



Dear Central Baptist Church,
Thank you, guys, so much for the well-wishes and continued support for my family and I. I'm so thankful for all of you. Gabe is away all summer with a drum corps but he is grateful as well for all of the support.

Lance & Gabe Torres

Dear Church Family.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you, our church family, for all your time and concern for us throughout the last several months that we have faced various medical issues. Your calls, cards, food, and prayers have been a big lift to us. We THANK YOU and our HEAVENLY FATHER in heaven.

Bill & Carolyn Tipton

Giving Report through July 30th

Year to Date Budget Giving \$229,650.50

Year to Date Budget Required \$270,176

Budget Shortfall \$40,525.50

Window Campaign

Cost of windows \$55,215

Received \$47,045

Shortfall \$8,170

July 2023

Average Sunday School 120 Average Worship 192

Central Baptist Welcomes New Members

Josh, Michelle, Nicole, Micah,
Hannah & Lillie Ancello

Ministerial Staff

Josh Ancello: josh@centralbaptistparis.com

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August 1, 2023



To Central Baptist Church Family,

We would like to thank each of you for your support during this transition time in our lives. We were blessed to see so many of you at our home when we unloaded the U-Hauls; both trucks were unpacked in less than two hours! It was also very encouraging that many stayed to help set up the bedrooms. I can't imagine how long all of this would have taken without the help of our new church family.

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We are also grateful to those who took part in the church pounding. So many fun and practical gifts were given. Each one of these gifts will be put to good use. And thank you to the family that dropped all the gifts off!

I also want to thank each person that has prayed for us these last few months. We have been strengthened by your prayers. Isn't it wonderful to know that we serve a God that both hears and answers prayer! As it says in James 5:16, "...The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

We look forward to serving with each of you. God bless y'all.

Pastor Josh

MICKEY'S MUSINGS

Dear Church Family,

As I mentioned Sunday morning in my message on Jonah, I've been, figuratively, thrown out of the boat before due to disobedience to God's calling and have made every effort to avoid that ever happening again. That is why, with a great deal of excitement and sadness, I inform you that I have answered God's calling to be the Music Pastor at Eastmont Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. On July 16, I served my two-week notice to Pastor Josh, to Tony Sosby as Deacon Chair, and to Chris Jones as the Deacon Representative on the Music Committee. Our last Sunday at Central will be July 30, and my last day in the office will be August 3 as I help in whatever ways I can to prepare the church for the transition.

Sue Ellen and I have, for quite some time, felt that God was preparing us for a move. Since that time

nearly 5 years ago, 2 pastors have left, and we've navigated 2 transitions and a pandemic. Honestly, we were beginning to wonder if we were truly sensing God's direction. I had advised Josh of this sense of God's leading during phone conversations in late-April/early-May before Josh came for a weekend of interviews and to preach his trial sermon before this congregation but did not think God would open doors so soon after Josh's arrival in Paris. As Josh said then and has continued to say since, God's timing is always perfect.

Throughout our time with you these past 12+ years, Sue Ellen and I have strived to serve well, to fight the good fight, to run the race. As Paul said to the church in Corinth in 1 Corinthians 10:31, "Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God." With so many variables that both we and the church face in the days and weeks ahead, I am reminded of God's exhortation to Joshua, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

As I close, I want to share with you some song lyrics which fit this moment so perfectly:

I feel quite sure if I did my best
I could maybe impress you
With tender words and harmony
A clever rhyme or two
But if all I've done
In the time we've shared
Is turn your eyes on me
Then I've failed at what
I've been called to do
There's someone else I want you to see
Will you love Jesus more
When we go our different ways
When this moment is a memory
Will you remember His face

Will you look back and realize
You sensed His love
More than you did before
I pray for nothing less
Than for you to love Jesus more

"Will You Love Jesus More"

Songwriters: Andrew Shawn Craig / John R. Mandeville

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be
gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance
upon you and give you peace.
(Numbers 6:24-26)



Jonny's Corner

Hello Church Family,

Summer break is about over, school is about to begin, and the life of the church is moving forward. It is hard to believe the summer break is about over and camps have come and gone - how amazing they were. Part of the focus now goes towards the schools and its students.

