



Dear Members and Friends,
I just wanted to thank you for my card you sent me during my illness. It really means a lot to know someone is thinking about you and cares enough to take the time out to send a card. Thank you so much. May God Bless and Keep you safe. I will be back, Lord willing as soon as I can.

Much Love, Lisa Johnson

Church Family,
Thanks, one and all that sent cards and prayers for Wendy as she is going through these hard times. She is finished with her chemo treatments which did nothing. Now on radiation 5 days a week for 5 weeks, plus chemo pills. Lot of prayers are sure needed as she has a long road ahead.

Love and prayers,

Wendy & Andrew Flynn, Brenda & Gayle Sosby

Dear Church Family,
I would like to thank each one of you that prayed for me, called or visited me during my recent illness.

Love, Virgaleen Worthington

To Our Church Family,

We want to thank our church family for the cards, food, phone calls and most of all your prayers. TJ thank you for your prayers, phone calls and encouragement. We truly are blessed to have each and every one of you in our lives.

Love, JC and Debbie True

Dear CBC Church Family,

Thank you so much for loving on our family during the passing of our father. Thank you, Brother TJ, for your visit and your many prayers.

The food the church provided for our family after the funeral was wonderful and so appreciated. Thank you for all of the many cards and messages of condolence. Most of all, thank you for your prayers. They have meant so much to us and have gotten us through these past months and days.

Sincerely, The Family of Bill Conn (Laura & Lydia)

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FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

TJ's Take

We often forget that the Bible is one cohesive story. But from Genesis to Revelation, Scripture tells the story of redemption with a central focus on God's work in saving sinners.

The story begins with God's perfect creation in Genesis 1–2, when he creates the heavens and the earth. His creation is beautiful and wonderful. In short, it was very good.

But very quickly after the perfection of creation, the story turns when Adam and Eve rebel against God and break the fellowship between God and man. They sin. And with their sin, they bring darkness upon humanity. Instead of harmony between God and man, there is now enmity.

Instead of God's fellowship, man is now subjected to God's wrath.

Following the fall of man, the message of the gospel—the story of the good news of the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ as the new and better Adam—becomes the focal point in the unfolding drama of Scripture. Although Jesus does not appear in the story for quite some time, this message of redemption can still be seen even in the earliest stages of Genesis immediately following the fall of man.

Of course, the gospel in embryonic form can be seen in Genesis 3:15, when God promises that someone is coming from the line of the woman who is going to crush the head of the serpent.

But one important thread of the message of the gospel also begins in Genesis 3 and runs all throughout the pages of Scripture. It's the gospel according to the cherubim.

In Genesis 3:24, Moses records the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden when it says that God drove them out, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Because of their sin, Adam and Eve are now exiled. They are no longer allowed back into the Garden. They are prohibited from remaining in the presence of God. Guarding the way back to the Garden were cherubim. And the cherubim are here given a flaming sword—an instrument of execution. The implication is that if they attempt to come back into the Garden—if they attempt to return into God's presence—they will face the wrath of this sword. They will be executed.

But perhaps someone can intervene and bear the sword for them. Perhaps someone can help restore the broken fellowship for them and grant them access back to the presence of God. That question is not answered in Genesis

3. Rather, it will take the rest of the story of Scripture before the answer is revealed.

We are reminded of the cherubim again in the book of Exodus. Cherubim are included upon the mercy seat on the ark of the covenant, and cherubim are stitched into the fabric of the tabernacle in the holy of holies. So as the priests entered into the holy of holies, they were surrounded by the cherubim which served as constant visual reminders of the holiness of God. Likewise, the veil (which served to symbolize separation between man from God) had cherubim woven into it.

But the story of this cherubim imagery ultimately culminates with the intercessory work of Jesus dying on the cross. Upon his death, the veil covered in cherubim was torn. In that moment, we see that the flaming sword of the cherubim—the dreadful imagery of Genesis 3:24 signifying the hopelessness of man for regaining access to God—has now fallen into Jesus. Jesus has received the execution and the punishment for the sin of man. He provides the payment so that fellowship with God is now possible. That's the good news of the gospel.

That good news is magnified at the end of Scripture. In the new Eden in Revelation 22, the tree of life which symbolizes the presence of God and fellowship between God and man is there. But unlike the scene in Genesis 3, there is no longer any cherubim guarding its access. Because Jesus took the flaming sword in our place.

Believers have access to eternal fellowship with God—not because of our own works, but because of the work of Jesus Christ. Jesus took the penalty for us so that we might live.

That's the message of redemption. It's the message told in the story that spans from Genesis to Revelation. It's the gospel according to the cherubim.

In Christ,
Pastor TJ



MICKEY'S MUSINGS

Maundy Thursday

On Thursday, April 1 at 6:30 pm, we will gather, just as millions of Christians around the world will, for an observance of the Lord's Supper and a Maundy Thursday Service. The name Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin, "mandatum" which means command or mandate. It is a reference to the new command that Jesus gave his disciples on Thursday night, just one day before he would lay down his life on the cross, to love one another just as he has loved us.

That night, we will sing songs and read Scripture as a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering. We will reflect on the depth of his suffering and death. We will reflect on the love behind it all. PLEASE NOTE: Due to the intimacy of the evening and the depth of the darkness and despair upon which we will reflect, the service will not be live-streamed. Nursery workers will be available.

