



**LIFT UP THE WORD  
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**  
THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



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The 73rd Annual NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is the first Thursday of May. We will host a prayer service as we commit to gather to “Lift Up the Word – Light Up the World” at noon on Thursday, May 2 in our sanctuary.



Dear Church Family,

We would like to start raising money for a new swing set and swings on the church property for our kids. This will allow our children to have an area to play when they are on the property. We will not be able to order the playset until we have all of the money. If you would like to donate, please put in the offering plate (with playset in the memo), give online, or turn into the church office. It will take about a month to get it installed once we have the money. The playset is around \$5,100. We would also like to build two A frame swing sets for the older kids. This will cost around \$1,500 for two. We can add those as the money comes in. We are trying to raise a total of \$7,000. Please pray that God will provide the funds for this quickly. We have already received donations!

Lydia Sosby & Michelle Ancello

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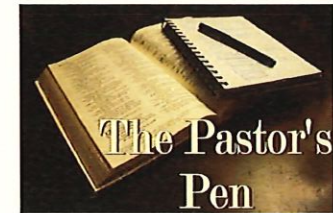
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*May 1, 2024*



Dear Church,

As the old saying goes, “April showers bring May flowers.” The implication is that people generally do not like rainy weather (although I do). Most people enjoy sunny days. Those sunny days will come, and colorful flowers with them, but one must endure the rainy season first. The rain is a necessary part of creating those beautiful flowers. So, the saying communicates the necessity of enduring one to get to the other. (Cont’d)



Likewise, we must endure the valleys to reach the mountain. Every mountain that I've ever seen has a valley down below. Metaphorically, the mountain speaks of the place of blessing, while the valley speaks of the place of trial and difficulty. Unless you're dropped from a helicopter, you cannot reach the mountain without first going through the valley.

The valley can be a lonely and cold place. But there's also comfort in the valley. Without the valley, we wouldn't truly understand the faithfulness of God. How could we? But we see that the Lord's faithfulness does not wane in the valley, on the contrary, His faithfulness is magnified. That is what David discovered. He spoke of his own season in the valley in Psalm 23:4, where he stated "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me..."

Perhaps you're currently walking through a valley in your own life. The shadows are long and casting their coldness over you. You wonder when you'll make it to the mountain. Don't give up. Just as the Lord was with David, so too will He be with you. You'll make it to the mountain, and you'll make it at just the right time. God's time. So, don't lose heart in the middle of April's showers, because just around the corner are May's flowers.

Pastor Josh



*Jonny's Corner*

Hello Church Family,

This summer is going to be very busy in both children and youth ministries. There is VBS, fundraisers, camps, and other activities that will be happening. With all this activity going on, there is a need for help.

We are in need of adult leaders to help in these ministries. Starting May 15<sup>th</sup>, Mission Kid's will be starting on Wednesday evenings for kid's that are K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Starting on Sunday evenings after VBS, we are bringing back the Cooking with Jesus ministry. These ministries will last through the summer until Awana and Music Makers start back. We are in need of adults that are willing to help Shannon Kenimer with Mission Kid's and help for Holli Hatmaker with Cooking with Jesus. If you are interested in helping in these ministries this summer, please contact Shannon or Holli.

We will also be recognizing our high school graduates, and other graduates, during the service on May 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be recognizing high school graduates that are members of the church, or actively involved in the student ministry at CBC. I will need to get a baby and senior picture of the student, and will do a short interview with the students for the video. Be in prayer for all our graduates as they seek God's will for their lives and careers moving forward.

There is going to be plenty of opportunities to get out into the community to build relationships and share the gospel this spring and summer. I encourage everyone, take the opportunity to go out into the community to be a light in a dark world. Here at CBC, we must strive to move our feet along with our mouths to share the gospel. God's Word is alive and active, so we must also be alive and active in reaching the lost in the community.

Be in prayer for our church, the community, and the lost! Be in prayer that our church can be an active member of God's ministry, reaching the lost with the good news of Christ. Ask God how you can be actively involved in the church and in the community.

Ask God to open our eyes to His truth, to help us be fearless in sharing God's Word and showing his love. Let's be a church that is intentional with God's Word and let's have an urgency to reach the lost in this community and around the world.

It is time for everyone to get in the game! Do not be a bystander on the sidelines, but be an active player in the ministries of Central Baptist Church!

God Bless,  
Jonny

#### **May AWANA Calendar**

May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Club Night
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	No AWANA – Mother's Day
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Closing Night

#### **SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES**

##### **Lunch Bunch**

- ... meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> First Watch in Georgetown (signup sheet on registration counter, please indicate if you need a ride)

##### **Young at Heart**

- May 30<sup>th</sup> Noon in Fellowship Hall  
God and Country celebration with a concert featuring Wyn and Bob Jespersen





## MISSION MOMENTS

WMU met on April 17. We signed cards to be sent to Kentucky Baptist volunteer Missionaries who have birthdays in May.

