

NEW MEMBER HANDBOOK

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WELCOME...

Congratulations and welcome to the Central Union Missionary Baptist Church. You have either just accepted Christ as your personal Savior or united with this local church after having previously accepted Christ. Either way you have made one of the most important decisions of your life.

Central Union has been an integral part of the Fort Valley community for over 130 years. I have the honor and privilege of being the 13th Pastor of this historic church. I am humbled and thankful that God has allowed me the opportunity to serve as under shepherd at this critical juncture. Since 2001 God has been instrumental in transitioning this very traditional church into a vibrant growing church with the ability to meet the needs of this present age without compromising the rich and effective history she has built in the community and throughout the state.

As a new member of the “Union” you have all the rights and privileges as someone that has been here for many years. It is our prayer that you will become actively involved in every area of the life and ministries of your new church.

This New Member Handbook is designed to assist you in understanding who we are and how we function as a local congregation. You will be encouraged to attend our New Member classes which will serve to more clearly inform you about what it means to be a member of the body of Christ and the Central Union church family.

We believe you’ll find the Union to be a church that’s *“small enough to care – and large enough to share.”*

Once again, welcome and may God richly bless you as a result of your membership here.

K. Daniel Dawsey,

Pastor/Teacher

“A loving heart sees the need ... and does what needs to be done.”

PERSONAL STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Romans 10:8-10 *But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

I believe that Jesus is the Son of God according to the Scriptures. Moreover, I believe that he came to earth in the flesh, and paid the penalty for my sins by dying on the cross. I believe that though a sinner, if I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead, I will be saved. Therefore, I am now trusting Christ as my personal Savior. I believe He wants to use my life because He has saved my soul. I do now yield myself fully to Him, and will follow Him faithfully as long as I live.

(signed

(date)

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHURCH MEMBER

Just what is this organization called the Church which you have joined? It is a New Testament church. It is “an organized body of baptized believers equal in rank and privileges, administering its affairs under the headship of Christ, united in the belief of what He has taught, covenanting together to do what He has commanded, and co-operating with other like bodies in Kingdom service.

The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is the greatest institution that the world has ever known. Christ established it during His personal ministry on earth, and is its Head (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18). He promised that He would be with it throughout the ages and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it (Matt. 16:18; 28:20). He gave the Great Commission and the ordinances, and for it He went to the cross (Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Eph. 5:20). He loves the church and has left us as His representatives on earth to honor and glorify him (Eph. 3:21; 5:25-27).

The Lord’s churches have the greatest task ever assigned to any individual or group in the history of the world – that of carrying (evangelism) the glorious Gospel of Christ the Savior to every nation and tongue. Membership also brings us great opportunities, including fellowship, discipleship, worship and stewardship which along with evangelism entail the five purposes of the New Testament church.

YOU AND YOUR CHURCH

What Your Church Can Do For You:

- A. It can help you in your worship life. (John 4:23-24; Heb. 10:25)
- B. It can teach you the Word of God. (Ps. 119:130; 2 Tim. 2:15)
- C. It can train you in church membership. (I. Cor. 1:4-8; 2 Tim. 2:15)
- D. It can enlarge your missionary vision. (John 4:35; 1 Tim. 2:1-4)
- E. It can assign you definite tasks to perform. (Romans 12:4-8)

What You Can Do Through Your Church:

- A. You can cooperate with other churches in work and fellowship. (I Cor. 3:9; Eph. 2:19-22)
- B. You can give that God's work may grow. (I Cor. 3:9; 1 Tim. 6:17-19)
- C. You can serve God through your church. (Hebrews 10:25)

Our Vision Statement

“From Vision to Victory”

Our Vision Explained

We believe that the New Testament Church must represent the *light* of Christ (*Vision*) to a dark world and prepare her members to lead Victorious Christian Lives (*Victory*) through Christ Jesus.

