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PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart

I have never been more excited at the prospect of increase and expansion than I am right now. With each new church year that approaches, there is a time to look ahead and to be praying and planning for God to show up in and through the ministries of the church. This year, I am filled with excited anticipation.

As I began updating my "groups" in my Gmail contacts by placing all the nominated and elected ministry servants of Central Baptist in their corresponding ministry, I began thanking God for you all. First, I thanked God for the diligent prayerfulness surrendered by the Nominating Committee in view of this next ministry year. It was hard work. They spent much time. They had some tough decisions to make. They knew they would not make everyone happy with where they knew God was leading. But they were more concerned with pleasing God than pleasing man. In the end, they did their work prayerfully, thoroughly and joyfully.

And the results are committees filled with servants who are willing to work with pastors, staff and members in order to envision and pursue better days ahead. We all honor the past. But we don't live there anymore. We live and serve today in order to enable the best future possible for ourselves, our kids and our grandkids. I will not sacrifice the future on preferences of the past.

So, as servants of the kingdom, ministers in committees and on assignment, what is God calling us to? I want you to walk together with me as we gauge and refine a whole church vision this year going forward. I'm going to call us to a Solemn Assembly to pray and seek God so we might corporately hear from on high what He is planning for us to pursue. We need a fresh vision, a fresh glimpse of God, to illuminate and refresh our steps ahead.

For everyone who was nominated and accepted the call to serve, I pray you begin to catch God's vision with me for Central. I believe God has placed you where you are for His glory to show through you. I am excited at what I see God is about to do. And I am excited He will be using you.

In Christ,

Pastor Leroy

Prepared or Unprepared?

I will never forget seventh grade English class. My English teacher at Ruckel Jr. High School was Ms. Green. I remember three things about Ms. Green: she loved wearing bright red lipstick, she was a very hard teacher, and the way she took roll every morning. When she called the roll, you didn't respond with the usual grunt or even by saying "here"; she demanded that you respond in one of two ways: the only responses were to be "prepared" or "unprepared". In order to be prepared for class you must be in your proper place with your homework completed, have your text books, paper and two sharpened no. 2 pencils with you at your desk. If any of these conditions were not met, when your name was called you responded "unprepared".

In 2 Peter: 3, Peter reminds his readers that Jesus is coming again and we are to be prepared. If Jesus was to return today would you be prepared? You may ask, "What can I do to prepare for Christ's return?" Well the first step is to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of your life. You have responded with trust in the finished work of salvation accomplished by Jesus Christ when he died upon the cross. This is indeed the first step of preparation. However, Peter is counseling Christian believers when he asks, "What kind of people ought you be?" He is asking those who have already trusted in Christ as Savior and Lord how they should live. He responds, "You ought to live holy and godly lives."

There are four ways you can live a life prepared for Christ's return. First, live a life that glorifies God in your **worship**. Is worship a priority in your life? I hope you realize that worship is far more than music. It is more than one hour on Sunday. It is a lifestyle. However, the body of Christ is meant to gather together and worship corporately. I remember early one Sunday morning in a previous church there was a knock at my door. One of the church members was at the door. She had a large arrangement of flowers in her hand. She explained that she had signed up for flowers that week and asked if I could place them in the worship center for her. Of course, I told her that I would. Then she thanked me and said, "I have a thousand things to do this morning." As I closed the door I was saddened to think that worshipping corporately with other believers was not one of her thousand things that morning. Is worship a priority in your life?

Glorifying God with our **words** is a second way to be prepared for Christ's return. God has blessed us with the ability to communicate; however, on many occasions our words are not a blessing to God or to those who hear. The apostle Paul cautions the believers in Ephesus to control their words. He warns, "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear."

A third way we glorify God is with our **works**. This has nothing to do with our salvation, we are saved by faith; however, as grateful believers in Christ, good works should characterize our lives. James reminds the believers that faith without works is dead. (James 2: 14-26) Don't have dead faith when Christ returns.

The fourth way to live a prepared life that glorifies God is to live a life of **witness**. Simply telling others about what Jesus Christ has done.

So, does your life glorify God through your worship, words, works and witness? If Jesus were to return today would you be able to say that you are prepared?

PraiSing Him,

Pastor Jeff

GET INVOLVED!

