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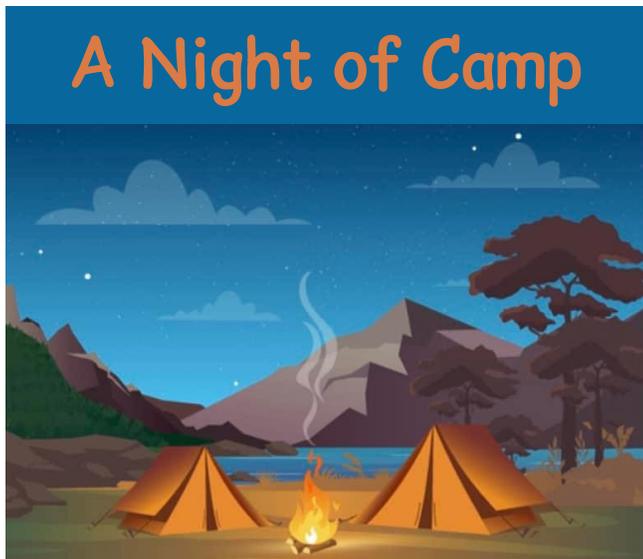
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This week at First Central:

This Sunday continuing our series in the book of John, Pastor Mark's message is "Caught in the Act" from John 7:53 — 8:11.

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.



We welcome any family with children to join us for this event! The event is taking place August 3rd from 5-8 pm in our back parking lot at FCBC. We will have games, crafts, singing, s'mores, a taco truck and a live animal event.

There is a \$5 per family charge. Please register at: <https://firstcentral.breezechms.com>.

While summer is in full swing, plans for fall are already in the works. We will need leaders in order to get our Wednesday night children's program running. Please be praying about helping in this area!



Our Lost & Found basket is located on the second floor, under the coat rack outside of Room 211. If something is left behind in the sanctuary, we usually leave it there for one week in case someone comes looking for it.

After that, it's moved to the basket. For keys, jewelry and glasses, those can be found on the Community Bulletin Board outside of Room 203.

Happy Birthday

We have two Senior Saints to celebrate this coming week.

Lloyd Smith's birthday is the 28th. You can reach him at 66 Beaugard Terrace, Chicopee MA 01020.

Ruth Colburn's birthday is the 31st. Ruth has been unable to be with us for quite some time, but I'm sure she'd appreciate being remembered. Ruth's address is: 152 Oldefield Farms, Enfield CT 06082.



Giving back to God:

DATE	BUDGET	GIVING
July 17	\$9,038	\$8,123
Year-to-date:	\$262,102	\$244,494

10 Financial Principles That are Biblical (#5 & #6) by George Fooshee

There are ten financial principles found in God's Word to counsel and to help "recycle" many people, especially Christians, who have been all but mashed, crunched or shredded by the miseries of indebtedness and poor money management.

Keep Out of Debt

The fifth principle is to keep out of unnecessary debt and thus avoid the debt trap. Borrowing for a house or car is one thing but taking on financial obligations one can't keep — buying beyond the ability to pay — is another. **Psalm 37:21** says "The wicked borrows but does not pay back." The minute a person goes into debt, he loses a portion of his freedom. As **Proverbs 22:7** says, "The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender."

Secret of Contentment

The sixth principle is being content with what one has. **Hebrews 13:5** puts it succinctly: "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." A worthwhile saying to remember on contentment is this: "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without."

We will present two more principles next week.



The war in Ukraine continues.
Send International is providing support.

From a woman in Ukraine —

"Thank you again for everything that you are doing for us! My name is Ruslana*. I am from a wonderful village near Kharkiv region. That morning, February 24, I will remember for the rest of my life, since I saw with my own eyes through my window how Russian rockets were striking the military base that was on the outskirts of our village. The next three weeks my grandparents and I spent in the basement without light and mobile connection, hiding from continuous bombing, because our village happened to be close to the frontline right next to a village occupied by the Russian soldiers.

Later my mother and brother joined us, because their house was only 100 meters from a place where Ukrainian tanks were restraining the offensive of the Russian invaders. There are no words to describe the horror that they had been through, when they were walking down the streets of their own village, destroyed by the enemy's projectiles.

We understood that there was a long way into the unknown ahead of us, but thank God, we have come across a lot of amazing people who have helped us to overcome the obstacles on our way. One example of those people is the people from the church in east-central Ukraine. These wonderful people supported us in the most difficult period of our lives. They provided us with a shelter, clothes, medicines, food - with everything that is needed to feel that your life is back to normal which is so valuable right now. They also supported us with the Word of God that helps us find joy and comfort while going through the horror of the war. We are eternally grateful to them. May God bless them!"
*Name changed for privacy and security