



Thanks to all who wrote uplifting cards & letters which I received at mail call in DC. A special thanks to those who greeted us at the airport on my return with approximately 70 other G.I.s. What a surprise when we entered the lobby. There we received an honored event which was 53 years in the making for me.

Ed Fitzpatrick

**Giving Report through October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Year to Date Budget Giving \$296,479  
 Year to Date Budget Required \$313,008  
 Budget Shortfall \$16,529

**Trustee Capital Campaign for church repairs**

Collected \$18,740 through October 23<sup>rd</sup>

**October 2022 (through the 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

Average Sunday School 99 Average Worship 161

**Central Baptist Welcomes New Members**

Charlene Johnson, Jayse Kenimer & Brynlee Ishmael



**Community Thanksgiving Service**

will be Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 2 PM,  
 First Christian Church next door.

**Church Office will be closed**

November 24th & 25th for Thanksgiving Holiday

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Messenger

November 1, 2022



It has been a fast nine months since I joined you as interim Senior Pastor in late January. I am honored and blessed to be your pastor for this short term. Without knowing when, we know our time together is drawing near an end. (I do not know any more than you on the search process). I am writing this to you because we are on God's timetable, not mine or yours. Next month, should I write for this column, it will be devoted to Christmas. Since this is November's (month of Thanksgiving) newsletter, why not say Thanks.

Over these past nine months Pam and I have made many new friends at Central, and we will cherish those for life. I am grateful and thankful for each of you in my life. You have encouraged me, supported me, fed me, listened to me, put up with me even with a deformed face as I dealt with Bells Palsy. Many of you have prayed for me, showed care and compassion, and lifted me up in varying ways. To each of you I say thank you! Pour out even greater measures on your next pastor.

We studied and prayed for unity and we have seen some barriers and walls broken down. There is still work to be done, yet I am thankful for broken and changed hearts. I am grateful for all those who have willingly set aside personal preferences for the sake of the kingdom and seeing souls redeemed from eternal separation from God. Continue to pray for the unity toward God's desires of all kingdom believers.

Some of you have encouraged and inspired me as you share stories of what you have learned and how you have carried new-found knowledge and wisdom throughout your daily living. Some have become bolder and are now watching for those "God" opportunities to share and to bless someone outside the church. You have humbled my heart at your obedience to Christ and to God our Father. For this I am grateful and extremely thankful. Never stop striving to do more as God lays on your heart and share those victories.

To the seven who have stepped forward to follow Christ through believers' baptism, what a blessing you have brought to my soul to experience this with you. I cherish these special moments with you and pray you will cherish them for life. We all should shout for joy

that in the midst of our struggles this year, God has brought more people through our baptismal waters than in the past five years. May you as a church pray and work to surpass this number each and every year hereafter. I am gratefully blessed to witness with you those whom God has brought through the baptismal waters and to those who have joined our family of faith called Central Baptist Church.

I am grateful in every inch of my heart, mind, and soul for you Central Baptist. My complete being rejoices for the time we have spent together, and yet I know there is still work to be done. Let us not grow comfortable or weary in well-doing. Instead, let us march forward with a determination to, by the power of the Holy Spirit, work to fulfill The Great Commission until Jesus' return.

With deepest gratitude,

Pastor George



## MICKEY'S MUSINGS

### SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

#### LUNCH BUNCH

- Tuesday, November 8: Jerry's Restaurant located at 4129 Lexington Road in Paris.
- Tuesday, December 13: The Ballard House located at 131 Cross Creek Drive in Paris. It ain't no castle, but it's home.

SOUTHERN LIGHTS HOLIDAY FESTIVAL Friday, November 25 at 5:00. Yes, that is the day after Thanksgiving. Mark your calendars and plan to join

us. Take some extra money to feed yourself and the animals at the end of the visit.

UK CHOIRS HOLIDAY COLLAGE on Saturday, December 3 at 2:00 pm. We will enjoy a buffet lunch at the UK Student Center prior to the event. Concert tickets are \$20 and must be purchased by November 21.

**FALL FESTIVAL** will be held at the church property on Saturday, November 5. The activities that day include hot chocolate, hot cider, snacks and candy, hayrides, bobbing for apples, inflatables and games, and a photo booth for you and your family. By taking pictures in the photo booth that day, we can update our database to help the new pastor learn names and faces!

**CHURCHWIDE THANKSGIVING MEAL** on Sunday, November 20 in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the meats and drinks. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to complete the menu. Be sure to sign up at the Registration Center so we can prepare enough food.

### SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

**4<sup>th</sup>** Music Makers program at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary

**11<sup>th</sup>** **THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS** presented by the combined choirs of First Baptist Church and Central Baptist Church at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary

**18<sup>th</sup>** **Carol-Sing** at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**25<sup>th</sup>** **Christmas Day Worship Service** at 10:45 am in the sanctuary. Rejoicing together as brothers and sisters in Christ to celebrate His birth.



