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## Worship and Service Opportunities

### Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Classic Service  
6:00 p.m. Children in Action  
6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

### CBC Staff

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Ryan Thurman    | Pastor            |
| Randy Carruth   | Minister of Music |
| Teresa Britt    | Secretary         |
| Cindy Callender | Custodian         |

Classic Service

**WEDNESDAY**  
NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME

January 4  
at 6:00 p.m.

Children's Ministry

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

New Years Day Service  
Sunday, January 1, 2023

There will be no Sunday School  
Morning Worship will begin  
at 10:00 a.m.

Passionately advancing the Kingdom of God



# The Message

January, 2023

A monthly publication of Central Baptist Church

**Kingdom Investment...**  
"But just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7

**Budget thru 12/18/22**  
**Required Monthly**  
\$ 20,762.96  
**December Receipts**  
\$ 22,295.99  
**Required to Date**  
\$264,727.73  
**Received to Date**  
\$272,942.71

**Bible Study Summary...**  
"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as in the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."  
Hebrews 10:24-25

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|-------|---------------|-----|
| 12/4  | SS Attendance | 72  |
|       | Worship       | 90  |
| 12/11 | SS Attendance | 75  |
|       | Worship       | 105 |
| 12/18 | SS Attendance | 55  |
|       | Worship       | 73  |

#### Upcoming Events

- Office Closed, Monday, (January 2.)
- Wednesday Activities Resume (January 4)
- Faith in Action (January 9)
- Youth Centrifuge deposits are due. (January 29)

## Communicating the Vision

"Did I not say to you, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" John 11:40

Ryan Thurman  
Pastor

Welcome to 2023! I hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas season and a happy start to this New Year. And, I pray that this New Year is one that is filled with God's blessing on each of you and His church at Central.

As we continue to see the church family grow, we welcome Billy and Judy Amos to the family of Central! Billy and Judy are already involved and serving the Lord and are looking forward to how God will use them. Get to know this wonderful couple and welcome them!

As the New Year begins, I am already excited about all that God will do within our

congregation and the way He will grow us spiritually and numerically. I am excited about the new Bible studies and sermon series that will be shared. I am excited about the new members that will join and the new believers that will be baptized. I am excited about the new ministry opportunities that we will participate in and the decisions that we will make to advance God's kingdom. I am excited about the new music that will be sung and the programs that will be presented. I am giving God glory for the great things He has done and that He will do with the dawning of a New Year. Will you join with me in this excitement and praise?

And, as we grow in our excitement of what God will

do and give Him praise for His work, let's resolve ourselves to the work of God's kingdom through the ministry and missions of Central Baptist Church. Commit to Sunday school and to worship. Commit to the giving of the tithe and the offerings. Commit to one or several of the various ministries that are available. Serve in some capacity. **Do not simply come to church. Resolve to be the Church this new year!** And, as we make this resolution, I believe that God will reward our commitment to Him and the growth of His Kingdom. We will see Him pour out His blessings as we stand firm upon the foundation of God's word and as we proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## A Word From Our Deacons

"For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 3:13

Brian Mitchell  
Deacon

Happy New Year! I hope each one of you had a great time over the Christmas holiday spending time with family and friends.

At the beginning of a new year, many people start a New Year's resolution. The start of a new year allows you to reflect on the past year and think about the changes you would like to make. Are you making any New Year's resolutions?

My Paw Paw used to always tell us to "take the

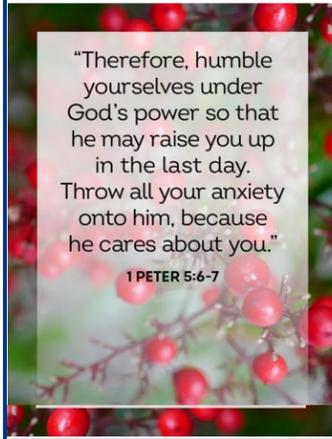
rag off the bush." I never really understood where this saying came from, but it means to excel in whatever you do. Whether it was school, sports, or other activities we were involved in, he was telling us to excel in whatever we did.

Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Everything we do should be done in a way that pleases the Lord. The way you do your work can be the most powerful preaching you ever do. Can

the people you work for and work with see the God you serve by the way you serve them?

We could make a New Year's resolution to "take the rag off the bush" for the Lord. Let's excel at whatever we do, as working for the Lord, and not just to please others. Whatever you are asked to do, or whatever you set out to do, work hard. Work cheerfully. Work for the Lord.

## Scripture Memory Plan



"Therefore, humble yourselves under God's power so that he may raise you up in the last day. Throw all your anxiety onto him, because he cares about you."

1 PETER 5:6-7

## Central's Bible Reading



Read the Bible through in one year:

January

Genesis 1-50  
Psalms 1-23  
Matthew 1 - 10:20  
Acts 1 - 15:21



## Kids Korner

DeeDee Roberts  
Children's Committee

I hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas and that time spent with family and friends was memorable! As we remember this past month, I want to say that each of you did a fantastic job in your Christmas music presentation! Thank you to Brenda Smith, Megan Barlow, and Cindie Chambers, for organizing and leading the presentation. Also, thank

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!" Psalm 127:3-5a

you to the Children's Committee members who organized the "Happy Birthday Jesus" party and all the many activities that were enjoyed this past month!

