



To Our Church Family,
Thank all of you that have called, sent cards, visited and that have prayed for Carolyn during the last few months of her illness. We appreciate all of you.

Bill & Carolyn Tipton

Giving Report through April 23rd

Year to Date Budget Giving \$127,924
Year to Date Budget Required \$154,386
Budget Shortfall \$26,462

Trustee Capital Campaign for church repairs

Collected \$53,912 through April 23rd
Shortfall for windows \$11,005
(This includes the amount paid for the back steps)

April 2023 (thru April 23rd)

Average Sunday School 108 Average Worship 181

May AWANA Calendar

May 7th - AWANA Closing Celebration

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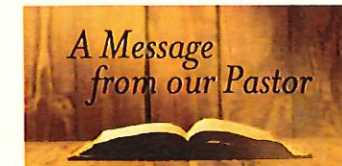
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Messenger

May 1, 2023



In every life come moments of joy, happiness and sorrow, times of bitterness and of endearment. There are also bittersweet moments. One of those bittersweet moments is approaching my life. On Sunday, May 21st, I will close out my service with you as Interim Pastor. The bitter part is saying goodbye to a family of believers we have come to know and love. Some of whom we may never see again. Others, we will not have the blessing of worshipping and serving the Lord together in the same frequency as we have in the past 16 months.

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The sweet part includes the many new friends for life we have made and renewed a few friendships as well. Also, a very sweet part is the memories of what we have witnessed God do through these same 16 months. What a blessing! We serve a great God!

I am truly excited about the future of Central Baptist Church and what God is about to do through you as you strive to stay the course and welcome your new pastor in a few weeks. I am grateful for the many cards, emails, texts and all forms of encouraging words from the family of Central and extremely grateful for all the prayers for me and Pam during our tenure with you. Continue to pray for us.

I pray you be faithful in attendance throughout the summer and especially now through the coming of your next pastor. Will you make an extra effort to join us on May 21st as we say goodbye and bring a special message of encouragement, "Press On". Our time here has been precious and endearing and we thank you and God for that. You will be in our prayers as we listen for the great news of what God will continue to do through Central Baptist Church.

Lovingly,

Pastor George



MICKEY'S MUSINGS

MUSIC MAKERS were tremendous in their presentation of the spring musical, *Tell Me the Truth*. Sincerest thanks are extended to Leslie Morris and her team of assistants: Sue Ellen Ballard, Sharon Berry, and Melinda Biddle. (No, your last name does not have to begin with the letter B to assist in the fall.) A special word of thanks to the parents who supported, encouraged, cajoled their children into

participating. I dare say every child who participated loved the experience and, more importantly, learned more about Jesus at the same time.

BUILDERS AND BOOMERS

- Lunch Bunch at Perico's on May 9. Meet there at 11:30
- Luncheon (FREE) on May 25 in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30. Please join us as we celebrate Memorial Day Weekend and hear from Dr. Michael Preacely of the University of Kentucky School of Music. Michael will share how God has directed his path as a performer, educator, and minister. In addition, you will NOT want to miss hearing him sing!

12 YEARS! Can you believe it's been 12 years already? Sometimes it feels like it was just yesterday. The first week of May marks the 12th anniversary of our becoming a part of the family which is Central Baptist Church. And yes, in case you were wondering, I can still name the members of the committee that called me to serve at Central. What began for me as Music and Worship, became Music and Worship and Outreach, and has grown to include Senior Adults as well. I am thankful for the ways God has provided opportunities to serve and look forward to what He has in store for this year!

HOW FRIENDLY ARE WE?

I read a post stating a metric for determining a church's friendliness:
Friendly- if 10 people greet you and you don't know them.
Moderately friendly- if 5 people greet you and you don't know them.
Not friendly- if 2 or less greet you and you don't know them.

It caused me to think about the many guests we've had in our services in the last month or so. How would they rate us according to that metric? Many years ago, I heard a seminar speaker compare church outreach to that of civic organizations and local businesses. The focus of his presentation was intentionality in making people feel

welcome. He then proceeded to share a ditty which served as the theme song for a popular TV show in the 1980's and suggested that we bear these lyrics in mind as we encounter guests and members alike.

"Making your way in the world today
Takes everything you've got
Taking a break from all your worries
Sure would help a lot
Wouldn't you like to get away?"

Sometimes you wanna go
Where everybody knows your name
And they're always glad you came
You wanna be where you can see
Our troubles are all the same
You wanna be where everybody knows your name."
(Song by Gary Portnoy and Judy Hart-Angelo)



Jonny's Corner

Hello Church Family,

It is already May and camps are right around the corner. Both youth and children are selling candy bars as a fundraiser for camps and calendar fundraisers are going on as well. In May, there will be an opportunity to give donations for camps, I will have more information on that here soon.

