



To My Church Family,
I just want to thank everyone for the food, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and after I came home. Many thanks for your prayers for my recovery. Doing good but have got a way to go. Please pray for James during my absence to see him. Thanks again to my Church Family. Pray for me and my family.

Love Always, Pat Hyatt

Sisters in Christ will be meeting
February 2nd at 8th Street First Baptist Church
11 AM – 1 PM

Single Senior Valentine Dinner
February 23rd 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall
sign-up sheet at the Registration Center

ESL Ministry
On Sunday evenings, from 5:30 to 7:30 in Room 305 (Identity 1 Sunday School classroom), God brings the nations to Central Baptist Church. In this two-hour class, Eric Horine teaches English as a Second Language (ESL) to our Hispanic neighbors. How can you support this ministry? Pray. Encourage Eric. Come say hello. The only languages you need to know are English and love. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Eric Horine at 859-221-2816.

Average Attendance & Giving Report
through January 27th
Sunday School 200 Worship 255
Year to Date Budget Giving \$28,246.71

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February 11th – 17th
Focus on



February 16th
Children's Mission Day



In his book *The Imperfect Disciple*, author Jared Wilson writes, “By God’s grace, disciples of Jesus look for the places we have yet to surrender to Him, the places where we’ve given up ground, the tender spots we want to hide, the stubborn places we want to protect, and we ask Him humbly to help us. He will never say no to that. Bit by bit, day by day, turning and returning, we reorient the engine of our life around Jesus. The problem is the same every day but the mercies are new, and the disciples of Jesus will plunder them with abandon. He wants us to!”

Surrendering every crevice of our being to Jesus is not easy. But surrendering to Him is the essence of discipleship. To follow Jesus without surrender is biblically impossible. While Jesus doesn’t use the word “surrender,” He does use phrases like “deny yourself” and “take up your cross”—both of which point to the concept of surrender. In Luke 9:23, Jesus explains what it means to follow Him: *If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.* Self-denial and cross bearing are daily commitments and daily actions. Only after we’ve surrendered are we in a place where we can begin to follow Jesus.

For us, the cross is a symbol of our faith. We wear crosses around our necks, display them in our homes, and post pictures of them on Facebook. For Jesus’ original audience, however, a cross would have represented something else. Philip Graham Ryken explains, “What did cross-bearing mean to the first disciples? Even before Jesus was crucified, they would have recognized the cross as a symbol of rejection, humiliation, and excruciating pain. Crucifixion was the most gruesome form of execution in the Roman world, a death penalty reserved for traitors, criminals, and slaves. To see a man carrying his cross was to see a man going to die the worst of all possible deaths.”

The paradox of following Jesus is that yes, while it is true that we must die to ourselves, surrender completely, and give up everything to follow Him, it is also true that we gain more than we could ever give. Jesus likened gaining entrance into the kingdom of heaven to a man who sold everything in order to purchase a buried treasure. Here are Jesus’ own words in Matthew 13:44—*The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.* The phrase I find particularly striking in this verse is “Then in his joy.” In his joy, the man happily sells all he has to gain this buried treasure. May we look at the sacrifices we make to follow Jesus in a similar way. We joyfully give things up—time, money, resources—so that we experience the satisfaction of knowing and following Jesus.

What place or places in our lives have we not yet surrendered to Jesus? Jesus demands everything but in return, we receive far beyond what we give up. We get Jesus and Jesus is worth more than any sacrifice we make.

Let’s follow Jesus together.

Pastor Steven



MICKEY’S MUSINGS

Music Makers will begin February 6th

Leslie Morris and Eric Horine, will be working with our students in Grades K-5 in Room 205 on Wednesday nights at 6:30. Music Makers are preparing the musical, THE BORN AGAIN IDENTITY for presentation on Sunday, April 14.

All-State Children’ Choir

Students in grades 4-6 who are involved in the music ministry are eligible to audition for the Kentucky Baptist Convention All-State Children’s Choir. If your child is

planning to audition, I must hear from you ASAP. I may be reached at mickey@centralbaptistparis.com or 987-3951, x23

Worship Choir is back in full swing and there is room for you. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:45.

Youth Ensemble rehearses on Sundays from 5:30-6:00. This group of musical teens will contribute to worship on Sunday night, February 10.

Boomers and Seniors will have their first daytrip of 2019 on April 11 as we travel to Red House Baptist Church in Richmond for the KY Baptist Convention Senior Living Celebration. There is no charge for this event.

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. The study topic has not yet been announced.
- 4. **Christmas at the Cove and Christmas at Biltmore** is planned for December 13-14. Ernie Haase and Signature Sound will lead worship at the Cove on Friday followed by a day of shopping/sight seeing in Asheville on Saturday.



Jonny's Corner

It is already February, which means that warm weather is not too far away. Starting the first Sunday of February, the youth and children are going to be holding a new fundraiser here at the church. We are starting a \$1 donation per week fundraiser. We are asking everyone in the church to donate \$1 each Sunday. There will be a white bucket in the back of the sanctuary, just drop your dollar in that bucket. The money is going to help with transportation for both kids and youth camps this summer.

