

Central Baptist Church, Just wanted to let you know how much we appreciated the meal you provided for our family at the time of Mom's passing. Thank you so Much! The Family of Patty Martin

Central Baptist Church, Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits and food during Ralph's illness and death. Your expression of love and support were greatly appreciated. Ina Wallace

Dear Church Family, Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and food following my fall. Bill and I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

With love, Wanda Sprinkle

#### Giving Report through June 25th

Year to Date Budget Giving \$188,675.24 Year to Date Budget Required \$231,580 Budget Shortfall \$42,904.76

Trustee Capital Campaign for church repairs Shortfall for windows \$8,750

June 2023

Average Sunday School 107 Average Worship 176

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July 1, 2023

#### **MICKEY'S MUSINGS**

#### **Builders and Boomers**

Let's have lunch! July 11 at 11:30 am we will meet for lunch at Bourbon Barrel. This informal gathering is affectionately called, "Lunch Bunch." All are welcome!

Let's have lunch, again! Our Bi-monthly Luncheon is on July 27.

#### **Worship Choir**

We are taking a summer hiatus and will return in August. This group meets on Wednesday nights at 7:30 and is open to all in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older. Use the talents that God has given you for His glory and His purpose.

#### July 4 - A Celebration of Freedom

I stumbled upon an article recently which was written by Jason Inman, a pastor in Oklahoma. He opens his article by declaring "there's some powerful imagery in Independence Day." The following is an excerpt from the article.

- 1. It's a gift. For all living Americans, July 4th is a gift. We didn't earn it—we received it from the people who lived, led, and died to fight for it. Everyone who gets a gift has two questions. First, "Who is it from?" Second, "What does it do?" My freedom in Christ is from Jesus. I didn't earn it. He died for it. That's who it's from, but what does it do? Galatians 5:1 reminds me, it's for freedom we've been set free. What does my freedom do? Give more freedom. It's freedom for me, my marriage, my kids, my friends, my co-workers, and my neighbors. I was given this gift to share.
- 2. It's a mid-war declaration. July 4, 1776 came only about a year after the revolutionary war began and about six years before it would finally end. Yet, it's the single most revered day of American history. This reminds me of battles we face. You may be fighting for your marriage, struggling financially, or just trying to raise godly kids. Either way, it may be time to make a mid-war declaration of your freedom in Christ.
- 3. It's a celebration of restoration. Remember apple pie, explosions in the sky, baseball games, and BBQ flames? All to celebrate liberty once lost—but now found. Humans love to celebrate finding lost things because we were made in God's image, and God parties big for restoration. Jesus told a story about this called the Prodigal Son. When the son came home, the Father killed his best cow and threw a party (Luke 15:11-24). Jesus even suggests angels celebrate in heaven when someone discovers freedom in Christ (Luke 15:10). And what happens when we

all meet Jesus? A glorious supper (Revelation 19:16-17).

4. It's united. The Declaration of Independence was written by thirteen different colonies, but within the document, they are called "we." "We hold these truths to be self-evident ..." Jesus set you and me free as individuals, but we live out this freedom as His Church. One body with many parts (1 Corinthians 12:1-27). When your "I" becomes "we," it's amazing what we can accomplish.



Hello Church Family,

WOW! June went by in a hurry, but what an amazing month it was. We had both, VBS and youth camp, which were both amazing. First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone that helped with VBS. VBS does not happen without the help from church family. Thank you for your love and support that you all showed the kiddos that week.

Also, thank you to everyone that helped youth camp happen. Without the donations, fundraising, prayers, and adult leaders, camp does not happen. Thank you to everyone that helped in some way. Thank you to the adult leaders that attended camp with the students. You all were amazing throughout the week, and thank you for giving your love and time to these students!

