



Central Baptist Church Family,
 Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits and food during Bill's illness and the during the time of his passing.
 Bill Mers' Family

Central Baptist Church,
 I want to thank Central Baptist Church for keeping our mother, Betty Barnes on your prayer list each week. You have kept her on your prayer list for several years, cards sent to her to let her know you never forgot her, visits, and served her the Lord's Supper. You don't know how much she appreciated those things and her family did also. She is with her Lord and Savior now and enjoying all the beauty of Heaven that she witnessed to others about. What peace her family has.

Thank you again,
 Monica Johnston

My Church Family,
 Many thanks for the phone calls, food, cards and especially all the wonderful prayers during my surgery and rehab time after yet another surgery. My heart is so appreciative and how thankful I am for all of you giving me support during this time. I am truly blessed with such a great church family...Thanks so much and love to you each and everyone.

Edna Stanley

Church Family,
 I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, the beautiful cards and all the phone calls after my knee replacement.

God Bless each of you, Judy Pry

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TJ's Take

Each and every week that we gather together as a church family (whether it is in-person or via technology), my task and my responsibility is to preach the Word to the people of God. It is not to give some kind of political or social commentary on the current state of affairs in the world. It is not to entertain the listeners or to make people feel good or to say what is popular. It is simply to preach the Word.

That responsibility doesn't come from my job description (though certainly, it is included). That responsibility comes from the calling that God has placed on my life and upon the role of the

elders/overseers of the church as laid out in Scripture.

For that reason, I labor intensely in my time of sermon preparation. I read the text slowly and repeatedly. I study the intricacies of the context. I examine commentaries and consult a multitude of resources to understand the passage. Then I carefully plan and craft the content of the sermon I will deliver each Sunday morning. I practice my delivery and edit my transitions and prayerfully prepare even the smallest of details. Each week, I do this with painstaking diligence all in hopes of delivering the Word in such a way that it might be a delight to the church – in such a way that we might cry out with the psalmist, “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psalm 119:103)

My primary aim in doing this each and every Sunday is to feed the flock. Because as believers in the midst of a lost and broken world, we need the spiritual sustenance of God’s Word. And we need it each time we gather together.

Now certainly, my job as your pastor involves more than preaching the Word. In other words, I am not just a preacher – I am a pastor. I have countless other responsibilities that go well beyond my time in the pulpit on Sunday morning. But although I am more than a preacher, I am not less. Because as a pastor, I must be faithful to preach God’s Word. If I don’t, I am no pastor at all.

I love how John Owen (1616–1683), one of the greatest English Puritan theologians in the history of the church, outlined the responsibilities of pastors. He noted that the pastor has seven main responsibilities, including fervently praying for the

flock, administering the ordinances of the Lord’s Supper and baptism, defending the doctrine of the gospel, leading in the conversion of souls, caring for the needs of believers, and leading a godly life. But at the top of Owen’s list, far above the others, was the task of feeding the people of God by preaching the Word.

As I reflect on the many new pastoral responsibilities that come during this unprecedented time, I am thankful that the primary task never changes. Because the Word of God never changes. And that the Living Word, Jesus Christ, is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

So when we come together on Sunday mornings, you can expect the excellencies of Christ to be proclaimed. After all, that is my primary responsibility.

For that, I am so incredibly thankful.

Until we gather again,
Pastor TJ



MICKEY’S MUSINGS

Calling All Video Gamers

Use your joystick dexterity, multi-button acuity, and hand-eye coordination in service to the Father. How? Become an operator of the church’s new robotic cameras. From the confines of the broadcast room, you will be able to control the cameras for streaming our worship services. This opportunity is for those in Grade 7 and above. Contact me at

mickey@centralbaptistparis.com for more information.

Graphic Designers and Computer Operators

We are planning a one-day training session to learn how to utilize the presentation software we use in our services. Paul Alan Clifford of Trinity Digital Media is one of the leading instructors on ProPresenter and has a large quantity of tutorial videos on YouTube which I consulted frequently in learning the program. Paul travels nationally conducting training sessions for churches on ProPresenter, speaks at many conferences on topics related to worship media, and has articles published in several worship technology magazines. Conveniently, he lives in Nicholasville and has offered to come to Paris on a Saturday to provide a day of training on the software for us. Interested in learning a new skill to be used in service to the Father? Contact me at mickey@centralbaptistparis.com for more information.