- Children's Choir (Grades 1-6) - Wed. at 6pm
- Adult Choir - Wednesdays at 7:00pm
- Orchestra - Sundays at 9:00am
- Youth Praise Band - Sundays at 5pm
- Handbells - Sundays at 6:20pm

It Is Not Good For Man to Be Alone

As God created the waters, dry land, day and night, and every living creature, He would reflect on what He had created and say it was good. However, in Genesis 2:18 we see God acknowledge something that is not good, *“And the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’* Then out of Adam God made Eve and brought her to him and joined the two together, man and woman.

Here’s the deal, mankind was made for community – for relationships. Our most important relationship is with the Lord our God and the second is our relationship with one another. Science demonstrates the truth in God’s statement, *“It is not good that man should be alone”*. For example, a man who does not exercise or eat healthy but has strong, meaningful relationships will most likely live longer than a man who exercises and eats healthy but isolates himself from others.

I hear a lot of people say that church membership is optional. Regardless of how popular this opinion is, it simply doesn’t line up with Scripture. God’s word instructs all believers to be dynamically connected to a local community of believers. The Bible refers to this group as the Body of Christ, which reinforces how important it is to belong to a church. Just as the body must have all its parts in order to be whole, the same is true for the body of Christ.

One of the strongest passages of Scripture describing why every Christian should belong to a church can be found in I Corinthians 12:14-26. In this passage, Paul describes each church member as a unique part of the body. Hands, eyes, feet, and ears all work together to accomplish God’s purpose here on earth. Each member holds a unique position and one is not greater or more important than another. Each one is an important part and it is vital that we all work together so the world may see God through and in us.

Each member of the body of Christ has an impact on other members – decisions, actions and attitudes. The Word teaches that when one member is hurt, we all hurt too. While we don’t necessarily feel the same pain, when one member falls short in fulfilling their role, the rest of the body doesn’t function as well as it should.

We need to be connected to the community of faith and we need the church! According to God’s word, it’s not optional; it’s necessary to our fulfilling God’s plan and purposes in the world.

“Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.” (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Jesus loves you!!

Shalom,
Pastor Shannon B. England

Preschool Ministry



How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy s-he gives,
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain day
Because He lives.
(lyrics by Bill and Gloria Gaither)



Outdoor Playground

Your designated offering makes it possible.

Thank You!



Welcome! **Isabel Joy Lewis**

Born July 14th.

We look forward to having you in preschool!



"Fall" for these precious children!

We continue to grow! We need YOU!

Sign up for a turn to serve once a month in Welcome Center or Classroom for Sundays and Wednesday nights. Paid worker position available for Wednesday nights.

Contact Karen White for details on serving karenw@cfl.rr.com or Church Office: 321-723-3681.

Missions

THE GLOBAL DEAF PEOPLES

Oppressed, ostracized, and occasionally seen as the "unredeemable" by some, the deaf of the world are one of the largest unreached people groups. At least 35,000,000 culturally deaf people are some of the last to actually have opportunity to know the stories of Good News. It is not their inability to hear that distinguishes them as much as the language, culture and community they share. Most live in spiritual darkness, with little access to the Gospel even when churches surround their communities. However, they are often quite responsive to Bible stories.

Prayer Starters:

1. Pray that more foundational Bible stories will be made available in the national and local sign language of deaf communities.
2. Pray for networks of indigenous deaf churches that are growing and expanding in Asia right now.
3. Ask the Lord of the Harvest to raise up a mission force of like-culture partners, and deaf nationals from the harvest field to move out towards the ends of the earth.

Harry Sauter

Women's Ministry

My childhood autumns in West Virginia hold precious memories—the fall revival at church, unpacking warmer clothing, fires in the fireplace, my dad's special vegetable soup, and best of all—FALL FESTIVALS! I loved it.

Did you know, that the word autumn only occurs once in scripture? In Jude 1:12 *These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots.*

In this verse Apostles are compared to “autumn trees without fruit,” implying that autumn should be a fruitful season, the most abundant of the year. How can we take advantage of the “autumn of life”?

Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Luke 10:2

The harvest truly is great! The mission field is all around us!

This year many new ministry opportunities have opened for us here at Central Baptist.

