Let’s Call It What It Is!
(Dalton Key)
from Central’s Bulletin, Clearwater, Florida, USA

The past several years have produced an uneasy, unfounded shift in brotherhood terminology. Much has been written in various journals and papers, and even more has been said in countless lectures and sermons concerning “our movement” and “our fellowship,” with less and less being said about the Lord’s church.

Not so long ago, preachers of the gospel proudly proclaimed the beauty and singularity of the Lord’s church. But times have changed, as has the language and conviction of many current preachers, editors and church leaders. It appears that now, at least in the minds of what appears to be an ever-growing segment among us, loyalty to the Lord and His blood-bought church is being blindly bartered for affiliation with either an historical, humanly-devised movement, or some undefined, nebulous, and vaguely-bounded fellowship.

It is true that we, as God’s people living now in the twenty-first century, owe much to the honest and truth-seeking leaders of what has been commonly coined, “The American Restoration Movement.” Good and courageous men such as Alexander Campbell, Barton Stone, James O’Kelly – along with countless others of like faith and fortitude – performed a tremendous service to the world by leading men and women back to the Bible. But our roots run deeper than the American Restoration. As the church built by Jesus Christ, our history traces all the way back to the first Pentecost Day following the Lord’s resurrection, that wonderful day of beginnings described in the second chapter of the book of Acts.

We are not members of a denomination founded by Alexander Campbell. Campbell never intended such. He rather sought to point men back, beyond himself, to the risen Savior. He urged men to unite in the one, non-denominational, New Testament church.

I am thankful for “our movement.” I appreciate the blessing and warmth of “our fellowship.” But my allegiance, loyalty, my very life, belong to the Lord and His church. Furthermore, I intend to continue calling the Lord’s church, the church of Christ, what it is ---- THE CHURCH
**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**TODAY:**
09:00 – 09:15 PUPPETS in the fellowship hall.

TEA tonight after Worship.
All ladies of the church to please bring the usual plates of eats.
Ladies on duty: Sandra, Celest, Colleen, Lee-Ann W and Gill B.

SINGING EVENING: Tuesday, 7th Oct – At Gaby and Adriaan Le Roux home.

Wednesday, 8th Oct
LADIES BIBLE CLASS 10.00am - Lesson by Marria. Tea hosted by Gaby and Dot.
19:00 – MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY CLASS:
- Adult Class. Bill Elliott teaching the book of John in the Auditorium.
- New Testament Church Class by Chris du Preez in the ECBC Class. Please bring your workbooks.
- “Girl Talk” Class for young ladies in the Youth Class taught by Gill Brandstetter.
- Children’s Bible classes by Kirsten (10-12 yr olds) and Brigitte (6-9yr olds).

Friday, 10th Oct, 19:30 – YOUNG ADULTS GAMES EVENING HOSTED BY QUINTIN. Please speak to Quintin for more details re-directions etc.

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**On the Lighter Side:**
One congregation has four worship services on Sunday: one for new members, one for traditional worshippers, one for those who have lost faith; and one for those who have had bad experiences with the church. They call them, Finders, Keepers, Losers, Weepers.

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**BENEVOLENCE**
A friendly reminder to members of the congregation who contribute towards benevolence to please bring the items for the upcoming month-end parcels by the 1st week of the next month. Please see Joy or Gaby in this regard.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**
Please consider the following in your prayers;
Health: Ray Schult, Ray Voogt, Alfrieda van Eeden, Bill Elliott.
Encouragement: Bill Elliott’s family back in the USA.
Travel and Thanksgiving Prayers: All the saints who have arrived and are still travelling back from lectureships in Benoni and those travelling during the school break.

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**BIRTHDAYS**
Siphosetu Sikwana | Today
Petro Le Roux | 6 Oct
Leonora Drayton & Happy Khoza | 7 Oct
Happy Birthday! Enjoy your day!

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**ANNIVERSARIES**
Ray & Muriel Schult | 9 Oct
Cori & Les A’dlard | 9 Oct
Congratulations!!!!

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**KOMBI ARRANGEMENTS**
October Kombi Driver – Justin le Roux (cell: 072 277 3069). Please contact him directly if you need a lift and if, for any reason, you do not need to be picked up.

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**RECIPES BOOKS**
These are for sale from Erika Roberts at R25.00 each.

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**VISITORS**
All visitors are special to God and to us - we thank you for being here today. We offer private Bible classes at your convenience and invite you to avail yourself for this opportunity.

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**BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS**
All news items for the bulletin may be sent to Pam Share (cell: 083 746 6158 or e-mail: rodpam@telkomsa.net)

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