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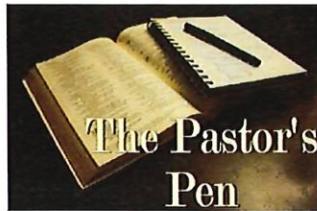
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December 1, 2025



Giving Report-Through 11/23/2025
Year to Date Budget Required \$528,336
Year to Date Budget Giving \$418,025
Budget Shortfall \$110,311

Through month of November 23, 2025
Average Sunday School 117 Average Worship 186
– both in person and online worship



Growing Together in God's Word in 2026

As we stand at the close of another year, we are now just one month away from beginning our 2026 Bible Reading Plan. A new year brings new opportunities, and few opportunities are more valuable to our spiritual health—as individuals and as a church family—than reading God's Word together.

A few years ago, I made a simple but meaningful change in my own devotional life. Instead of reading my Bible alone, I began reading it out loud with my oldest son. One of the reasons was this: I didn't want him to grow up the way I did when it came to Scripture.

I came to know Christ when I was six years old, yet I didn't read through the entire Bible until I was an adult. I had read many parts of Scripture over the years, but never from cover to cover—not even over two or three years. Looking back now, I recognize what a missed opportunity that was. To know Jesus from such a young age, and yet to not cultivate a steady love for His Word, left a gap in my spiritual growth that I didn't even realize existed.

What started as something I hoped would help *him* has turned into a blessing for both of us. And in this season between pastors, when our church especially needs unity, encouragement, and spiritual rootedness, I believe these blessings can help us too. Here are a few lessons the Lord has taught me through this simple practice.

Accountability Strengthens Faith

Yes, there were days we missed. But one of us would almost always say, "Hey, we still need to read today." Walking with someone in Scripture gives you gentle encouragement when your motivation is low—and a reminder that you don't walk alone.

A Steady Routine Builds Spiritual Strength

Almost every time we missed reading, it's on a day when our schedule has changed - school is out, I have an

early meeting, or I'm driving siblings around but when our routine held steady, so did our reading.

The same is true for us as a church family: when we weave Scripture into the daily rhythm of our lives, we become more faithful, more grounded, and more stable.

God's Word Opens the Door to Rich Conversations

Reading out loud invites questions. Sometimes my son would stop and ask, "What does that mean?" And sometimes I found myself saying, "I'm not sure—let's look that up together." Those moments—seeking, wondering, discovering—have become some of the sweetest conversations we share.

Imagine how relationships in our church could deepen if we read Scripture *with* one another.

Reading Together Cultivates Patience and Grace

It's difficult to stay frustrated with someone when you sit down and read the Bible with them every day. My son is a teenager—he does teenage things—but reading Scripture shoulder-to-shoulder softens my heart and reminds me of God's grace toward us both.

Reading together makes forgiveness quicker, understanding deeper, and love stronger.

Some of you may not have a teenager at home. But you may have a spouse, a friend, a neighbor, a small group member, or simply someone in the pew next to you who would benefit from reading God's Word side by side in the coming year.

In this unique time between pastors, we especially need the comfort of one another and the guidance of God's Word. Perhaps you might pray about asking someone, "Would you read the Bible with me this year?" I believe it could strengthen your relationship with that person—and with the Lord—more than you expect.

It is never too late to begin. Never too late to start fresh. Never too late to open God's Word and let Him speak.

As we step toward a new year, remember this:

We may be between pastors, but we are not without a Shepherd. He still speaks, He still leads, and His Word is still our daily bread.

Bro. David

SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

We are taking a break for the month of December. Stay tuned for the upcoming year of events. It promises to be a great time for us to fellowship together.



Hello church family,

Celebrating with Friends:

Sunday afternoon, November 9, CBC Special Missions Committee took a meal to Ms. Pam Polkey and her congregation at Irishtown Ministries in Lexington. The meal was shared with the Congolese church members who worship in the same building, prior to Ms. Pam's program. It is beautiful to see how God is using this ministry in Lexington. Continue to keep them in your prayers.

Over the Top!

We knew our faithful friends at CBC would not fail! Our Eliza Broadus offering for 2025 is \$2,105! Our goal was just \$2,000 and once again you gave sacrificially and that will lead to many other Kentuckians hearing about Jesus and having the opportunity to be saved. Jesus told us to share about His love to Paris, to Kentucky and to the Nations! We are doing so in Paris; we are doing so in Kentucky, NOW...let's see what God wants us to do for the nations as we prepare our hearts to give in our Lottie Moon Offering. Thank you for your faithful support.

WMU has also prepared 30 hygiene kits to be given to the families that shop at the Toy Store. God is good! His mercies endure forever! Thank you for giving.

Blessings,
Leisa Proctor



Open Every Tuesday of the Month from 11 AM-6 PM.

LIFE HOUSE NOTES

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your support through prayers, donations of money, diapers, and other supplies. We appreciate those of you who volunteer at the Life House.

