



Central Baptist Church Family,
I'm writing this thank you letter/card to thank you all for all the prayers and visits that I had while I was at UK Hospital. I'm now down at my dad's for the holidays and for my recovery. I may not know all of you but just to hear you all praying for me really touched my heart. I would like to thank Kristy Horine, Jonathan Graves, Steven Scherer and most importantly the Kenimer Family. Also thanks to Judy Kendall and Christy Pope. Just thank you everyone and let's continue to pray and I'm glad I wrote this. Love you all.
Sincerely, Emily Frerman

Dear Church Family,
J.C. and myself want to thank our church family for your prayers during my mother's sickness and continued prayers, cards and food during her death. I want to thank my Pastor for his friendship, visits and the love shown during my mother's illness and death. You were very near and dear to her.
Thanks, Debbie & J.C. True

To My Church Family,
I would like to say thank you for the Christmas gift, it was greatly appreciated. And I'm looking forward to serving my Church family and our Heavenly Father in 2018.
Kaye Purcell

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the Christmas gift. I am truly blessed to be a part of the CBC family. I look forward to serving you & serving with you in furthering God's kingdom in 2018.
Cathy Toadvine

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"If the church is a building, then we must be bricks in it; if the church is a body, then we are its members; if the church is the household of faith, then we must be part of that household. Sheep are in a flock and branches are on a vine. Biblically, if we are Christians, we must be members of a church. This membership is not simply the record of a statement we once made or affection toward a familiar place. It must be the reflection of a living commitment, or it is worthless."

So writes Mark Dever in his book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church*. I'm struck by how he describes the nature of church membership: "the reflection of a living commitment." A living commitment implies movement, activity, growth, involvement. If our church membership is only "the record of a statement we once made" or "affection toward a familiar place" then we have a deficient and unbiblical view of membership.

As we begin 2018, let us commit to being active members of our church. Biblically, what does a living commitment look like? God desires that we each...

Believe

Church members are those who have and continue to believe the gospel—the good news that Jesus was born, lived, died, and rose again in order to atone for our sins.

Gather

Church members prioritize gathering with the church on a regular basis. Not just on Sunday mornings but also as other opportunities arise. When we gather for worship we remember that God has placed us within the church to encourage and help one another.

Belong

Church members belong to a smaller group of believers because growth in discipleship occurs best in such a setting. Whether it's a Sunday School class, discipleship group, or some other type of group, we all need honest and encouraging relationships with other believers.

Contribute

Church members look for ways to further God's work in and through our church in three ways: praying, serving, and giving. We pray for our church. We use our God-given gifts to serve God and others. And we financially give of the money God has loaned to us to fund the ministries of the church.

Go

Church members have a Great Commission mentality—together we are called to take the gospel to our neighbors and the nations. It's our mission and we're all in it together.

As we believe, gather, belong, contribute, and go our membership becomes a living commitment and a commitment that is fulfilling and honoring to God.

Thank you for allowing me to have time off with my family in Missouri. Thank you also for the nice Christmas bonus. As always, we are incredibly grateful for the many ways that you love, support, and encourage us! It's an honor and privilege to be your pastor.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your pastor,

Pastor Steven

Average Attendance & Giving Report through December 24th

Sunday School 193 Worship 283

Year to Date Budget Required \$459,680.00

Year to Date Budget Giving \$447,544.65

2017 Lottie Moon Offering

Central Baptist Goal \$9,000

Collected as of December 24th (\$9,872.50 collected)



MUSIC NOTES

Happy New Year! I am honored to serve alongside you as we do kingdom work honoring the Father in various ministries around the church. I look forward to how God will continue to bless us in the coming year at Central Baptist Church.

Music and Worship Ministry opportunities:

Worship Choir practices on Wednesday nights at 7:30

Worship Band practices on Sunday afternoons at 4:30

Youth Vocal Ensemble practices on Sunday afternoons at 5:30

NEW: Youth Instrumental Ensemble practices on Wednesday afternoons at 5:30

Music Makers practices during the school year on Wednesday evenings at 6:30

Audio engineering during the worship services

Projection administration during the worship services

NEW: Camera operation/Video Recording of services

NEW: Video editing/uploading

Boomers and Seniors Ministry opportunities:

Quarterly Luncheons

Day Trips

Spiritual Growth Retreat

NEW: Nursing Home Visitation

Outreach Ministry opportunities:

March: Easter Eggstravaganza

June: VBS Block Party

September: Inasmuch Day

October: Fall Festival

December: Toy Store

Christmas Carol Sing-along

Tuesday afternoon Visitation

A Word of Thanks:

Sue Ellen, Jake, and I are so grateful for the love and appreciation you have showered on us the past 6 ½ years and especially in December. The many Christmas cards and notes, gift cards and goodies and the generosity shown to us reminds us how blessed we are to serve in a community of faith that so deeply loves us. As I interact with ministers across the state, I'm

sad to say that is not the case for so many of my colleagues. As Paul said at the beginning of his letter to the Philippian church – in far more words – I thank God for you and am filled with joy because of our partnership in ministry. Thank you!