A date has not been set yet, but be watching around the first part of March. We are going to have our annual safety meeting for all adult leaders that give their time to any children and youth ministry. This would include Sunday School teachers, Awana, children, and youth workers. This meeting will cover the do's and don'ts when it comes to safety with minors in the church and these ministries. This meeting will be required for all adult leaders to attend. Please be watching, as soon as we have a date, it will be put out. Just make sure to attend.

There are many ways to help in the children and youth ministries here at CBC. There is never enough help. If you are interested in hearing how you can help in any of these ministries, please contact me.

I am excited for this year and both of these ministries. There are already new faces that are attending these ministries, which gives a great opportunity to witness and share the gospel. Parents, the youth have assigned bible readings each day. They are asked to read two chapters each evening and I have a reading plan that they are following. Parents, let me encourage you to ask your students about these readings. Also, I encourage you to work with your students and discuss these reading at home. This is a great way for yourself, children, and the whole family to start a family bible study.

Each student is asked to write down what questions they have, what stands out, and what questions they can ask in their small group on Sunday evenings. Right now, we are working through the book of Matthew

and Psalms. I encourage students to speak up in their small group and work through the questions in those groups. Along with that, they are placed with students they do not necessarily know very well. This gives them the opportunity to learn about other students and build relationships with those students that will hopefully show them the importance of relationships for ministry and friendship.

Student leaders are leading these groups with adult leaders going in and out helping to answer questions, or just to see how everything is going. I have been really encouraged to see these groups discussing the gospel, and the student leaders building relationships with other students.

I invite any adult that wants to come up and experience these students and see how the Lord is working in the student ministry here at Central Baptist Church. If you have any questions about the children or student ministry, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Thank you and GOD BLESS!
Jonny

February AWANA Calendar

February 3rd – Regular Club Night
February 10th – Light the Night
February 17th – Regular Club Night
February 24th – Regular Club Night

Discipleship Groups Leader Training – Rescheduled

All interested in leading discipleship groups are invited to an afternoon training on Sunday, **March 2nd** from 4:00-5:30. Please plan to attend if you are considering beginning or resuming a discipleship group this year. All are welcome.

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 23rd at 8:00 AM. All men are invited to gather in the fellowship hall for breakfast and conversation about what men's ministry at our church might entail. More information to follow.

Women's Conference

April 27th: 9am-5pm

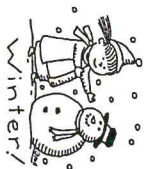
As women we take on many identities; mothers, wives, friends, mentors, cooks, personal shoppers, and housekeepers, just to name a few. Though we take on so many roles, many times we feel like we still aren't ENOUGH. We often forget that God made us in HIS image, and the only identity we need is found in him. Join us as we take off all our hats, and spend the day finding our image in God with author and guest speaker Katie Orr. Enough Women's Conference is open to women of all ages. Whether you attend Central Baptist or not, we would be honored to have you spend the day with us worshiping and learning more about God. Registration is \$20 and Lunch will be provided to all attendees. Childcare will be available, but please RSVP your children. For more information contact Holli Hatmaker.

Student Night at CBC - February 10th

The Bourbon County Middle School "Stepping Out Club" will share a devotion at the Galt House in Louisville on February 24th as part of the Kentucky State Superintendents Conference. To help prepare, the Stepping Out Club will rehearse during our evening service on Sunday, February 10th. In addition to the members of the Stepping Out Club, students from our student ministry will take part in the service. All are invited to attend that evening. The service begins at 6:30 PM.

Breaking the Stigma Sunday - February 17th

February 17th is "Breaking the Stigma Sunday" and we'll be viewing the introduction to the opioid awareness "No Shame Left" film series (created in part by Chris Jones and Eric Horine) during our morning service. That evening, we'll gather at First Baptist Church from 6:30-8:30 to hear more about the opioid crisis in our state. We'll also view two of the three parts of the film series and hear from those involved in ministry to addicts and their families. All are invited.



February 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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		1:30 PM Winter Jam at Rupp Arena 11 AM Sisters In Christ @ 8th St Baptist Church
3	4 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	5 AARP Tax 9-4
6 PM AWANA 6 PM Youth Super Bowl Party	6 11 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers Mission Friends	7
10	11 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	12 AARP Tax 9-4
6 PM AWANA 6:30 PM Youth Night In Sanctuary 7:30 PM—Deacons Meeting	13 11 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers Mission Friends 6:30 PM Business Meeting	14
17	18 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	19 AARP Tax 9-4 2:00 PM—Current Missions
6 PM AWANA 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM Combined Service with First Baptist “Breaking the Stigma Sunday” at First Baptist Church	20 11 AM Staff Meeting 1 PM—Mamie Willmott 6:30 PM Music Makers Mission Friends	21
24	25 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters <i>Newsletter</i> 	26 AARP Tax 9-4
	27 11 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers Mission Friends	28
		29 8 AM Men's Pancake Breakfast 5 PM Single Seniors Valentine Dinner in Fellowship Hall

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