Your money for the Kidz Kan offering and the Christmas card exchange box was great! You raised \$346.74 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. This money will go to missionaries who are telling people all over the world about Jesus! Great job kids!

As we look forward to this New Year, there are many things that we are planning and will participate in. Parents, continue to have your children in Sunday school and in worship. Continue to support the work of the Lord in the lives of each and every child. And, as we do, God will bless us! Happy New Year!

## Student News



"You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world and a little bit of salt goes a long way and a little bit of light goes a long way and a little bit of righteousness goes a long way." Matthew 5:13-16

Amanda Thurman  
Youth Committee

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a great Christmas and have enjoyed your Christmas break! Thank you to all that worked so hard among the Youth Committee for making this past month a great one! We enjoyed a trip to "Experience Columbia" in Columbia, MS, to see the live nativity and the youth Christmas party was fantastic. Thank you Keri, for hosting that event!

Now that a New Year has begun, we are looking forward to new and exciting things in the youth ministry. And, one of those is Centrifuge Summer Camp at Union University in Jackson, TN, July 10-15! Even though it's still cold outside and it's the start of the year, the summer will be here before you know it. Registration is open for camp and your \$50 deposit is due January 29! We have 15 spots available. So, don't wait to register!

I hope that this year is one filled with many blessings from

God! May we all commit ourselves to the Lord and to His church in the work of advancing His Kingdom!



## Music Notes



Randy Carruth  
Minister of Music

As we begin a new year, we look forward to seeing what God has in store for us. The Christmas break is over and choir rehearsal resumes on Wednesday, January 4. There is no

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Colossians 3:16

better time for you to get involved in this ministry. We prepare each week to lead worship and, soon, we will begin working on music for the Easter Celebration of the life, death, and glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Join us

and together we will make His praise glorious!



## CBC Mission Opportunities

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20



## Calendar of Activities and Events

Sundays in January  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship

Tuesday, January 9  
10:00 a.m. - Faith in Action meeting at the church.

Wednesdays in January  
6:00 p.m. - Classic Service  
6:00 p.m. - Children in Action  
6:00 p.m. - Youth Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. - Adult Worship Choir

Wednesday, January 11  
Business Meeting

Sunday, January 29  
Youth Centrifuge Deposits are due.

Monday, January 2  
Office Closed

Wednesday, January 4  
Wednesday Activities Resume

Sunday, January 8  
8:00 a.m. - Deacon's Meeting



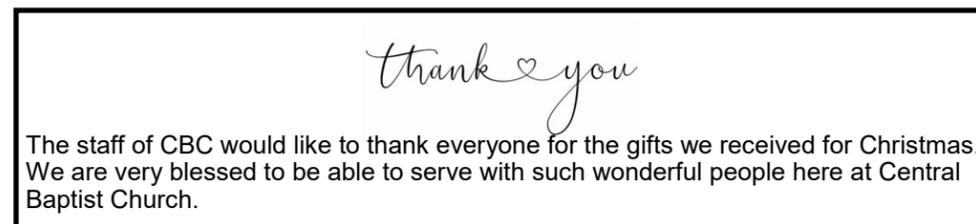
## Announcements

### Christian Sympathy is extended to:

The family of John Crisco (friend of Jim Chambers)  
The family of Betty Jacobson (friend of Carol Hamm)

### Notes:

- 2023 Offering Envelopes are available in the foyer. If you do not see your name please let us know.
- 2022 Contribution statements will be mailed out by the second week of January.



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Ryan Thurman 601-248-5857

**Deacons On Call**  
January 1  
Brian Mitchell 601-757-7108  
Glenn Cliburn 601-669-1532

January 8  
Donnie Mitchell 601-754-7827  
David Dunn 601-757-6344

January 15  
Jim Chambers 601-835-2836  
Gary Myers 601-757-6900

January 22  
Brian Mitchell 601-757-7108  
Glenn Cliburn 601-669-1532

January 29  
Donnie Mitchell 601-754-7827  
David Dunn 601-757-6344

### Nursery Workers

January 1 January 8  
Haley Mitchell Nannette Clark

January 15 January 22  
Brenda Smith Cheryl Myers

January 29  
Regina Hebert

### Ushers

January 1  
Stephen Barlow Charlie Clark  
Frankie Thornhill Jack Smith

January 8  
David Gibson Joe Price  
George Higdon Brent Roberts

January 15  
Stephen Barlow Charlie Clark  
Frankie Thornhill Jack Smith

January 22  
David Gibson Joe Price  
George Higdon Brent Roberts

January 29  
Stephen Barlow Charlie Clark  
Frankie Thornhill Jack Smith

### Security

January 1 January 8  
David Gibson George Higdon

January 15 January 22  
Donnie Mitchell Larry Callender

January 29  
Gary Myers