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General Assembly Report

The 30th General Assembly (GA) of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church was hosted by Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church in Denver, Colorado from June 22 to 26, and Central sent nine commissioners as representatives: Ted Beattie, Rex Dunlap, Robbie Griggs, Lance Hudgens, Dexter Kuhlman, Carl Martin, Bill Meeks, Phil Rowland and Dale Schaefer. For those who are not familiar with how Presbyterian denominations work, GA is a yearly meeting of representatives (pastors and ruling elders) from the whole denomination. It is the venue for big discussions about church and culture, denominational business, fellowship, worship and learning.

This year's GA was a great time of fellowship with other churches and among our delegates. Here are a few highlights:

- The pre-assembly conference was excellent. Reggie McNeal of Leadership Network provided excellent theological and practical insights on how to become a more missional, outward-facing church.
- The worship services were beautiful and encouraging, featuring an eclectic mix of musical styles, songs, hymns and liturgical elements. The preaching of Dr. Richard Pratt of Third Millennium Ministries on the theme of "blessing" was thought-provoking.
- The business meetings were moderated very efficiently, and though we had several challenging topics, there was a spirit of charity and grace throughout our discussions.

The most prominent item of business before the Assembly was the Interim Committee on Women Teaching Elders report and recommendations. Over the last several years there has been some controversy in EPC presbyteries (including our own presbytery, the Presbytery of Mid-America) over the ordination of female pastors. Our denomination allows churches to call either male or females as pastors, but there are some presbyteries which do not ordain women to the office of pastor. At last year's GA, a study committee was appointed to study the matter and make recommendations. The recommendations were overwhelmingly approved. They provide a way for churches wanting to call female pastors, but prevented from doing so in their current presbytery, to move to a neighboring presbytery where women can be ordained.

The last recommendation appoints the GA's permanent Committee on Administration as a commission with authority to divide Mid-America presbytery into two geographic presbyteries prior to next year's GA. Mid-America has been working on this issue for the last several years. For context, see: www.centralpres.com/midamericacontext.

The GA included a number of other notable events and topics. For a full report, see Stated Clerk, Jeff Jeremiah's summary at: <http://epc.org/about-the-epc/epnews/epnews-2010-0708/> Or, if you have any questions, email me at rgriggs@centralpre.com. Robbie Griggs
Senior Associate Pastor



Kenya Mission Trip Report

Last month, a mission team journeyed to Kapenguria, Kenya, to continue what has become one of Central's most significant overseas partnerships. Faith Bible College is the brainchild of George "Muze" (pronounced moo-ZAY, which means "old man") Kendagor, who had a dream of establishing a school in the hills of the Rift Valley where local people could come to receive theological training. George's son David attended Covenant Seminary and returned to Kenya to help make his father's dream a reality. In fact, the team arrived in time to help celebrate the college's second graduation ceremony!

During the week, Clay Smith and Joe Gruneisen provided instruction in hermeneutics and homiletics at the college. Jenny Stiller and Betsie Boggs taught English and Christian education to 4th, 5th, and 6th graders in the attached elementary school. They were overwhelmed by the warmth and sweet innocence of the children, who responded enthusiastically to them. Randy Mayfield, Eric Stiller and Clara Gruneisen visited other local schools with a program of music and speaking. Thousands of children were ministered to and heard an encouraging gospel message that even sunk in with our driver. As he repeated later after one visit, "God doesn't love me because I'm good. He loves me because he loves me."

Summer Sundays

a little music... a little lunch



Chris Sasse, Violin - August 1

Chris has played the violin since 4th grade. She holds a B.M. in violin and a Performer's Certificate (the highest honor) from Eastman School of Music and a M.M. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. During her senior year of high school, she was concertmistress for the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra directed by Leonard Slatkin. She has taught the violin for over forty years and is currently an adjunct faculty member at Washington University.



Randy and some of his Kenyan groupies

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KidCentral

There will be no Sunday school for children in K – 5th grade until Kickoff Sunday on August 22. The Tiger Room will be open during the 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. worship services for four and five year olds. There will also be Family Worship in the parlor for those who would like to train their children in worship together.



KidCentral Camp News

Two camps had a fantastic week last week. Cher's Bible and Swim treated fifteen kids to a week of swimming, Bible stories, crafts and games. The children learned about God's love through a fun, SonTreasure Island theme. Cher Curtis and Rosemary Oliver led this group with lots of help from high school interns. What a great time!

