

# FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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### This week at First Central:

This Sunday as we continue our study in the book of John, Pastor Mark's message is "Is Jesus Really God?" from John 5:19-29.

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](http://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.

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.

### 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



This month at Senior Saints, we are remembering and honoring our mothers.

### Menu

- Fresh Fruit Bowl
- Breakfast Casserole
- Assorted Pastries
- Shrimp Bowl
- Mini-Quiche
- French Toast Casserole
- Hash Brown Casserole
- Assorted Desserts

Join us on May 21 at 11:45 am. Ladies, we'd love for you to wear long dresses. 😊



Men, could you use some encouragement?

### A Clear Vision

Would you like the support and encouragement from other guys? Would you benefit from talking to men who share similar concerns about family, career, and life? Come to the FCBC Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 7, 8:30AM. Sign up at <https://firstcentral.breezechms.com/form/558422961>.

The apostle Paul dedicates a paragraph to listing troubles, problems, sufferings, hunger, danger—the very difficulties we hope to escape. Paul, however, states their value in Romans 8:35-37. "In all these things we have full victory through God."

We'd prefer another preposition. We'd opt for "apart from all these things," or "away from all these things," or even "without all these things. But Paul says, "in" all these things.

The solution is not to avoid trouble but to change the way we see our troubles. God can correct your vision. He asks, "Who gives a person sight?" then answers, It is I, the Lord." (Exodus 4:11) More than one have made the request of the blind man, "Teacher I want to see." (Mark 10:51) And more than one have walked away with clear vision.

Who is to say God won't do the same for you?

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 24	\$9,038	\$17,255
Year-to-date:	\$153,646	\$152,884

Thank you for your continued, faithful giving.

