



# Central - Lights



Trying To Keep Up With The Central Church Family

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## About People You Know

**B**ill Pennington was at his place in church Sunday (a very important place, more than most members know) after having angioplasty and two stints inserted in his heart. He is feeling good, and has gone back to work.

Chris Bethany has had breathing difficulty for several years. She was at worship Sunday, but Sunday night her breathing became so frighteningly difficult that she went to the emergency room. "They know what to do for me," she said, and she is much improved.

Sarah Jane Smith was not present Sunday because Georges is quite ill.

Gertrude Gray was able to attend the CWF Ruth Group meeting this week, the first time she has been able to be at church this year.

Mark Rutledge has had a bad time fighting all of the symptoms of the crud, missing church and work.. "But for the angel qualities of Carol Scarberry, I have been kept alive with food and fresh bread," Mark said in his usual humorous tone, making me know that he is getting better.

Becky Neel was featured on WMCTV "My Turn - Your Turn" on Sunday talking about her outrage at MLG&W for letting dead beats get by without paying their utility bills.

**This leads me to say that Central's utility bill this month**

## A LETTER FROM GARRY WRIGHT

*Garry Wright was the leader of our seven-week Bible Study of the Sermon on the Mount at our Central Family Dinner. The letter was accompanied with a very generous gift.*

**D**ear Central Friends: I want to personally thank all of you again for giving me the opportunity to lead one of the study efforts for Rise, Shine! Central. My own understanding of the Sermon on the mount, and particularly, its message to church families, was certainly enhanced.

It was a joy to be among such genuine, friendly people, people who have a deep love of Christ and His church. Your warm reception of my wife and me made us so comfortable; your attention and participation were intensely gratifying.

Having been part of a small congregation in the Pittsburgh area (25 was a very good Sunday), I have an understanding of the joys and frustrations of a small fellowship. As with my situation, it seems the joys are winning at Central. The community needs your gifts and needs to feel your joy.

I very much appreciate the card and the check. The card I will cherish -- the check I must return. You can put it to better use in your ministry. I've also enclosed a little something extra I hope you can use as well. Your smiles, fellowship, and good food were more than adequate compensation for my efforts.

My prayers are with you as you continue your family journey -- as you discover how best to be salt and light for today and for your tomorrows.

Garry Wright

**is \$4,015.13, compared to last year's \$2,490.51. I suppose it is too bad that we were not able to be on the list of dead beats. I don't think it was because of faulty meters or inept meter-readers, like the mayor says. I am convinced that the bills this**

**year are higher because we had such a severe, cold month. It would be worse if it were not for George Goodnight trying to make us conserve.**

**Perhaps some of our cherished "occasional givers" will come through to help us**

**pay t his \$4,015.13.**