Melanie and Marc Braun led a hands-on learning camp for young scientists. They built their own rockets, air-blasters, marshmallow shooters, bridges, and even a hover craft! What a great time of science fun and fellowship.



Sunday School Takes a Summer Break

Adult, youth and children's Sunday school classes are taking a summer break. Fall classes will begin on Sunday, August 22. There will be family worship at all three services in the parlor.

Middle School

- Wednesday Night: Youth group meets this week from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Cher Curtis' house.
- Summer Service: Our last Mission Monday event of the summer is tomorrow, July 26. Please join us as we work with Beyond Housing.
- Contact Information: You can find calendars and information on the web at www.centralpres.com under the middle school student page. Check out our blog at www.centralmiddleschool-outh.blogspot.com. If you have any questions, call Steve Dalbey at 314-854-0187 or email sdalbey@centralpres.com or call Sherdonna Denholm at 314-854-0193 or email sdenholm@centralpres.com.

Senior High

- Our last Mission Monday event is tomorrow, July 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will again work with Beyond Housing. Please bring a sack lunch and water.
- Youth group meets this Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Younkens' house.
- You can find calendars on the web at www.centralpres.com under the student section and the senior high page.
- Questions, comments, want to hang out? Call Jay Westra at 314-620-9977 or email jwestra@centralpres.com. Call Sally Campbell at 314-640-9936 or email sacampb1@yahoo.com.

College Central

Sunday PM – Join us at 7:00 p.m. for our last Summer Well. We meet at Central's 835 Hanley building, two doors down from the church.

Wednesday PM – This Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., College Central will join with other St. Louis campus ministries and churches for our final Summer RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) meeting. Come to The Chapel Venue at Memorial Presbyterian Church for a great time of fellowship, worship and preaching.

End of Summer Pool Party - This Friday at 7:00 p.m., we are hosting an End of Summer Pool Party, our last college ministry event of the summer. All college-age students and high school seniors are invited to come by the Curtis' house.

For more information, maps and a complete schedule of College Central events, check out our Facebook page or web site @ www.collegecentralstl.org.

Loving God and Loving Our Neighbors

St. Louis is home to a large number of refugees from around the world. By some estimates, our city will soon be home to the fourth largest population of refugees in the United States. These individuals enter the United States legally and come for reasons including war, regional conflicts, persecution, oppression and political upheaval. St. Louis is receiving refugees from countries such as Bhutan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Nepal, Sierra Leone and Somalia.

Individuals and families arrive with few possessions. Local organizations provide apartments, but the apartments often lack furnishings. Securing basic furniture and household items is a large step in helping refugees feel at home.

Members of Central's 20s and 30s group have been building relationships and extending fellowship to this community over the last few months. We now seek to further our service through a furniture collection on Saturday, August 14. The furniture will go to Oasis International, a local ministry reaching out to the refugee population in St. Louis. (www.oasisinternational.info/index.php)

In priority order, we are seeking the following items: dressers and chests of drawers, fans, coffee tables, couches, lamps, pots and pans, end tables, nightstands and televisions (a great way to practice or learn English). If you would like to contribute, please contact Matt Virgil at 314-488-9765 or matthew.virgil@gmail.com by



August 11. He will work with you to get your items to Oasis International and, ultimately, to our newly arrived friends. Thank you for loving God by loving your neighbors.

Picnic in Paradise Report

The picnic with our sister church in the city, Greater Paradise Missionary Baptist Church, on July 10 went very well. There was a good group from CPC that attended and many from GPMBC set up, cooked and made children's activities available. The CPC worship band sang and it was a fine time of fellowship.

Meet with a Pastor

If you would like to talk with a pastor, please call the church office at 314-727-2777 to make an appointment. Our pastors keep times open in their schedules each week.

Welcome Visitors

Welcome to Central! We're glad you're here. Do you have questions about membership? For more information, please contact Robbie Griggs, Senior Associate Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship, at 314-727-2777 or at rgriggs@centralpres.com.

New Visitor Lunch August 22



Would you like to get better acquainted with our church? Please join us for lunch at 12:15 on Sunday, August 22, in Fellowship Hall, located on the lower

level. You will have an opportunity to meet the pastors and ministry staff and learn more about Central.

