

FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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This week at First Central:

This Sunday as Pastor Mark resumes our study in the book of John, our text is John 5:1-18. The message is entitled, "Breaking the Rules to Expose Legalism."

You can watch the services live on Facebook [here](#). You can also view the service (after the fact) on Pastor Mark's [blog](#) and on the church website, www.firstcentral.church.



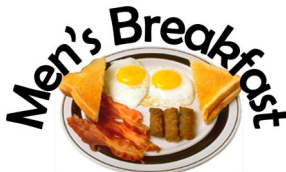
Some dates on the horizon. Plan ahead!



- National Day of Prayer** — May 5 — see announcement
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast** — May 7 at 8:30 AM
- Baptism and new members** — May 15
- Semi-Annual business meeting** — June 15 at 6:30 PM
- Church Picnic** — Sunday, June 26 at BATTERY BROOK in South Hadley. More information coming soon!

Ongoing weekly events

- Sunday School** — Sundays at 9:15 AM
- Worship Service** — Sundays at 10:30 AM
- Women's Bible study** — Mondays at 10:15 AM
- Seniors Alive** — Wednesdays from 1 — 3 PM
- Team Kids, Youth Group, Bible study & prayer** — Wednesdays from 6:30 — 8 PM
- Women's Bible study** — Thursdays at 9:30 AM



Gentlemen, it's time to live boldly!

Would you like to be more effective as a man, husband, father, and/or grandfather? Would you like a band of brothers to challenge and encourage you? Come to the FCBC Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 7, 8:30 AM. Sign up at <https://firstcentral.breezechms.com/form/558422961>.

Thursday, May 5, is set aside as **The National Day of Prayer**. The sanctuary will be open from 6:00-8:00 PM if you would like to come and pray for our nation and our church. Come and pray for as long as you would like. We will provide a guide you can use in your intercessory efforts.

Please note: Pastor Mark has updated the sermon calendar bookmark. There are a few changes, so if you have an old one, which is tan, please pick up a new one. The new ones are yellow. If you don't usually pick one up, it's a good "preview of coming attractions" and allows you to read the scripture for the coming week's message ahead of time.



If you haven't seen our new website yet, [go here](#) and check it out. While we will continue to add to it as time goes on, it's substantially complete. Let us know what you think!

Mission Focus is looking for helpers for the upcoming months.

- Each helper will take a month and meet in the Lower Fellowship Hall after the worship music (May onwards).
- A warm smile and willing hands are all you need!
- If interested please see Sue Ann Jarvis or call 413.535.9196.



Giving back to God:

DATE	BUDGET	GIVING
April 17	\$9,038	\$7,772
Year-to-date:	\$144,608	\$135,629

Thank you for your continued, faithful giving.

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