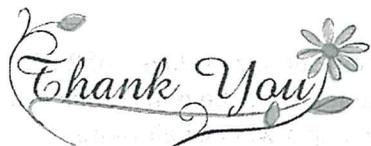


Deacon of the Month

Doug Bechanan

Doug was born in Elizabethtown to James and Anna Bechanan, he was raised along with his older sister Patti in a Christian home, supported by his church family of Youngers Creek Baptist. After high school, Doug attended the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture where he met his wife, Cassinda. Upon graduation in 1991, he was hired at Nicholas County High School as Agricultural Education Teacher and has been employed there for 26 years. He has been High School Principal and is currently District Administrator in charge of Personnel and Federal Programs. Cassinda and Doug have been married for 20 years and have two children, Logan and Fielden. They live in Carlisle and have been members of Central and the Identity class since 2000. Doug loves His word and appreciating the beauty of God's creation through fishing, hunting, and gardening.

One of his favorite verses is Matthew 19:26.



I would like to thank all my church family for the many acts of kindness, prayers, visits, cards and phone calls during my husband Paul's sickness and his passing. Special thanks for all those who participated in providing a delicious meal for my family after the funeral. It was appreciated by each and every one of us. And thank you, Pastor Scherer for being there for my family.

May God bless you all, Pat Anderson

Dear Central Baptist Church,

Words cannot express how much we appreciated your thoughts, prayers, calls, cards and messages after losing Paw Paw Pete. You will never know what a comfort you have been to us. We thank you for the time to be with our family and covet your continued prayers as we face the grieving process.

In Christ's Love, Mickey, Sue Ellen & Jake

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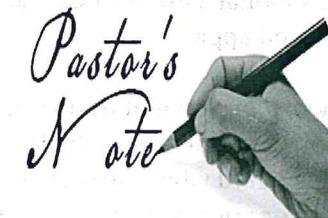
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It's difficult to believe that 2017 is half over. Winter and spring have come and gone and summer is in full swing. As we begin July and the second half of the year, let's take a mid-year check-up.

In the January newsletter, I challenged us each to make five commitments: *Read the Bible* on a regular basis. *Attend corporate worship* with other believers. *Join a small group*—a Sunday School class or a discipleship group. *Serve others* by using our God-given spiritual gifts and talents. *Give generously* of our finances, time, and resources.

How are we doing with these commitments? Are we making progress? All five of these practices are rooted in the Bible and all five are means by which we grow in our faith. If we feel spiritually stuck, it could be we are neglecting one of these practices. I'm convinced God desires for us to immerse ourselves in the Word, gather for worship with the church, experience community and accountability with a small group, give of ourselves for the benefit of others, and loosen our grip on our money.

If you are like me, nearly all of these practices are challenging and my own progress is painfully slow. ("Attend corporate worship" may be the exception for me. In my case, this one has built-in accountability.) Let's think about each practice along with the common challenges and objections we occasionally hear.

Read the Bible. Some of us do not like to read or have grown accustomed to reading 140 character tweets, making in-depth Bible reading/study difficult. In an age of constant stimulation and distraction, reading the Bible seems boring and does little to quench our insatiable thirst for the pithy or sensational. Others of us find the Bible hard to understand and apply.

Attend corporate worship. Some of us do not like crowds or find "church" boring or outdated. We don't sing songs we prefer or that we heard when we were young. The preaching is average or not relevant to our lives. Church cliques abound and we get tired of all the church drama surrounding those in the next pew over. Others of us just prefer to sleep-in on Sundays, watch our favorite preacher on TV, or commune with God under the shade tree in the backyard.

Join a small group. Some of us would rather remain a face-in-the-crowd and not subject ourselves to the dynamics of a smaller sized group. Corporate worship is more comfortable and less pressure! Attending Sunday School adds an extra hour to our Sunday morning commitment. Joining a discipleship group adds one or two hours on a

weeknight or before work, not to mention all of the extra reading. Building relationships is messy and often the mess seems greater than the benefits.

