



Sisters in Christ

A women's fellowship with First Baptist Eighth Street, will meet on Saturday, **March 2nd** from 11 am to 1 pm at First Baptist Eighth Street. All women are invited. If you have any questions call, text, or email Kristy Horine at 859-707-9009 or kristyhorine@gmail.com. n Christ

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 February 24th

Sunday School 195 Worship 268
Year to Date Budget Giving \$61,663.94

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Week of Prayer

for North American Missions

March 3rd – March 10th



The four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) paint a fascinating picture of Jesus' life and ministry. From my perspective, one of the most interesting aspects of Jesus is His propensity to both attract and repel certain types of people. Those on the outside of respectable culture were more likely to embrace Him. Those on the inside? They seemed prone to take offense at Him. Understanding this dynamic gets to the very heart of why Jesus came and gets to the very heart of the gospel itself.

In his book *The Jesus I Never Knew*, author Philip Yancey explains this reality. He writes, "The more unsavory the characters, the more at ease they seemed to feel around Jesus. People like these found Jesus appealing: a Samaritan social outcast, a military officer of the tyrant Herod, a quisling tax collector, a recent host to seven demons." We can easily add people to his list—the blind, the lame, the invalid, the prostitute, those mostly outside of acceptable social and religious circles. The lower you are, the more appealing Jesus is.

Yancey also explains the opposite: "Jesus got a chilly response from more respectable types. Pious Pharisees thought Him uncouth and worldly, a rich young ruler walked away shaking His head, and even the open-minded Nicodemus sought a meeting under the cover of darkness." The most pointed words Jesus spoke were directed to the most outwardly pious people. For example, Jesus pronounces a series of devastating woes in Matthew 23 against the Pharisees for their religious and moral hypocrisy. Perhaps the end of verse 3 summarizes His indictment of them: "They preach but do not practice."

The mission of Jesus is not to make good people better. He came to rescue those who know they are drowning. When you are sinking, you are uniquely positioned and eager to accept a lifeline. Jesus explains His mission when He says to Zaccheus, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10).

Our new sermon series, "Grace Encounters: Studies in the Gospel of Luke," kicks off this Sunday and will take us through Easter. Over these next eight weeks we will highlight and celebrate the theme of grace in Luke's Gospel. Grace connects to and extends what we've been learning about addiction and I look forward to sharing how grace is central to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Will you commit to being at church each Sunday through Easter? God is honored when we gather with His people for worship and mutual encouragement.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,

Pastor Steven



MICKEY'S MUSINGS

Music Makers

Music Makers will rehearse in the sanctuary on Wednesday nights in March at 6:30. This talented group of children are preparing the musical, *THE BORN AGAIN IDENTITY* for presentation on Sunday, April 14.

All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra

Students in grades 9-12 who are involved in the music ministry are eligible to participate in the Kentucky Baptist Convention All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra June 19-23. I may be reached at mickey@centralbaptistparis.com or 987-3951, x23 for more information.

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. I am tremendously proud of the progress this group has made this year and look forward to continued growth. It is not too late to jump in with us.

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. Sign up at the Registration Center.

Mardi Gras: March 5

In Louisiana, the carnival season concludes with a festive celebration on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. This day is known as Mardi Gras (translated: Fat Tuesday). Join me as I eat lunch at NOLA's in Cynthiana. We will depart from the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Sign up at the Registration Center.



Jonny's Corner

I constantly hear from students and parents that they are "trying to set an example." I get it, we are trying to get our kids off to a good start in this life. But times have changed! Too often we are trying to set examples and when they do not work out the way we expect, we usually give up. But what if I tell you that there is a better way. Instead of trying to set the example, let's "try to be the example."

Hear me out! When Christ physically walked on this earth, he spoke the truth, but how good would the truth have been, if he had not walked along with the truth. Not only did his words change the lives of thousands, his actions along with those words changed the world. James 2:26 says, "For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead."

Parents, how can we expect our children to be involved in church, if we are not? How can we expect our children to have a strong relationship with God, when we can't show them how to have a strong relationship? Parents, if you want your children involved in a church ministry, then by all means, be the parent and show your children how to be involved in church and build a strong relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Parents, I know we all get tired, I know that our lives are constantly on the go, but that does not excuse the fact that our Lord and Savior wants to have a strong relationship with all His children. Something I was thinking about, Christ has already set the example with his life. He spoke the truth, made disciples, and helped ordinary men become disciples that would give their own lives for Him and the gospel.

