



Dear Central Baptist Church,  
I want to thank our Church Family for the prayers, cards and visits the last few weeks of Mama's life. A special thank you for all that attended her visitation and to Jonathan Graves for his beautiful sermon.

Love in Christ  
Brenda Sosby & Family

Central Baptist Church Family,  
My family and I would like to thank everyone who prayed, sent cards, texted and those who came to my brother's memorial service. A special thanks to the ladies (and gentleman) who prepared food for us after the service. We also want to thank Jonathan for a great memorial tribute to Kenny.

Kaye Purcell and Family

Central Baptist Family,  
Many thanks for all the cards, phone calls and prayers. We are excited to see what our ministry at Central will be.

Love to all,  
Leisa & Barry Proctor

**Giving Report through January**

Year to Date Budget Giving \$32,196  
Year to Date Budget Required \$31,301  
Budget Surplus \$895

**Trustee Capital Campaign for church repairs**

Collected \$26,425 through January

**January 2023**

Average Sunday School 101 Average Worship 169

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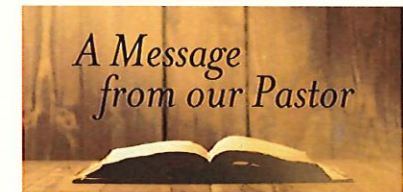
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**February 1, 2023**



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am grateful to and for our Lord and all His works in and through Central Baptist Church. Our small group Bible study in Ephesians is underway and I am hearing wonderful reports of engaging discussions and equipping as we learn a little more about our Identity in Christ. I trust if you are not involved in one of our small groups that you will join one for the remaining weeks.  
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Also, on Thursday, February 9, we will have our first prayer vigil of 2023. Beginning at 6:00AM we will have someone praying throughout the day in our worship center at seven different stations all day until midnight.

It is with great pleasure that I share with you we have added 17 more slots. We have slots available on the hour and on the half hour. This means there may be two people at one time in the worship center praying at the different stations. What a glorious act of worship to celebrate. I pray you will be looking forward to your part in this wonderful event.

I love hearing your stories and reading social media posts of your family spending time together, eating, attending sporting events, vacations, etc. Those are bond building, memory making experiences. On February 26, we, the family of Central Baptist Church, are having one of those experiences. Following our morning worship service at 12:00 we will be having a family Pot Luck meal. Be sure to sign up for your spot at the family table along with what side dish you will be bringing.

Again, I am grateful to God Almighty and all He is doing in and through the family of Central Baptist Church. I look forward to sharing these and more experiences with you.

In Jubilant praise,  
Pastor George

**Central Baptist Welcomes New Members**  
Barry & Leisa Proctor



## MICKEY'S MUSINGS

### MUSIC NOTES...

**Worship Experience** led by Lauren Talley on March 5 during the 10:45 service. You will not want to miss this. Tell your friends! Tell your neighbors!

**Worship Choir** rehearsals have resumed. Want to sing with us? Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Childcare is available with advance notification.

**Music Makers** spring musical will be held on Sunday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. It is not too late to have your child be a part of this fun and exciting program!

**KY Baptist Children's Choir** is open to all Music Makers in grades 3-6. See me for more information.

**BUILDERS AND BOOMERS** (you know who you are



🤔)...  
**The 2023 Activities Page** is on the Registration Center Counter. Please be sure to grab a copy and place it on your refrigerator at home.

**Lunch Bunch** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 11:30 for lunch. On February 14, we will meet at Jerry's Restaurant. Please be sure to register by Sunday, February 12 to ensure enough seating.

**Builders and Boomers Luncheon** is March 30 at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall. Our guest speaker that day will be **Lawrence Smith**. Mr. Smith has been Communications Director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention since 2022. He is an Emmy-winning political reporter and has more than 40 years of experience in journalism, public and media relations. The event is free. Though not required, registration is requested to ensure we have enough food.



## Jonny's Corner

Hello Church Family,

Student Ministry Schedule:

Youth: Wednesday (6:30 pm) & Sunday (6:00 pm)  
Youth After Hours: 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Last Sunday of each month @ YMCA, **MUST HAVE RELEASE FORM SIGNED BY PARENT!**

Children's Ministry Schedule:

Awana: Sunday (6:00 pm to 7:30 pm)  
Music Makers: Wednesday (6:30 pm to 7:30 pm)

How important is student and children's ministry to you? One of the biggest issues that I have noticed, since we are in post-pandemic era, is the lack of attendance in these ministries. Not just here at CBC, but in churches throughout the state and across the country. I realize the overall family lifestyle is a busy one, but do not underestimate the value of student and children ministry in your church.

In a hectic/busy world, Satan has done a great job of keeping people busy, and doing it quietly over the years. I realize sports are important to people, but please do not lose the importance of getting, or keeping, your kids involved in children and student ministry. Even in a busy schedule, parents, please make time for God, make time for church, and make time for your children to hear the good news of Christ and learn God's Word.

