

# FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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**This week at First Central:**

This week as Pastor Mark concludes his Advent series, his message is “When it is Wise to Seek Jesus” from Matthew 2:1-12. We will also be observing the Lord’s Table. Next week we return to our series in the book of John.

There are three ways to watch the service if you are unable to attend in person.

- You can watch the services live on Facebook [here](#).
- You can view the service (after the fact) on Pastor Mark’s [blog](#).
- You can also view the service (again, after the fact) on the church website, [www.firstcentral.church](http://www.firstcentral.church).

*New bookmarks with upcoming scripture for Sunday’s messages are available in the usual locations.*

**We are offering two women’s bible studies beginning in January.**

**Dorothea Moores** will be teaching 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy on Mondays at 10:15 AM in the lower fellowship hall.

**Begins January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Note change in date. No bible study on January 16<sup>th</sup> as it’s Martin Luther King Day.

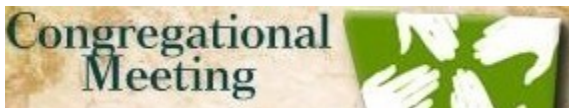
Sign up via Breeze:

<https://firstcentral.breezechms.com/form/38a621>

**Carol Sumler** will be teaching The Twelve Disciples on Thursdays at 9:30 AM also in the lower fellowship hall.

Begins January 5<sup>th</sup>. Sign up here:

<https://firstcentral.breezechms.com/form/b5256e>



**For those who like to plan ahead...**

Our Annual meeting is Sunday, January 29, 2023, immediately following the service.

It’s expected to be fairly brief, so we will not be serving lunch. This is your church business.

Please plan to be here.

Our next **Senior Saints** gathering is Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. More information coming soon, but save the date!

**Springfield Rescue Mission Donations**

We are collecting donations for the Springfield Rescue Mission throughout the month of January. We are combining “Undie Sundays” and Hope Totes into one collection. All of the following are needed:

- ◆ Underwear — NEW in package, especially men’s large
- ◆ Socks — also new in package
- ◆ Toiletries — soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and the like. Both full-size and travel sizes are welcome.

There are a couple of baskets around the building, one on the first floor near the elevator and one in the foyer to drop off your donations. Thank you!

The Springfield Rescue Mission is just one of many missionaries and mission organizations that we support. Stop by the Missions Board on the second floor to see letters from some of our missionaries. If you’d like to receive updates that come in via email, just contact the church office at [firstcentral@firstcentral.church](mailto:firstcentral@firstcentral.church) or call 413-592-5353 and ask to be added to the email list.

Do you follow Pastor Mark’s blog? In addition to a preview of Sunday’s message, he shares words of wisdom, thoughtful articles, travelogues and wonderful photos as well as occasional humor. You can visit here:

<https://wheelsms.wpcomstaging.com/>

On the right is a place to enter your email and sign up to receive updates.

**Office Hours**

- Monday — Office closed
- Tuesday — Brenda 8 AM — Noon
- Wednesday — Gail 10 AM — 2 PM
- Thursday — Brenda 10 AM — 2 PM
- Friday — Gail 10 AM — 2 PM



**Giving back to God:**

DATE	BUDGET	GIVING
January 1	\$9,038	\$11,159
Year-to-date:	\$9,038	\$11,159

*Budget figures will be updated after the annual meeting*

