



To Our Church Family,
Our Family would like to thank you for the many prayers, cards, and visits during the loss of my mother, Juanita Weir. We are so blessed with a loving caring church family. A special thanks to Brother Steven for visiting mom in the hospital and for officiating her funeral service. The ladies who served lunch after the service truly blessed us with a wonderful meal. Thanks to all.

Jerry & Nancy Earlywine

To My Church Family,
Thank you for all the food, prayers and visits during my recent surgery. I would also like to thank all the nice gentlemen that have helped me with my walker.

Ayleen Sale

My Dear Family,
I am overwhelmed with your love, generosity and support of Music Makes over the last 28 years. The beautiful crystal I will treasure always and the trip to the COVE – WOW!! Love can't wait. You all are so special to do life with, I feel your love and it has held me up through the best and most trying times in life. Thank you!!

Love, Kathy Kenimer

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 2019.

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 2019.

Cathy Toadvine

Average Attendance & Giving Report through December 23rd

Sunday School 207 Worship 314

Year to Date Budget Required \$464,610.00

Year to Date Budget Giving \$432,801.38

Lottie Moon Offering \$9,398.00 Collected as of December 23rd

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A new year brings a fresh start. If you are reading expecting an obligatory challenge to make Bible reading a priority this year, I'm happy to oblige your expectations! Regular Bible intake is crucial for spiritual growth, spiritual vitality, and overall spiritual well-being. If we believe the Bible is God's Word and if we believe, as Jesus did, that we "shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4), then Bible reading is essential for the Christian.

As we begin 2019, will we read the Bible on a regular basis? I hope so. As we read the Bible, consider reading with these three directives in mind:

1) *Read with purpose.* We don't read the Bible as we would a novel or a Tweet or a text message from a friend.

We read knowing and believing that what we're reading is the inspired, inerrant, authoritative Word of God. As such, we seek to submit to the Bible and trust that the Bible is reliable and relevant to our lives today. We also read the Bible believing that it is "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible "is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). The Bible is God's Word, God's revelation to His creation, and when read under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, one of the primary ways God guides and leads His people. We read with these purposes in mind.

2) Read with a plan. Reading the Bible without a plan is better than not reading the Bible at all. With that said, reading the Bible with a plan is immeasurably more beneficial. Did you know you can read the Bible in its entirety in only six months if you read for 25 minutes a day? It only takes 12 minutes per day to read the Bible in a year. Six minutes a day and you'll have read the whole Bible in two years. It takes roughly 74.5 hours to read the Bible from cover-to-cover. The Bible does not have to be read chronologically or in its entirety in a year to be read with benefit. Reading small chunks at a time (a verse, a paragraph, a chapter) and meditating deeply on those chunks can prove transformative. Reading the same book of the Bible daily for an entire month is another great plan to consider. If you need additional ideas or help coming up with a plan, please reach out to me and I'll do my best to help.

3) Read with pleasure. Sometimes we act as if reading the Bible is drudgery and we only do so in order to not feel guilty. If this is how we read, we are missing the point! The psalmist describes his experience with reading God's Word—"I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word" (Psalm 119:16); "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law" (Psalm 119:18); "Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors" (Psalm 119:24). After writing about God's law, precepts,

and commandments in God's Word, David concludes these are "more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:10). It seems to me the authors of Scripture read the Bible with pleasure and joy. May we do the same.

On another note, I'm very thankful for the Christmas bonus I received from you, as well as for the time off to spend in Missouri with our families. Periods of rest and time away energizes me for the work that needs to be done in our church and community and I'm looking forward to laboring alongside of you in 2019. Let's pray that many sinners will be saved and many saints will be sanctified as we work together to accomplish God's purpose for our church.

Thanks for allowing me to serve you,
Pastor Steven



MICKEY'S MUSINGS

Music Makers

We are thankful for Leslie Morris who will be the new Music Makers director. We have already begun discussions related to the spring semester and are excited to continue a discipleship opportunity to our children through music.

Children's Choir

Students in grades 4-6 who are involved in the music ministry are eligible to audition for the Kentucky Baptist Convention (KBC) All-State Children's Choir (ASCC). Beginning January 2, we will meet on Wednesdays from 6:45-7:15 in January to prepare for the auditions. (Note: If your child participated in the ASCC last year, your child does not need to attend the January training sessions.)

Worship Choir rehearsals resume January 2.

Youth Ensemble rehearsals resume on January 6.

2018—Ministry Highlights:

It was thrilling to have 13 teenagers in the loft recently leading us in worship with a number of Christmas selections. What joy they bring as they use their talents for the Lord. In November, we sent 7 students to the Kentucky Baptist Convention (KBC) All-State Junior High Choir—easily making up 10% of the choir and I anticipate sending as many as 10 to the KBC All-State Youth Choir this summer.

The Worship Band continues to grow as we now have 4 teams of vocalists, technicians, and instrumentalists to lead in worship.

The Worship Choir continues to inspire me with their selfless dedication week in and week out as they seek to glorify His name and enhance our experience of Him each Sunday morning.

The Boomers and Seniors continue to be active in excursions and show up in great numbers for the quarterly luncheons.

Trunk -n- Treat was a successful, new outreach endeavor enabling us to contact nearly 100 children. I look forward to seeing how God will use this opportunity in the future as we join Him in His work.

2019—Looking Ahead:

We invite you to join us in a number of personal growth opportunities in the new year at the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove near Asheville, NC

1. June 14-15 Men's Retreat with James Brown of CBS Sports. An ordained minister, James Brown is a three-time Emmy Award-winning network broadcaster and has hosted the Super Bowl eight times including Super Bowl 50 on CBS.

