



Dear Central Baptist Church Family,
We would like to express our appreciation to our entire church family for the prayers, kindness and support during our time of loss. Thank you especially to Pastor Steven for the personal and heartfelt service and to the ladies of CBC who provided wonderful meals for our visiting family.

God Bless you all, Laura Torres, Ben Crochet and families

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued love and support for our family during our transition from Haiti. God has been so good to us; He is faithful! Thank you for allowing Him to use you to care for us. We are humbled by your kindness and the Lord's goodness.

Mark & Melanie Dearing & Family

Mark your calendars

April 20th Easter Egg Hunt Outreach 10 AM- Noon

at our 762 Clintonville Road Property

(need volunteers to set up & work during hunt)

and 2 PM Easter Egg Hunt for Paris Pointe Mission Project

(need volunteers, contact Vicky Fleming)

April Business Meeting has been rescheduled for

April 17th due to Music Makers performing at

Bourbon Heights on April 10th

May 5th Youth Sunday—Youth will lead the service

May 19th Senior Recognition Day

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Central Baptist Goal \$5,000

(collected \$3,004), as of March 24th

Average Attendance & Giving Report through March 24th

Sunday School 180 Worship 258

Year to Date Budget Giving \$91,954.40

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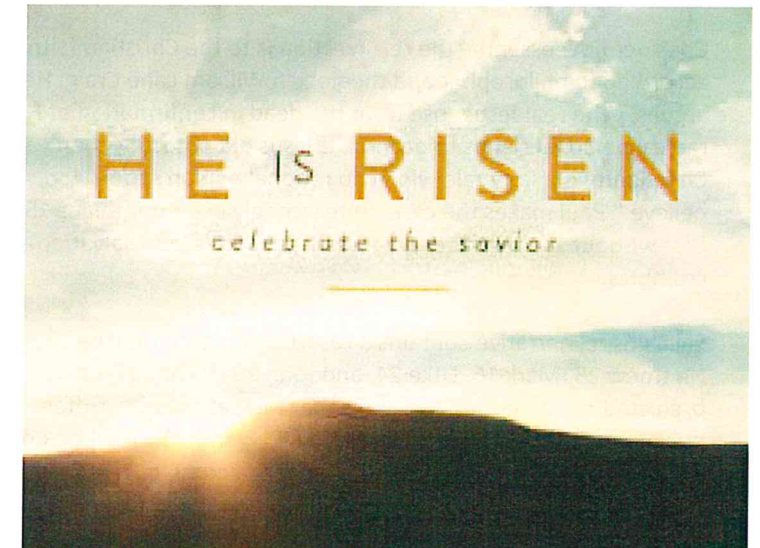
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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST



I've had the privilege, along with Bryan Beauman, of co-teaching a "Basic Beliefs" Sunday School class for young adults in our church since the fall of last year. It's been great to get to better know the couples that are attending and we've discussed a number of important doctrines and beliefs that are essential to the Christian faith. As you might expect, we devoted multiple weeks to discussing Jesus—His life and character, His death, and His resurrection.

With Easter approaching, you may agree that it is difficult to find any doctrines in the Bible more important than Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. We might say—and for very good reason—that our faith hinges upon whether or not these two events actually occurred. Did Jesus die on the cross for our sins? Did Jesus arise from the dead? The Bible says these events happened but, as far as I know, no one was there to record these events with their phones or broadcast them on Facebook Live.

Consider how essential the resurrection is to the Christian faith according to philosopher and theologian William Lane Craig. He argues, "The real Jesus rose from the dead in confirmation of His radical personal claims to divinity. If Jesus did not rise—then Christianity is a fairy tale which no rational person should believe." Paul makes the case quite strongly in 1 Corinthians 15 that without the resurrection of Jesus, our faith (and salvation) crumbles.

Each gospel narrative contains a resurrection account (see Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20-21) and Jesus predicted on numerous occasions that He was going to suffer, be put to death, and rise again (see Mark 8, 9, and 10). The book of Acts not only records the birth of the early church but also confirms that the message of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection was the central message proclaimed by Peter, Paul, and the other apostles.