Central Christian School Employment Opportunity



Central Christian School is looking for a full time Learning Specialist who can service our population of learners in grades JK-4 who

have mild learning challenges. The Learning Specialist will be responsible for helping students be successful within the context of their classrooms as we stress an inclusion model for handling special needs. An education degree with a background in special needs is required. For more detailed information please contact Joshua Crane at 314-596-8179 or jcrane@ccsstl.com.



Modern Music - Ancient Faith - Authentic Community
Next Sunday's Message:

Romans 4:6-8

"The Blessing of Forgiveness"

Dr. Dan Doriani

Sunday Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

West County Family YMCA

16464 Burkhardt Place



Fellowship Hall - 5:00 p.m.

Romans 4:6-8

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Mosaic

The Mosaic Sunday class will not meet during the summer. Please take advantage of the opportunity to connect with the larger church community by attending another Sunday morning class.

On Saturday, August 14, we'll see "Showboat" from the free seats at the Mundy. Watch for more details about this event.

For the most up-to-date news about Mosaic activities, visit our web page: <http://www.centralpres.com/mosaic/>.

Women's Ministries

This Tuesday our devotional will be given by Dianne Becker. There is still a need for more clean sheets for bandages.

Tuesday, August 3, is our last meeting for the Summer White Cross program. Thanks to all who donated sheets and to those who worked to complete many boxes of rolled bandages. After lunch and the devotional that day, please plan to stay for forty-five minutes as we package school supplies for children at Sunshine Ministries and Refuge of Nations. What a blessing to be able to offer these children a fresh start in the new school year! Please note, there will be no childcare available August 3.

Men's Fellowship Lunch

The Men's Fellowship Lunch will be held this Wednesday at noon in the parlor. Come for a great lunch, fellowship and to hear a Christian testimony. This week's speaker is Erv Dunkel. We will not meet during the month of August. Join us again in September.

Kenya Mission Trip Report

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While teaching and ministering in the area was a huge part of this trip, by far the most important aspect was the strengthening of existing relationships and the cultivation of new ones. From children to pastors to local townspeople, there was much bonding with old friends and new friends alike. Thanks to all of you who supported and prayed for this trip! Join us in celebrating what God is doing in Kenya. We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with the Kendagors and Faith Bible College.

Prayers and Praises

Pray for Gene and Shirley Holemon and their family in the tragic loss of their granddaughter, Paige Hicks.

Tina Duke Takes New Role

Last fall, Pat Schoetker, after thirty-five years of loyal service to Central, announced that she would be retiring late this summer. For several months, there has been a search for her replacement. We're excited to announce that Tina Duke has been hired to take Pat's place. For the next few weeks a massive transfer of knowledge will be occurring.

Tina is currently our membership administrator and brings nearly twenty-five years of experience as a Central member and an in-place understanding as to how things operate around here. Tina is married to Jeff and they have three children, Jordan who attends Mizzou, and Kaylie and Nathan at Westminster Christian Academy. All are CCS graduates. Tina was a flight attendant for twenty years, so we hope that experience will help keep our ministries flying. Pray for Pat as she transitions out, Tina as she transitions in and Central that nothing falls through the cracks in the meantime.

Comfort Foundation Pancake Breakfast

Join us for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, August 15, in Fellowship Hall. Pancakes, bacon, hash browns, fruit, orange juice and coffee will be served between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. There is no charge for the meal, but all donations will benefit Comfort Foundation, a registered charity established through the efforts of former Central staff member Sheri Brock. The Russian staff of Comfort Foundation ministers to orphans and underprivileged children in the Vologda Oblast of northern Russia. One of its programs provides life skills training for neglected teens; twenty-one of the original twenty-two members became Christians through this caring ministry.

Learn more about this Central-supported ministry at the breakfast and check out www.comfortfoundation.org. See you August 15!

Family Movie Night



Movie Nights 2010 is coming to an end this Friday, July 30. It's Guys' Movie Night at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your sleeping bags and pillows, along with dad, grandpa, uncles, brothers, cousins, neighbors

and friends, as we eat free pizza and watch *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*. Contact Karen Brown at 314-727-2777 or kbrown@centralpres.com for more information.

*Please park across the street at Central Christian School's garage. There is limited parking around the church and many spaces are limited to one hour.