We further believe it to be our Christian duty to be a church where every born again believer is being equipped for ministry while working in unity with one another; a church where the least, the last, and the lost can find hope, help, guidance, acceptance and love.

Our Mission Statement

To *seek* and *save* the lost, to *support* and *shape* the membership and community, to *serve* this present age.

Our Mission Explained

Our mission is to **seek** those that have not accepted Christ as their personal Savior; to present them with the plan of salvation, thereby affording them the opportunity to be **saved** from eternal death; *nurturing* them in the Word; providing **support** to the membership of the church and community; and **shaping** their maturity through spiritual discipleship; thus preparing them for worship and Christian **service**.

WHAT WE BELIEVE...

“We believe that the New Testament Church must represent the *light* of world (Vision) to a dark world and lead those who accept *Him* from Vision – to – Victory (Victorious Christian Living).”

We Believe...

- ❖ We believe the Bible is the divinely inspired and authoritative Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
- ❖ We believe in one God, Creator, and Sustainer of the Universe, who eternally exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ❖ We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, who being fully God became fully man, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on a cross, was raised bodily, is exalted to God's right hand, and will personally come again.
- ❖ We believe that all have sinned and are guilty before God; and as a result, all, both individually and corporately, suffer the consequences of the Fall and are under condemnation.
- ❖ We believe that because of His love, God sent His Son Jesus Christ, who inaugurated His kingdom, provided atonement for sin, conquered the principalities and powers, is reconciling the world to Himself, and will consummate His kingdom in righteousness, power, and glory.
- ❖ We believe that those who repent and believe in Christ are delivered from God's judgment and are born again into life eternal, and are called to be instruments of God's righteousness and reconciliation in human society.
- ❖ We believe in the Holy Spirit who glorified Jesus Christ, works in all people to bring them to faith and obedience, and dwells in believers equipping and empowering them for lives of holiness and fruitful service.
- ❖ We believe that the church, the body of Christ, consists of all believers and exists to fulfill Christ's mission, making disciples of all nations and bringing healing and justice to human society, all to the glory of God.
- ❖ We believe in the resurrection of the body, the everlasting punishment of unbelievers, and the everlasting blessedness of believers in the presence of Christ.

THE COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort, to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from any evil whereby our brother stumbles, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that, when we leave from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

And now unto him, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, be power and glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL BASIS OF THE COVENANT

The obligations of church membership outlined in the covenant are all scriptural:

I. Salvation and Baptism (John 1:11-12; Matthew 28:19-20)

II. Duties to the Church

1. To walk together in Christian love. (John 13:34-35)
2. To strive for the advancement of the church and promote its prosperity and spirituality. (Phil. 1:27; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Peter 3:11)
3. To sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrine. (Heb. 10:25; Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Jude 3)
4. To give it pre-eminence in my life. (Matt. 6:33)
5. To contribute cheerfully and regularly. (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:6-7)
6. To carry my membership when I move and be active in church work wherever I live. (Acts 11:19-21, 18:24-28)

III. Duties in Personal Christian Living:

1. To maintain family and secret devotions. (1 Thess. 5:17-18; Acts 17:11)
2. To religiously educate the children. (2 Tim. 3:15; Duet. 6:4-7)
3. To seek the salvation of the lost. (Acts 1:8; Matt. 4:19; Ps. 126:5-6; Prov. 11:30)
4. To walk circumspectly in the world, and to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment. (Eph. 5:15; Phil. 2:14-15)
5. To avoid gossip and excessive anger. (Eph. 4:31; 1 Peter 2:21-23; Col. 3:8; James 3:1-6)
6. To be zealous in our efforts for Christ. (Titus 2:14)

IV. Duties to Fellow Members:

1. To watch over one another in love. (1 Peter 1:2)
2. To pray for one another. (James 5:16)
3. To aid in sickness and distress. (Gal. 6:2; James 2:14 -17)
4. To cultivate sympathy and courtesy. (1 Peter 3:8)
5. To be slow to take offense, always ready for reconciliation. (Eph. 4:30-32)

Church Ordinances

BAPTISM

WHY DO WE BAPTIZE?

