



Central Baptist Quilt Exhibit

There are Amish quilt patterns and applique patterns. Double Wedding Ring patterns and Baby quilt patterns. Holiday patterns and Hawaiian patterns. Irish Chain patterns and Double Irish Chain patterns and even Triple Irish Chain patterns. Log Cabin and Lone Star patterns. Pinwheel and Primitive patterns. Miniature patterns and Redwork patterns. Rail Fence patterns and Tumbling Block patterns. There are patterns that make statements or carry coded messages, like the Underground Railroad quilts. During the Civil War, a Log Cabin quilt pattern with black center squares hung on a clothesline signaled a safe house on the Underground Railroad where those escaping slavery could hide and rest on their journey by foot, over land, across mountains, and through rivers on their way to freedom.

With a quilt, a quilter or a quilter-community finds a voice and becomes a "psalmist." As has been said, "When you can't merely say it, when words fail, you sing it, dance it, ...quilt it." A quilt tells a story. There is always a story.

Quilters are artists. In writing about quilts and quilting memories, Margaret Aldrich says, "From scraps of cloth, a needle, and thimble, and hours upon hours of painstaking precision and care, countless patchwork quilts have been born from the

imaginations" of generations of quilters.

There is something essentially mystical and spiritual about a quilt. It dares to fathom deep things and to reveal meaning and purpose. It comes from remnants and reflects the holy with sacred threads. There's something sacramental about a quilt. It is a visible sign and symbol of the invisible God, the Master Quilter, whose love and grace stitch and bind all things together.

So, the Worship Committee invites you to help create a Central Baptist Church Quilt Exhibit. Many of us, perhaps most of us, have quilts that may be your own handiwork or passed on to you by ancestors as a family heirloom. We would like to display your quilts throughout the church building during the month of October. And with your quilt, please handwrite or type the story of your quilt. The story will accompany the quilt in the exhibit. Contact Aaron (aaron@lexcentral.com) if you're interested in submitting a quilt for our exhibit so we can make sure your quilt is properly cared for. We will begin displaying quilts in October.

*O Quilter-Woman God, piece and stitch us together
in the loving pattern of Jesus with sacred threads of your Spirit.*