We currently have Christian clubs in all of the schools in Bourbon County. We have the opportunity to share God's Word and His love in the schools. We also have opportunities to lead devotions with several sports teams in both school systems. Please be in prayer for everyone that is involved in these clubs. Be praying, also, for the sponsor teachers and the youth leaders that are participating in these events, and be praying how we can get more believers involved with sharing the gospel in the schools.

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The life of the church is changing, but change is not always a bad thing. As everyone knows, Mickey has been called to another church, so we are short a staff member. As it saddens me to see Mickey go, he must go where God is sending him. This means there will be areas of ministry in the church that will need some more involvement from members. Please pray, and consider, how you can help in the ministries of the church.

Not just in the areas of music and tech, but there are needs in children ministry, youth ministry, and other ministries that need your help. Please be in prayer on how you can be involved, and how you can use your gifts to help further the kingdom of God. We need members to not only speak the gospel, but also allow their actions be the proof of the gospel they put their faith in. So, to put it bluntly, WE NEED YOU!

If you are interested in seeing how you can help in the ministries of CBC, please contact the church office or myself.

God Bless,
Jonny

Mission Moments

WMU met on July 19 with 5 members present. Bette Edwards did a wonderful program on Compassion. WMU is also collecting items for the Christmas Backpack program. These backpacks are given to children in southern Ohio and all of Kentucky. List for Back Packs are:
Toothbrush/ toothpaste 2 toddler, children, 6 adults
Shampoo 4- children, 6 adults
Bar soap 4 children, 6 adults
Towels/Washcloths 10

Hats 4 children, 6 adults
Gloves 4 children, 6 adults
Fun water bottles 6 children, 4 adults
Nerf football 4
Frisbee 4
Flashlight with extra batteries 8
Bop it Game 4
Jewelry kits 3
Journals 3
Drawing Pads 3
Markers 4
Uno Card game 4
Simon Game 2
Brush and combs 10
Hair items for girls
Stuffed animals 6
Coloring books 6
Crayons 6
Cars/trucks
Baby dolls 4
Balls
Toddler toys
***Please have all items to the church by September 17th**

Life House News

We have been incredibly blessed with donations and shoppers.
We have had 16 shoppers during the month July
We are in need of more volunteers to work on Tuesdays, we are open from 11AM - 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

WOW (Women of the Word)

Meal Prep on August 14th at 5:30. Our goal is to complete 50 meals to take in Jesus' name. We need your help! The following items needed:
10 pounds hamburger, Ten 32 oz. jars of spaghetti/marinara sauce, Ten 2 cup bags of mozzarella cheese and a large can of shredded parmesan cheese.
Signup sheet on the registration counter.

Julia Woodward Offering 2023

WMU—By All Means

The Julia Woodward Offering benefits our Central Kentucky Network of Baptists Association. Our church goal is \$600. (Envelopes are on the table in back & on the registration counter)

Ice Cream Social


Fellowship time! August 13th 5-8 PM at the property
Bring your favorite ice cream/dessert and a chair!
Signup sheet on registration counter

Sunday School Promotion Sunday

August 6th

August 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11-7 Life House Ministry	2 Staff Meeting DFB	3 DFB	4 DFB	5
6 Sunday School Promotion Sunday 6 PM Youth, Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Worship Service	7 5:30 PM WDM Meal Prep	8 11-7 Life House Ministry 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch @ Trackside	9 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Business Meeting Youth	10	11	12
13 5-8 PM Ice Cream Social at Clintonville Property	14	15 11-7 Life House Ministry	16 1 PM WMLU Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Youth	17	18	19
20 6 PM Youth, Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Worship Service	21	22 11-7 Life House Ministry	23 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Youth	24	25	26
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Our Ministries Opportunities

Church Connect can be activated by visiting

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

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

Wednesday:

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



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