



To Our Church Family,
I would like to thank Pastor Steven and my church family for all the prayers, visits, cards, calls, and food during my surgery and recovery time. Jim and I are so thankful for such a loving church family.

Judy Pry

205 Operation Christmas Child Boxes Collected thanks to everyone that participated in this very special ministry.

The Nativity Story (film)

Join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 9th as we'll view the Christmas film, "The Nativity Story." Due to the length of the film, we'll begin at 6:00 PM.

Deacon Senior Adult Christmas Dinner

December 10th 6 PM

Sign up sheet on Registration Counter

**Average Attendance & Giving Report
through November 25th**

Sunday School 179 Worship 254

Year to Date Budget Required \$428,170.00

Year to Date Budget Giving \$391,422.17

**Church Office will be closed December 24th & 25th
Celebrating the Birth of our King!**

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY BOX for attending friends and family of Central Baptist Church is up and ready.
All donations for delivery will go to the Youth

Christmas Eve Service

Our annual Christmas Eve service will begin at 9:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please use this service as an opportunity to invite your family and friends to attend with you!

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*We pray you experience the joy of
Christ's birth this holiday season.*

Central Baptist Church Staff



You may have heard the story of a woman who in the rush of last-minute Christmas shopping, bought a box of fifty identical greeting cards. Without bothering to read what was written on the inside, she hastily signed and addressed all but one of them. Several days after they had been mailed, she came across the card that hadn't been sent. She looked at the message in the card and was appalled to read, "This card is just to say...a little gift is on the way!"

Over 700 years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem, God inspired the prophet Isaiah to proclaim,
"For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;
And the government shall be upon His shoulder,
And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

I believe this was God's way of saying to us, "This message is just to say...the gift of My Son is on the way." The gospel accounts remind us that this was no ordinary gift and no ordinary Son. An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and told him that Mary was pregnant and that they were to "call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Around the same time, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and revealed that her Son "will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32).

As we begin the Christmas season, let's keep in mind the true reason for why we celebrate. Let's not spend more time fretting over finding the perfect gift than we do celebrating God's grand demonstration of His love for us. Let's not busy ourselves to the point of exhaustion and neglect the moment in history when God stepped into our world and changed everything. Christmas is about Jesus. There's nothing wrong with gifts, parties, decorations, and

everything else that we experience in the month of December, but these are not what is most important—Jesus is.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,

Pastor Steven

Central Baptist Welcomes New Member Jennifer Wilson



MICKEY'S MUSINGS

Carol and the Belles

Our Music Makers will present their Christmas musical on Sunday, December 2 at 6:30 in the sanctuary. Join us for this "Fab 50's Kids' Christmas Musical" entitled Carol and the Belles.

Deep Appreciation

Words could not express the depth of gratitude we owe to Kathy Kenimer for investing in the lives of our children through music for the last 28 years at Central Baptist Church. She has carefully selected musicals that clearly present the Gospel and provide quality lyrics as part of the soundtrack of their lives. I truly believe that she has made an impact for the Kingdom. Join us on Sunday, December 2 at 6:30 as she directs her final Music Makers musical and then gather for a reception afterwards in her honor.

Mark your calendars for these exciting events in 2019.

There's something for everyone!

April 11

KBC Senior Living Celebration
Red House Baptist Church, Richmond

May 8

NEWSIES

A smash-hit Broadway musical filled with one heart-pounding, high-energy dance number after another! Adapted from the Disney film, this rousing tale is based on the true story about New York City's newsboys striking against unfair working conditions.
Derby Dinner Playhouse

June 14-15

Men's Retreat

with James (J.B.) Brown of CBS Sports
Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove

July TBD

Kincaid Theatre

Falmouth, KY

August 16-17

Picnic with the Pops

The Meadow at Keene Barn – Keeneland
Lexington

September 23-25

Senior Celebration (55+)

with Richard Blackaby

"Living the Blessed Life" (Numbers 6:8-20)

Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove

October TBD

East Kentucky

Jenny Wiley Theatre

Jenny Wiley State Park

US 23 Country Music Highway Museum
and more...

November 8-10

Women's Retreat

with Ann Graham Lotz

Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove

December 13-14

Christmas at The Cove

with Ernie Haase and Signature Sound

AND Christmas at The Biltmore



Jonny's Corner

LET THE FUN BEGIN! What a busy month it is going to be for student and children ministries. There are several extra activities that are going on this month. Here is the schedule:
December 9th: Children's Christmas Party 6:00-7:30 in fellowship hall.
December 14: Youth Progressive Dinner / Lock-In
December 19: Youth Christmas Party @Young's residence

There are a couple family ministry activities that will be going on.

January 5th: Snow Tubing at Perfect North
February 2nd: Winter Jam @ Rupp Arena

All of these activities have a sign-up sheet and info on my board next to my office. If interested in going or helping with these activities, please sign up or talk to me.