We baptize because Christ commanded us to do so (Matt. 3:15; Matt. 28:19). In His baptism Jesus identified himself with sinners although he was perfectly sinless. Therefore, his baptism was for our benefit and if He being sinless was baptized, surely we too should be baptized.

It is our outward expression of what has taken place on the inside (naturally, spiritually, and supernaturally – “born again”.) It is a part of our public profession of faith in Him.

HOW DO WE BAPTIZE?

We at Central Union Missionary Baptist Church understand the scriptures to teach baptism by immersion. Immersion means to plunge unto; to dip under (Matthew 3:13-16; Mark 1:9,10). We also see this as being the method of the New Testament church (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-10).

WHAT DOES BAPTISM DO FOR US?

The Bible defines baptism in two respects. One is called Spirit baptism – The act of the Holy Spirit where he makes us a part of the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13). Every believer experiences this baptism. It takes place the very moment we believe and receive Jesus Christ as Savior (Ephesians 4:5; Colossians 2:12; I Peter 3:21; Mark 1:4-8). Water baptism on the other hand is seen as being mainly symbolic; we believe that only those who have received the Lord Jesus as Savior should be baptized (Acts 2:38-41; Acts 8:36-39).

We believe that water baptism identifies us with Christ’s crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection (coming up out of the water) (Romans 6:6-7).

We believe that in baptism we declare ourselves dead to the old life of the flesh (sin) and alive in the Spirit (Romans 6:3-5).

We believe that in baptism we declare new power to live the Christian life by virtue of Christ’s resurrection – (coming up out of the water) (Romans 6:6-7).

We believe that every Christian should be baptized in obedience to the command of Christ, and therefore, only baptized believers should partake of the Communion Service (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38-41; Acts 9:18, Acts 8:12, Acts 16:16,33).

COMMUNION

What we refer to as the Communion is based upon the Lord's Supper in Scripture. The Lord's Supper took place on the night before Jesus died. The breaking of the bread symbolizes the body of Jesus Christ and the drink is symbolic of the blood that was shed for our sins. As we partake of the Lord's Supper, we purpose to remember Christ, receive strength from Him and rededicate ourselves to His cause. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He comes" (I Cor. 11:26).

Communion is also called by several other names. Some of which include:

- A. The Last Supper
- B. The Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:20)
- C. The Eucharist (spiritual communion with God).
- D. The Communion (1 Corinthians 10:16)
- E. The Breaking of Bread (Acts 2:42, 46; 20:7)
- F. The Lord's Table (1 Corinthians 10:21).
- G. The Cup of Blessing (1 Corinthians 10:16)

HOW SHOULD WE APPROACH THE COMMUNION TABLE?

1. In remembrance of Christ's death on the cross for "me" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).
2. With a repentant and thankful heart (1 Corinthians 10:21).
3. In a spirit of fellowship and love (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).
4. In Holy Fear (Matthew 26:24; 1 Corinthians 11:27-32).
5. In self examination (1 Corinthians 11:28).
6. Looking for His return (1 Corinthians 11:26).

God's Plan of Church Finance

God gives only one plan of church finance in the Bible, and that is tithes and offerings from His people. The tithe is understood to be a tenth of ones income. This tenth or ten percent is to be used to finance the Lord's work through the local church.

Places in the New Testament where church finance is taught are Matt. 23:23; 1 Cor. 9:13-14; 1 Cor. 16:2; Heb. 7:8. These passages show clearly that God's plan for church finance is for His people to bring His tithes to His house for His work.

