



Church Family,  
 Thanks to my church family for all your prayers, visits,  
 phone calls and thoughtfulness during the loss of my  
 husband. You have always been here for me  
 whenever I need anything. I will always be thankful to  
 God for blessing me with such a wonderful church  
 family. Prayers and God Bless each and every one.

Love, Frances Druen Wheeler

**Toy Store 2022**

The month of July is for 9-year-old and 10-year-old  
 boys. You can also make monetary donations at any  
 time.

**Average Giving Report through June**

Year to Date Budget Giving \$175,939

Year to Date Budget Required \$187,805

Budget Shortfall \$11,866

**Julia Woodard**

CBC Goal \$600

Collected \$335

**Trustee Capital Campaign for church repairs**

At the April 13<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting the Trustees  
 instituted a capital campaign to cover repair costs to  
 our church building. To contribute toward the capital  
 campaign, you can make a check out to CBC.

Collected \$12,810.01

**June 2022**

Average Sunday School 110 Average Worship 182

**Central Baptist Welcomes New Members**

Knox Hatmaker (March)

Bette Edwards (June)

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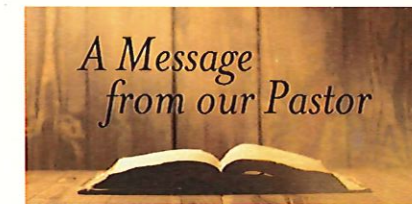
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*Messenger*

**July 1, 2022**



My heart is still overflowing from Sunday's services at Central! It was such a God Day at Central Baptist Church as we finished our seven-week Bible study and eight-week message series "Return to Me". God's Holy Spirit was moving throughout the music, prayers, scripture readings, the message and The Lord's Supper. A great morning. And people were commenting on it in very genuine and sincere ways.

I normally would not comment on the message (I delivered), but Sunday's message was such a delight for me because I was able to share God's Word and

comments and testimonies from about eight different people who had gone through the Return to Me study.

Then, last evening's testimony service was more than a great blessing as member after member shared what God had taught them and what they had learned through the individual and group study sessions. Testimonies of changed lives. Some were small changes, some required great commitment on the person's part. And all were God-ordained as people gave up their interests to follow God in this life-changing Bible study series.

My prayer is that we as a church will allow God to build on this as we move forward and those who did not go through the study will on their own or with a small group of others in the weeks to come. There are copies of the study available through the church office for six dollars each. You talk about return on investment; that's like paying for a cupcake and getting a lifetime supply of sheet cakes. And the study is even more delicious than sheet cake!

The testimony service was truly an incredible blessing to me to hear of the God moments and lessons learned by our family members. Oh, that every one of you could have been there to witness the Holy Spirit. Let me close with portions of a couple testimonies.

Jack Crump, *"When I first heard of and previewed this study, I felt offended. "How dare this author insinuate that I have left God"? But I decided to persevere for my sake, the sake of the church, and for God's revelation (hopefully). I have gained a better perspective on many levels of my walk. One thing it has benefited me in is related to something George has said in his sermons. That is, "why settle for good when great is better." While I haven't left God, we all hit points in our lives when we definitely plateau and perhaps that's where I and likely others have found*

*ourselves. I have felt during this study that it's time to elevate my efforts to reach for more Christlikeness for God's glory. I realize that I can't do this in my ability. That's why I'm encouraged by the words of Ephesians 3:20,21. And that God's promises never change or fail. While I need to review all of the study materials again, I'm glad that I have stuck with it."*

Laura Warner, *"I actually just returned from the prayer vigil. I wish everyone could go through the prayer stations. It was a very meaningful way to review everything we studied in the past 2 months. I believe that through this study God has laid it on my heart that I need to concentrate on dying to self and submitting to Him. On the way home I was listening to KLOVE and the song "Start Right Here" by Casting Crowns came on the radio. I felt a strong connection with these lyrics and what God has laid on my heart through the study. (Please take time to look up the lyrics to this song)*

*I am praying that God will show CBC how we can join His work in the neighborhoods surrounding our church in order to grow His kingdom. I for one have gotten too comfortable in the ways I serve God. "*

*"It's got to start right here - It's got to start right now  
Lord, I'm starting right here - Lord, I'm starting right now"*

My heart runneth over,  
Pastor George



### MICKEY'S MUSINGS

#### Picnic Recap

What a great night as the church family gathered at the property to share food, laughter, and life together

around tables. Thank you to all who came and made this event such a success. And what can we say about Denver Bierman? So talented and so fun as he led us to celebrate our country, our flag, and our freedom. Truly an Independence Celebration!

#### Sunday, July 3

The choir will begin our service that morning with a grand, orchestral setting of "God of Our Fathers" on which the congregation will be encouraged to sing the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> stanzas of the hymn. Afterward, there will be a video in which we celebrate the freedoms we have as Americans, and our ultimate freedom that can only be found in Jesus. We will then sing of our freedom from sin and our dependence on Him.

