

July Mission Trip to Inez - Cancelled

It is with regret that we have decided to cancel our summer mission trip to eastern Kentucky. We pray this time of struggle is over by July but with little time to meet and prepare we have decided it best to cancel. We also know that there will be plenty of opportunities for us to be on mission here in our own community when this ends.

We will be planning for our trip next year.

Average Giving Report through May 27th

Year to Date Budget Giving \$171,948.95
Year to Date Budget Required \$201,432.00
Budget Shortfall \$29,483.05

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Central Baptist Church Goal - \$5,000
Collected as of May 28th \$4,459

Tithes and Offerings can be mailed to the church office at
829 High Street. Also, online giving is set up
on the church website
and it can be found on our Facebook Page

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FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

TJ's Take

I have come to thoroughly enjoy the subject of church history for so many reasons. I love to look back at the annals of the church to see the legacies of the great men and women of God upon whose shoulders we stand. I love to be encouraged by their testimonies and taught by their writings. I have long said that some of my best friends are old dead guys, because great men from ages past have taught me so much about God and about ministry.

But of all the church history I've read, I haven't come across any instances of a pastor answering the call to shepherd a flock of the people of God and beginning to minister to them for weeks on end without ever getting to see them in person or gather together with them in worship. I'm not saying it's never happened before, but it certainly isn't something I've read from generations past.

As we all know, the pandemic has had such an adverse effect on so many people in so many ways – some have died or lost loved ones, some have watched others suffer, some have endured significant economic loss, some have been forced to be separated from those they love most, and so many others have had countless other trials facing them that we don't even know about yet.

I personally haven't experienced any of those things directly, and for that I am incredibly thankful. However, on a more practical side of things, I think I speak for the entire pastoral staff when I say that we are all a little worn down. The past several months have been very challenging, and the impact of this season has been very taxing on us physically, mentally, and emotionally. At one point in the midst of all these decisions being made, I actually woke Chloe up in the middle of the night to ask her a question about when she thought we should have in-person services again – while I was asleep!

It's just one of those things that never goes away. And even now, as we've slowly begun the process of opening the doors once again, we still have many questions to answer. We still have to deal with the questions of Sunday School, children's and youth activities, business meetings, and many more. The task of answering these questions while considering the well-being and interests of so many is a never-ending challenge. And it is something that just continues to weigh on you day after day.

But words cannot do justice to express the incredible gift that the people of Central Baptist Church have already been to me and my family. Every single handwritten note, text message, Facebook comment, phone call, and e-mail of encouragement that I have received holds a special place in my heart. I know that the people of God at CBC care about me and my family. I know they continue to support us, even when times are hard.

I don't know what the next few months will look like. If I've learned anything from this season, it's that I don't even

know what the next few days will look like. But I do know that I am supported and cared for.

So from the bottom of my heart and with the utmost sincerity, let me just say – thank you. Thank you for caring for me and for encouraging me. Thank you for taking me in and letting me shepherd you. Thank you for allowing me to lead and for showing me grace when I make mistakes. Thank you for being ambassadors of Christ and representing him so well during this time.

So I can't say "thank you" enough.

And as we continue the process of beginning to meet for services again, I look forward to being able to tell you in person.

Until we gather again,
Pastor TJ



MICKEY'S MUSINGS

HELP WANTED

Website Maintenance

Know your way around computer programs and are teachable? You are qualified!

Facebook Live Operator

Ever post on Facebook? Can you cut and paste? You are qualified!

ProPresenter Setup

Attention to detail? Comfortable on a computer? You are qualified!

ProPresenter Operation

Can you read? Hear? Operate a computer mouse? You are qualified!

Audio Engineer

Can you hear a full range of audio frequencies? You are qualified!

Audio Assistant

Can you install AA batteries? Plug in cables? You are qualified!

Worship Service Recording Editor

Can you cut and paste on a computer program? You are qualified!

Are you willing to use your talents in service to the Father in any of these areas? The worship ministry needs you. Your church needs you. We will gladly provide you with the information, resources, and on-the-job training you will need to successfully complete the assigned tasks. "The greatest ability is availability." Contact me at Mickey@CentralBaptistParis.com

HERE'S WHAT'S NEW

We livestream our 10:45 service on Facebook Live and Simulcast on 100.9 FM and 1440 AM.

We resumed 10:45 in-person worship service on May 31. We added an 8:00 in-person worship service on May 31 (Note the new time).

We have created a broadcast room within one of the classrooms on the third floor.

Future Idea: Move the production booth from the balcony to the main floor. The justification for doing so is as follows:

- Moving the production booth to the main floor allows for better access and communication within the sanctuary.
- From the main floor position, the audio engineers would be better able to hear and adjust audio from a perspective similar to the majority of those

in attendance. (Frankly, when I attend a concert, I'd rather sit next to the production booth because that is where the sound is the best!)

