

FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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This week at First Central:

This Sunday as Pastor Mark continues our series in the book of John, his message is "I Once Was Blind" from John 9:1-41.

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.

Help Wanted

- We are looking into the possibility of offering childcare for our **2022 Women's Christmas Friendship Dinner Event** on December 10th. We would like to reach out to our women neighbors and invite them to our event and providing childcare is a way we can help them to attend if they should need it. We are looking for a couple of women who would be willing to help us with childcare; if you are so led, please contact Carol Wheeler at (425) 890-9461 (call or text).
- Our fall ministries are just around the corner. We will need leaders in order to get our Wednesday night children's program running. Please be praying about helping in this area!



We have several options for Sunday School:

Audience	Topic	Location	Teacher
Adults	Joshua	Room 311	Rik Martin
Adults	Colossians	LFH	Joe Martin
Adults	James	Library	Doug McVeigh
Women	Luke	Gym	Christine Kulig
Youth	Exodus	Room 211	Doug Dolbow

All children's classes are on the first floor.



Giving back to God:

DATE	BUDGET	GIVING
Aug 21	\$9,038	\$7,740
Year-to-date:	\$307,292	\$285,499

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Ladies Fall Bible studies are starting soon. Please see the attachment for details on the upcoming studies.

You can sign up for any of them on the Women's Bulletin Board on the second floor, or use the links below:

God of Deliverance:

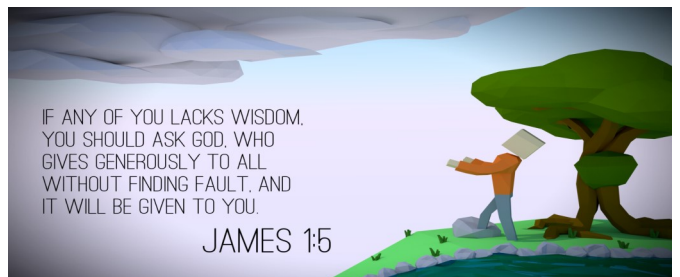
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Fruit of the Spirit:

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Romans:

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Acquiring Wisdom

Some think that learning about God should be easy. But the Bible warns us that real wisdom and insight will require a great deal of effort on our part. While some prefer to call their innate impressions and their subjective feelings "wisdom," the Bible says that real wisdom is gained through intensive study and an ardent pursuit of God. We are instructed by God to "call out for wisdom" and to "look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure" (Proverbs 2:3-4). God will grant it, but only to those who humbly and strenuously pursue it.

Wisdom doesn't require superior intelligence, but it does require the work of "fearing the Lord" and a hard-earned "knowledge of God" (Proverbs 2:5). So if your spiritual growth has been on cruise control, it is time to "apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge" (Proverbs 23:12). It is time to pay less attention to your subjective impressions and more attention to the objective and propositional principles mined from God's word. I pray that you rekindle a love for biblical learning.

May your mind be resolved to what is often an arduous hunt for an expanding knowledge of God. As Peter exhorted us may we "make every effort to add to our faith goodness, and to goodness, knowledge" (2 Peter 1:5).

-- Pastor Mike Fabarez

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Joe Martin who is celebrating his birthday on September 5th.

You can send birthday greetings to Joe at:

16 Watson St. Chicopee MA 01020.