Production and Broadcast Spaces

We continue making progress in updating our equipment and functionality as we expand our worship media ministry to keep up with the challenges of today. As such, we will be doing some construction of new spaces and repositioning of equipment. If you have carpentry, finish, and/or painting skills and are willing to assist, please contact Karl Kilburn at the church office – cbc829@gmail.com.

Worshipping or Watching?

A friend of mine shared a post on Facebook detailing a crisis of faith he had experienced several years ago as a church attender and came to the following realization:

“Worship had become entertainment, a kind of variety show (with varying degrees of talent according to where you were) to sit back and watch...As my understanding of worship began to change, so did my desire for something greater.”

Whether in-person or at home, are you worshipping or watching? Get involved. Engage your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Join us on Sunday mornings and worship the name of Jesus at which “every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth to the glory of God the Father.”

Blessings,
Mickey Ballard



Jonny's Corner

Hello Church Family, as things continue with the coronavirus and everyone is trying to be safe, please remember that God's ministry at CBC is still moving forward. We have services on Sunday mornings, Wednesday night prayer meeting, and youth on Sunday nights. We are trying to keep things going even during this time of confusion. We are leaning on caution to make all these opportunities to come together as safe as we can make them.

As for other student ministry events, children ministry events, and children's church, those type of ministries are not able to happen at this point. Even with the nursery, we have been unable to open because there were some changes being made and we want everything to be as safe as possible when we do open back up. So be in prayer for our church and these ministries because it is difficult to figure out what the

best thing to do when things are changing on a weekly basis as of now.

With that being said, we are starting to recruit adult leaders for the nursery, children's church and AWANA. When we are available to start opening things up, we are going to need adult leadership help in all of these areas. Once we are able, there will be trainings offered to help everyone understand the changes that are made as well as overall safety for everyone that is involved.

More than likely, there will be some changes made in each of these ministries, but we are looking to make these ministries as safe as possible. Another goal we are looking into with these ministries is making them more intentional with reaching families in the home. Since we don't know how long things will be shut down committees are meeting and planning different avenues to reach families in the home. But we are going to need help with this when that time comes, so we need adult help in these ministries.

Please be patient as we are working diligently in all ministries to make things safe when things open back up, as well as to better serve our families and our community at CBC. So, we are still moving forward with God's ministry and as busy as ever.

If you are interested in being an adult leader in these ministries, please contact the church office or myself. I am looking forward to when things open back up. Keep praying for our church, community, country and the world as we seek Christ through all the frustration and chaos that is going in the world. Remember, at the end of all this, God's glory will shine over all!

God Bless,
Jonny



Ross Frierson – European Peoples

Ross Frierson and his family serve the world from Cardiff, Wales, in the United Kingdom. “We have been a part of planting a church in a very diverse part of inner-city Cardiff, so we have the privilege of having the nations at our doorstep,” he says. There are 20 nations represented in this church of about 60 people.

As a church planter, his primary missions' activities are evangelism, small-group discipleship, and serving as co-pastor of a young church plant. Ross loves to see the church display the gospel of Jesus Christ well. “These displays are so compelling to the watching community,” he says. The most successful display has been providing a weekly potluck lunch for the community on Sundays before the worship service begins at 3:00 p.m. It gives an excellent reason for guests to walk through the door.

Although troubles are not unusual in Ross's missions work, he knows they can produce fruit in his life. He strives to focus on the eternal. He asks believers to pray that he would be “faithful to clearly and boldly proclaim the gospel.” Ask God to help Ross and his wife, Dena, consistently keep their gaze on Jesus.

Ross and his wife have been IMB missionaries for 11 years. “I have been so thankful for the faithful prayer support of the saints who make up the WMU. You are such a blessing! Thank you!” he shares.

*Submitted on behalf of the WMU by Edna Stanley

August 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 7 PM Deacon's Meeting	3	4 10 AM Staff Meeting	5	6	7	8 10 AM-11 AM Drive-By Baby Shower for TJB Chloe (Baby Kinley)
9	10	11 10 AM Staff Meeting	12 6:30 PM Business Meeting	13	14	15
16	17	18 10 AM Staff Meeting	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 10 AM Staff Meeting <i>Newspaper</i>	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Average Giving Report through July 24th

Year to Date Budget Giving \$244,094
 Year to Date Budget Required \$282,780
 Budget Shortfall \$38,686

July - Associational Missions
 Julia Woodward Offering
 Central Baptist Goal \$600 (Collected \$655)

* Benefits our Central Kentucky Network of Baptists Association

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 829 High Street. Also, online giving is set up
 on the church website
 and it can be found on our Facebook Page