- c. We would gain additional seating within the sanctuary, albeit in the balcony. Though we would lose approximately 21 seats on the main floor, we would gain nearly 60 seats on the left side of the balcony—rows that currently have no or reduced visibility seating due to the current position of the production booth.

At some point, this idea will need to be discussed by the church in a business meeting. Though there is nominal cost involved, we want the church to voice its views on the subject and determine the course of action.

Mickey



Jonny's Corner

Hello Church Family,

How exciting it is to finally get back together as a congregation to worship our Lord and Savior on Sunday mornings again! Yes, it is going to look different for a while, but we are able to get back together. Even with the changes that are caused by social distancing, wearing masks, and limited seating, I am excited to see my church family again.

But please be patient with everything. The situation for morning is not ideal to what the staff would like, but those are the mandates we must listen to and be respectful of. Either way, we are able to get together as a church family. So, please be in prayer for our church family and staff, but

also pray for wisdom and patience as we seek to answer many questions that are coming forward about church. I know all this has been tough on everyone. All ministries have suffered through this quarantine, but God's glory still shines through it all. Be praying for our students and children. It is very difficult to conduct youth and children ministries through a computer. All of the students and children have been doing their school work through the computer and have had several Zoom meetings with teachers.... they are tired of Zoom! They are eager to get back together, as much as any other ministry in the church. So please be in prayer for our students and children. They desire to be with their friends and get back to youth group, AWANA, nursery, and other activities within the church.

I ask that you pray diligently for the staff and leadership of the church. Since the doors are open again to have morning worship, that means there will be many other questions come up about other ministries in the church. When these ministries can open, each ministry will have to evaluate on how it is going to function with the mandates put in place by the state. Please be in prayer, because there are many questions that will need to be answered.

Just remember, God is in control. There is a light at the end of this and that light is God.

God Bless,

Jonny

Sunday Morning Services

May 31st will be our first in-person worship services (8:00 AM and 10:45 AM) and if you are not comfortable in attending yet we are still live streaming on Facebook or you can tune in to 1440 AM or 100.9 FM
Please spread the word!



Cambodian Woman follows Christ though None Go with Her

IMB missionary Seth Castleberry* and his team of national believers were faithfully sharing in villages throughout unreached parts of Cambodia, but no one was interested in hearing the gospel. One day, they entered a village and met Sophea*. Each time the team would visit the village, they shared with Sophea, but the elderly woman was sick. She would say, "I'm so sick I can't comprehend what you're trying to say."

God burdened Seth's heart to ask for Sophea's healing. He said, "Sophea, I don't command God. He commands me. He commanded me to come here and share the good news. I want to plead with the Father to heal you so you can comprehend what we're saying." The team prayed God would show the village His power by healing Sophea. Thirty minutes later, Sophea was out of bed and cooking. That was enough proof for Sophea, and she gave her life to Christ. Sopheas's husband and neighbors ridiculed her, but her faith grew every day.

At Sophea's baptism, the team sang the hymn "I have Decided to Follow Jesus." The song says, "Though none go with me, still I will follow." Sophea cried because she was alone in her faith. But after a year of being the only Christian in her village, Sophea now has fellow believers for fellowship and worship. Praise Jesus!

*Names changed

*Submitted on behalf of the WMU by Edna Stanley

June 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10 AM Staff Meeting	3 6:30 PM Zoom Prayer Meeting	4 11:30 AM Pastor Chat	5	6
7 8:00 AM Worship 10:45 Worship/ Live Stream Worship	8	9 10 AM Staff Meeting	10 6:30 PM Zoom Prayer Meeting	11 11:30 AM Pastor Chat	12	13
14 8:00 AM Worship 10:45 Worship/ Live Stream Worship Deacon's Meeting	15	16 10 AM Staff Meeting	17 6:30 PM Zoom Prayer Meeting	18 11:30 AM Pastor Chat	19	20
21 Father's Day 8:00 AM Worship 10:45 Worship/ Live Stream Worship	22	23 10 AM Staff Meeting	24 6:30 PM Zoom Prayer Meeting	25 11:30 AM Pastor Chat <i>New Letter</i> 	26	27
28 8:00 AM Worship 10:45 Worship/ Live Stream Worship	29	30 10 AM Staff Meeting	<p>*Some items may be subject to change as we slowly seek to re-open our building</p>			

Healthy at Church

* We ask that you abide by the CDC guidance that families sit together and stay 6 foot apart from others, inside and outside the building at all times.

* Please take advantage of our wall Hand Sanitizers in the front foyer, side door, sanctuary ramp door and the back door by the water cooler.

* If you do not have a mask please ask an usher and one will be provided for you.