Serve others. Some of us struggle with identifying our spiritual gifts while others believe we don't have much to offer in terms of natural talent or giftedness. Our schedules are already crowded with other obligations that it's difficult to find time to focus on people or things outside of immediate family and work. We're tired when we get home and we do well to get dinner on the table and our children to bed at a decent time.

Give generously. Some of us have never given much thought to what the Bible says about financial stewardship and giving. Others find little room in our budgets to give more than a meager amount each month. The more honest among us will admit we like what our hard-earned money can buy—cars, homes, meals out, shopping, and weeklong vacations at the beach. (I do not believe any of these things are inherently wrong and all *can* be enjoyed to the glory of God. But sometimes the over enjoyment of these things or the accompanying monthly payments leave little room for financial generosity.)

As the saying goes, *the struggle is real*. Challenges and objections abound as we strive to live for Christ and honor God in our priorities. I've found in my life that obedience is rarely easy or convenient but it is always worth it. Do the benefits of obedience outweigh the sacrifices? One day we'll know for sure. But for now, let us trust God enough to believe He knows what is best for us and let us obey Him joyfully and passionately.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,
Pastor Steven

Brazil Team Update:

Please continue to pray for our Brazil team (Jason Patrick, Jim Leigh, Daniel Langfels, Rodney Dotson, Cam Kenimer, Steven Scherer, John Scherer (Kennett, MO), and Steve Morris (Winchester, KY) as they travel back to Paris. They are scheduled to arrive in Lexington on Tuesday, July 4th around 10 AM. The team plans to share about their experience on Sunday evening, July 9th.

New Church Website

Make sure and visit centralbaptistparis.com to view our new website. You'll find lots of information about our church including blog posts, a list of our Sunday School classes, sermon audio, videos, digital copies of newsletters and bulletins, and lots more! Let us know if you have suggestions for additional content or if you have other ways we can improve the site.

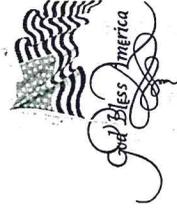
Haven of Rest (Inez ,KY)

Please be in prayer for the team serving at Haven of Rest in Inez, KY from July 9-14. The team will be ministering in a variety of ways, including building a wheelchair ramp, hosting backyard Bible clubs at two apartment complexes, repairing playground equipment, working at the Haven of Rest thrift store, and providing backpacks and school supplies for children in the Inez area. (Special thanks to our own VBS children for providing over \$650 to purchase backpacks and school supplies!) See Bill or Wanda Sprinkle or Vicky Fleming for more information.

Average Attendance & Giving Report for June

Sunday School 194 Worship 282
Monthly Budget Requirement \$34,712
June Budget Giving \$31,262.96

July 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat							
2	Brazil Mission Team Trip	3	Brazil Mission Team Trip	4	Independence Day Church Office Closed Brazil Mission Team Returns	5	11 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice Resumes	6	13 Mission Trip to Inez KY	7	14 Mission Trip to Inez KY	8	Brazil Mission Team Trip
9	Mission Trip to Inez KY 7:30 Deacon's Meeting	10	Mission Trip to Inez KY	11	Mission Trip to Inez KY Boomers & Seniors B & B Riverboat Cruise 9:30 AM	12	Mission Trip to Inez KY 11 AM Staff Meeting	13	Mission Trip to Inez KY	14	Mission Trip to Inez KY	15	7:30 AM New Life Center
16		17		18	2:00 PM Current Missions 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	19	11 AM Staff Meeting 1 PM Mamie Willmott	20	 Newletter	21		22	
23		24		25		26	11 AM Staff Meeting	27	Children's Camp @ Cedarmore	28	Children's Camp @ Cedarmore	29	Children's Camp @ Cedarmore
30	Children's Camp @ Cedarmore	31											

Our Ministries Opportunities

Sunday:

8:30 AM – Worship
 9:30 AM – Sunday School for ALL Ages
 10:45 AM – Worship and Children's Church (K-Grade 5)
 4:30 PM – Worship Band Rehearsal
 6:00 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
 6:30 PM – Worship Service

Wednesday:

6:30 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
 6:30 PM – Prayer Meeting
 6:30 PM – Mission Friends
 7:30 PM – Choir Practice

Tuesday:

2:00 PM – Encouragers (Visitation Ministry)

Third Wednesday of the Month:

1:00 PM – Mamie Willmott

Third Tuesday of the Month

2:00 PM – Current Missions

Third Saturday of the Month:

9:00 AM – Sew Blessed



MUSIC NOTES

BOOMERS and SENIORS

Day Trip to Cincinnati on Tuesday, July 11

We will board the Belle of Cincinnati for a lunch buffet and river cruise. The cost of this event is \$25 which covers museum tour, boat ride, and lunch. The payment deadline is Sunday, July 2.