School is about out, so be in prayer for all the kiddos and students to have safe summers. At the same time, please be in prayer for the graduates. As this chapter ends for them, a new one begins. Please pray that the graduates will be seeking God's will for their lives and seek to stand strong in their faith. This world is difficult for adults, it is that much more difficult for students. Please keep them in

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your prayers as they are trying to figure out life and the direction they should go.

It is exciting about the possibility of a new pastor, please be in prayer for him and his family, be praying for our church to accept and love this family as we move forward. I am excited to see how God is going to use him and his family here at CBC.

Coming up quickly is Vacation Bible School (VBS)! Teachers and volunteer sign-ups are on the front registration table, please sign up to help. We need everyone on board to help, as we are planning for an amazing week. VBS is June 4th-8th and we need your help!

God Bless,
Jonny

Pastor Search Committee Update

All the members of the Pastor Search Committee are very excited to present a candidate for the lead Pastor Position. He is scheduled to preach on May 7th in view of a call. As is our tradition, we will vote on him following the service on May 7th.

Josh has 16 years of experience as lead pastor and has been at his current church since 2015. His educational background includes an Associate in Behavioral Science, Bachelors in Psychology, and a Master of Arts in Religion from Liberty University.

Josh and his family have loved their time at their current church, and this has been a hard decision for them to leave, but they feel God's calling to Kentucky. Kentucky has been on his heart for a while, and when God made it clear to him to go, he applied for the position at CBC.

Josh's family includes his wife, Michelle, who grew up in Louisville and graduated from UK. Their children are

Nicole, Micah, Hanna, and Lily. Josh and his family have been praying and believe that the Lord is calling them to Kentucky and Central Baptist Church. They are excited to meet our church family.

I would like to share with you something Josh told us while visiting him in New York. He said that he began putting a mustard seed in a jar whenever he prayed for Trinity when he first started there, and it seemed that it would take forever to fill the jar. It was filled last week, which is when we invited him to Central Baptist Church in view of a call to ministry.

On Saturday, May 6th, from 6 to 8 PM, all members of the church are invited to meet Josh and family at the church property on Clintonville Rd. We plan to have a dessert-only pot luck. Bring your favorite dessert. There will be a time to ask questions of Josh.

The search committee requests that there be a special called business meeting immediately following the morning worship service on May 7th for the purpose of voting on Josh to be our pastor.

Please do not try to find Josh via social media or at his current church since this might compromise his ministry there.

Mission Moments

WMU met on April 19th with 7 members present. Bette Edwards did a wonderful program on The Joy of Prayer. We prepared the baby bottles for the Baby Bottle Blessing fundraiser to help the Life House Pregnancy Center. WMU has also adopted our church family that live at Bourbon Heights, we will be visiting and take gifts to them throughout the year. WMU is also collecting items for the Christmas Backpack program. These backpacks are given to children in southern Ohio and all of Kentucky. There will be more information later.

Our goal for 2023 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering was \$4,500. Congratulations, CBC, we exceeded our goal and collected \$4,945!

Life House News

We have been incredibly blessed with donations and shoppers. Eighth St Baptist, First Baptist here in Paris and Man of War Church in Lexington have joined us in helping with Life House Pregnancy Center. We are so thankful for their help.

We helped the Bourbon County Health Department with their drive-by-baby shower. We served 14 ladies who are pregnant or have small babies. We gave out diapers, wipes, receiving blankets, wash clothes, bibs and burp cloths and our new pamphlet.


Shoppers this month April 4th - 3, April 11th - 4, April 18th - 13, April 25th - 6. We are in need of more volunteers to work on Tuesdays, we are open from 11 AM - 7 PM. If you are willing to give a few hours a month please contact Judy Jones 859-340-0374. We will always be in need of prayers, diapers, wipes, blankets, clothing up to size 4, baby bath, lotion, and anything you can think of that babies need. Our church family has been the absolute best. Thank you for everything

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

Blessing To All
Judy Jones, WMU Director
and The Life House Committee

May 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	2 11-7 Life House Ministry	3 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Youth	4	5	6 9 AM Deacons Meeting in room 205 6PM Meet & Greet at the Clintonville property
7 6 PM Youth, YMCA AWANA closing night Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Worship Service	8 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	9 11-7 Life House Ministry 11:30-AM Lunch Bunch @ Perico's	10 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Youth	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day No evening services	15 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	16 11-7 Life House Ministry	17 1 PM WMU 1:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Youth	18	19	20
21 6 PM Youth, Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Worship Service	22 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	23 11-7 Life House Ministry	24 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Youth	25 <i>Newspaper</i>  11:30 AM Builders & Boomer's luncheon	26	27
28 No evening services or activities	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	30 11-7 Life House Ministry	31 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Youth			

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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