



Dear Central Baptist Church,
Thank you to everyone at Central Baptist Church, especially Mom's Sunday School Class for all the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls over her long illness.

Barbara Vandiver's Family

Giving Report for February

Year to Date Budget Required \$82,375

Year to Date Budget Giving \$74,604

Budget Shortfall \$7,771

February 2024

Average Sunday School 120 Average Worship 188



Fresh Grounded Faith April 12th - 13th
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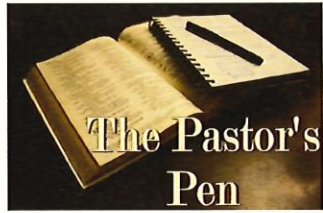
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March 1, 2024



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Central Baptist Church Goal - \$4,500
Week of Prayer
for North American Missions
March 3rd – March 10th



Dear Church Family,

If there's one word that describes Easter more than any other, I believe that word is "hope." It's a word that's used often, although with different meaning than a biblical one. Hope as we understand it implies uncertainty. We're not certain that an event may occur or not, we just hope it will. Or maybe we hope it won't. Either way, we're not sure.

The biblical concept of hope is much different. It implies certainty. A biblical hope leaves no room for uncertainty. My pastor in Rochester, Pastor Tom, had a definition of hope that I've never forgotten. He said, "Hope is a well-grounded, well-founded expectation of the future." That's a good definition. Our hope is grounded in God's word, the Bible. It is founded on the promises of God, and it is a certainty regarding the future. I have a well-grounded, well-founded hope that Jesus is coming again for me.

So many people don't have hope. Not true hope. Or if they do have hope, it's a hope that won't live past this life. The Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:19, "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men." Thank God our hope in Christ is for this life, but it's not limited to this life alone, it's a hope that will last for all of eternity. We have an eternal hope rooted in the certainty of Christ's resurrection.

Don't lose sight of hope. The disciples had lost hope after Jesus' crucifixion. The loss of hope leads to

despair. The disciples were there. But it's amazing how quickly God can change things. In a moment, that despair turned to hope when they realized that Jesus was risen! God can take any hopeless situation and turn it around. He is the God of all hope. If you're tempted to give up hope...don't. Fix your eyes on Jesus. Remember, as hopeless as things seemed for the disciples on Friday, Sunday morning was coming!

Pastor Josh



Jonny's Corner

Hello Church Family,

The year is rolling and it is already March. Easter is right around the corner, so that means the annual Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on March 30th from 11am to 2pm. The outreach committee is working hard to get everything organized, but we need the church family's help. We need eggs and candy for this event, outside of my office is a container to place your eggs and candy. The committee is asking for your help with these items and be looking for a sign-up sheet for volunteers for this event.

There are plenty of ways to help with this event, we will need members to help with registration, serving food, manning a bounce house and games, to help with parking, members that are comfortable with

meeting and greeting families that show up, and members that can help setup and cleanup afterwards. There are plenty of ways to help and we need our whole church family on board. So be looking for a sign-up sheet outside my old office door and sign up to help with the annual Easter Eggstravaganza!

If you have not noticed, we have had several new faces in worship on Sunday morning. I want to encourage everyone to take some time and introduce yourself to these new people in the church. If you do not recognize someone, please introduce yourself, and make them feel welcomed. You may, or may not realize, but making people feel welcome at service plays a huge part on whether they come back or not. Take this opportunity to help someone feel like they are welcome and wanted here at CBC.

Also, keep the church in your prayers! There have been several members that have been sick, several that have had surgeries, and several that are home bound. Please pray for them specifically! Also, if you can make some time, take the opportunity to pay a visit, or make a phone call to these members. It is always an encouragement to others when they know their church is praying and checking up on them.

God Bless,
Jonny

March AWANA Calendar

March 3 rd	Regular Club Night
March 10 th	Regular Club Night
March 17 th	Wear Green Night
March 24 th	Regular Club Night
March 31 st	No AWANA (Easter Sunday)

SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

Lunch Bunch

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

- March 12th Dick's on Main in Carlisle

Mission Moments

February WMU met on February 21st we had 4 members present. Plans were made for the up-and-coming year. We are going to double the Christmas backpacks that were donated last year. More information later.

We have added our MSC missionaries, volunteer missionaries like Judy Jones, to our everyday prayer list, and will also be looking into how we can support them.

Be in prayer for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and the missionaries that benefit from this offering. The goal for Central Baptist is \$4500.

As always, Bette Edwards had a wonderful program on prayer. All women are invited to our next WMU meeting on March 20th at 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall.

Life House Update:

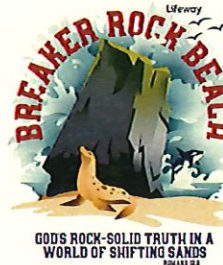
We have exciting things going on at the Life House. First the Bourbon Belles Homemaker Club collected over 2500 diapers/pull-ups for us. Just when we were getting worried about our diaper/pull up, supply, God heard our prayers. On the average week we give out around 35 dozen diapers/pull-ups. We are having 17-26 shoppers every week.

How can you help this month? I am glad you ask. We could use baby toiletries such as baby soap, shampoo,

lotion and diaper rash medicine. We also need more volunteers, especially to work 3 -7. If you are available and willing, please contact Judy Jones. This is not every week, but just as often as you can. Most of all we need your prayers. Pray for our committee as we make decisions on how to best serve our shoppers. Pray for our volunteers as they wash, fold and sort clothes, clean and disinfect all toys and equipment but especially pray they will have an opportunity to share God's word with our shoppers. Pray for our shoppers.

Thank you for all that you have already done. We love and appreciate each of you.

Judy Jones, WMU Director and
The Life House Committee



2024 VBS Breaker Beach *Important Update on VBS Dates and Volunteer Opportunities

Dear CBC Family,

There has been a change in the dates for our upcoming Vacation Bible School (VBS). Instead of beginning on Sunday, June 2nd, VBS will now begin on Monday, June 3rd, and conclude on June 7th with the exciting Family Night event. On Sunday, after the morning service, June 2nd, we are inviting all willing volunteers, including our kids, to join us for a decoration day. On this day, we plan to provide lunch for everyone involved.

I will be dedicating my Saturdays starting in March to work on decorations at the church. I will be present from 9 am until whenever. If this timing does not work for you, please let me know, and I can prepare the items for you to paint at your convenience. Additionally, if you enjoy building, we have a need for lighthouses, a pier, row boat, and plane

We are approximately 94 days away from the start of VBS, and your help is crucial. We are seeking volunteers to serve in various capacities, including bible study, missions, recreation, and dinner time. Your commitment to any of these areas would greatly contribute to the success of VBS. We have had several commit to serving in crafts.

If your schedule does not allow you to serve during VBS but you would still like to contribute, we welcome donations for VBS items. I plan to have a table set up in the hallway that will let you know of items we will be in need of.

I am excited about the impact VBS will have on the lives of our CBC and community children as they learn about Christ. Together, let's make this a memorable and transformative experience for them.

Thank you for your dedication and support.

Blessings,
Jill Maynard



Click on this QR Code and sign up for the area you would like to help with.



March 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions AABO Central Baptist Goal \$4,500						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6 PM AWANA Prayer time in chapel 6:00 PM Youth Praise Band/ Worship Service	9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	11-7 Life House Ministry	10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries Youth			
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31 EASTER SUNDAY Lord's Supper No evening activities or evening service						

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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