As Baptist, we believe in God's plans in everything, therefore we believe that every member of a Baptist church should be a tither, bringing a tenth of his income to the Lord. If we love Him, we will keep His commandments.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CENTRAL UNION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

During the year 1878, a small band of baptized believers in Christ desiring a place of worship, assembled under a bush harbor and organized what is now known as the Central Union Missionary Baptist Church. The record shows that the following persons made up the band of founders: Reverends Henry Felder, and George Jackson, Deacons Wilson Wood, Bob Robinson, and Major Felder. Immediately after organizing plans were made to build and consecrate a place of divine worship. They built a three room wooden edifice on the northern end on Pine Street not far from the railroad tracts. The structure housed the sanctuary, pastor's study, and a small multi-purpose room.

The first pastor was Reverend Ben Benjamin. Many members were added to the church. Following his administration, Reverend N. W. Warren was called as the second pastor.

The Reverend L. W. Boyd succeeded Reverend Warren and was pastor for 13 years. The growing church reached a higher peak under his leadership

In 1921, Reverend G. J. Lane was called as pastor of Central Union and served until 1936 a period of 14 years. Continued growth and progress was made.

After Reverend Lane resigned in 1936, Reverend C. L. Wilder of Atlanta, Georgia came as pastor on June 12, 1936 and served for a period of 3 years. There was a great increase in membership and many of the auxiliaries and choirs of the church were revived and reorganized.

The church was without a pastor from July, 1939 to March, 1940. However, services were successfully carried on by Reverend Batts.

A call was extended to Reverend D. N. Conner of Hawkinsville, Georgia, who served as a progressive pastor for 8 years. Additional auxiliaries were organized and the church became affiliated with both state and National Baptist organizations.

In July 1948 Reverend A. J. Shaw, our longest tenured pastor, was called. He was a man of vision, a gospel preacher, one with strong determination and a willingness to serve the people. The church greatly progressed under his leadership. Many members were added to the church, and a Youth Church Department was organized.

In April 1959, the greatest task in the history of the church at that time began - the building of the New Central Union Baptist Church. On March 27, 1960, this new structure was dedicated.

Reverend Shaw resigned on Sunday, October 28, 1979 and on Sunday, January 18, 1981; Reverend Harold Rawls the tenth pastor of this church was called and served until his death on October 31, 1982. Under his pastorate the membership continued to grow. The Board of

Christian Education became an essential part of the church's program. Reverend Rawl's last charge to the revived Prayer Band was to never stop praying and to keep prayer meetings alive. He then sang, "I'm a soldier in the Army of the Lord".

Almost one year later, Reverend Jimmy L. Williams was called as pastor. Many new programs were started: a church historian was delegated, the Youth Department was organized, the first church manual and newsletter were published, the first sanctuary organ and grand piano were purchased, and the following ministries were founded: the Seekers, the Total Person, the Food and Clothing Bank, Political Action, the Clerical Pool, the Nurses' Guild, the Christian Singles, the Tutorial Program, and the Bulletin Display. Also, a church parsonage was purchased on State College Drive.

On Saturday morning, August 15, 1987, a ground-breaking ceremony for a spacious fellowship hall was held. Excavation began soon afterwards for additional Sunday School rooms, bathrooms, and a larger kitchen.

Reverend Williams resigned on Sunday, June 25, 1995. The church was without a pastor until May 1996. Reverend E. S. Evans served as interim pastor during this period.

Reverend William J. Perkins of Stone Mountain, Georgia was installed as our 12th pastor on September 15, 1996. During Pastor Perkins administration the church continued to grow. The lot adjacent to the church was purchased for additional parking space, and a church budget was established. Improvements to the physical property continued with the paving of the church's parking lot and a new marquee was erected.

From November 1999 to June 2001, Central Union was without a pastor. During this period, with Rev. Motea Jackson serving as interim pastor, the church continued to progress spiritually and physically.

On April 15, 2001, a call was extended to Dr. K. Daniel Dawsey. He accepted the call to Central Union and began his service the first Sunday in June 2001. He was installed as the 13th pastor of Central Union on September 22, 2001. Pastor Dawsey's vision for the church is that we would be a church where the least, the last, and the lost can find hope, help, guidance, acceptance and love; and where every born again believer is being equipped for ministry while working in unity, loving one another and living Victorious Christian lives.