Without video evidence, how can we have confidence that Jesus did rise from the grave? Consider a few lines of evidence that support the biblical claims:

- Jesus' tomb was empty (no evidence exists that His tomb was ever enshrined)
- Earliest creeds celebrate the resurrection (see 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
- There were eyewitnesses (see Matthew 28 and 1 Corinthians 15)
- Old Testament beliefs/practices changed immediately (holy day changed from Saturday to Sunday)
- Birth and explosion of the early church
- Martyrdom of apostles (nearly all of the apostles died for their beliefs)
- Personal experience of Christians worldwide

While none of these provide proof-positive evidence that Jesus arose, together they make a fairly strong case. We can believe, with confidence, that Jesus died for our sin and that He overcame death and the grave.

As Easter approaches, let's celebrate the hope we have in Jesus—hope for salvation, hope for daily living, and hope for eternal life.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,
Pastor Steven



MICKEY'S MUSINGS

MUSIC NOTES...

Worship Experience led by the KY Baptist Men's Chorale and Wind Ensemble on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. A love offering will be collected.

Worship Choir is in the throes of Easter preparations. Want to sing with us? Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:45p.m.

Youth Ensemble resumes rehearsals on April 7th at 5:30 p.m. and is scheduled to sing several times before the end of the school year.

Music Makers spring musical will be held on Sunday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m. Parents, please be sure your child is at all Wednesday rehearsals and the dress rehearsal on the preceding Saturday. The children will also present their musical on Wednesday, April 10th at Bourbon Heights.

KY Baptist All-State Children's Choir will include our very own Samuel Morris among its number this season. Samuel is our lone representative this year.

BOOMERS AND SENIORS

The 2019 Activities Page is on the Registration Center Counter. Please be sure to grab a copy and place it on your refrigerator at home.

Boomers and Seniors Lunch Bunch will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 11:30 for lunch. On April 9th, we will meet at Lil's Coffee House. Please be sure to register by Sunday, April 7th to ensure enough seating. Following lunch, I will be visiting nursing homes, hospitals, and/or shut-ins; you are encouraged to go with me, but not required.

Boomers and Seniors Day Trip is April 11th to Red House Baptist Church in Richmond for the annual KY Baptist Convention Senior Living Celebration. The event is free and includes a sack lunch. We will depart from the church at 7:45 a.m. and return at approximately 4:00 p.m. The registration deadline is Sunday, April 7th.

OUTREACH

The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Your assistance is most needed and greatly appreciated. Please be at the church property by 8:30 a.m. to setup. THANKS!

THANK YOU

Many of you know I had outpatient surgery on March 11th and was at home and, mostly, confined to bed for the remainder of the week. Thank you for the cards and messages you sent and a special thank you to Zack Jones for bringing food one day. I'm restricted from lifting anything over 15 pounds until after Easter – that wasn't good timing on my part – so I will need to rely on you that much more these next few weeks. Thank you in advance for your understanding and your support. I am so grateful for my church family and the love you demonstrate.



Jonny's Corner

Hard to believe it is already spring, which means that there are several events coming in the life of the children's and student ministries. There are opportunities to serve here at Central Baptist Church. An area of service I am specifically pointing out is the New Life Day Center. Every third Saturday, I take a group of students up to the New Life Day Center to serve breakfast to the homeless and the less fortunate. The student ministry has started their fourth year of service there, but I do not want to make it just a student ministry service. This ministry is open to the whole church. It is a unique way to get out of our comfort zones and have a chance to serve and reach those that need the gospel. Because of extracurricular activities with the students in the spring, I need volunteers for this ministry. We meet at the church at 7:30 in the morning and get back around 11:30 later that morning. It is a great ministry that does not take much time, but you will be blessed during that time. If interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact me for more information.

This year, Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 2nd - 6th. This is a great opportunity to get involved at Central and reaching children with the gospel. This year's theme is called "INTO THE WILD." This VBS will involve several habitats and wildlife. We are in need of leaders to help with decorating, teaching, food, music, and assistants for the teachers. VBS is one ministry that allows the church to reach several children in our community. We are going to need a ton of help to make VBS successful this year. There is a sign-up on the registration table for volunteers and leaders for VBS, please sign up and be a part of the churches mission to reach families in Paris.

There will also be a very important meeting coming up in April for parents and campers of both children and student camps this month. This meeting will get all the information, including forms, to all parents of campers. This meeting will have a Q & A so parents can get additional answers for questions they will have. Be watching through email and the bulletin for the date. Parents, when the date is set, please make time to be at the meeting.