This is a Friday night-Saturday morning event; therefore, there is opportunity to golf before and/or after the event for those interested in doing so.

2. September 23-25 Senior Celebration with Richard Blackaby of Experiencing God Ministries. The study topic for the event is entitled, "Living the Blessed Life" and is based on Numbers 6:8-20.

3. November 8-10 Women's Retreat with Ann Graham Lotz.

A Personal Note:

Sue Ellen’s mother moved to Paris in May and is adjusting quite nicely. You have showered her, as unto us, with love and support and have made her feel a part of the family. We are exceedingly grateful! You continue to be the body of Christ to us, for us, and with us.

Thank you for the many cards, notes, and gifts you have offered to us this Christmas. We are deeply humbled by your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Last, but certainly not least, we are honored to serve alongside such wonderful pastors and staff. We are blessed to call Central Baptist Church our home and are looking forward to the new year to see what God has in store for us and our community.



Jonny’s Corner

My, how time flies! It is hard to believe that it is already 2019. It is truly amazing to look back at this past year and see how blessed we are. Having the opportunity to spend time with our families for the holidays, to seeing people being baptized, and taking the opportunities the Lord puts in front of us to further His ministry. I am excited to see what our Lord and Savior has planned for CBC and all of its ministries this year.

That are many things that we are blessed with, but we must remember, that our purpose in this world is to build disciples. To build a generation that see the urgency to get the gospel out into the world and allow the Holy Spirit to move people into a trusting relationship with our Lord and Savior. We need to remember that all of us have a part in God’s ministry, and each of us are just a working piece of the body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12 says, “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.” (ESV)

We all have a purpose in the church. We all have gifts that everyone can benefit from. I want to encourage parents, grandparents, and guardians to get involved with

your children in the ministries that they participate in. Looking at both student and children ministries; we are know where close in having enough parental involvement in these ministries. Parents, even if you are not necessarily involved in the ministry, you do have a part in your child’s life to teach, pray, and be a vessel in your child’s life that will lead them to Christ, or help them grow in their relationship with Him.

I am truly thankful for my church family and their love for the Lord. I am excited to see how the Lord is going to use CBC this year. I am excited to see the church moving forward in the Lord’s ministry. My prayer is that the Lord with use CBC this year to show the love of Christ to the community of Paris. For our church to get outside the walls of the building and to go out into the community, showing God’s love, sharing the gospel, and serving this community with an open heart.

This year, the student ministry will be going out more than ever before. Our students need to get out and serve in the community. We have been doing this, but I would love to see more parents to partner with their kids in this endeavor. Parents, please make this a goal, partner with your children, teach them how to be involved, open the bible with them each night and spend time with them reading the gospel. Parents, get involved in the church, be that example for your children and show them the importance of being involved and part of their church. Parents, I encourage you to be that example to your children. I cannot expect students and children to be involved with these ministries, if mom and dad are not involved. Parents, including myself, let be the example of Christ in our kid’s lives, let’s be that example to our kids that helps them discover the importance of church, and the real love of Christ.

I am thankful for all the parents, students, children, and volunteers that are involved in our student and children’s ministries. I am thankful for your love and dedication to the students and kids of CBC. These ministries would not be as successful if it was not for your love and time. Thank You!

God Bless,
Jonny

January AWANA Calendar

- January 6th – Regular Club Night
- January 13th – Island Night
- January 20th – Regular Club Night
- January 27th – Regular Club Night

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.

Discipleship Group Leaders Training

All interested in leading discipleship groups are invited to an afternoon training on Sunday, **January 20th** from 4:00-5:30. Please plan to attend if you are considering beginning or resuming a discipleship group this year. All are welcome.

Sunday School Teacher Training

All Sunday School teachers are invited to attend the Kentucky Baptist Convention sponsored “Sunday School Still Matters” conference at Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington on Saturday, **January 26th** from 9 AM until noon. Instruction will be given for those teaching classes of all ages. Please let Pastor Steven or the church office know if you plan to attend.

**In Loving Memory of CBC Members
that were called home in 2018**

Dorothy Burns	Harold Bussell
Nancy Collins	Beverly Green
Jackie Hay	Martha Jackson
Bobbie King	Rosemary Kitchen
Nancy LeMaster	Peggy Pendleton
Samuel Sams	Helen Wells
Barbara Yazell	

HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY

2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Church OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY	2 11 AM—Staff Meeting	3	4	5 7:30 AM Family Diving Snow Tubing at Perfect North
6 6 PM AWANA 7:30 PM Deacon's Meeting	7 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	8	9 11 AM—Staff Meeting	10	11	12
13 6 PM AWANA	14 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	15 2:00 PM—Current Missions	16 11 AM—Staff Meeting 1 PM—Mamie Willmott	17	18	19 7:30 AM New Life Center 9:00 AM Sew Blessed
20 4 PM Discipleship Group Leaders Training	21 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	22	23 11 AM—Staff Meeting	24	25	26 9 AM- 12 PM Sunday School Training at Porter Memorial Church in Lexington
27 3:30-7:30 PM Membership Class 6 PM AWANA	28 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters <i>Newsletter</i>	29	30 11 AM—Staff Meeting	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)
 6:00 PM - AWANA (4 yr old- Grade 5)
 6:30 PM – Worship
Monday:
 9:00 AM – Willing Hands Quilters
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
 6:30 PM – Music Makers [K – Grade 5]
 8 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 Willmott
Third Saturday of the Month:
 9:00 AM – Sew Blessed