#### Summer Choir

The Worship Choir presses on with its preparation for service to the Father on Wednesday nights at 7:30 in room 205. Many of you have been gifted a talent to bring glory to Him but are not using it. We are to be stewards of what He has given us; if you're not using that talent for Him, why not? Let us return to Him and offer ourselves as living sacrifices. No audition required. See you Wednesday night!

#### Homemade Ice Cream

It makes my mouth water just typing those words. In lieu of an evening service on Sunday, July 31, we will have an ice cream party at the church property on Clintonville Road. We need several to prepare their favorite homemade ice cream to share with the church family. Please sign up at the Registration Center across from the church office if you plan to attend so we can be sure to have enough ice cream. Also, indicate if you will be taking ice cream to the party! There will be music, laughter, and ice cream...sounds like a party to me. See you there.



**Jonny's Corner**

Hello Church Family,

The summer is moving quickly and it is hard to believe that July is already here! June was an amazing month, full of opportunities to share the gospel. We started with VBS, had an amazing opportunity to teach and share the good news of Christ with several kiddos. I want to give a big thank you to all the adults and youth that gave their time to help serve in that ministry. VBS does not happen without the help of the church body.

We also had youth camp in June. It was incredible! Yes, it was hot, but the heat did not stop anything. The students had the opportunity to serve communities in St. Louis in various ways. Some actually did some painting inside some churches to help them spruce a particular area in the church building. Others had the opportunity to go and help another church prepare for their upcoming VBS. While others, had the opportunity to spend time with children in parks and other communities. CBC should be proud of these students because they really stepped up when it came to stepping out of their comfort zone to serve.

Thank you to everyone that helped in making camp happen. The cost of camp is not cheap, especially when it comes to transportation. But, with the help of church family, we were able to make it happen. Thank you for loving the students here at CBC and giving financially to help make camp happen.

Coming up in July is children's camp at Campbellsville University. The experience children have at camp is

life changing. They will have a ton of fun, but they will also be engulfed in God's Word each day. We leave for camp on July 18<sup>th</sup> and will return July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have a total of 10 kids and 2 adults going to camp. Please be in prayer for everyone involved. Pray that the Holy Spirit would consume these kids and help them see the love of Christ. Pray for safety and well-being, while we are there. Camp is a big deal for both children and student ministries. Thank you to the church for a big part to help make camp happen for these kiddos.

The theme of youth camp was Matchless One, meaning that there is nothing like Jesus. There is nothing this world can offer that can compare to our Lord and Savior. There is no greater love than the love of Christ. It helped me see more clearly that I need to focus on Christ more than ever. As a Christian, a disciple of Christ, we are commanded to be obedient to Him! For us to do that, we must focus on Christ and being an example of Christ. It does not matter the issues or troubles that life brings, God is greater than all that. Let's take a look at our own hearts, and ask ourselves, am I really focused on Christ? What influences you more, God or the world?

God Bless,  
Jonny

#### **Pastor Search Committee Update**

The Pastor Search Committee has received over 65 resumes thus far. We are still receiving resumes and will do so through the end of the month of June. We may extend that deadline. We are currently reviewing the first 55 and will meet on Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> to start comparing notes.

This process takes time as each committee member needs to prayerfully review each resume received. Bear with us and continue to pray for our committee. Also please pray for the man that God is leading to CBC.

#### **WMU Mission Moments**

Julia Woodward offering goal is \$600, as of June 26<sup>th</sup> \$335 has been given. Please be in prayer about this mission.

Thanks to everyone who has returned their baby bottles. It is not too late to return them if you have not already returned yours.

A big thank you to all the VBS kids and volunteers that gave an offering during VBS to the Life House Ministry. It is certainly appreciated and will be put to good use

A Work Day for Life House will be held July 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM, all are welcome to help us out. We will have a work list at a later date.

Life House Pregnancy Ministry will have an open house on August 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM at 813 High Street. During that time, we will have a silent auction. If you would like to donate something please contact Shannon Kenimer, Wanda Sprinkle or Judy Jones. Life House will be open for business August 16<sup>th</sup> 4-8 PM. More information in the August newsletter.


Just a reminder we will continue to need diapers, wipes, children's clothes, money and we will be adding other items that will be needed.

Continue to pray for Life House Pregnancy Ministry!



# July 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 No evening service or activities	4  Church Office CLOSED Independence Day	5	6 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	7	8	9
10 6 PM Prayer time in the chapel 6:30 PM Youth Camp Report	11	12 11:30 Lunch Bunch @ Chick-Fil-A	13 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	14	15	16
17 6 PM Prayer time in the chapel 6:00 PM Youth	18	CHILDRENS CAMP 18TH—22ND		21	22	23
24 6 PM Prayer time in the chapel 6:00 PM Youth	25	26	27 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	28	29	30
31 6:30 PM Ice Cream Social 6 Singing at the Property						

## Our Ministry Opportunities

**Sunday:**  
 9:30 AM - Sunday School for ALL Ages  
 10:45 AM - Worship Service  
 6:00 PM - REV 3 Ministries (Youth)

**Wednesday:**  
 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting  
 7:30 PM - Choir Practice

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