



Dear Central Baptist Church,
Thank you church family for all the visits, phone calls, cards, food, and love shown to us the past month during my grandmother's sickness and passing. Thank you, Pastor Josh and staff, for the love and support shown to us as well.

From the family of Ramona Lee Poe Hurst

Deacon Food Boxes - December 16th

Deacons will once again provide food boxes this Christmas. Collection boxes will be located in the hallways. Items needed: peanut butter, cereal/breakfast items, hamburger helper, spaghetti/sauce, macaroni and cheese, boxed potatoes, canned vegetables. Monetary donations are used to complete the boxes and purchase perishable food items. All donations are asked to be turned in by December 13th.

Giving Report through October 29th

Year to Date Budget Giving \$346,534
Year to Date Budget Required \$385,966
Budget Shortfall \$39,432

October 2023

Average Sunday School 115 Average Worship 172

Community Thanksgiving Service

will be Thursday, November 16th 6:30 PM
Presbyterian Church
Potluck to follow, bring a dish.

Church Office will be closed

November 23rd & 24th for Thanksgiving Holiday

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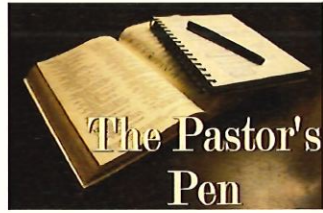
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November 1, 2023



**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

-1 Chronicles 16:34



To Central Baptist Church Family,

Dear Church Family,

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I thought this would be a good time to remind ourselves of what the Bible says concerning thankfulness. Clearly, the Lord desires that His people would be thankful, even in difficult circumstances. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, “give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” The reason we can be thankful is because God is faithful, He will never leave us nor forsake us, and He has promised to work all things together for our good.

We must admit that even as believers, we sometimes give way to a lack of gratitude and allow a spirit of complaining to get the best of us. That’s why we’re exhorted to “Do everything without complaining or arguing” (Phil. 2:14). Billy Graham put it this way, “Grumbling and gratitude are, for the child of God, in conflict. Be grateful and you won’t grumble. Grumble and you won’t be grateful.”

We should strive to emulate Christ’s example of gratitude. Jesus demonstrated a spirit of thankfulness, even during extremely trying circumstances. We see Jesus giving thanks to the Father before He raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:41). Although He was deeply moved at the sadness around Him, Jesus still gave thanks to God. In addition to this, we see Jesus giving thanks at the Last Supper. Amazing. Knowing

all the suffering that was about to befall Him, “Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying ‘Take and eat; this is my body’” (Matt. 26:26). Jesus gave thanks, even as he broke the bread that symbolized His body that would soon be broken for us.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let’s remember to be truly grateful for our many blessings. Let’s seek to have an attitude of thankfulness, even if we’ve been going through trials and difficulties. There’s no greater remedy for a spirit of grumbling than a spirit of gratitude.

Pastor Josh

November AWANA Calendar

November 5th - Regular Club Night

November 12th - Regular Club Night

November 19th - Regular Club Night

November 26th - Silly Socks Night



Jonny's Corner

Hello Church Family,

It is hard to believe that it is already November and we are in full swing with the holiday season. While there are many ways to serve in the church, and there are several ways, one area that has always stuck out to me is the opportunities to serve others in the community. During this holiday season the church has many opportunities to serve the community in various ways. The different ministries that are offered is the toy store ministry and the Christmas blessings ministry. Other ways are to donate food for the deacon boxes that go

out to help families with food. There are various ways to help others, not just in the church, but many in the community need help as well. Taking the time to help someone is an incredible opportunity to share the gospel. When someone sees that someone cares, they let their guard down, in turn are more open to listen.

Every single one of us have opportunities, every day, to help someone in need. In Matthew 25:35-40, Jesus says, “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me. Then the righteous will answer him, saying, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothed you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you? And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.” (ESV)

In your everyday walk with the Lord, pay attention to those around you. Not only does our lips speak what is in our hearts, our actions also show others what is in our hearts. We are called to love others, we are called to serve others, we are called to share the good news of Christ with others. Every time we help someone, there is an opportunity to share the gospel. Every day, the Lord gives us opportunities to serve and help others, showing His love for His creation. Stay attentive to those around you, and be intentional when sharing the good news of Christ.

A big thank you to everyone that helped with the trick-or-treat downtown and a big thank you to everyone that donated to this event to make it a success.