We are especially grateful to the Willing Hands Quilters who make baby quilts for first time shoppers. The families love the quilts.

Shannon applied for and received a grant to BrightCourse. They offer classes in budgeting, parenting, life skills, relationships, etc. We can provide these classes free of charge to our shoppers. They can access these classes on their phone in their own home. As an incentive for shoppers to take a class, they are given fifty points for each class they take.

In October 70 different families were served, 96 dozen diapers were given away, and we prayed with 27 individuals. Fourteen volunteers served at the Life House.

Sandi Berry volunteers by doing laundry for us in her home. If you have an extra hour or two a week, we would

love to have your help. We were closed two Tuesdays in October.

Music Makers

We will study God's Word and learn our Christmas music. Ages 4/5 to 5th grade. Meeting at 6:00 PM. Christmas program will be presented on December 14th at 6 PM.

Bible Drill

Please have your youth age 4-9th grade get involved in this LIFE altering activity. Youth Speakers-10-12th grade, scholarship possibilities.



AWANA meets on Sunday nights at 6 PM. All Children age 3-5th grade are encouraged to attend this great program. They will learn to be a Worker Not Ashamed. We will have our last meeting on 12/7 for the AWANA store and the Children's Christmas Party. There will be food, games, and crafts for AWANA children and other children of the church.

Willing Hands Quilters

We will be taking a break for the month of December. We will resume in January on Monday mornings at 9 AM. All are invited to join us.

Business Meeting

We will have our regularly scheduled business meeting on Wednesday, December 10th in the Fellowship Hall as the Music Makers need the sanctuary for practice.

We will conducting regular business but also voting on the Pastor Search Committee presented by the Church Council and approving Committees for the new year.

Frank Arcari
Holli Hatmaker
Janice Kilburn
Daniel Langfels

Miranda Martin
JB Maynard
Kevin Warner

Please be much in prayer over the proposed Committee and the upcoming Senior Pastor Search.

Children's Christmas Party

December 7, 2025 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All children up to 5th grade are invited.

Toy Store

December 2, 2025 from 6-8 PM. Volunteers still needed. Please sign up at the Registration Center. Toys are still needed especially for the 10-12 age group and the Newborn to age 2.

Christmas Parade Outreach

Saturday, December 6th is the annual Christmas Parade. We will have a float and will be handing out evangelistic literature.

Deacon Senior Meal

Tuesday, December 9th at 6 PM is the annual Deacon's Senior Meal. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Registration Center.

Church Christmas Musical

December 14th at 6 PM in the Sanctuary. Featured will be the Adult Choir, Music Makers, Youth Praise Band and CROSS. Don't miss this great time of praise. It will be followed in the Fellowship Hall with a reception.

Deacon Christmas Boxes

We are collecting monetary donations until December 17th and the boxes will be distributed on December 20, 2025. If you have someone in need, please see one of the deacons.

Youth Progressive Dinner

December 20th at 6 PM. If you plan to attend please contact a member of the Youth Committee.

Church Wide Chili Supper

December 21, 2025 at 6 PM. Please sign up at the Registration Center if you plan to attend.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24th at 8 PM will be the Candlelight service. Lord's Supper will be included.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on December 24th and 25th. Please get any information to Leisa before Tuesday of that week that needs to be in the bulletin.

2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		2 11-6 Life House Ministry	3 10 AM Staff Meeting	4	5	6 Christmas Parade Outreach Event
		5-8 PM TOY STORE	6 PM Kids Worship-Sanctuary/Youth			
		Week of Prayer for International Missions.	6:30 PM Prayer 7:30 PM Choir Practice			
7 12 PM Deacons Meeting 6 PM Prayer Time/AWANA/Youth 6:30 PM Bible Study	8	9 11-6 Life House Ministry 6 PM Deacon Senior Meal	10 10 AM Staff Meeting 6 PM Kids Worship-Sanctuary 6:30 PM Business Meeting-Fellowship Hall 7:30 PM Choir Practice	11	12	13 Rehearsal for Musical 9 AM Kids
14 5 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Musical with Choir, Children's Program and etc. Reception to follow	15	16 11-6 Life House Ministry	17 10 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Youth 6:30 PM Prayer	18	19	20 Deacon's Baskets 6 PM Youth Progressive Dinner
21 6 PM Chili Supper	22	23 11-6 Life House Ministry	24 Church Office Closed 8 PM Candlelight Service/Lord's Supper	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed	26	27
No Evening Services or Activities		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE				
28 6 PM Prayer Time/Youth 6:30 PM Bible Study	29	30 11-6 Life House Ministry	31 10 AM Staff Meeting No Evening Services or Activities			

Our Ministries Opportunities

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

Sunday:

9:30 AM Sunday School for ALL Ages
 10:45 AM Worship and Children's Church
 6:00 PM Prayer Time/AWANA/Youth
 6:30 PM Bible Study

Wednesday:

6:00 PM Music Makers
 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Ministries all ages