A ministry to University Park Elementary, where you can plug in and minister to the teachers by sending an encouraging note, help them in the classroom or help with a monthly snack to be placed in the teachers' lounge. Or perhaps you would like to minister to the students by tutoring them at school, joining in to volunteer with the once monthly DOVE Bible club that we are planning to sponsor, held at University Park after school, teaching the students about JESUS!!!

The ESL ministry also is another area in which to minister. Providing a snack and visiting with the students, assisting in the classrooms or even teaching a class.

The Quilting ministry is not a new ministry but it has taken on another service, which in addition to providing blankets, caps and bibs for those who are ill and to new babies, is now providing blankets for “Be That Family”, where blankets are given to children being placed in the foster care system. Can you sew? If not, you can make or write cards, as they are given to everyone who receives a blanket, or you can help deliver blankets.

Matthew 28: 18-20 recorded Jesus saying “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

The Great Commission applies to you, wherever you are in life, whatever your other responsibilities are.

The best part of this Great Commission is the last line. Jesus promises us “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” You can do this...

The “Harvest is truly great” and there are so many opportunities for YOU to start making disciples.

Remember, *a fruitful harvest requires a faithful witness.*

In Christ,

Lea Ann Burdette

Hearts and Hands Quilting Ministry

A lot has been happening so far this year. Since Jan. 1 we have given 28 Quilts, 1 Baby Quilt, 11 Bibs, 1 Cancer Hat and 1 Walker Bag.

We have given 20 Baby Blankets to “Be That Family” which is part of the Foster Child Program in Brevard County. Most of these blankets are made from fleece. We want to give thanks to all who have donated fabric. We have pledged to give 6 blankets per month.

We currently have a quilt hanging in the Fellowship Hall for a silent auction. The sign-up sheet is hanging next to it. This beautiful quilt has been hand pieced by Ellie Brown and machine quilted and donated. Proceeds will be designated to Missions.

We are planning to have a sale soon in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall on a Wednesday before dinner. We have assorted items including gift bags, sweat shirts, pillows, cancer hats plus other items. All proceeds go to Missions. Watch for the date to be announced.

We meet every other Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome you to come visit us, donate your time and talents. We could use someone to send cards and/or deliver quilts for us.



We receive many thank you notes from the recipients of our quilts but this one was especially touching to us.

Dear Hearts and Hand Ministry

What a fantastic and unexpected gift!

Thank you so much for the beautiful throw. Not only will it provide comfort during times of rest, but it is also comforting knowing that there are people who are concerned with their brothers and sisters in Christ. You definitely demonstrate the principle expressed in Philippians 2 - “Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind”.

The craftsmanship is gorgeous. I can’t imagine how many or hours of work went into the throw.

We have made many friends at Central Baptist when we have been down to see Lillian. Each time I use the throw I will be reminded of them and the welcome we have received at the church.

Again, I cannot really express how blessed I have been by the blessing you have bestowed on me. I am sure that you will be blessed by all your efforts.

Yours in Christ,

Carl Bugli

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry has been very busy thanks to the gracious hand of our Lord. We see a lot of people who are seeking to learn more about our precious Lord. All the people who work in the Food Pantry give encouragement to those individuals who seek help. Not all persons are seeking to learn more about our Lord, but we offer all our clients invitations to join us at Sunday services. In this economy, it makes life difficult for those who are not fully employed or under employed. Then there are those who are unwell and cannot work at all. The Food Pantry sees many older adults who have their adult children living with them because their children have lost their jobs, are unwell, or have physical disabilities. We pray with them and offer advice as to where to go to get assistance with their needs. We have a listing in the Food Pantry of where to go to get financial, medical, or psychological assistance. The persons who work in the Food Pantry offer prayer, and invitations to come to church with us! We have had some people come to church or attend Men in Motion. The Good Lord has been so generous to all who work in the Food Pantry.

COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT SPECIAL EVENTS

September 10th @ 2pm - Beach Day

October 14th - Rec Day

November 18 @ 9am - Serving our community

November 22 @ 6pm - Thanksgiving Dinner

December 17th @ 7:30pm - Christmas Party

YOUTH

Collision - September 24 at Melbourne High

Poverty Experience - October 27-28

Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff Luncheon

Sunday, Sept. 3rd

"It's Time"

Salad Potluck



Special Speakers Ana Diaz, Carry Young from University Park Elementary and Loretta Dozier President of DOVE Bible Club

Thank you

Central Baptist Church

On behalf of University Park, staff and students, thank you!

