



Dear Church Family,
I would like to thank my church family for all the prayers, calls, cards, visits and food during the death of my son, Keith and my sister Alma.

Violet Mers

My Church Family,
Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and food I received after my recent surgery. Thanks to Jim and Judy Pry for being there for my surgery.

I really appreciate my church family!

Gayle Fields

Giving Report through March

Year to Date Budget Giving \$99,678.50
Year to Date Budget Required \$115,790
Budget Shortfall \$16,111.50

Trustee Capital Campaign for church repairs

Collected \$52,182.50 through March
(this includes the amount paid for the back steps)

March 2023

Average Sunday School 109 Average Worship 178

Central Baptist Welcomes New Members

Breck Hatmaker,
Grant, Jennifer, Andrew, Eli & KJ Baker
Martha & Jerry Baker

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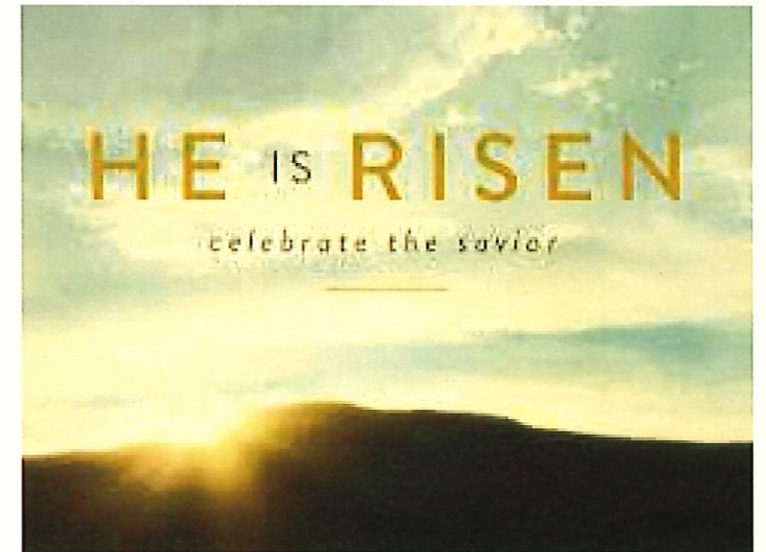
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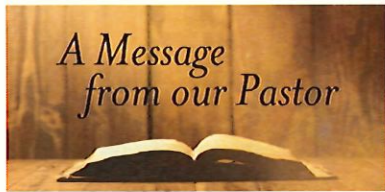
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April 1, 2023



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9th



Another month, March, has come and gone. It has flown by, bringing storms and cleanup to be done and talked about for months to come. Following the storms of March, we can look forward to the signs of Spring, warmer weather, vibrant colors, and new life. With April also comes Easter, Resurrection Sunday on April 9. While we at Central Baptist celebrate Resurrection Sunday every Sunday, this is the day as a nation we set aside to celebrate the Risen Christ, our Hope, our Redeemer.

Before we get too deep into April, let us not forget some of the lessons of March. I am grateful to those who led the various Bible study groups through our study in *Ephesians, Our Identity in Christ*. You made it an enlightening, encouraging experience and I know you learned as well. Also, for all who participated in one of the small groups, thank you for your participation. May each day, our identity in Christ be made known to others.

The last two Sundays of March we looked at Acts 8 and Phillip's obedience to God's calling on His life. One main point from that scripture that I want to implore you to continue in a steadfast mind, to "go and join yourself to that chariot..." No matter what path you find yourself on, God has a chariot to which He desires you to make a connection and join Him in the work he is doing.

As in the testimonies we heard from Judy Horne and Holli Hatmaker, let us be mindful and watchful for the experiences God is bringing into our lives throughout

our everyday experiences. It is not about watching for the spectacular event to join, it is in the small, sometimes very ordinary experiences when God says, "Go and join yourself to that chariot".

And as we saw in the Michael Jr. video clip, "Go and deliver your punchline," for that is joining yourself to the chariot God has for you.

God bless you! Let us make much of Christ as we celebrate the Risen Savior all month long!

With pleasure,
Pastor George



MICKEY'S MUSINGS

"What is the Perfect Age" is the title of an article in the January 13, 2018 edition of the Wall Street Journal. The author considered the work of many researchers and pollsters in writing this article and shared the following conclusions. People in their 60's and 70's are more "time-affluent" and less anxious than other age ranges. A 2016 study indicated that people at 65 to 74 reported having more fun than any other age group. In a 2015 study, researchers found that worry follows us from 20-50, but that worries and stress "begin to diminish at about age 50, and well-being climbs to about age 70, when people are less anxious but still healthy."

So, I ask of the Builder and Boomer generations, what are you doing with your time? Your well-being? Your worry-free days? So much of our society focuses on working to retirement, and at age 54 I see it on the horizon—still a long way off, though—and I pray that we will be ready and able when that time comes. But one mustn't confuse retirement from employment with retirement from our calling as Christians. For there is

no mention in the Bible where the work is completed before death. Jesus, shortly before breathing his last on the cross declared, "It is finished!" Paul, writing on his deathbed, penned the following words to Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Let me encourage you to continue the work. Take advantage of the freedom in your schedules to serve the Father in the community.

- Attend the Egg-stravaganza on April 5 and connect with parents and children. Share with them the hope you have in Jesus.
- Serve in Vacation Bible School on June 4-8. Share the love of Jesus with the children of our community
- Gather together for lunch and day trips and luncheons and retreats. We plan many of those, but there are other organizations in the area in which you can also be involved
- Be intentional about sharing your God-story with others. Remember, the Great Commission infers as you are going...

