

Giving Report through November

Year to Date Budget Giving \$328,406
Year to Date Budget Required \$344,309
Budget Shortfall \$15,903

Trustee Capital Campaign for church repairs

Collected \$20,830 through November

November 2022

Average Sunday School 98 Average Worship 174

Deacon Food Boxes

The deacons are asking for cash donations only again this year. This will allow the deacons to purchase the same items for every box. You may give your donation to any deacon, place in the offering plate or the church office. In order to have time to shop and put together the boxes, please make your donation by Wednesday, December 14th. Normally the deacons distribute 40-50 boxes every year.

Thanks, CBC Deacons

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

We have begun our 3rd Annual Christmas project, Christmas Blessings, where our church will be able to help local families who are in need. A Blessing "Tree" has been placed outside Mickey's office and the angels on the tree will be grouped as families. You can take the whole family or just one member of the family. Please be sure to register your angel on the spreadsheet. Additionally, please do not wrap the gifts, but attach the angel to the items and return the gifts to the church by Sunday, December 11th. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Church Office will be closed

December 26th & 27th for the Christmas Holiday

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December 1, 2022



*We pray you experience the joy of
Christ's birth this holiday season.*

Central Baptist Church Staff



“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.”
Isaiah 9:6

This verse is packed so full with information that it cannot be exhausted in a thousand books. Just ponder for a few minutes of what that verse says about your redemption from the clutches of sin and eternal separation from God. To grasp only that one perspective is mind-boggling. Then there is the fact that the creator of the universe came to earth to live as one of us, His most cherished creation. That too is mind-boggling.

We could go on and on about the implications of Isaiah 9:6. We certainly serve a gracious God, the only true God of the universe. As we walk through this month of celebrations and joyous occasions, let us not only make memories of wonderful times. Let us also leave memories with as many people as we can of the love God has poured out on us by pouring out His love onto others.

What will you do this holiday season to share the love of Jesus with others – strangers and neighbors. The list of possibilities is endless. Bake a few extra cookies, or candies to distribute at random or to neighbors, or others. Hand out greeting cards to strangers in stores, shops, Dr. offices, at the gas pump. I plan to once again hand out ten-dollar bills at random to cashiers, restaurant workers and others on the street.

Gifts of kindness need not cost you money. What about sitting with and listening to an elderly person in their

home? Or share with people of other generations of your appreciation for them. Can you spend some time with children and teachers sharing the love of God as He has loved you?

Let me encourage you to find something to share the love of God with people outside of your normal circle of influence this holiday season. Be certain you are not doing it for recognition or to put a feather in your cap. Do something that you expect nothing in return. Perhaps your greatest blessing will come when you share the love of Christ anonymously.

Whatever you do, do it as unto the Lord. You will be blessed indeed! After all, “For unto us a child is given, unto us a son is born.” What more could we ask?

In His loving kindness,

Pastor George



MICKEY'S MUSINGS

SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES LUNCH BUNCH

- Tuesday, December 13th: We will be in the Fellowship Hall for a surprise, bring \$10. Please sign up in advance, sheet is on registration counter.

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.

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

4th Music Makers program at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary

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

18th Carol-Sing at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

24th Christmas Eve Service at 9:00 PM

25th Christmas Day Worship Service at 10:45 am in the sanctuary. Rejoicing together as brothers and sisters in Christ to celebrate His birth. No Sunday School on the 25th.



Jonny's Corner

Hello Church Family,

The year is quickly moving forward and it is already December. December is a very busy month and there are several events that involve the children and students here at CBC. Please make sure to take a look on the board next to my office for upcoming events. Below are the sign-up sheets that are currently on the board, please make sure to sign up!

December 9th, 6 pm to 9 pm: Children's Christmas Party
December 17th: Student Ministry Progressive Dinner and Christmas Party

January 27th: Winter Jam (Family Ministry event)

June 12-16: Youth Camp (Centrifuge) in Jefferson City, TN

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July 17-21: Kid's Camp (CentriKid) at Campbellsville University

All information about these events is on my board next to my office. If you have any questions about any of these events, please contact me.

