



Virgil "Buck" Barton

Buck Barton stands before a group of men and instructs the men on how to fill out job applications. Many of them come from poor backgrounds and have battled addiction. They are now seeking a new life, and Buck is able to assist them through the Christian Men's Job Corps (CMJC) program he runs in Coffee County, Tennessee.

"We run Down Home Missions as a ministry center in the Lakewood Park community, where we have a clothes closet, food pantry, Bible studies, and children's activities," said Buck, a North American Mission Board missionary. "We use these activities to build relationships in the community, which opens doors to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

"We are also a CMJC/CWJC (Christian Women's Job Corps) site offering classes to help others lift themselves out of their current situations, whether poverty, addiction, or just finding a new job."

Buck said his greatest joy comes from meeting people where they are, meeting their needs, and expressing God's love in tangible ways.

"Seeing the light come on in their eyes when we tell them God loves them - this is why we do what we do," he said.

Pray for the volunteers who work on the frontlines helping meet the needs of families who come to the center. Pray, too, for those who come to the center for help. Pray they would have their greatest need met, which is a relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

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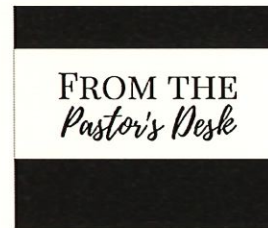
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TJ's Take

Church Family,

Part of our mission as a church is to fulfill the Great Commission given by Jesus in Matthew 28 to "make disciples of all nations." In other words, we are to deliver on to others that which we also received—the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1–4).

While we are called to do this in a variety of ways as individual believers and as a church, we have a focused effort of intentionally delivering the gospel to our community through a ministry effort known as Gospel to Every Home. Gospel to Every Home is a statewide initiative with the Kentucky Baptist Convention which aims to put the good

news of Jesus Christ into every single residence in the state of Kentucky.

In Bourbon County, a total of nine like-minded churches within our network are partnering together to send teams into the community over the course of several weeks throughout August and September. These teams will go door-to-door in order to distribute materials, encourage residents to join us for worship, pray for residents, and hopefully engage in gospel conversations.

Within our county, there are more than 8,000 homes representing families in need of the gospel. Central Baptist Church is responsible for a little more than 2,000 of those homes.

Needless to say, this is a significant undertaking for us as a church. But Jesus Christ is worth it. So, my encouragement to our church family is simply this—be a part of this effort to get the gospel out. You can do that in a variety of ways.

On Sunday, August 8th, we will be hosting a joint evangelism training service at Central Baptist Church at 6:30 PM where all participating churches will be invited to attend. Please make plans to come that evening and learn more about how we will be able to take the gospel to others.

Additionally, we have plans to go out in teams over the course of five Wednesday evenings (August 11, August 25, September 1, September 8, September 15) in order to go knock on doors and engage in gospel conversations. We will meet at the church to pray promptly at 6:30 and then head out in groups to canvas different locations. The more participants we have, the more teams we can send out with the hope of Jesus Christ.

If you're concerned about engaging in gospel conversations, you can still participate. Each team will have someone who logs information about the homes we visit in order to have a plan for follow-up connections down the road.

If you're concerned about whether or not you can physically walk long enough distances to go door-to-door, you can also still participate. We will have a group of people who stay in

the sanctuary to pray specifically for this effort on those Wednesday evenings.

Everyone can be a part of what God is doing. I pray that you will join us as we seek to honor Christ in taking the gospel to our community. As Jesus once said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37–38). We have been praying for the Lord of the harvest to raise up laborers to go out into the harvest. Will you be one of them?

In Christ,  
Pastor TJ



## MICKEY'S MUSINGS

### Lunch Bunch

After a long 15 months, the Boomers and Seniors Lunch Bunch ate together last month. Let's do it again! On **Thursday, August 5 at 11:30 a.m.** we will meet at the Rock Cafe. We don't check ID's, so regardless of your age, we'd love to have you join us! Be sure to sign up at the Registration Center so we can be sure to have enough seats at the table.

### Worship Choir

The Worship Choir—open to all in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older—will begin on **Wednesday, August 11 at 5:45 p.m.** in Room 205. The choir will practice every Wednesday and sing, primarily, during the 10:45 service. No audition required.

### Children's Music

Music Makers is moving upstairs on Wednesday nights, combining with the children's discipleship program for an evening of spiritual and musical development. Sue Ellen Ballard and Leslie Morris will be leading the music activities as our children learn music fundamentals, hymns, songs, and choruses. The children will sing monthly in the church services, present a program of Christmas music in December, and conclude the 2021-22 academic year with a musical in May. All children in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are encouraged to participate beginning on **Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

### Operation Inasmuch

Operation Inasmuch is focused on the entire body of Christ and provides tremendous opportunities for people to serve for the first time, families to serve together, and for the church body to come together to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Our service to the community this fall is scheduled for **August 28**. Please mark your calendars and begin praying for how God will use you in this outreach/service project.

### 5th Sunday Singin'

On **Sunday, August 29 at 6:30** we will hold a 5th Sunday Singin' in the sanctuary. This night of worship will be filled with the songs that you sing and/or play. If you have a solo or small-group selection for that night, please let me know what it is you are planning to present as an offering of worship.

