

# THE Challenger

The Monthly Voice of Central Baptist Church | May 2019

serve  
sunday

MAY 5

Mother's  
Day

MAY 12

It's Gonna Be  
A-May-Zing  
this Month  
at Central!

MAY 19

Grad  
Sunday

MAY 26

Family Worship  
Sunday *with*  
VERITAS

# Congratulations!!

by Rev. Stephen Byrd, Lead Pastor

**T**O THE CLASS OF 2019 ... You made it! After spending the last 4 years going to class, reading books, writing papers, and making the grades, graduation day is upon you. Congratulations are in order. You will soon be a high school or college graduate. You are about to begin that next chapter of life, whether that is continuing on in your education or starting a career. Wherever the Lord is leading you, let me offer up a few words of advice to help you along the way.

**10** College squirrels are different than neighborhood squirrels. They're not afraid of humans. Sometimes they're bullies.

**9** Make friends with campus police. You will park illegally at some point in your college career. Probably this semester.

**8** Eating fruits and vegetables helps your body function properly. PLEASE NOTE: Ramen noodles DO NOT QUALIFY as fruits or vegetables.

**7** Say "thank you." Gratitude is a lost art in our culture.

**6** Carry an umbrella. It's easy to spot freshmen — they never carry umbrellas. Don't be a freshman that gets caught in a storm without an umbrella.

**5** It's OK to get homesick. Send a text, FaceTime, or take a drive home. You'll be glad you did and so will mom and dad.

**4** Embrace failure. It's inevitable, so learn to learn from your failures instead of being crippled by them.

**3** Don't skip class...much. Some days are too sunny to be spent indoors. But skipping class is almost always a bad idea.

**2** Pick up your cross and follow Jesus. Wherever God takes you, I know He will faithfully bless and provide for the dreams He's given you (and will yet give). You've only just begun to see how hard and rewarding it is to take up your cross daily. But I promise you that if you do — you'll have no regrets, and you'll be living an amazing story.

**1** Above all else — love like you have no time left to love. Love by giving your life away. Love by investing in others. Love by sharing what you have. Love by putting God first.

I hope this helps. Now...put on the robe, walk across the stage, receive the diploma, cash the graduation checks, and enter your mission field. And as you do — never forget...We love you. We're praying for you. And we are your family at Central Baptist Church. ■

*Blessings! — Pastor Stephen*

*"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deuteronomy 31:8*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Koby Bagley  
Jonathan Bickle  
Lauren Booth  
Maddie Bush  
Jeremiah (JJ) De Sesto  
Madalyn Mizell  
Lucy Goodwin  
Grayson Gould  
Jessica Henry  
Grace Herron  
Chelsea Highsmith  
Griffin Hodges  
Isabella (Bella) Hodges  
Emily Howell

Nathan Plaisted  
Abby Melton  
Timothy Peck  
Jesse Peterman  
Alex Pry  
Robert Quesenberry  
Julianna Reagan  
Elizabeth Roitzsch  
Brooke Spradlin  
Brett Stamback  
Katelyn Taylor  
Skyler Thomas  
Katelynn Trask  
Jared Vinup



### SERVE SUNDAY

Why do Christians pursue good works? The answer to that is in Titus 2:10, where the Apostle Paul indicates that our good deeds adorn the Gospel and commend the Gospel to others. That's what lies at the heart of Serve Sunday. It is an opportunity for us to commend the Gospel to Warner Robins through our good works.

We will do this through our various Life Groups and your LG Leader will have more information on how your group will be involved. But if you're not currently a member of a group, but would still like to participate, simply call the church office at 478-953-9319.