Day Trip to KY Railway Museum Tuesday, August 8

View the museum's more than 70 pieces of rail equipment and enjoy a 22-mile train ride through the Rolling Fork River Valley. If time allows, we will also visit the Abbey of Gethsemani. The cost for this event is \$25 which covers tours and lunch. The payment deadline is Sunday, July 30.

WORSHIP CHOIR

After a 4-week break from rehearsals, we will resume on Wednesday, July 5 at 7:30pm. Please be sure to attend rehearsal that night and stick around for a refreshing treat as we will prepare for a new season of worship beginning with the next Sunday morning service. Guests are always welcome!

THANK YOU

Emily Cox, Sue Ellen, Jake, and I had a spectacular week with the KY Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra. We are exceedingly grateful for the church allowing us to minister in this way to teens and churches across the commonwealth.

Such activities would not be possible without the assistance of many others. Thank you, church, for carrying the banner of ministry in our absence. Last, but certainly

not least, I am most grateful for the ministry of Jack Crump and Curtis Kenimer who filled in quite capably as music leaders in our absence, Jonny and Utevia for leading the Boomers and Seniors on their June daytrip.

DATES OF NOTE:

July 5: Worship Choir resumes

July 11: Boomers and Seniors Day Trip to Cincinnati

August 8: Boomers and Seniors Day Trip to New Haven

October 14: Fall Festival Outreach Event

November 10-12: KBC All-State Junior High Choir (Grades 7-9)



Jonny's Corner

It is hard to believe that June is over and July is here. It has been a very busy summer and July looks to be just as busy. I was very encouraged seeing the youth serving in the Asheville area at camp, putting time and effort into the surrounding communities and sharing the gospel with people that need to hear some good news.

This month there will be a team going to Inez, Ky to serve in the community, doing several different projects throughout the week of July 10-14. It makes me proud, seeing faithful followers of Christ going out and serving others. There are several adults going, but there are also some students going as well. We need to understand that service is an ongoing ministry. While we have teams serving in Brazil and Inez, understand that everyone has a part in serving in the community of Paris. There are more lost in Bourbon County than believers, as believers we need to reach out into this community to share the gospel. Philippians 2:3 says,

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.”
(ESV)

I challenge all believers at Central Baptist Church to take time to serve others. Put others before yourself and watch the Holy Spirit move through Paris changing lives along the way. I am proud of our students, but I pray for them to keep up the work that Christ put in front of them. Take time to come out of your comfort zone and put others before yourself. This is an area we all need improvement on, especially myself. Comfort does not mean good, it means idle. God's ministry should never be idle, but constantly active in the lives of people. Let's take a stand to turn our faith into action and get the good news of Jesus Christ throughout Paris.

At the end of this month, July 27th -30th, the children will be heading to camp at Cedarmore. While this is a great time for them, keep the kids and adult leaders in your prayers. God moves in the lives of the children and adults at these camps. Pray that He will change the lives of these kids and adults and gives them a renewed sense of His presence in their lives. Please be praying for these kids and adults.

Be praying for the students because we are already planning for camp next summer. There is a lot of planning involved and several decisions that need to be made. More than likely we will be traveling to another state, but it is certain the Mfuge is the camp we are going to. Details will be coming out soon, and be praying if this is something you would like to be involved in.

The student ministry is in need of adult leaders that are committed to serving students. God is blessing this ministry with growth and as numbers grow, so does the adult participation. If you feel a calling to serve, please contact me. I would love to have the opportunity to discuss how you can be involved with serving in student ministries.

God Bless,
Jonny