## Jonny's Corner

Hello Church Family,

I would like to say thank you to the church for supporting me, my family, and the ministries that I have the privilege to shepherd. This past month was pastor's appreciation month and I greatly appreciate the love that everyone shows my family, and myself. I look forward to serving at CBC and look forward to see what God is going to do here at CBC.

I would like to say thank you to all the adult leaders that have served in all the ministries here at CBC. Without the humble hands of serving believers, ministry would not move forward without the obedience to Christ and what we are called to do. Thank you to everyone that takes the opportunity to serve in ministries in this church and the community.

Speaking of serving, there is always a need for help in ministry. Yes, we have several that serve in the ministries of the church, but we also have several that have been serving for many years and sometimes need a break. At the same time, we need to think about the future and how we can get new faces serving in the life of the church. How can we get everybody at CBC involved in the ministries of the church? Please pray that God will show everyone how they can use their God-given gifts in the life of CBC and in the community of Paris. All of us have gifts that we can use to serve here at CBC and in the community. God blessed us with these gifts and wants us to use these gifts to help further His kingdom.

Let us use our gifts to be an example of Christ! Let us show this community, and each other, the same love that Christ showed us. There are many areas of ministry at CBC that could use your help. There are committees that need to be filled, there are ministries that could use an extra set of hands, there is a surrounding community that needs to hear the gospel of Christ. How are you serving God in your church and in the community? If you are interested in being involved and serving in the ministries of CBC, please contact me. There are many opportunities to serve and grow in your own relationship with God.

If you would like to know how you can be involved, please ask, several ministries here at CBC are needing help. Please pray about how God can use you in His ministry. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office, or myself.

God Bless,  
Jonny

### November AWANA Calendar

November 6<sup>th</sup> - Regular Club Night

November 13<sup>th</sup> - Regular Club Night

(We Give Thanks Night)

November 20<sup>th</sup> - No AWANA (Thanksgiving)

November 27<sup>th</sup> - No AWANA (Thanksgiving)

### Toy Store Coming Soon!

Our annual Toy Store will be held December 6<sup>th</sup> by appointment only again this year. Many volunteers are needed, so please plan to help.

Our goal is to provide gifts for 200 children age's birth – 12 years old. You can also make monetary donations at any time.



## WMU Mission Moments

**Eliza Broadus Offering** Our goal was \$2,500 and we collected \$2,122. Thanks to all who gave to our State Missions Offering to promote & support missions within the state of Kentucky.

We will have a "Feet & Seat" Sunday on November 6, for folks to bring in undies and socks for the little **boys and girls** at pre-school. Undies are needed in sizes 4T-8 and sock sizes for little children...that fit feet that wear shoe sizes 9-10-11-12. There will be a drop box for the items in our LIBRARY!

We will also be distributing two Thanksgiving baskets to a needy family as well as participating in the Bourbon County Health Department Community Baby Shower on November 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be giving out diapers, wipes, small blankets or swaddles, bibs and brochures.

Thank you for all of the support to our Life House Pregnancy Ministry that you have given, but remember this is an ongoing project.

Lottie Moon Christmas offering is the month of December. Please be in prayer for our international missionaries.


### Pastor Search Committee Update

Please continue to pray for us and the man that God is leading to CBC.



# NOVEMBER 2022



Sun.	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch @ Jerry's	2 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Music Makers	3	4	5 1PM-4PM Fall Festival @ property
6 12:15 Deacons Meeting	7	8	9 1:30 PM Staff Meeting	10	11 Veterans Day	12
6:00 PM Youth AWANA & Prayer time in chapel			6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Music Makers			
13 6:00 PM Youth AWANA & Prayer time in chapel	14	15 11 AM-2 PM 5PM-8PM Life House Ministry 813 High St	16 10 AM Staff Meeting 1 PM WMU	17	18	19
20 2 PM Community Thanksgiving Service at First Christian Church	21	22	6:30 PM Prayer Meeting	24 25 5 PM Southern Lights	26	
6 PM Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner			NO PM Activities	 Church Office Closed Thanksgiving Day		
27 Advent: Hope	28	29	30 10 AM Staff Meeting			
6:00 PM Youth & Prayer time in chapel			6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Music Makers			

### Our Ministries Opportunities

#### Sunday:

- 9:30 AM – Sunday School for ALL Ages
- 10:45 AM – Worship and Children’s Church
- 6:00 PM – Prayer time in chapel
- 6:00 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
- 6:00 PM - AWANA
- 6:30 PM – Worship Service

#### Wednesday:

- 6:30 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
- 6:30 PM – Prayer Meeting & Music Makers
- 7:30 PM – Choir Practice

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