Under Pastor Dawsey's leadership the church continues to progress spiritually and physically. The renovation of the sanctuary was completed with new pews, carpeting and lights. The renovation of the kitchen was also completed with modern appliances. Seventy-two acres of land was purchased on Highway 96 West for the future location of Central Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Our first television ministry was initiated in July 2004 when the Vision to Victory broadcast began airing on Valley Cable, channel 7 with Brother James Tarrant serving as the editor/engineer.

The first web page was also started in 2005 thanks to Sister Kristina Brinson. In March of 2005, Bible Study for Youth and Children was revived with Rev. Ryan Wells serving as Youth Minister.

During Pastor Dawsey's tenure over two hundred fifty new members have been added and the annual giving has increased significantly. With his courageous and tireless approach we look forward to moving to the new church campus on Highway 96 West in the very near future.

August 2008 also brought a historic moment for Central Union as under Pastor Dawsey's tireless leadership we opened our first ever daycare center. Loving Heart Learning Center and Academy serves children from six weeks to twelve years old.

Note: Down through the years many faithful men and women of God have been instrumental in the successful ministries of Central Union. They have served as ministers, Deacons, Deaconesses, choir members, ushers, Sunday School teachers, and in so many other capacities. For a full history of the church please contact the church office.

Your Pastor and You

In the first chapter of the Gospel of John, three things are said about John the Baptist. “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light” (John 1:6-8).

From this passage of Scripture we learn the following things about John the Baptist:

1. He was a man.
2. He was a man sent from God.
3. He was a man sent from God to bear witness of the Light.

These same things can also be said of all pastors who are genuine in their calling. They are men – they have **human limitations**. They are men sent from God – they have **divine authorization**. They are men sent from God to bear witness of the Light – they have a **heavenly commission**. The Pastor’s primary work is to present the Lord Jesus Christ, the Living Word. If true to his mission, he preaches Christ. Because, like John the Baptist, he has a charge to “**bear witness of the Light.**” If you will keep these things in mind, you are on your way to gaining a valuable understanding of the proper relationship of pastor and congregation.

He is a man sent from God on a special mission – his primary duty is to preach Christ, the Light of the world (verse 7).

THE CONGREGATIONS RESPONSIBILITY

1. As a man, he needs your prayers.
2. As a man sent from God, he deserves your respect.
3. As a man sent from God to bear witness of the Light, he needs and deserves your help.

Pastor Dawsey's Biographical Sketch

K. Daniel Dawsey is the anointed pastor of the Central Union Baptist Church of Fort Valley, Georgia. He has been preaching the Gospel for 20 years and has been Pastor of Central Union since 2001. Prior to his arrival at the Union he was Pastor of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church in Valdosta for twelve years. He recently retired from Robins Air Force Base after a career in local, state and federal government spanning 32 years.

Pastor Dawsey is a powerful preacher of the Gospel and a dynamic teacher. Those who know him report that his ability to teach and preach with clarity and purpose is what sets his ministry apart. He has been the recipient of many awards through the years, having always been community minded and having served on several community based committees and Boards of Directors.

Since arriving at Central Union the church has experienced significant growth. Under Pastor Dawseys' spiritual guidance God has lead a resurgence and transformation of our church into a vibrant growing church with the ability to meet the needs of this present age without compromising the rich and effective history she has built in the community and throughout the state.

Pastor Dawsey holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the Fort Valley State College (University), studied Finance and Banking at the University of Florida graduate school and received his Certified Community Development credentials from the University of Georgia, Vinson School of Business. He also earned Master of Ministry and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Bethany Theological Seminary.

Pastor Dawsey and his wife Elaine have four children and nine grandchildren. His favorite scripture is "Study to show thou self approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

CUMBC MINISTRIES...