You have helped make our campus look amazing. The supplies and backpacks help families out tremendously. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Carrie Young & Ana Diaz



Donate to University Park Elementary School

Scan or enter codes from your favorite Coca-Cola beverages to give back to your local community.

Codes are located in bottle caps or on 12-packs of Coca-Cola products.

Enter them yourself or drop them off at the church office.

Saints Alive

September 11, 2017 @ 11:30am

Dixie Crossroads for lunch
Meet at the Fellowship Hall for transportation.

October 9, 2017 @ 11:30am

CaptionCall will be here to talk about their system which provides amplification to telephone calls and large caption-enabled screens.

All adults are welcome! Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share with all.

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Regular Sunday Activities</i></p> <p>Sunday School (9:30am), Morning Worship Service (10:45am), Youth Praise Band Rehearsal (5pm), Joint Evening Worship Service (6pm), G.A.'s, Acteens, Blitz & Adults (6:30pm), College/Young Adults after pm service</p> <p><i>Wednesday</i></p> <p>Supper (5:20pm), Word Walking, Youth Group, Children's Choir, Ladies Bible Study (6:00pm), Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:00pm), College/Young Adults (8:15pm)</p>				1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Regular Sunday Activities</p> <p>12:30pm Women's Ministry Luncheon</p>	<p>Labor Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>11:45am Men in Motion</p>	<p>Regular Wednesday Activities</p> <p>6pm ESL</p>	<p>1:30pm CHSF</p> <p>6pm Outreach</p>		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>SS Teacher Dedication & Potluck Lunch</p> <p>Regular Sunday Activities</p> <p>College/Young Adult Picnic & Kayaking</p>	<p>10am Quilting Ministry</p> <p>11am Food Pantry</p> <p>11:30am Saints Alive</p> <p>7pm Deacon's Mtg</p>	<p>11:45am Men in Motion</p>	<p>Regular Wednesday Activities</p> <p>6pm ESL</p>	<p>1:30pm CHSF</p> <p>6pm Outreach</p>		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Regular Sunday Activities</p> <p>Lord's Supper</p>	<p>11am Food Pantry</p> <p>6pm Stewardship Mtg.</p>	<p>11:45am Men in Motion</p>	<p>Regular Wednesday Activities</p> <p>6pm ESL</p>	<p>1:30pm CHSF</p> <p>6pm Seafarer's Gala</p>		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Regular Sunday Activities</p> <p>Youth Collision</p>	<p>10am Quilting Ministry</p> <p>11am Food Pantry</p>	<p>11:45am Men in Motion</p>	<p>Regular Wednesday Activities</p> <p>6pm ESL</p>	<p>1:30pm CHSF</p> <p>6pm Outreach</p>		
<p>The Ark Encounter Trip</p>						

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Regular Sunday Activities 2pm Life Chain	2 11am Food Pantry 7pm Deacon's Mtg	3 11:45am Men in Motion	4 Regular Wednesday Activities 6pm ESL	5 1:30pm CHSF 6pm Outreach	6	7 8am 36th Annual Oley Humphreys Open - Sebastian Municipal Golf Course
8 Regular Sunday Activities 4:30pm Nominating Committee Mtg.	9 10am Quilting Ministry 11am Food Pantry 11:30am Saints Alive 6pm Stewardship	10 11:45am Men in Motion	11 Regular Wednesday Activities 6pm ESL	12 1:30pm CHSF 6pm Outreach	13	14 College/Young Adult Recreation Day
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September & October at a Glance

- ♦ Women's Ministry Luncheon - September 3rd
- ♦ SS Teacher Dedication & Potluck Lunch - September 10th
- ♦ College/Young Adult Picnic & Kayaking - September 10th
- ♦ Lord's Supper - September 17th
- ♦ Seafarers Gala - September 21st
- ♦ Youth - Collision - September 24th
- ♦ Ark Encounter Trip - September 24 - 30
- ♦ Life Chain - October 1st
- ♦ 36th Annual Oley Humphreys Open - October 7th
- ♦ College/Young Adult Recreation Day - October 14th
- ♦ Youth Poverty Experience - October 27-28
- ♦ Pastor Appreciation Luncheon - October 29th

Central's got WiFi

The church buildings are now equipped with WiFi.

Look for "Central Public"
the password is praiseGod

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