I realize that the announcement made about restarting the search process for a lead pastor can be deflating, but remember that God already knows who will be called to serve at CBC next. Please have patience, we have an amazing search team in place that have been praying, and working, diligently seeking who God has called to be the next lead pastor at CBC. Please encourage the members of the search team, show them how much we are appreciating their hard work in this process.

Also, please be patient, God will reveal to the search this person in His time. 2 Peter 3:8 says, "But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." Meaning that God's time is not our time, God's plan will be fulfilled when He sees fit, not necessarily when we want it. Please be patient and allow God to lead this process, it is His will that we are seeking.

God is very much at work here at CBC. It is amazing that we have had more baptisms this year than we have in the last four. We have had new ministries start; we are seeing new faces in the congregation on Sundays. God is very much at work! I want to encourage the church to keep moving forward and being involved in the ministries here at CBC. Be excited about the possible opportunities that God has opened to help further His kingdom. Be excited about being involved in His church, striving to grow and mature in our own relationships with God, but also showing others the same love that Christ showed us.

As we wait for God to reveal the next lead pastor at CBC, that does not mean that ministry comes to a halt. During this time, I believe, that God has opened a huge door for disciples of Christ to become actively involved in ministry to help further His kingdom. If anyone in the church, that is not actively involved in ministry of the church, please consider becoming involved. There are so many opportunities to be involved in God's ministry. Please pray on how you can become an active part of God's church to help further His ministry.

God Bless,
Jonny

December AWANA Calendar

There will be no AWANA meetings due to the many Christmas activities presented by CBC. We encourage you to attend these activities with your families.

Our Toy Store Is Here!

Our annual Toy Store will be held December 6th by appointment only. Many volunteers are needed, so please plan to help. Sign up sheet is on the registration counter. Our goal is to provide gifts for 200 children age's birth – 12 years old. You can also make monetary donations at any time.

Deacons Senior Christmas Dinner

December 14th 6 PM

Signup sheet on registration counter.

Sisters in Christ

We will be meeting December 10th in the CBC Fellowship Hall from 11 AM until 1:00 PM. Brunch will be served, please sign up at the registration counter.



WMU Mission Moments

WMU put together 2 Thanksgiving baskets to give to needy families in our community.

We had 5 visitors in November at the Life House. We also gave diapers, wipes, bibs and small blankets at the drive-by community baby shower. Remember Life House Pregnancy Center is an on-going mission. We always need diapers, wipes and other baby items. If you are available to work Life House the third Tuesday of the month and have not signed up contact Shannon Kenimer, Judy Jones, Wanda Sprinkle, Alice Fields or Salena Hurter.

Lottie Moon Christmas offering is this month. CBC Goal is \$5,000. Week of Prayer for International Missions is December 4th – 11th. Please be in prayer for our international missionaries.

Pastor Search Committee Update

The pastor search committee is encouraged by the support we have received from the church and is moving forward with the search process. We are confident that the Lord is with us, and He will lead us to find our next pastor. The senior pastor position has been re-posted, and we are accepting resumes. To date, we have received 35 resumes that we are reviewing. Please continue to pray for us to seek God's direction. Thank you all for your support, prayers, and continued encouragement. Please continue to pray for us and the man that God is leading to CBC.



December 2022



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Week of Prayer for International Missions November 27th—December 3rd Lottie Moon Offering CBC Goal \$5,000

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8:30 AM Music
Maker's rehearsal
2 PM UK Choirs
Holiday Collage

11 AM-1 PM
Sisters In Christ in
the Fellowship Hall

8 AM—Deacons
Christmas Baskets
4 PM Youth Pro-
gressive Dinner

9:00 PM
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Ser-
vice and The
Lord's Supper

New Year's Eve



CHRISTMAS DAY

Church Office Closed for
Christmas Holiday

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)
- 6:30 PM — Worship Service

Wednesday:

- 6:30 PM — REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
- 6:30 PM — Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 PM — Choir Practice

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www.centralbaptistparis.churchtrac.com/connect. You
can also scan the QR code below with your phone's
camera to be directed to the link.



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