It is our turn, the example has already been set. I believe it is our time to be that example that Christ wants us to be. Our lives need to reflect Christ in order for our children to see Christ. In this world today, as believers, if we do not be the examples for our children, something, or someone, will become that example to our children. Parents, you have the biggest impact on your children. If you want to see them grow in faith, be a part in the church family, and share the gospel with others; we must teach them how to do that.

Instead of trying to set the example, which has already been set, let's be the example. Help your children understand who Christ is and why it is so important to be involved in His ministry. Do not expect your children to be involved, if you are not.

Jesus says this in John 13:15, "For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."

God Bless,

Jonny

March AWANA Calendar

March 3rd – Regular Club Night
March 10th – Team Colors Night
March 17th – Regular Club Night
March 24th – Regular Club Night
March 31st – No Meeting (Spring Break)

Discipleship Groups Leader Training – Rescheduled
All interested in leading discipleship groups are invited to an afternoon training on Sunday, **March 3rd** from 4:00-5:30. Please plan to attend if you are considering beginning or resuming a discipleship group this year. All are welcome.

Central Baptist Welcomes New Members
Doug and Debbie Parke

A Conversation about Addiction and Substance Abuse
Please join us **Sunday, March 3rd** during our evening service as we will hear from our own Susan Rose, an employee at The Nile (Addiction, Recovery, Treatment) in Lexington. Susan has worked at The Nile for a year and she will be sharing with us about her experiences ministering to those struggling with addiction.

Sunday Evening Studies - March 10-April 7
All women are invited to join a five-week study through *He is Enough: Living in the Fullness of Jesus (A Study in Colossians)* by Asheritah Ciuciu. All men are invited to join a five-week study through *How to Grow: Applying the Gospel to All of Your Life* by Darryl Dash. These discipleship studies will occur on Sunday evenings (in lieu of the evening service) from 6:30-7:30 in various locations at church. Books cost \$12 each. Please sign-up at the Registration Center if you plan to participate.

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.

Women's Game Night in the Fellowship Hall
March 15th 6:30 PM

Bring an appetizer to share, all ladies are welcome!

"A Mind to Work" Informational Meeting
Nehemiah 4:6—"For the people had a mind to work." Chris Jones is creating a documentary that will chronicle the history of Central Baptist Church. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, **March 10th at 7:30 PM** in Room 205 for those interested in helping. Lots of assistance is needed and there are lots of ways to volunteer! We need help researching, writing, compiling and sorting through photographs and videos. If you'd like to help or would like to know more of what all is involved, please attend this meeting or contact Chris Jones. A sign-up sheet is available at the Registration Center.



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week of Prayer for Northern Missions March 3rd –March 10th Annie Armstrong CBC Goal \$5,000						1 2 Sisters in Christ 11 Am @ 8th Street First Baptist Church
3 4 PM Discipleship Training 6 PM AWANA 6:30 PM Conversation about Addiction & Sub- stance Abuse Susan Rose speaker	4 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	5 AARP Tax 9-3	6 11 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers in Sanctuary Mission Friends	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins 6 PM AWANA 6:30 Women & Men's Bible Studies 7:30 "A Mind to Work" Info meeting	11 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	12 AARP Tax 9-3	13 11 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers in Sanctuary Mission Friends	14	15 6:30 PM Women's Bame Night	16 7:30 AM New Life Center 9 AM Sew Blessed
17	18 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	19 AARP Tax 9-3 2:00 PM–Current Missions 6:30 PM Women's Leadership Team Meeting in 205	20 11 AM Staff Meeting 1 PM–Mamie Willmott 6:30 PM Music Makers in Sanctuary Mission Friends	21	22	23 8 AM Deacon's Meeting
24	25 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	26 AARP Tax 9-3	27 11 AM–Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers in Sanctuary Mission Friends	28	29	30
31 No AWANA (Spring Break) 6:30 Women & Men's Bible Studies						

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:

4:00 PM – Mamie Willmott

Third Saturday of the Month:

9:00 AM – Sew Blessed