Whatever you do, don't quit. I heard a pastor the other day exhort the congregation to not quit. "Anyone can quit; it's easy. If it weren't, there probably wouldn't be so many doing it." Don't quit; finish the race!

MUSIC NOTES

Music Makers will present "Tell Me the Truth" on Sunday, April 23 during the 6:30pm worship service. Make plans to attend this journey to the 70's for this "groovy game show musical for kids."

There will be no **Worship Choir** rehearsals in April until April 26.

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BUILDERS AND BOOMERS

- Lunch Bunch to Giovanni's on April 11. Meet there at 11:30
- KBC Celebration for Builders and Boomers on Thursday, April 27 at Porter Memorial Baptist Church
- "Elvis and Sinatra, Live!" and dinner at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park on Friday, April 28



Hello, Church Family

Spring is here and I am definitely ready to see a steady dose of warm temperatures and sunshine. Speaking of warm weather, spring break for the schools is here and we should be praying for everyone that will be traveling, to have safe travels. This year, spring break and Easter hit during the same week. Not only safe travels for spring break, but the church is hosting an EGG-STRAVAGANZA on April 5th, from 5 to 8. That is a Wednesday evening and there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the kiddos. Please invite everyone you know with kids to come and have some fun that evening. There will be free food, Easter egg hunts, and an amazing opportunity to meet families in the community and share the good news of Jesus Christ. I encourage everyone in the church to help with this event, it is a great way to build relationships with families throughout the community!

The youth and children's ministries are selling Old Kentucky Candy Bars as a fundraiser for both camps. The fundraiser is going well, but we still have a way to go. If you would like to purchase some candy bars, or even sell candy bars, please let me know.

It is hard to believe that camps are only 3 to 4 months away, but not just camps, Vacation Bible School is creeping up quickly. Go ahead and be praying for VBS, we have already started preparing, and will need your help. VBS requires a large number of volunteers to make it successful and run efficiently. After spring break, there will be a sign up for VBS volunteers on the registration table. Please start praying now on how God can use you to help with VBS.

Please be in prayer for the search team as the search for a lead pastor continues. In God's time, He will reveal the next lead pastor of CBC to the search team. Until then, look at how God is moving in His church. We are having baptisms, families joining the church, and ministries are thriving and moving forward. How encouraging it is to see God's plan still moving forward and members of the church stepping up to serve in God's ministry at CBC. God is at work here at CBC, He knows exactly what He is doing and we need to rely on God through this process.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (ESV)

God has a plan for His church! He knows exactly what is going on at CBC and He wants His church to rely completely on Him. God is moving, look at all the ministries that are at work, look at how ministries of CBC are getting back out in the community to serve. There is an opportunity for everyone to use their gifts and serve. Do not be a spectator, get off the sideline and be involved, use your God given gifts to serve and share the good news of Christ with others.

God Bless,
Jonny

April AWANA Calendar

- April 2nd No AWANA – Spring Break
- April 9th No AWANA - Easter
- April 16th Regular Club Night
- April 23rd No AWANA – Music Makers Program
- April 30th Regular Club Night

Pastor Search Committee Update

The pastor search committee asks that you continue to pray for them and for the man that God is calling to CBC.

WMU Mission Moments

We had 7 members present at our March meeting. At that meeting we decided to adopt our Central Baptist Bourbon Heights residents and take part in the 2023 Christmas Backpack Program. We made Easter Baskets for our Bourbon Heights family and will be delivering them the first week of April. If you would like more information about the Christmas Backpack Program, please contact Judy Jones.

The Life House Pregnancy Center now has new hours, we will be open every Tuesday 11AM - 7PM. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Judy Jones, Shannon Kenimer, Wanda Sprinkle, Alice Fields or Salena Hurter. Right now, we are in need of diapers of all sizes.

Our goal for 2023 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is \$4,500. As of March 26th, we have collected \$3,415. We are \$1,085 away from reaching our goal.


Please continue to pray for our missionaries and the Life House Ministry.

Blessing To All
Judy Jones, WMU Director

April 2023



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 Palm Sunday Lord's Supper 6 PM Youth, Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Worship Service No AWANA	3 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	4 11-7 Life House Ministry	5 Staff Meeting DFB 5-8 Egg-stravaganza @ the property	6 7 PM Technology Committee Meeting DFB	7 Good Friday		8
9 Easter No evening service or activities	10 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters 5:30 WDW meal prep in FH	11 11-7 Life House Ministry 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch @Giovanni's	12 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers (sanct) No Choir Business Meeting	13 6 PM Fellowship Hall in use	14		15
16 4:30 PM Church Council 6 PM AWANA, Youth, Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Worship Service	17 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	18 11-7 Life House Ministry	19 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers (sanct) Prayer Meeting (FH) No Choir	20	21		22 8:30 AM Music Makers Re- hearsal
23 2-4 Association Bible Drill in sanctuary Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Music Mak- ers	24 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	25 11-7 Life House Ministry 	26 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Youth	27 8:45 AM-3 PM Boomers & Senior Celebration @ Porter Memorial	28		29
30 Noon Maynard Bridal Shower 6 PM AWANA, Youth YMCA, Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Worship Service							

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 (4th – 6th Grade)
- 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
- 6:30 PM - Music Makers

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