YEC is happening on April 26th 27th. This is a Youth Evangelism Conference that is for students and Adult leaders. This is a great opportunity to hear some great speakers and music. This conference will help students understand, their

importance, about sharing the gospel and preparing them to do so. Any adults that would like to go, I encourage you to do so. This conference will help adults understand some of the issues teenagers are facing today and hopefully give some training to those adults that want to be a part of student and children's ministries. There is a sign up on the board next to my office with all the info, please sign up by April 14th.

Thank you to all the student and children leaders that give their time to these ministries. The impact you have is incredible, you may not see it, but God is using you to have a positive impact in the lives of our students and children. Keep seeking to serve our Lord in the compacity that He wills and you will be blessed. Thank You!!

Jonny

Men's Ministry

We have reserved 15 tickets for the UK Blue-White Spring football game at Kroger Field on Friday, April 12. Kick-off is at 6:00 PM. Tickets are free.

We have reserved 10 movie tickets for the Monday, April 29 showing of "Kingdom Men Rising" at Regal Hamburg. We'll eat dinner together in Lexington (TBA) and then see the 7:00 PM movie. Movie tickets are \$15.

You may sign-up for both events at the Registration Center at church or contact the church office. See Terry Cassity, Andrew Hampton, or Pastor Steven for more information.

Secret Church 2019

This year's topic is "Prayer, Fasting, and the Pursuit of God." From the website: "In Secret Church 19, we'll see that all of Scripture invites us to pursue God, and we'll see how crucial the role of prayer and fasting is in this pursuit. Beginning in Genesis and moving all the way through Revelation, David Platt shows us that God has designed prayer and fasting not only to meet our daily needs but more importantly so that we might find greater intimacy and satisfaction in Him." Secret Church 2019 will take place on Friday, May 17 from 6:00 PM until 12:00 AM in our fellowship hall. We have reserved 20 spots. Cost is \$10/person. Sign-up at the Registration Center. See Pastor Steven for more information.

The National Day of Prayer Celebration

Our church will host its second annual National Day of Prayer service on Thursday, May 2nd at noon. The theme for 2019 is LOVE ONE ANOTHER, using John 13:34, 'Love one another just as I have love you' as the key verse.

We are extending an invitation to our entire community to join us as we worship through music, prayer and the spoken Word. Help us spread the word and invite your friends and family to join us.

Following our time of worship, a grab and go lunch will be available to all, and our fellowship area will open for those who want to eat here.

Mark your calendar for this very special day!

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.

April AWANA Calendar

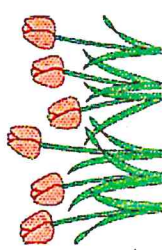
April 7th – Regular Club Night
April 14th – Music Maker's Performance **No AWANA**
April 21st – Easter Sunday **No AWANA**
April 28th – Regular Club Night


Central Baptist Welcomes New Members

Paula & Chris Zahn, Robbie & Elizabeth Waugh
June Erla, Steve, Dana & Braydon Boardman



April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10 AM Operation Food Basket April Fool's Day	2 9 to 1 PM AARP Tax	3 10 AM Operation Food Basket 11 AM—Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers Mission Friends	4	5 10 AM Operation Food Basket	6
7 6 PM AWANA 7:30 PM Deacon's Meeting	8 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	9 9 to 1 PM AARP Tax 11:30 Lunch Bunch @ Lil's	10 11 AM—Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers @ Bourbon Heights Mission Friends	11 Boomers & Seniors to Red House Baptist Church in Richmond Senior Living Celebration	12 6 PM Men's Outing Blue/White Spring Game	13 Music Makers Rehearsal
14 Palm Sunday 6:30 PM Music Maker's Presentation	15 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	16 2:00 PM—Current Missions	17 11 AM—Staff Meeting 1 PM—Mamie Willmott 6:30 PM Business Meeting	18	19	20 10 AM—Noon Easter Egg Hunt @ the Clintonville Property 2 PM—Easter Egg Hunt at Paris Pointe
21 Easter Sunday No evening activities	22 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	23	24 11 AM—Staff Meeting	25 	26 All State Children's Choir 26th –28th	27 Women's Conference 9 AM—4 PM
28 6 PM AWANA	29 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters Men's Movie Night Time to be announced	30 7 PM Men's Chorale in our sanctuary				

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)
 & 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