness, Confidence, Concepts, Crises, Circumstances, Content, Centered***

If you enjoy words and their meanings, you may have a very different list, using words that have special meaning for you. To share such a list, just email it to [Carol039@centurytel.net](mailto:Carol039@centurytel.net).

***Regardless of our word games, it's hard to beat Paul's recipe:  
A large dose of Phil. 4:8, followed by a regimen of Matthew 25:40  
Service Committee of Central Presbyterian Church***

## Youth

**Attention youth in grades 6-12 and parents:** We will be having a youth and parents' meeting this Sunday, August 22, at 5:00 p.m. to brainstorm and discuss plans for the fall semester's youth activities. We will begin our meeting at 5:00 p.m. and have a light supper around 6:00 p.m., finishing up by about 6:30 p.m. Please come if you are able so that you may give your input! If you have any questions, you may call the church office at 968-1238 or Susan Jordan at 967-8769.

Hope your first day of school was awesome!

*CPC Youth Committee*

As you may or may not know, we are currently without a youth director. We hope that this situation will soon be remedied, but in the meantime we would welcome any volunteers who are interested in working with the youth in any capacity, whether it would be on a weekly or monthly basis, or just once to see how it goes! If any of you feel called to give of your time in this regard, please contact Pastor Brian at 968-1238 or Susan Jordan at 967-8769.

## Notes from Nurture

With the change in focus the summer months bring, I hope everyone has had the chance to get together with family and friends for some fun and relaxing time. With school starting, the pace quickens as we get back into our various routines and responsibilities. The same goes for those of us on Nurture. Many in the congregation have participated through the summer in Helping Hands, offering meals to our sick and recovering folks, and the support has been so appreciated. Meal Mission took a couple of months off and will start back again the first week in September. We look forward to getting together and making those visits.

A big thank you to our After-church Social hosts and hostesses. So many in our congregation enjoy getting together and catching up on one another's activities during this time. Thank you all for making it so pleasant with the goodies and beverages.

Nurture committee will meet in September, and the activities for the rest of the year will be lined up. The next event for Nurture will be the October Hamburger Cookout at Old Post Road Park, which takes the place of the potluck for that month. Details will follow closer to the date.

*Judi Baker  
Nurture Moderator*

***Proverbs 11:25 Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.***

## Presbyterian Women

Our Presbyterian Women Board meeting will be August 31, at 10:00 a.m. (it was scheduled for September 7).

## Notes of Interest

***Central extends a warm welcome*** to our newest member, **Ann Chronister**. Ann joins us by transfer of letter from First Presbyterian Church in Fernandina Beach, Florida.

**Attention anyone with a connection to Central Presbyterian Church in Fort Smith:** I have a Homer Laughlin collector plate with a picture of Central Presbyterian in Fort Smith which I would like to give to someone who has a connection with that church. If you'd like to have the plate, please contact me at 967.3970.

*Jackie Gardner*

***Ann Shields and Vicky Kiehl will play at Central,*** Friday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m. The program will include a pipe organ demonstration especially for children, and will also feature music for organ, piano, and organ/piano duets. Bring your friends, family, and dancing shoes!



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Vicky Kiehl, Ann Shields, Organists  
Jessica Boudra, Robin Howell, Paige Griffin,  
Nursery Assistants

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