Be in prayer this month for the children and adults that are going to children's camp in Campbellsville. I pray not only for the kids, but also for the adults, that everyone will grow closer to God, and if any kiddos do not know Christ, they will by the end of the week. Keep us in your prayers for an amazing week! Thank you church for the support through all these summer events. Camps are a big deal for both students

and children. Keep both ministries in your prayers as we keep trying to reach students and children with the gospel throughout the community.

God Bless, Jonny

#### Mission Moments

WMU met on June 21<sup>st</sup> with 5 members present. Bette Edwards did a wonderful program. The backpacks are given to children in southern Ohio and all of Kentucky. If you would like to help with the backpacks, please contact Judy Jones or Bette Edwards. We are putting our visitation ministry to Bourbon Heights on hold for now due to the recent outbreak of Covid. We will be sending cards.

#### Life House News

We have been incredibly blessed with donations and shoppers. We have had 24 shoppers as of June 20<sup>th</sup>. First Baptist joined us in the Baby Bottle Blessings, as of June 20<sup>th</sup> \$956 has been given to the Life House Ministry. Eighth Street Baptist blessed us with several boxes of diapers and wipes.

There is a desk that needs to be moved to the Life House, it is upstairs in the hall of our church. If you can help Jonathan move this, please get with him. There is also some heavy-duty yard work that we need done, bushes and shrubs that need to be removed, fence line needs to be cleaned out. If you can help with that get in touch with Daniel Langfels.

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 859-340-0373. We will always be in need of prayers, diapers, wipes, blankets, clothing up to size 4, baby bath, lotion, and any thing you can think of that babies need. Our church family is the absolute best. Thank you for everything.

Judy Jones, WMU Director and The Life House Committee

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## Our Ministries Opportunities

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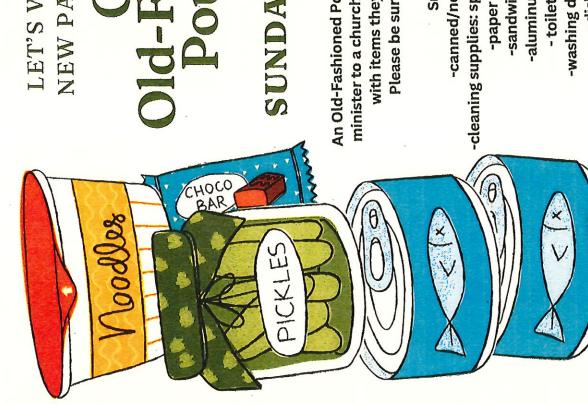
9:30 AM – Sunday School for ALL Ages 10:45 AM – Worship and Children's Church 6:00 PM – Prayer time in chapel 6:00 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth) 6:30 PM – Worship Service

## Wednesday:

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

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# Good Old-Fashioned Pounding

SUNDAY, JULY 2ND

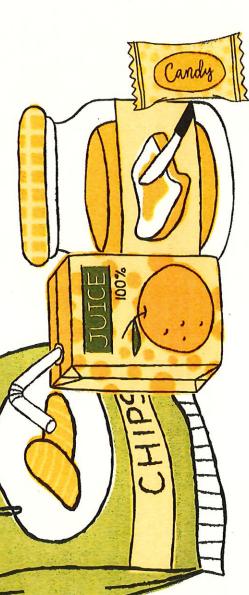
An Old-Fashioned Pounding is a way to welcome a new minister to a church. Let's shower the Ancello Family with items they can use in their new home. Please be sure gifts are non-perishable.

Suggested items:

-canned/non-perishable food items
-cleaning supplies: sprays, brooms, mops, new rags, etc
-paper plates, cups, napkins
-sandwich, quart, gallon bags
-aluminum foil, cling wrap, etc.
- toilet paper, paper towels
-washing detergent, fabric softener
-dish soap, hand soap
-gift cards to local restaurants and shops

Please bring your items to church on Sunday, July 2nd and

place them in the designated area near the chapel. Feel free to include a note or card.



Any questions? Contact Salena at 859.707.6496