Easter Sunday

Every Sunday is Resurrection Sunday for those who believe in Jesus Christ. However, our calendars point to April 4 as the world-wide day of celebrating the resurrection from the dead of our Lord and Savior. So, join us that morning at either 8:00 or 10:45 as we celebrate the Risen King!

Side note: As you may be aware, there is a hunger to return to a sense of normalcy in our society and one of those ways is church attendance on Easter Sunday. I suspect that we will have a room full on that day. I don't say that to discourage you from coming, but to encourage you to participate in the 8:00 service to provide space for visitors and guests who are more likely to worship at 10:45. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

KBC Virtual Children's Choir

On Saturday, April 24, the Kentucky Baptist Convention will be hosting a virtual children's choir for children in grades 3-6. At 9:30 we will register in the fellowship hall and enjoy breakfast goodies. At 10:00 the virtual choir begins as we learn 2 songs with other children from across the state. Then, at noon, our time together draws to a close with a state-wide virtual worship experience.

Asbury University Girl Band

The Asbury University Girl Band ministers to prisons and churches across the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky. It is our honor to host them on Sunday, April 11 at 6:30 pm in our sanctuary as they lead us in an evening of worship.

10 Years!

Ten years ago, this month, a music committee member said to me, "I know you'll only be with us for a year, but we want you here for that year." Little did she know, but God had other things in mind. Because of the timing of Easter and a number of obligations I needed to fulfill, my first day at Central Baptist Church was in May. The first week of May will mark 10 years of service to the Father and His people at Central Baptist Church. Words could never express the depth of gratitude we have for your willingness to serve the Father faithfully with us. Bless you for making us a part of your family.

Blessings,
Mickey Ballard

April AWANA Calendar

April 4th - No Meeting (Easter)
April 11th - No Meeting (Spring Break)
April 18th - Regular Club Night
April 25th - Silly Hat Night (wear a silly hat)



Jonny's Corner

Hello Church Family,

It is so encouraging to see AWANA and choir functioning again in the church building. It is encouraging to hear children, students, and adults laughing and talking in the building on Sunday nights. It is encouraging to see things have some kind of normalcy again, even though it is still a little different. To say the least, it is encouraging to see ministry happening again for all age groups in the church building.

Even more encouraging news both children and student camps are happening this summer, and I am so looking forward to it. Summer camps are a huge part of children and student ministry. Both children and students look forward to the summer every year because they have the opportunity to go to camp. Summer camps are great opportunities for all that are involved to grow in their faith, meet new faces from all over the country, and have the chance to serve communities throughout the United States. The pandemic disrupted a lot of this last summer, but as of now, camps are going to be in full swing.

Children's camp is July 19-23 in Campbellsville, Kentucky at Campbellsville University. Youth camp is June 29-July 3 at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. I still have a few spots open for camp, but not many. Please get in touch with me, or call the church office if you are interested in knowing more about summer camps the children and students are attending this summer. If you are interested in helping by being an adult leader and attending camp, please give me a call.

Camps are not cheap. This year youth camp is \$344/person and children's camp is \$314/person. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, neither ministry is able to do fundraising like we have in the past. We have to pay for camp, but also have to pay for rental vans for transportation. So, in the month of April through the end of May, both children and student ministries are asking for your help for donations for camp. Hopefully, here in a few weeks, you will hear about this fundraiser. We are asking families to consider making a donation to either youth camp, or children's camp. It does not matter the amount, we are grateful for any help given, and if you are unable to help financially, we are grateful for prayers as well.

I am encouraged that things are starting to resemble some kind of normalcy, but I also know that things can change. I will keep everyone up to date on camps and what is going on in both ministries. I am excited to see how God is going to use his church, the children, and the students to further His kingdom in 2021.

God Bless
Jonny

Average Giving Report through March 28th

Year to Date Budget Giving \$116,183.58
Year to Date Budget Required \$107,543.75
Budget Surplus \$8,639.83

North American Mission
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
CBC Goal \$5,000 (collected \$5,995)

March 2021
Average Sunday School 95 Average Worship 176

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Easter Sunday 8:00/10:45 AM Worship	5 AM Quilters	6 10 AM Staff Meeting	7 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	1 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service/Lord's Supper	2 Good Friday (church office will be closed)	3
				Paris/Bourbon Spring Break		10
No Evening Services			6:30 PM Prayer Meeting			
11 8:00/10:45 AM Worship 6:00 PM Youth Deacons Meeting 6:30 PM Asbury Girl Band	12 9 AM Quilters	13 10 AM Staff Meeting	14 6:30 PM Business Meeting	15	16	17 7:30 AM New Life Center
18 8:00/10:45 AM Worship Baby Dedication 6:00 PM Youth 6:30 A WANA	19 9 AM Quilters	20 10 AM Staff Meeting	21 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	22	23 Secret Church	24 9:30 AM KBC Virtual Children's Choir
25 8:00/10:45 AM Worship	26 9 AM Quilters	27 10 AM Staff Meeting	28 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	29	30	
6:00 PM Youth 6:30 A WANA						

Top Ministry Opportunities

Sunday:

8:00 AM – Worship Service
 9:30 AM – Sunday School for All Ages
 10:45 AM – Worship Service
 6:00 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
 6:30 PM – A WANA
 6:30 PM - Pastor's Bible Study

Monday:

9:00 AM – Willing Hand Quilters

Wednesday:

6:30 PM – Prayer Meeting

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