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 25

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary, Nursery Available
- 9:30 a.m. West County Fellowship - Worship
Nursery Available
- 9:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary,
Nursery Available
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary, Nursery Available
- 5:00 p.m. Trio Worship, Fellowship Hall,
Nursery Available

Monday, July 26

- 9:00 a.m. Youth Mission Monday
- 9:00 a.m. PEEPS, Early Childhood Wing

Tuesday, July 27

- 9:00 a.m. PEEPS, Early Childhood Wing
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Ministries, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 28

- 12:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship Luncheon, Parlor
Speaker, Erv Dunkel
- 7:00 p.m. Middle School and Senior High Youth group

Thursday, July 29

- 7:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast, Library
- 9:00 a.m. PEEPS, Early Childhood Wing
- 1:30 p.m. Thursday Afternoon Prayer, Gathering Place

Friday, July 30

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Library
- 6:00 p.m. Movie Night, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 31

Date Slate

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| Aug 15 | Comfort Foundation Pancake Breakfast |
| Aug 21 | Thrive Walk/Run |
| Aug 22 | Fall Sunday School Start-up |
| Aug 22 | Visitor Lunch |
| Aug 24 | Women's Ministry Reunion |
| Aug 20 | Gospel Transformation begins |
| Aug 27 | Mom's Discussion Groups begin |
| Sep 15 - Nov 10 | Right Start on Wednesdays |
| Sep 27 | Next Chapter begins |
| Nov 12 | Art Festival Kick-Off |

Mission Report



**Nicolas and Alison Farelly
Presbyterian Mission Intl.
Paris, France**

Nicolas and Alison lead the Protestant Cultural Forum, a ministry that seeks to engage culture meaningfully and to show non-Christians that Christianity has a

pertinent message for all areas of life. To these ends, they organize lectures and conferences on different cultural topics, movie discussions and other small group events. In addition, the Forum is involved with Horizons Evangéliques, a magazine Nicolas helped start in 2008. Nicolas also teaches New Testament courses at the Aix-en-Provence Reformed seminary and in a Paris area Bible institute. He is frequently called upon to preach in churches around France. The Deborah Circle provides additional support through prayer and monetary gifts.

The Farellys have three children: William, Elliot and Aimée. Their praises and prayer requests:

- Praise God for his faithfulness and care at a time in our lives when responsibilities of ministry are overwhelming and tiredness and stress are so present.
- Pray for the movie group held in our home with new acquaintances and friends. Pray the Lord will open hearts and minds for a better understanding of our culture, and to reflect on the pertinence of the gospel in our lives.
- Pray that this new group would be at ease with each other, that the people will speak their minds, be respectful of other points of view, and that we are all drawn closer to God in the process.
- Pray that the Horizons Évangélique magazine will continue to be successful. Pray for wisdom for us, and pray that this magazine will continue to be used by God to proclaim the truth of the gospel in France and in the French-speaking world.
- Pray for the many projects planned for the Forum in the upcoming year (retreats, lectures, movie nights).
- Pray for our busy family summer schedule, for Alison and the boys at camp and Nicolas and his little girl at home.
- Please pray that we will continually grow to reflect the beauty of our Lord.
- Thank you for your prayers and support of our ministry in a most difficult culture.

Serving at Central

Looking for ways to use your God-given gifts and talents to serve and connect with others at Central?

Greeters: Has God gifted you with an outgoing personality, gifts of encouragement and a friendly smile? Consider using these gifts to serve as a greeter at Sunday services. All you need is a little extra time before and/or after the services and a bit of knowledge regarding Central's layout. For more information, contact Lore Crowe at 636- 391-0820 or lorecrowe@att.net.

Ushers meet the needs of both members and nonmembers during worship services. Their responsibilities include distributing bulletins before the morning services, directing people who need assistance and welcoming new people as they enter the sanctuary. Contact Jamie Estes at 314-374-1164 or estesj@stifel.com.

New Visitor Luncheons: Our next luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, August 22, after the 11:15 a.m. service in Fellowship Hall. The luncheons give newcomers an opportunity to enjoy a meal and ask questions of the pastors and ministry staff. If you would like to be a part of the team that engages in conversation with those God may be drawing to Central, contact Kate O'Connor at 314-727-2777, ext. 178 or koconnor@centralpres.com.

Additional opportunities can be found at <http://www.centralpres.com/serve/cpc-volunteer-service-opportunities/>.

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