Jonny's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! It is hard to believe that 2018 is here. I am excited to see what Christ has planned for the student ministry here at Central Baptist Church. The month of January is usually a slow month in the life of student ministry and not much is planned.

One activity that is going on in January is the MANDATORY SAFETY MEETING on January 13th at 9:00 am for all adults that work in the nursery, children, and student ministries. This is for all adults that have any part of these ministries, even if you just go help at a camp, you need to be there. This is a very important meeting just to keep all of us updated with the varying safety issues that we face today. This is an opportunity to meet with other adults in the ministries and to become better prepared in dealing with issues that go on with students and children. If you work with any children, or students, at all, please be at this meeting. This will be a meeting that will be held annually, more than likely before school starts.

Every third Saturday, the youth go up to New Life Day Center to serve the homeless. The shelter is still in need of help, so they need volunteers. Anyone is welcome to join us on the third Sunday. Only students in middle and high school can attend, along with adults. If you are interested in getting involved with this ministry please contact me.

Some upcoming events that will be happening is SNOW TUBING in February which is for anyone that wants to go. This event is a great time of fun and fellowship, and YES it will be cold. Also, another event that is coming March 31 is WINTER JAM. This is a Christian concert at Rupp Arena and is the opportunity to hear some great contemporary music and a great message. This is a lot of fun! Be checking the board next to my office for event details and costs.

Let me encourage the church to get involved in the ministries that Central Baptist Church offers. There are several opportunities to serve in many different ways. There is never

enough help in the nursery, children, and student ministries. It encourages me to see adults that care about these ministries get involved. If you have any interest of being involved in these ministries, please contact me.

I am looking forward to an awesome 2018!

God Bless,
Jonny

January AWANA Calendar

January 7th – Regular Club Night
January 14th – Light the Night (bring your flashlight)
*Undies for Sundays
January 21st – Regular Club Night
January 28th – Regular Club Night

Baby Dedication

We will have a baby dedication on Sunday, January 21, 2018. The dedication will occur during the 10:45 worship service and all babies or small children are welcome to participate. Please sign-up at the Registration Center across from the church office.

Membership Class

Our next membership class will be on January 28, 2018 from 3:30-7:30 PM. If you would like to learn more about our church or if you are thinking about becoming a member, please come! The class will focus on answering four questions: Who We Are, What We Believe, What We Do, and What We Ask. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Registration Center.

Church Office will be closed January 1st

Deacon of the Month

Tony Sosby

Tony was born and raised in Bourbon County. He graduated from Bourbon County High School in 1976 then attended the University of Kentucky (BS in Business Education) and Georgetown College (MA Education). He has been married to Lydia Conn for 34 years. They have three children: Andrew (Andrea), Nicholas, and Miranda (Logan Martin). He was a teacher, coach (Golf, Boys & Girls Basketball, Softball) and Athletic Director at Bourbon County High School for 28 years and retired in 2017. Tony is now Co-Owner in Allstate Insurance with Lydia and Andrew. He was ordained as a Deacon in 1991 and a member of Central Baptist Church since 1994. His favorite verse is: Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”.

Visitation Ministry


All are welcome to make visits each Tuesday afternoon at 2 PM. Meet in Room 205 at church for prayer and assignments. Visiting our church family and others is a simple way to live out our “Love God and Others” core value.

In Loving Memory of CBC Members that were called home in 2017

Joe & Virginia Berryman
Donna Gaunce
Ruth Jackson
Jane Kitchen
Joe Patrick
Bobby Rankin
Anna Rinesmith
Beverly Rinesmith
John Stanley
Ida Willoughby

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years Day OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 11 AM Staff Meeting	4	5	6
7 6 PM AWANA 7:30 Deacon's Meeting	8 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	9 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	10 11 AM Staff Meeting	11	12	13 9 AM Mandatory Safety Training for all workers with children in FH
14 6 PM AWANA	15 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	16	17 11 AM Staff Meeting	18	19	20 7:30 AM New Life Center 9 AM Sew Blessed
21 Baby Dedication Day 6 PM AWANA	22 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	23	24 11 AM Staff Meeting	25 	26	27
28 Membership Class 6 PM AWANA	29 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	30	31 11 AM Staff Meeting			

Our Ministry 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
5:30 PM – Youth Ensemble
6:00 PM – AWANA (K – Grade 5)
6:00 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
6:30 PM – Worship

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

Third Tuesday of the Month:
2:00 PM – Current Missions
Third Wednesday of the Month:
1:00 PM – Mamie Wilmott

Monday:
9:00 AM – Willing Hands Quilters
Tuesday:
2:00 PM – Encouragers Visitation Ministry

Third Saturday of the Month:
9:00 AM – Sew Blessed