The youth will also have our Christmas Card distribution box out, starting the first Sunday of December. If you want to save some money on stamps and want church family to get a Christmas Card, youth will be more than happy to deliver those on Sunday's through the month of December. This is a free service, but if you would like to give a donation towards the youth, it would be greatly appreciated.

The student ministry is in need of adult leaders that are willing to spend some time upstairs with the students on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. There is nothing particular for the adults to do, but to spend time with students and building a relationship with them. If you are interested in helping out in this ministry, please contact me, or catch me in my office.

Starting this month, the students are starting small groups on Sunday evening to start working through and discussing some scripture that they are asked to read each day. The purpose of these small groups is to get student back into reading scripture. I have put together a daily scripture reading and these are the reading the student will be discussing. Student leaders will be leading each group with adults going in and out to help in these discussions. This would be a great way for adults to get a chance to know students, if you would like to help with this, please contact me.

I would like to encourage parents to pick up these same scripture readings from me and read them each

night with your children. It is hard for students to get back into reading the scripture when parents are not setting the example. I am also talking about myself. I have posted the readings on the Youth Remind page, or you can get a copy of them from me. Please take the time to invest in your kids with the gospel. Not only change their lives, but yours as well.
God Bless,
Jonny

December AWANA Calendar

*No meetings in the month of December
There will be several Christmas programs presented by various church groups this month. We would like to encourage clubbers, leaders and parents to attend these programs.

Mission Trip to Blackey KY

Leaving the church parking lot at 6:30 AM Friday,
December 7th – Toy Distribution
Signup sheet at Registration Center for more information
contact Bill Sprinkle.

Deacon Food Boxes

Deacons are collecting food for the Deacon Christmas Food Boxes. As always, canned goods & nonperishables are needed. Collection boxes will be in the hallways. Monetary donations to purchase items may be given to any Deacon.

**Annual Toy Store
December 4th, 6-8 PM**

Signup sheet at Registration Center, in need of people to help set up store, elves to help customers to shop, clerks to restock toys at tables, snack room help and lots & lots of gift wrappers!!! We need people to help set up Tuesday morning. We also need wrapping paper, tape, bows and most of all more toys!

**Our Church December Business Meeting will be
December 19th instead of December 12th due to Choir
Cantata Practice**

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

All money given to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering supports our missionaries serving abroad with the International Mission Board (visit www.imb.org for more information). Please consider how you can generously give this Christmas to help make disciples around the world. Our goal this year is \$10,000.

**International Missions Week of Prayer
December 2nd -December 9th**

Willing Hand Quilters—Lottie Moon Fundraiser

There are some quilts and other numerous handmade items in the hallway for sale. The quilts and wall hangings have a starting bid but items not priced are for donations only. All proceeds will be given to our Lottie Moon Offering. Make checks out to CBC and place in basket or bring to the church office.

Membership Class


Our next membership class will be on January 27, 2019 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 address four topics: Who We Are, What We Believe, What We Do, and What We Ask. Please sign-up at the Registration Center across from the church office if you plan to attend. See Pastor Steven for more information.

Property Steering Committee Update

The committee would like to invite everyone to stop by 813 High Street immediately following the 10:45 service on Sunday, December 9th to view the home/property that our church is considering purchasing. The open house will begin at 12:00 and conclude at 2:00. We will vote whether or not to purchase the property on Sunday morning, December 16th. Members can vote immediately following the 8:30 service (though no discussion will be held due to Sunday School) or after the 10:45 service, when an extended discussion followed by a vote will occur. For questions, please see Tony Sosby, chairman of the property steering committee, or Pastor Steven.



December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec. 2th—9th ~ International Missions Week of Prayer						
2 5 PM Deacon's Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers Play	3	4 6 PM Toy Store	5 11 AM Staff Meeting	6 6:30 PM Faithfully Fit	7 6:30 AM Blackey Ky Mission	8 Boomers & Seniors UK Choirs Holiday Collage
9 12-2 PM Open House 813 High St. Property erty 6 PM The Nativity Story Film 6:30 PM Children's Christmas Party	10 6 PM Deacon Senior Adult Christmas Dinner	11	12 11 AM Staff Meeting	13	14 Youth Progressive Dinner & Lock-In	15 7:30 AM New Life Center 9 AM Sew Blessed 6:30 PM Christmas Cantata At CBC
16 Business Meeting regarding 813 High St Property at morning services 6:30 PM Christmas Cantata At First Baptist	17	18	19 11 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Business Meeting 6:30 PM Youth Christmas Party	20	21	22
23	24 9 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas Holiday	26	27 	28	29
30	31					

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 – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
6:30 PM – Worship

Tuesday:

2:00 PM – Encouragers Visitation Ministry

Wednesday:

6:00 PM – Meal in Fellowship Hall by reservations
6:30 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
6:30 PM – Prayer Meeting
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

Third Saturday of the Month:

9:00 AM – Sew Blessed