I want to encourage parents, grandparents, and guardians, to make time for Christ in your life, and your family. Church involvement is important because you get to come together as the body of Christ to worship (Cont'd)



and praise our Lord and Savior. It is also no different with children and student ministry. Your children will be around other kids, they will have fun, but most importantly hear God's Word and learn about Christ. By doing this, I pray they will learn how to go out and share the good news with their friends.

I realize extra-curricular activities are important, they are beneficial in so many ways, but do not allow these activities to take the place of God's Word and church. I am a sports guy myself; I understand the time and hard work it takes, but it should never take the place of Christ. Believe me, I have had to remind myself of this in my life. Enjoy the gifts that God has given you, they are a blessing from Him. Enjoy sports and other extra-curricular activities, but make sure that those activities do not take the place of Christ. Believe me when I say, this has been a challenge in my own family, I understand how hard it is to find that balance!

Parents, including myself, make time to be at church as a family, make time for your kids to experience student and children's ministry activities, make time to teach your children about Christ in your home. Deuteronomy 6 tells us that we should be teaching our children about God all hours of the day. Make sure that you are having those discussions with your children about Christ. Enjoy spending time with your kids and their extra-curricular activities, but those activities do not bring salvation! Only faith in Christ can bring salvation, please make time for Christ, keep your kids involved in church and the ministries that it offers, to help you and your kids grow in their faith, or come to know Christ as Lord and Savior.

Parents, you have a very important role in the spiritual health of your kids. Life is hectic, life is busy, and it is tough to make time for everything. Make sure to prioritize time for God in your life and your home, the importance of church in your life and family.

Let's encourage one another to stay strong in faith and strive to seek God first in our lives, enjoy the extra-curricular activities, but make sure they do not become more important than God.

God Bless,  
Jonny

#### **February AWANA Calendar**

February 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Club Night (Light the Night)  
February 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Club Night  
February 19<sup>th</sup> No AWANA  
February 26<sup>th</sup> Regular Club Night

#### **Special Mission's Committee**

February 22nd at 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM we will be going to Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington for the KBC Workshop, *Every Church on Mission*. Please contact Bill Sprinkle for more information, everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

#### **Churchwide Potluck Dinner**

February 26<sup>th</sup> immediately after worship service. Church will provide the meat, drinks & rolls. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert but please sign up at the registration center or online with Church Connect.

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

We have reviewed 77 resumes, and our committee has started the interview process. Our job posting is still open, and we continue to receive resumes for us to consider. Our committee continues to pray for God's will in this process and seeks His guidance in finding our new pastor. Please be in prayer for our church and our pastor search committee.

#### **WMU Mission Moments**

WMU met January 18<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall. We discussed starting a night group in the fall so that women who work will have a chance to be part of WMU.

We also will be looking into filling backpacks at Christmas for children in Kentucky and southern Ohio.

Bette Edwards had a wonderful January mission program prepared for us.

At the Life House Ministry, we have more shelving and totes to help with keeping clothes sorted. In January we had 3 shoppers. Please continue to pray for our missionaries and the Life House Ministry.

#### **Women's Ministry**

The Women's Ministry met last Sunday evening. A lot of creativity, spiritual focus and decisions were made! We are truly on the move to reach the lost and to bring renewed fellowship as women.

On February 20<sup>th</sup> we will have a meal prep in the fellowship hall. There is a signup sheet on the registration counter, please add what soup/chili you will be bringing. Future meal dates will be April 10<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>.

A Fellowship/Fun brunch for a Saturday in March with spring makeovers and a guest speaker was also planned. Plans for fall were also discussed.



# February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Focus on WMU 8th –13th PURE WATER, PURE LOVE						
5 6 PM AWANA, Youth Prayer time in chapel 6 PM Youth 6:30 PM Bible Study	6 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	7 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch @ Jerry's	8 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers Prayer Meeting Youth	9 6 AM–Midnight Prayer Vigil	10 7 PM–7 AM Youth Lock-In	11 6:30 PM M & M's Single Senior Valentine's dinner
12 6 PM AWANA, Youth Prayer time in chapel 6 PM Youth 6:30 PM Bible Study	13 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	14 5:30 PM Women's Ministry Meal Prep in Fellowship Hall	15 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers Prayer Meeting Youth	16 <i>Newsletters</i> 	17	18
19 6 PM Youth Prayer time in chapel 6 PM Youth 6:30 PM Bible Study	20 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	21	22 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers Prayer Meeting Youth	23	24	25
26 Noon Churchwide Pot Luck 6 PM AWANA, Youth Prayer time in chapel 6 PM Youth (YMCA) 6:30 PM	27 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	28				

## Our Ministries Opportunities

### Sunday:

- 9:30 AM – Sunday School for ALL Ages
- 10:45 AM – Worship and Children's Church
- 5:30 PM - Bible Drill (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- 6:00 PM – Prayer time in chapel
- 6:00 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
- 6:00 PM - AWANA
- 6:30 PM – Bible Study Groups

### Wednesday:

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

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