



Church Family,  
As we plan for Toy Store 2022, each month, there will be a specific age/gender to shop for. When you're out shopping and see sales, try to remember our Toy Store. You can also make monetary donations at any time. The month of March is 3-5-year-old boys

Thanks Again!  
Ashley Swearingen

To My Church Family,  
I would like to thank the ladies for the meal preps that were delivered to Brad & me, they were truly appreciated.

Thank you,  
Reda Leasor

**Please pray for our Pastor Search Committee**

The committee consists of the following people:  
Frank Arcari, Alyssa Crump (Prayer Coordinator),  
Curtis Kenimer (Chairman), Jill Maynard (Vice Chairman), Glenn Mackie, Lydia Sosby (Secretary) and Michael Swearingen.

Also pray for the man that God is leading to CBC.



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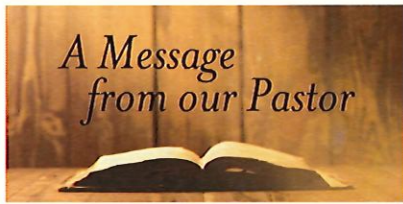
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March 1, 2022



**Week of Prayer  
for North American Missions  
March 6<sup>th</sup> – March 13<sup>th</sup>  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
Central Baptist Church Goal - \$5,000**



As I write this, we are four weeks in to my time as Interim Pastor for Central Baptist Church. By now you've likely realized that I like to pray scripture. I pray scripture each Sunday morning during the Pastor's prayer time in the worship service.

I love to pray scripture. Not only the prayers found in scripture. I love praying many different portions of scripture. Apart from the genealogies, most all of scripture can be prayed. When prayed, scripture comes alive and takes on a more personal significance.

Praying scripture is simply taking God's word, what was written by His Holy Spirit through His servants and applying it to what is going on in my life. Sometimes those prayers are soothing and comforting. Other times those prayers are strengthening and encouraging. Still there are other times when those prayers are sobering and even convicting.

When praying scripture, I format the wording to my life situation pertaining to the verse. The very first Psalm recorded in the Bible begins like this:  
***"Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law, he meditates day and night."***

Here is how I might pray that verse. *"Lord, I want to be blessed by you. Therefore, keep me from walking in*

*the way of the ungodly. Keep me from standing in the path that leads to sin. I do not want to be one who sits in the seat of the scornful. I need your help to be one whose delight is always in Your law O Lord. Teach me, lead me to meditate on Your law day and night."*

I would ask you to consider, if God were to have Jeremiah (or one of the other prophets) write to the churches of North America today, what would He have Jeremiah write? Jeremiah, in the book bearing his name, was not writing or speaking to the world that did not know God. He was speaking/writing to God's chosen people. Today, he would be speaking to the churches in North America and our waywardness.

We are in the middle of a six-week series of praying scripture for unity and restoration as a fellowship of believers. On Sunday nights we are looking at topics to unite around and seek God's favor. Then we have a bulletin insert for each person to take home with five days of praying short passages of scripture involving the topic of the week. When we come together again on Wednesday evenings part of our time is spent praying over those five daily topics for one another and as a combined congregation. Oh, please do not take this lightly! Join us and pray for God's kingdom work through CBC and our concerted effort. God hears the prayers of His people.

Not all scripture is easy to pray. But it is all revitalizing and replenishing. Will you look at scripture differently after reading this? Will you begin to pray scripture daily? It will change your life.

Pastor George



## MICKEY'S MUSINGS

### MUSIC NOTES

**Music Makers** will present their spring musical, The Lions, the Switch, and the Warm Robes, during the Sunday morning worship service on May 1. Their Wednesday night rehearsals will move from room 310 to the sanctuary on March 23 and continue in that space until the performance.

### BOOMERS AND SENIORS

**Lunch Bunch** will meet to eat on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Join us at 11:30 AM for lunch.

- Tuesday, March 8: Trackside Restaurant located at 134 E. 10th Street in Paris.
- Tuesday, April 12: The Rock Café located at 3960 Lexington Road in Paris.

The first **Quarterly Luncheon** of 2022 will be held on Thursday, March 31 at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall. To honor those in our church who are 55 and older, the luncheons this year are **FREE!** (Of course, we don't check ID's so join us for lunch if you're able.) Be sure to sign up at the Registration Center across from the church office. More details to follow.

### EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Join us at the church property on Clintonville Road on Saturday, April 16 as we kickoff Easter weekend with an evangelistic, outreach event from 10:00-2:00. The Gospel will be presented to all in attendance, eggs will be gathered, food will be eaten, and games will be played. Your participation as messengers of the Gospel is needed and will be greatly appreciated. Additional information will be provided in next month's edition of the Messenger. (continued)

### ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

As you can imagine, Sue Ellen and I are so proud of our son Jake and the advancement he has made in his musical studies. One of the requirements for his music education degree is that he present a Junior-Year Recital. We are both thrilled and honored to be able to present this recital in the church sanctuary on Friday, March 11 at 7:00 so friends and family may attend with relative convenience. We hope you will join us that night as Jake sings classical selections in a variety of languages and then presents several pop and jazz songs with fellow music education students from UK.

Blessings,  
Mickey Ballard



Hello Church Family,

Well, 2022 is well on its way and things are as busy as ever! It is exciting to say this, especially since there has been a pandemic going on for the last 2 years. There are several events being planned and several events that are already on the calendar.

The Children's Lock-In will be March 25<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 11pm. This is something exciting for the kiddos. It does not last all night, but it is a great opportunity to come down to the church building and spend some time getting to know the kids and having some fun at the same time. If you are a member and have some free time, please volunteer to help with this event.

Relationships are huge when it comes to both children and youth ministries. Taking the opportunity to spend time with both ministries and building relationships, allows them to build trust. In turn, when that trust is built, walls crumble and the more opportunity to have gospel conversations and become an adult leader in these ministries. Believe me, there is always a need for adult leadership in both ministries.

Summer camps are coming up quickly. Both the youth and students are currently involved in a calendar fundraiser. If you are interested in donating to either of the camps, please reach out to a student, or myself. The youth are heading to camp in June and the children are heading to camp in July.

Once Awana has ended and summer begins, there will still be children's ministry on Sunday evening. The kiddos will have the opportunity to play some fun games with the students and break into their own small group for a devotion. I will be getting more information out as it gets closer.

There also may be an opportunity coming for a small mission trip this summer locally, meaning in Kentucky. More information will be shared once things are scheduled and set.

I am excited for our church and the opportunities we have to get back out into the community to serve and share the gospel!

God Bless,  
Jonny

### March AWANA Calendar

March 6<sup>th</sup> - Team Spirit Night  
March 13<sup>th</sup> - Regular Club Night  
March 20<sup>th</sup> - Regular Club Night  
March 27<sup>th</sup> - Regular Club Night

### Average Giving Report through February

Year to Date Budget Giving \$57,044.50  
Year to Date Budget Required \$62,602.00  
Budget Shortfall \$5,557.50

### February 2022

Average Sunday School 98 Average Worship 157

### Women's Conference

The Women's Conference that was scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until further notice because of health issues with one of the ladies that was coming to present the cookie decorating class. Please pray for Ruth Girvin and her granddaughter, Mollie Griffin during this most difficult time. If any questions, please contact Kathy Kenimer.

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We are now recording the Sunday evening sermons and putting them on the Church website ([www.centralbaptistparis.com](http://www.centralbaptistparis.com)) starting with Pastor George Yates' testimony on February 6<sup>th</sup>.



# MARCH 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	March 6th-13th Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering CBC Goal \$5,000	1	2 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Music Makers 7:30 PM Choir Practice	3	4 Fellowship Hall in use 5-8 PM	5 11:00 AM Sisters in Christ Sanctuary in use
6 6:00 PM Youth AWANA & Prayer time in chapel	7 9 AM Willing Hand Quilters	8 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch to Trackside	9 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Music Makers 7:30 PM Choir Practice	10	11 7 PM Voice Recital (Jake Ballard)	12
13 3:00 PM Church Council Meeting 6:00 PM Youth AWANA & Prayer time in chapel	14 9 AM Willing Hand Quilters	15	16 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Music Makers 7:30 PM Choir Practice	17	18	19
20 6:00 PM Youth AWANA & Prayer time in chapel	21 9 AM Willing Hand Quilters	22	23 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM (FH) Prayer Meeting Music Makers (San) 7:30 PM Choir Practice	24	25 7 PM-12 PM Children's Lock-In	26
27 6:00 PM Youth AWANA & Prayer time in chapel	28 9 AM Willing Hand Quilters	29	30 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM (FH) Prayer Meeting Music Makers (San) 7:30 PM Choir Practice	31 11:30 AM Boomers & Seniors Quarterly Luncheon		

## *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
- 6:00 PM - AWANA
- 6:30 PM - Bible Study

### Wednesday:

- 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting & Music Makers
- 7:30 PM - Choir Practice

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