

## GIFTS AND TALENTS

*He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.*

We all have a gift or talent to be used in the building up of the body of Christ here at Central Baptist Church. Linette is working on developing a questionnaire to find out what gifts and talents each of us have: A list that will help us in utilizing your gift or talent for our church, our community and for Christ. She will be asking you to share with us your thoughts on how you might be willing to serve using your gifts.

Our church has the gifts and talents that are required to fulfill the mission we have here at Central Baptist. We have people here and new ones will come to increase the talent pool. Our first responsibility is to make sure that we are not only equipping those that worship here but that we are also reaching out to the lost. In doing this we fulfill our primary mission.

Your gift or talent could be as small as picking up bulletins after Sunday service or as large as helping with the children's church program, singing in the choir to directing vacation bible school. It could be a friendly smile welcoming new people into the church or visiting the sick. The list could go on and on and only you know where you fall into ways in which to serve the church and God.

We had at Atchison every Wednesday night a program for all kids up to senior high. Many of those that came could only come if they had transportation. With laws it was necessary to have two people in the van at all times. After teaching for two hours the teachers were in a hurry to get home. Enter in a lady who came every Wednesday night to ride with the kids home, helping us to fulfill legal

requirements. That is the only thing she did for the church but faithfully every Wednesday you could count on her. She was able to serve the church in this way. She was a blessing to others and to God.

Your gift and talent, no matter how small you think it is, is needed for this church to accomplish the mission we have been given. Think about it, pray about it and act upon it.

Pastor Steve