

# 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

July 8, 2018 ~ 8:30 & 11:00 AM

TO OUR GUESTS: Thank you for visiting with us this morning. We pray that you will find us to be a loving, friendly congregation that makes you feel welcome from the very beginning. Our services are designed to help each one of us draw nearer to God. You are welcome to participate as much or as little as you like. If we can help you in any way, please fill out a Prayer Card found on the table outside of the gym entrance (rear) and hand it to any usher or drop it in the offering plate.

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.

**July is "Missions Month" at FCBC!** During the month of July we'll have visits from several of our missionary families. In most cases, they will be speaking to the adult Sunday School classes in the gym. Pastor Steve Volante will also be preaching on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

July 8 – **Ben Rivera** (CRU, Florida)

July 15 – **Stephen Volante** (Mount Abarim Missions, Ghana)  
Steve will also be preaching that Sunday

July 22 – **Don & Elaine Schiffer** (Source of Light, Jamaica)

July 29 – **Michael & Jillian Wills** (AIM, Kenya)



**Today we welcome Ben Rivera back to First Central.** Ben grew up here in Chicopee and at FCBC; he was ordained into the ministry here in 1996. Today Ben serves with Cru, based in Orlando but traveling for ministry as needed.

Visit his blog here: <http://www.benrivera.org/>

**Thank you for your continued 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 – **Ben Rivera**

Nursing Home Ministry – 3 PM

### Monday

KidConnect Summer – 9 AM–Noon

### Tuesday

KidConnect Summer – 9 AM–Noon

**No Lord's Pantry this week**

Softball – 5:45 PM – Rivers Park

### Wednesday

KidConnect Summer – 9 AM–Noon

Prayer Group – 6:30 PM

### Thursday

KidConnect Summer – 9 AM–Noon

Co-Ed Softball – 5:45 PM – Bethany Assembly

### Friday

KidConnect Summer – 9 AM–Noon

## Upcoming Events

### July

19 Elders' meeting – 7 PM

19 Trustees' meeting – 7 PM (No meeting in August)

22 Hymn Sing – 6 PM (Refreshments afterward)

### August

2 Men's Prayer meeting – 7:30 PM – Joe Martin's



**Sunday, July 22 is our next Hymn Sing in the gym at 6 pm.** This will be followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship, also in the gym.



**Our KidConnect Summer program – Shipwrecked – begins tomorrow!** Please keep our kids, leaders and helpers in prayer for a safe and fruitful week, especially that kids learn how much Jesus loves them!

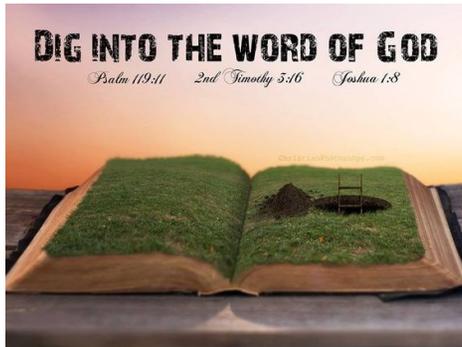
## Phone Directories

We periodically print a supply of our small phone directories, as they are updated regularly. If you don't have a newer one, they are available on the windowsill outside of the library on the second floor. Help yourself!

**Giving back to God:**

<u>DATE</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>GIVING</u>
July 1	General Fund	\$9,606	\$9,453
	Renovation		\$900
<b>Year-to-date:</b>	General Fund	\$249,756	\$218,112
	Renovation		\$900

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Remember, during the month of July, the adult Sunday School classes will be hearing from several of our missionaries. (See inside for specifics).

The following classes will resume in August:

- ◆ **Casket Empty – Old Testament Survey** – Room 105 (1<sup>st</sup> floor)
  - ◆ **The Book of Philippians** – Gym
  - ◆ **Doug McVeigh's Class** – Room 201 (resumes August 12)
  - ◆ **The Life of David** (Women's class) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (resumes August 19)
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