

## Note from the Pastor

Jesus prayed this prayer for all of us in **John 17:20-23**, “**My prayer is not for the disciples alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent Me. May they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.**”

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, your spiritual ancestry dates back to the original 12 disciples: yes, Peter, James, and John, and the other 9 are at the top of your spiritual ancestry chart! Their message never wavered: Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except thru Jesus! Christ crucified, Christ resurrected, and Christ returning. The gist of this prayer for us lies in the word unity. 3 times in this short prayer, Jesus prays for all believers to be one, to be brought to complete unity, just as He and the Father are completely unified. Why does Jesus pray for unity? He knew it would be a struggle for us. He knew we would bump heads with one another out of selfish ambition and “being right”. He knows the greatest weapon used against the church today is division. So to keep the enemy at bay, Jesus prays for the power of unity to be in our midst. And the power of unity is found in a simple spiritual equation: **UNITY EQUALS SALVATION!** We saw this play out at our Unity Service on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

At the 8:30 service, we saw Terry and Jeannie Waggoner become part of our church family, Jeannie thru transfer of membership and Terry by confession of faith. We are thrilled that the Waggoner's are “family”. At the 10:00 service, Tiffany, one of our former youth members came forward and gave her life to Christ. While greeting people on the way out with Tiffany, a young lady named Melanie, who had come to church that morning with her mom and sisters, who attend Central Community Church, looked me straight in the eye and exclaimed, “I want to be baptized!” After a brief gospel presentation, Melanie prayed with me at the back of the sanctuary and received Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She and Tiffany were both baptized that morning in Campbell Hall, a fellowship hall named after a man who preached and yearned for unity among believers. Alexander Campbell understood the equation!

As of this writing, a third baptism has just taken place today, June 15<sup>th</sup>. I will tell you, I am on a spiritual high right now! Terry Waggoner, having grown up around Lake Paradise, asked if there was a possibility that he be baptized in the lake. Having never performed an outdoor baptism, I joyfully replied, “Let's do this!” With family present, Terry was baptized at Lake Paradise in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is moving. Let us not impede His movement.

**Psalm 133:1, “How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!”**

*Pastor Morgan*

## Worship Times and Places

### June 27th

Unity Worship 8:30 and 10 am at **Central Community**  
Richard Eident preaching both services

### July 4th and July 11th

Unity Worship at 8 am, 9 am Sunday School,  
and Unity Worship at 10 am at **First Christian**

### July 18th and 25th

Unity Worship at 8 am, 9 am Sunday School,  
and Unity Worship at 10 am at **Central Community**

### August 1st and 8th

Unity Worship at 8 am, 9 am Sunday School,  
and Unity Worship at 10 am at **First Christian**

### August 15th and 22nd

Unity Worship at 8 am, 9 am Sunday School,  
and Unity Worship at 10 am at **Central Community**

## VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Central Community Church on Sunday, June 27th—Thursday, July 1st from 6-8 pm. VBS will be for those children entering Kindergarten through the 6th grade.



## Board Splinters 6/14

**Deaconesses:** delivered to shut-ins during May and June.  
**Senior Minister:** continuing the Men's Breakfast with Mike Brand leading the first 3 small group studies, doing an excellent job. Graduated from LCU. Continue to aid Roger Freeman in our informational meetings on Thursdays. Meeting with Karl Rabe weekly for discipleship. Devo with Stevo keeps rolling along! Promoted a time of fasting and prayer for both churches on May 30th at Unity Service at CCC to end the Holy Habit Series. Attendance for May: Unity Service average: 235, Single Service average: 135.

**Worship Leader:** reported he is reading through Christmas music. Special music and dramas have been planned through July. Currently working with small groups that will sing during the summer. The cordless headset arrived and works great. Taking vacation June 17-20th and Ashley Scott will lead worship on Father's Day.

**Worship:** opened up all the pews, Father's Day is planned, an overview for July/August service schedules; and trying to put together Praise in the Park on August 29 with a potluck.

**Outreach:** backing 85 bags of food for the summer.

**Evangelism:** discussed outdoor advertisement, radio advertisement, lots of ideas we could do together, discussed possible budget, and starting some of the lunch meetings.

**Christian Ed:** they met to plan Youth Sunday and went well, went to Fox Ridge afterwards. Talked about youth activities for the year. Need more volunteers.

**Stewardship:** went over the financial statements.

**Trustees:** had the carpet cleaned after the flooding. Repair where window unit was in the library, nothing yet. Trustees to pay for porta-potty at the land.

**New Business:** a motion to have the Education Building roof replaced at a cost of \$30,000; a motion to repair the wall damage in the library for \$1,488.

## Church Life

### Saturday, June 26th

6:35 am Devo with Stevo on Facebook

### Sunday, June 27th

8:30 am and 10 am Unity Service at CCC

6 pm VBS Kick-Off

### Monday, June 28th

6 pm VBS at CCC

### Tuesday, June 29th

6:35 am Devo with Stevo

7 am Prayer Meeting

6 pm VBS at CCC

### Wednesday, June 30th

6 pm VBS at CCC

## New Members

We welcomed Tiffany Rivera and Melanie Houts by baptism on Sunday, June 13th. We welcome Jeannie Waggoner as she transferred her membership to FCC on the 13th, her husband Terry was baptized on Lake Paradise on June 15th. Congratulations to all!

### Church Attendance

June 13th: 240 (Unity Service)

June 20th: 138

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Cinda Moran on the passing of her daughter, Missy.

## Garden Help Needed

If you are interested in helping with the church garden please contact Charlotte Castle at 217-258-6054.