

# Welcome to First Central Bible Church

*Building a community to change the world*

Dr. Mark Wheeler, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jack Gilbert, Minister of Adults and Outreach

May 13, 2018 ~ 8:30 & 11:00 AM



**Happy Mother's Day to all moms and to all the women who have "mothered" and mentored us over the years.**

**We love and appreciate you.**

**Today is the start of the Pregnancy Care center's Baby Bottle Drive.** For those who aren't familiar with this, here's how it works. Pick up a baby bottle this Sunday (Mother's Day), fill it with change (checks and paper money are welcome too) and return it on June 17<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day). These funds go to the Pregnancy Care Center in Springfield.

Join us at 9:45 AM for one of these ongoing classes for adults:

- ◆ Casket Empty — Old Testament Survey — Room 105 (1<sup>st</sup> floor)
- ◆ The Book of Philippians — Gym
- ◆ Story Thru the Bible (Sojourners) — Pastor Mark's Office (204)
- ◆ The Book of Matthew — Room 201
- ◆ The Book of Ephesians — Room 202 (Library)
- ◆ The Book of Deuteronomy (Women) — 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Next Sunday May 20, at 6:00 PM, we will gather in the sanctuary for a special worship event.** Each person who comes will be given a Sharpie Marker along with permission to write on the floor of the sanctuary. We will write two things on the floor. (1) A verse relating to the type of ministry we want to accomplish in the future. (2) The names of people we are praying for that we would like to see come to faith in Christ through our ministry. Begin now to prayerfully think about these things.

**If you have children,** we hope that you will take advantage of our nursery facilities for infants and toddlers up to age 3. We also provide Junior Church during our 11 o'clock worship service for children age 4 through grade 3. Children are dismissed after the music portion of the service. They meet on the second floor in Room 211 where they may be picked up following the service. Thanks for being here today.



**Thank you for your patience during our renovations.**

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

Listed below are events taking place in our church this week. If you have any questions please call the church office at 413-592-5353.

### Sunday

Worship — 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
Sunday School — 9:45 AM  
Nursing Home Ministry — 3 PM

### Monday

Ladies' Bible study — 10:15 AM

### Tuesday

Lord's Pantry — 9 AM — 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Softball — 5:30 PM — Szot Park # 1, Chicopee  
Missions Board meeting — 6 PM

### Wednesday

Seniors Alive — 1 PM  
Awana & Youth Group — 6:30 PM  
Prayer group, Women's Bible study, Adult Bible study — 6:30 PM

### Thursday

Ladies' Bible study — 9:30 AM  
Co-Ed Softball — 5:45 PM — Bethany Assembly, Agawam  
Trustees' meeting — 7 PM

### Saturday

Grounds clean-up at the Senior Center — 9 AM (see below)  
Senior Saints — 11:45 AM

## Upcoming Events

### May

20 Sanctuary Floor Worship Event — 6 PM  
23 Last night for Awana & Youth Group  
24 Elders' Bible study — 6:30 PM



**The Chicopee Senior Center clean-up was postponed again,** this time due to rain. Join us this coming Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9 – 11 AM. If you can help with this, or the regular weeding (only once or twice over the summer), please sign up on the table outside the gym.



**Also this Saturday is our monthly Senior Saints Potluck Luncheon.** Bring a dish (main dish, side dish or dessert) to share and join us in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor gym at 11:45 AM. Lunch is served promptly at 12 noon.

**Graduates — Attention students and parents:** If you (or your child) will be graduating this spring (or has already), please call (413-592-5353) or email (firstcentral@firstcentral.church) to let us know.

**Giving back to God:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>GIVING</u>
May 6	\$9,606	\$9,689
Year-to-date:	\$172,908	\$154,792

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**Lots of church Family news this week.**



**Celebrating our Senior Saints! Jim Farley's birthday is May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

You can send birthday greetings to Jim at:

50 Holy Cross St. Springfield MA 01104.

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**Several "Thank Yous" this week from grateful members of our church family.**

**Jackie Tisdale** thanks her church family for all of the love, support, kind words, and especially your prayers following the home-going of her dear sister Elizabeth Jackson.

**Carol Sumler** also thanks her church family for the cards, calls, and expressions of love following the passing of her brother, Steve.

**And Pearl Pitts** would like to thank the church family for their calls, cards, love and prayers during her recent hospitalization and stay at Redstone Rehab Center.

**I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy...** Philippians 1:3, 4

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**We are planning a Baby Shower** for "Baby Gilbert" on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> following the 11 o'clock service. More details coming next week, but save the date.

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