God Bless,
Jonny

Upcoming Events:

Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner in our Fellowship Hall, November 19th immediately after our morning worship service. Meat, bread and drinks will be furnished please bring your favorite dish to share! There will be a sign-up sheet on the registration counter.

Children's Christmas Party – Friday, December 8th, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, more info to come.

Sisters in Christ December 9th 11 AM at CBC

Youth Progressive Dinner and Christmas Party – Saturday, December 16th, more info to come.

Christmas Program December 17th at 6:30 PM in our sanctuary.

SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

LUNCH BUNCH

... meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

- Tuesday, November 14th at Lil's Café on Main Street downtown
- Tuesday, December 12th at Domino's
- Thursday, December 7th Builders & Boomers luncheon at Jailer's Home in Carlisle

Mission Moments

WMU meet on October 19 with 5 members present. We discussed Christmas back packs, and how we could improve the collection and maybe increase our numbers next year. With that being said, I would like to thank everyone who helped us with this project, we packed 10 backpacks and they have been delivered for distribution. As always, we prayed for our missionaries, and Bette Edwards had a wonderful program. November meeting will be held at Lil's on November 15th at 11:00. All women are invited to come. If you are able to join us for lunch, please contact Bette Edwards or Judy Jones by November 11, so we can make reservations.

Life House Pregnancy Center

We have had a really busy month, 65 families so far this month and we have one more Tuesday. As you all know we give diapers and wipes out the most, just stop and think if each family just take 2 packages each week, which is 2 dozen diapers, this month we have given out 120 dozen diapers. This does not include if they have more than one child. So, you can see we are always in need of diapers. Right now, our most needed sizes are 4, 5, 6 and pull-ups 2/3, 4/5, and 6. Anything you buy for the Life House is much appreciated. Also, if you would like to volunteer, please stop by any Tuesday 11-7. We always need more help.

Judy Jones, WMU Director and
The Life House Committee

2023 Eliza Broadus Offering WMU— MissionKY

CBC goal was \$2,500, we collected \$2190.00 as of October 29th.

WOW - Women's Ministry

Meal Prep in Fellowship Hall November 13th 5:30 PM Items needed for the Chicken Casserole: 30 10.5 oz Cans Cream of Mushroom Soup, 30 10.5 oz Cans Cream of Celery Soup, 2 Gallons of Milk, 16 Cups Chopped Celery, 2 Cups Minced Onion, 17 Packages of 4 Sticks Melted Butter, 30 12 oz Pkgs Pepperidge Farm Cornbread Dressing and 30 Quarts Cooked Chicken Chopped

Toy Store


It's that time of year! The Toy Store will be December 5th at 5:00 PM until 8 PM. We will need lots of volunteers, and most of all toys! We especially need items for the older children 10 to 12 years-old, or you are welcome to make a monetary donation if you would rather us do the shopping! We are returning to our original way of doing our Toy Store so that we can minister to the families before they shop. There will be a sign-up sheet out soon for volunteers to let us know where you would like to participate.



November 2023



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries	2 6:30 PM Community Thanksgiving Service at the Presbyterian Church Potluck to follow, bring a dish to share!	3	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends 12:15 Deacons Meeting 6 PM AWANA, Prayer time in chapel 6:00 PM Youth Praise Band/ Worship Service	6 AM Willing Hands Quilters	7 11-7 Life House Ministry	8 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries	9 1 PM WMU Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries	10	11 Veterans Day	
12 6 PM AWANA, Prayer time in chapel 6:00 PM Youth Praise Band/ Worship Service	13 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters WDW Meal Prep 5:30 FH	14 11-7 Life House Ministry 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch @Lilis KBC Meeting	15 1 PM WMU Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries	16 6:30 PM Community Thanksgiving Service at the Presbyterian Church Potluck to follow, bring a dish to share!	17	18	
19 12 PM Thanksgiving Dinner	20 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	21 11-7 Life House Ministry	22 Staff Meeting	23 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	24	25	
No evening service or activities			No evening service or activities				
26 6 PM AWANA, Prayer time in chapel 6:00 PM Youth Praise Band/ Worship Service	27 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters DFB	28 11-7 Life House Ministry 	29 Staff Meeting DFB 6:30 PM Music Makers 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries	30 DFB			

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 – Youth Praise Band
- 6:00 PM - AWANA
- 6:30 PM – Worship Service

Wednesday:

- 6:30 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
- 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Ministries
- 6:30 PM - Music Makers

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