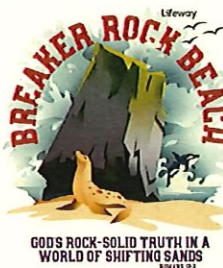
The list for the Christmas Backpacks was completed, and the date for Christmas in August to collect items for them it is our goal to send 20 backpacks, there will be more information later.

As always Bette Edwards had an awesome lesson “ Be Faithful in Prayer and Never, Never Give Up”. If you have a heart for missions, this is your “go to” group. We Pray, Study and Do Missions. We meet every third Wednesday at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

### LIFE HOUSE PREGNANCY CENTER

April was a very busy month, we had 100 shoppers representing 284 children. Judy spoke to the lady’s missionary group from First Presbyterian Church about the Life House and they are doing the Baby Bottle Blessings fund raiser over the summer. Speaking of Baby Bottle Blessings, there will be baby bottles in the hallway beginning on Mother’s Day for everyone to get and fill with change. We will collect on Father’s Day. As always, we appreciate your prayers, and donations, we couldn’t do this ministry without you.

Judy Jones, WMU Director and  
The Life House Committee



### 2024 VBS Breaker Beach Update



Use the QR Code to Register

Get ready to dive into the excitement of VBS! Our Saturday gatherings from 9 am to 12 pm are in full swing, with one exception. However, we're gearing up for more crafting sessions to enhance the VBS experience. We're painting cut-outs of various marine and coastal elements like animals, rocks, shells, whales, sandcastles, seals, and lighthouses. Join us in May as we're only 5 weeks away from the big event!

If your children haven't been registered for VBS yet, now's the time to do so. Currently, we have 23 of our CBC kiddos signed up. Don't forget, 3 and 4-year-olds from CBC families are welcome, along with kids from Kindergarten to 5th grade. Spread the word about our upcoming VBS!

On May 8th and 22nd, our youth and church members will hit the streets to pray and distribute information about VBS within our community. Your participation is vital. Additionally, on May 18th, Josh will lead a prayer walk within our church premises, focusing on specific areas related to VBS, our dedicated volunteers, and the attending children.

We're still in need of a few items. (drop off items at church)

Please consider contributing via our Amazon Wishlist or Registry: Central Baptist VBS:  
<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/330L6UQTPLPK3>

For the Missions Class, students will explore the work of Carpenters for Christ, the Bourbon County Backpack Program, and the Life House Pregnancy Center. They'll be assembling packs for the Bourbon Backpack Program and families visiting the Life House Pregnancy Center. Here's what we need: Fruit Cups, 16 oz. jars of Peanut Butter, Pudding Cups, 100% Juice Boxes, Granola Bars, Pretzels, Animal Crackers, Apple Sauce, Raisins, Shelf Stable Milk, Peanut Butter To-Go. Additionally, we'd appreciate donations suitable for babies, such as baby food, Gerber puffs, teething, and more. Your generosity will make a difference!

Thank you for your prayers and support,  
Jill Maynard  
859-707-9317

### Giving Report

Year to Date Budget Required \$164,751  
Year to Date Budget Giving \$141,257  
**Budget Shortfall \$23,494**

### April 2024

Average Sunday School 120 Average Worship 231

**Central Baptist Welcomes New Members**  
Caitlin & John Soper





# 2024



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Baby Bottle Blessings Donation to Life House Ministry From Mother's Day thru Father's Day			1 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries Youth	2 Noon-1 PM National Day of Prayer	3	4
5 Youth Taco Meal after worship service	6 9 AM Willing Hands	7 11-7 Life House Ministry	8 10 AM Staff Meeting VBS Prayer Walk 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries Youth	9	10 7 PM-7 AM Youth Look In	11
6 PM AWANA Prayer time in chapel Youth Praise Band/ Worship Service						
12 Mother's Day  No evening worship or activities	13 9 AM Willing Hands	14 11-7 Life House Ministry 11 Lunch Bunch @ First Watch in Georgetown	15 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries Youth	16	17	18
19 Senior Recognition 6 PM AWANA/Closing night 8:00 PM Prayer time in chapel Youth Praise Band/ Worship Service	20 9 AM Willing Hands	21 11-7 Life House Ministry	22 10 AM Staff Meeting VBS Prayer Walk 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries Youth	23	24	25
26  No evening worship or activities	27 Church Office CLOSED Memorial Day	28-1-7 Life House Ministry	29 10 AM Staff Meeting 6 PM Wednesday Night Meal 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries Youth	30 Noon Young @ Heart Lunches in Fellowship Hall	31	

**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 - AWANA
  - 6:30 PM – Worship Service
- Wednesday:**
- 6:30 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
  - 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Ministries

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