### Check-in Kiosk

Beginning this fall, we will have a check-in kiosk in the nursery hallway. This kiosk will allow parents to check-in their nursery and grade school children, print name tags, and escort their children to where they are going without having to stop at the manned stations. Of course, the manned stations will still be operational at both the nursery and at the third-floor landing for guests and to resolve kiosk issues that may arise.

Blessings,  
Mickey Ballard



Hello Church Family,

WOW! The summer is about over and school is starting this month. This year is flying by and still there is so much to do. First, I can't express the gratitude I have for the adult leaders that gave their time to go to youth and children's camps. Thank you so much for giving your time and love to these students and children. Camps would not be able to happen each year without the devotion of our adult leaders in both ministries. Also, to the church, thank you for your generous donations in helping to make camp happen. The donations given, helped to cover the cost of camp this summer, for both ministries. Thank you, I love all of you!

Secondly, I am excited that VBS, Vacation Bible School, is going to happen August 1<sup>st</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>. I am excited to get some normalcy back in our ministries and excited to hear children in the hallways of our church building. If you have not signed up to help with VBS, there is always room for more volunteers. The theme for VBS is Concrete and Cranes. We will be teaching God's Word through construction. I look forward to seeing kids being involved and church families giving their time to share the good news of Christ with the children in our community.

Family Fun Day is happening on August 21<sup>st</sup>. On August 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be going to Holiday World in Santa Claus, Indiana. This is an amusement park with roller coasters, rides, water park, and food. The cost is \$40 a person, this will be an all-day event, and we ask that everyone provide their own transportation. This is a family event, but if for some reason an individual needs a ride, just let me know. Funds are due on August 15. There will be a sign up on my board next to my office. Please sign up, or get in contact with the office, or myself and get signed up. This will be a fun day of fellowship for all that attend.

Awana will also be starting back up the Sunday after Labor Day. We want to invite as many elementary kids as possible

to be involved. This is a great ministry for kids to learn God's Word. I encourage parents to get their children involved in this ministry. There will be more details coming out soon, but if you have questions please contact the church office, Shannon Kenimer, or myself for more information.

I am thrilled that things are starting to get going again. Ministries are moving forward and we are trying to further the kingdom of God by sharing His Word. Once again, thank you to everyone that is giving their time to serve in both children and student ministries. These ministries would not be where they are today, without the help of the adults and their love for our children and students. It has been a tiring summer, but it has been worth every second. Thank you so much!

God Bless,  
Jonny

**Average Giving Report through July**  
Year to Date Budget Giving \$260,226  
Year to Date Budget Required \$250,935  
Budget Surplus \$9,291

**July 2021**  
Average Sunday School 105 Average Worship 186



Central Baptist Church,  
Thank you for all the kindness shown to Lorena and the love expressed during her illness. I thank the ladies who served the meal. Lorena loved Central Baptist and most of all God.  
Thanks, Johnny Bussell

Church Family,  
Thank you to our church family for all the prayers during Rickey's illness and death. All the phone calls, cards, messages and words of comfort were very much appreciated. Thank you to all the ladies that cooked and served the meal that was provided after his service. A special thank you to Pastor TJ for his support and prayers during this difficult time. Rickey left quite a legacy and he will be missed by all his family and friends. Please continue to pray for Mavis and our family. We are comforted by knowing that Rickey is spending eternity with Jesus!  
With Christian love, Woody & Penny Fryman

Central Baptist Church,  
Tax season for most of us is finally over, and I just wanted to thank the Central family for hosting the AARP Tax Aide Program again this year. It was a challenge, but with a great space to access, park, and social distance, in addition to wonderful volunteers, we served 135 households. Processes will continue to change and our volunteers grow weary so we are looking for additional volunteers each year. If any of you like to help others with a very anxiety provoking task, please volunteer. (You may do so on the AARP web site by choosing Tax Aide Volunteer.) The training is excellent and you will receive a blessing for your efforts. . . . We want to thank a special 'friend' who often left us treats to get us through some long days, as well as to Mickey and Jonny who often dropped in to check on us and provide technology assistance, and to John Fields who helped us set and clean up each week keeping us all safe. Thank you again for making the tax season this year another successful resource to your community.

AARP Tax Aide Team, Ken, Linda, Mike & Sandra

# AUGUST 2021

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:00 Prayer Time in Chapel 6:00 PM Youth 6:30 GTEH Combined meeting Make-up pictures	9	10	11 10 AM Staff Meeting	11:30 AM Lunch Bunch @The Rock	6 PM Worship Ministry Cookout @ Clintonville Property	
15	16	17	18 10 AM Staff Meeting 5:45 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM GTEH & Music Makers	19	20	21 Family Outing to Holiday World time to be announced
22	23	24	25 10 AM Staff Meeting 5:45 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM GTEH & Music Makers	26	27	28 Operation Inasmuch
29 4:00 PM Membership Orientation 6:00 Prayer Time in Chapel & Youth AWANNA training	30	31	August 29th 6:30 PM 5th Sunday 'Singin'			

## Our 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)
- 6:00 PM - Prayer Time in the Chapel
- 6:30 PM - Pastor's Bible Study

### Wednesday:

- 5:45 PM - Choir Practice
- 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting

### Thursday:

- 7:00 PM - Youth at the Clintonville Property

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