

Thank
you



Dear Central Baptist Church Members,
I want to thank you so much for your continuing support and thoughtfulness to AccuTran. It means so much to our clients that you faithfully remember them by bringing much love snacks and treats!!! We truly appreciate your kindness.

Thank you,
Keri Marcum
Director of Rehabilitation AccuTran

Central Baptist Friends,
Thank you so much for the cards, food, visits and prayers. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring congregation.

The Family of Laura Samples

Giving Report

Year to Date Budget Required \$453,065
Year to Date Budget Giving \$403,718
Budget Shortfall \$50,373

Through November 24th

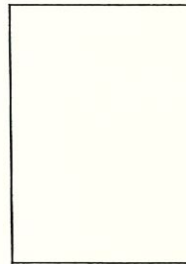
Average Sunday School 127 Average Worship 201

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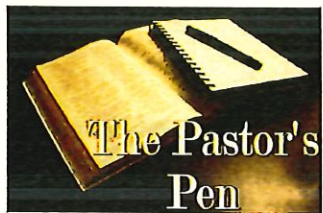
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It cannot be Christmas without Christ.



Dear Church,

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, “give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” I’ve always appreciated the clarity of this verse. We often wonder about the will of God for our lives in a particular area. We pray for clarity from the Lord concerning His will, that He will open the doors that need to be opened and close the doors that need to be closed. Sometimes, God’s will can even be confusing to us.

But one thing that we don’t need to be confused about is thankfulness. The Bible makes it clear that the Lord wants us to be thankful, even in difficult circumstances. Most people can be thankful when life is going well. As the old song goes, “I’ve got the world on a string, sitting on a rainbow.” Let’s face it, thankfulness seems to come easier when we’re sitting on a rainbow.

But thankfulness can be more elusive when times are tough. That’s where David comes in. As for tough times, he could write the book about life’s difficulties. Through no fault of his own, David was a wanted man. King Saul’s fierce jealousy had gotten the best of him, and he made it his goal to kill David. That meant David had to flee for his life, resorting to the life of a cave dweller. Certainly, gratitude was the furthest thing from his mind, right? Not at all. Even in the middle of his darkest season, David expressed his thankfulness to the Lord. He wrote in Psalm 7:17, “I

will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.”

How about you? Are you thankful? How about when life gets tough, does your gratitude begin to wane? It’s important to come back to the word of God at these times and to read of those individuals who demonstrated thankfulness in difficult circumstances. Learn from their example and emulate their faith. Commit yourself to being thankful, no matter what comes your way. After all, you’re in Christ and that’s a reason to be grateful.

Pastor Josh



Jonny’s Corner

Hello Church Family,

It is hard to believe that it is already December. First, I would like to thank the church for the support with my internship as a chaplain at UK hospital. I realize this internship has made me physically drained, but the support has been incredible, and the experience I have received is priceless to my growth spiritually. So, thank you church for being patient with me and being supportive of this great opportunity to learn and grow in ministry.

It is also the holiday season and there are several things happening in the life of Central Baptist Church before Christmas. Here is a quick rundown of children and youth ministries activities:

December 7 – Christmas Parade

December 8 – Children’s Christmas party 6:00-7:30
Sunday evening
December 20 – Youth Progressive Dinner
December 24 – Christmas Eve service
January 17-28 – D-NOW Weekend (Youth only)
January 24 – Winter Jam @ Rupp
February 7-8 – YES Conference in Etown (Youth only)

There are several activities happening over the next few months. Be looking for sign-ups on the registration table.

Please be in prayer for our church as we are still in the process of seeking a worship pastor. Pray that the Lord will introduce the man he wants in this position soon, pray that the church stays patient and allows God to present who He wants to the church. Pray that the church will seek God’s will, instead of seeking after our own wants. Ask God to reveal the man for the position in His time!

As always, it would be great to see all of our members be active in a ministry of Central Baptist Church. I pray the at God opens the hearts of all our members and encourages us to use our gifts to help believers grow in Christ and share the gospel with the lost. As I have said before in other articles, quit standing on the sideline and get involved in the game. Use your gifts that the Lord has blessed you with, to bless others, and show the love of Christ in this community. There are so many ways to get involved, if you have any questions, please contact the church office, or ask any of the staff.

God Bless, Jonny

SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES



Will resume in January. Have a Merry Christmas!!!!



Hello church family,
It is December and our thoughts move to our missionaries outside the United States. It is time to remember them with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that goes exclusively to support them. My husband and I met some missionaries when we were at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College and all of them were very thankful for the support that was given to them. They also told us that they could feel the prayers of God's people lifting them up. Please pray about how you can support them financially and with prayers as well. Merry Christmas and God's Blessings to you all.

Leisa Proctor

Life House Ministry

Always meeting on every Tuesday from 11 AM to 7 PM. Volunteers are always welcome.

As you are reading this, we are all getting ready to celebrate the birth of our Lord. As the temperatures get colder, and heating bills get higher, the need of items for the Life House gets

greater. Our number of shoppers are growing every week. We have many asking for prayer.

Here are a few that especially touched our hearts. Grandmother raising 3 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Her son was killed in an accident last winter, the mother of the children didn't want them. Another grandmother has taken her newborn grand baby in while the mother is fighting for her life due to drug overdose. Three of our shoppers, sisters, had to make the decision to take their father off life support. This has been so hard on them. We, Life House staff, have prayed and prayed, with them and for them. We have many more but these are the three that have really touched our hearts in the last few weeks. As always thanks for all of your support.

Merry Christmas
In His Name
Judy Jones and the Life House Committee

Bible Drill

Grades 4-6 Wednesday nights at 6
Grades 7-9 Wednesday nights at 5:30
Youth Speakers tournament-all high school 9th-12th -
see Kathy Kenimer



Meeting every Sunday evening at 6 PM. Come and join the fun and learn how to be a worker not ashamed.

Willing Hands Quilters

Meeting at 9 AM each Monday in the Fellowship

Hall. Come and join if you would like to learn. Taking off the month of December. Will meet again in January.

Guatemala Mission

We have reached our goal for this year's mission trip. All people who are going are fully funded and the house and furniture are provided. Many thanks to all who have given to provide this home for a deserving family. Any funds that come in after this will go to a fund for this Mission for next year. God Is Good!!!



December 2024



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:00 PM AWANA Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Worship Service	Week of Prayer International Missions Goal for Lottie Moon \$5,000		4:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries Youth; 7:30 PM Deacons			Christmas Parade Mission Team Outreach Event
8 PM Children's Christmas Party FH	9 PM Deacon Senior Meal. Fellowship Hall	11-7 Life House Ministry Toy Store	10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Business Meeting			
6 PM Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Worship Service		10 11-7 Life House Ministry	11 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM	12	13	14
15 6:30 PM Music Makers Christmas Presentation and Christmas Hymn Sing	16	17 11-7 Life House Ministry	18 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries Youth	19	20 Youth Progressive Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange 5 PM	21 Deacon's Baskets
22 6 PM Christmas Service/Food (Chili Supper)	23 	24 9 PM—Gandlelight Service & The Lord's Supper	25 Church Office CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28
29 No evening service or activities	30	31 11-7 Life House Ministry New Year's Eve				

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
6:30 PM Worship Service

Wednesday:
6:30 PM REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries

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