I. Worship:/SUPPORT

- Pastoral Care
- Deacons
- Deaconess
- Ushers
- Children's Church
- Nursery
- Music (Adult, Men, Youth)
- Ministry Development
- Committee on Committee

II. Christian Education/SHAPE

- Christian Education
- Sunday School
- Christian Academy
- Vacation Bible School
- Historical/Archival

III. Fellowship/SERVE

- Hospitality
- Athletics
- Youth (YMA, YWA, Children)

IV. Outreach/SEEK and SAVE

- Evangelism
- Care Team
- Nurse's Guild
- Brotherhood/Laymen
- Ruth Club
- Mission
- Campus
- CU Connector
- Media/Webpage
- Loving Heart Learning Center & Academy

CUMBC BENEVOLENCE POLICY

The Church has a Biblical responsibility to act in a benevolent manner. Webster defines benevolence as: The desire to promote the happiness of others. Goodwill; kindly feeling. Act of kindness; something good that is done; generous gift.

The Biblical mandate for benevolence can be found throughout the New Testament. The CUMBC Benevolence Ministry is based upon the Biblical precepts taught in the following Scriptures.

“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: ³⁶ Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me” (Matthew 25:34-36).

“And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration” (Acts 6:1).

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction” ... (James 1:27).

“If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?” (James 2:15-16).

“Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:” (James 5:14).

Note: The above Scriptures indicate a responsibility to provide assistance for food, clothing, shelter and healthcare needs. The CUMBC Benevolence Ministry will seek to meet needs in those areas.

Flowers and cards are considered acts of benevolence in the case of extended hospitalization or death. When flowers and cards are to be provided the names, address, telephone number and any other pertinent information shall be given to the Benevolence Committee which shall be responsible for ordering and sending flowers/cards as appropriate.

ALL ACTS OF BENEVOLENCE SHALL BE PAID FROM THE CHURCH BENEVOLENCE BUDGET (Not from individual Ministry budgets). Please contact the church office to receive an application for assistance and for additional information.

Meet the Staff

There are two Biblical offices in the New Testament Church. They are pastor and deacons. The pastor is the chief officer. He is a man called by God to preach the gospel, ordained to the work of the ministry, and called by a local church to serve as its leader. He must be a man of the highest character (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9). The office of deacon is usually traced back to the first church at Jerusalem. The deacons were chosen to be servants of the church then and should be servants today as well (Acts 6:3-7; 1Tim. 3:8-13).

As a member of a Baptist church your first line of communication when you need assistance from the church should be your Deacon. Central Union customarily assigns ALL new members to a deacon. If you have not been assigned a deacon or if your deacon has not made contact with you since you joined the church you should contact him at your earliest convenience. If you don't know who your deacon is please contact the Deacon Ministry Chairman for assistance.

CUMBC OFFICERS and STAFF (August 2008)

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Youth Ministry

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Children's Church

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Worship Schedules

Sunday Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Children's Church	11:00 a.m. (except 2 nd Sunday)
Bible Study	12 Noon and 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday
Youth Bible Study & Activities	7:00 p.m. each Wednesday

Baptism & Communion	Every 1 st Sunday
Youth Sunday	Every 2 nd Sunday
College Sunday	Every 3 rd Sunday
Great Commission Day	Every 5 th Sunday

Regularly Scheduled Church Meetings & Calendar Events

Deacon's Meeting	Thursday before 1 st Sunday	7:00 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting	Thursday before 1 st Sunday	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday Evenings (except 2 nd Tues.)	7:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday before 2 nd Sunday	6:00 p.m.
Mission Meeting	Monday following 1 st Sunday	6:00 p.m.
Youth Mime & Dance Rehearsal	1 st & 3 rd Saturdays	10:00 a.m.
Adult & College Dance Rehearsal	Every Monday	6:00 p.m.
Christian Ed Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
College Ministry Meeting	2 nd Sunday (immediately following service)	