

# FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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### This week at First Central:

**This Sunday we'll have a special service as we commission our Pastoral search team.** We are going to be looking at 1 Samuel 16:1-23 and 1 Timothy 4:6-16. One looks at the criteria God used in choosing David to be the king of Israel. The second looks at the characteristics of an effective pastor. Together, they point out that in order to have an effective ministry, a pastor needs to demonstrate a heart for God and balanced growth in all areas of life.

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).



Join us TOMORROW at 11:45 am. Ladies, we'd love for you to wear long dresses. ☺



Some dates on the horizon. Plan ahead!

- Senior Saints** — Tomorrow, May 21 (see below)
- Semi-Annual business meeting** — June 15 at 6:30 PM
- Church Picnic** — Sunday, June 26 at BATTERY BROOK in South Hadley. **No Sunday School** that day. Regular worship service at 10:30 am.

### 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

\* **Some events ending for the summer. See below.**

- Team Kid and Youth Group have ended their Wednesday night meetings until the fall. There will be "pop-up" events for both throughout the summer.
- Bible study and prayer group is also done for the summer.
- Monday Bible study ends with this Monday's class (May 23).
- Wednesday, May 25 will be the last meeting for Seniors Alive until the fall.
- This coming week (May 26) is the last week for Thursday Bible study as well.
- All activities will resume in the fall.



### Giving back to God:

DATE	BUDGET	GIVING
May 15	\$9,038	\$7,772
Year-to-date:	\$180,760	\$169,901

Thank you for your faithful giving.



### A new adult class begins on June 5

Joshua/Judges — taught by Rik Martin  
A study in how God's Presence, Provision, and Promises guide His nation, using flawed and imperfect, (but very real) people, through one seemingly impossible situation after another. Revisit how the core OT heroes, events, origins of the 12 tribes, and some mysteries of God are just as impactful for us today as ever.

Class will meet in the library at 9:15.

### We offer several Sunday School options:

Audience	Topic	Location	Teacher
Adults	Colossians	LFH	Joe Martin
Adults	Jude	Room 311	Doug McVeigh
Women	Luke	Gym	Christine Kulig
Youth	Genesis	Room 211	Doug Dolbow

All children's classes are on the first floor.

### Service Opportunity

Once again we have the opportunity to have an impact on our brothers and sisters at Pine Brook Camp in Shutesbury. They have a couple of projects that we can help with. No date has been set but it will be sometime this spring. Bill Martin is the point person, so contact him at 413-204-0222 for more information and/or to volunteer. Always a great time of fellowship and service!

*Welcome*  
to our  
**New Members**

*Karmin Carr, Cheryl Harnisch, Ron & Alice Dussault and Sherri Sasso*

*We're so glad you're here!*