*(Events continued on back page)*

# May 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</b> <b>MAY 2, 2019   12-1 PM</b> <b>Houston County Courthouse</b> <i>Jury Assembly Room</i>			<b>1</b> • 9:00 am -12:00 pm Int'l Bible Study • 4:45-8:30 pm Mid-Week at Central	<b>2</b> • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Int'l Reading Class • 9:15-11:45 am Ladies Bible Study • 12:00-1:00 pm National Day of Prayer Event at Perry Courthouse	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> • 9:00 am-1:00 pm Upward Soccer GAMES
<b>5</b> • 12:00-2:00 pm <b>SERVE SUNDAY</b>	<b>6</b> • 5:30-7:30 pm Upward Soccer Practice • 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry	<b>7</b> • 9:00 am -12:00 pm Int'l English School • 5:00-7:30 pm Upward Soccer Practice • 6:00 pm Global Mission Team Meeting	<b>8</b> • 9:00 am -12:00 pm Int'l Bible Study • 4:45-8:30 pm Mid-Week at Central • 6:15 pm Childrens Choirs Spring Sing	<b>9</b> • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Int'l Reading Class • 10:00 am Women on Mission	<b>10</b> • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Sunshine Preschool Pre-K Classes Fun Day at the Pavilion	<b>11</b> • 9:00 am-1:00 pm Upward Soccer GAMES
<b>12</b> <b>MOTHERS DAY</b> • 9 & 10:30 am Parent-Child Dedication	<b>13</b> • 1:00p Helping Hands • 5:00-7:30 pm Upward Soccer Practice • 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry	<b>14</b> • 9:00 am -12:00 pm Int'l English School • 5:00-7:30 pm Upward Soccer Practice	<b>15</b> • 9:00 am -12:00 pm Int'l Bible Study • 4:45-8:30 pm Mid-Week at Central • 6:15 pm RA/GA Recognition Service / Church Conference	<b>16</b> • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Int'l Reading Class • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Sunshine Preschool Graduation Day	<b>17</b> <b>• LAST DAY OF SONSHINE PRESCHOOL</b>	<b>18</b> • 9:00 am-1:00 pm Upward Soccer GAMES
<b>19</b> • 9:00 am Highschool Senior Recognition • 10:30 am Highschool Seniors & Family Brunch • 4:00p Int'l Eng School Picnic (Pavilion) • 4:30p Deacons Mtg.	<b>20</b> • 6:00 pm Upward Soccer Celebration • 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> • 4:45-8:30 pm Mid-Week at Central	<b>23</b> • 11:00 am Central 5-0	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY</b> • 9:00 am Family Breakfast Fellowship • 10:30 am Family Worship w/Veritas Leading Worship (Childcare for 4 yrs & Under)	<b>27</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <i>Church Office closed all day.</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> • 4:45-8:30 pm Mid-Week at Central	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>STUDENT SUMMER CAMP AT SNOWBIRD WILDERNESS CAMP (North Carolina)</b>						

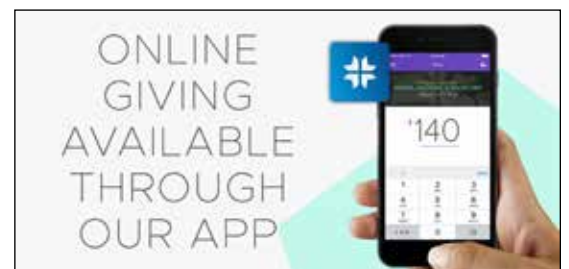
- Regular Activities**
- SUNDAY ACTIVITIES**
- 9:00 am.....Sunday School / Life Groups Worship
  - 10:30 am .....Sunday School / Life Groups Worship
- WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES**
- 4:45-6:00 pm ..Fellowship Meal
  - 5:30 pm .....Prayer Time
  - 6:00 pm .....M&Ms
  - 6:15 pm .....Tethered (Students) Mid-Week Worship Bible Study Classes
  - 7:15 pm .....Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

*Welcome to the Family!*

- Baptized:**
- 10.) Kimberlee Peterman
  - 11.) Jaela Faith Balbin
- By Letter:**
- 20.) Bryant Durham
  - 21.) Vivian Durham
  - 22.) Aura Lee Durham
  - 23.) Caleb Lane
- By Statement:**
- 7.) Lauren Lane



**UPWARD**  
 ONLINE Registration Opens May 13!  
**FLAG FOOTBALL & CHEER VOLLEYBALL**  
 \$95/child  
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MAY 12

### MOTHER'S DAY

The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900s as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis. Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. Her hard work paid off in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Today we continue to honor our Mothers — and ALL women — for the sacrifices they make for their families.



MAY 19

### GRAD SUNDAY

For over 40 years, Central Baptist has been setting aside this day to recognize and honor our high school graduates. We not only celebrate our graduates by honoring them in the worship service, but we also provide brunch for them and their families for a time of fellowship and encouragement from parents. One of our favorite traditions is the display of "Senior Boards" with photos, awards, and mementos.



MAY 26

### FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY

Come join us for a Breakfast Fellowship at 9 am and Combined Family Worship at 10 am where the mens group, VERITAS, will be guest worship leaders at Central. They are an incredible group of vocalists that travel all over performing concerts and leading worship at churches. The Central Choir had the opportunity to sing with them last July at Carnegie Hall in New York, and we are excited to have them come to Central. You can learn more at [veritasfive.com](http://veritasfive.com). **Childcare will be available for 4 years and under.**

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*Mother's Day  
at Central*

May 12, 2019  
Photo booth available  
all morning in Foyer

*Parent-Child  
Dedication*

Sunday, May 12  
Mother's Day

For parents attending Central Baptist Church.  
If interested, please contact Jodi Clark at 953-9319  
or at [jodi@centralwr.com](mailto:jodi@centralwr.com) by Monday, May 6.

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