

FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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This week at First Central:

This week as Pastor Mark resumes our series in the book of John, his message is "The Plot to Kill Jesus" from John 11:45-57.

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.

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 1st & 2nd Timothy on Mondays at 10:15 AM in the lower fellowship hall.

Begins January 23rd. Note change in date. No bible study on January 16th as it's Martin Luther King Day.

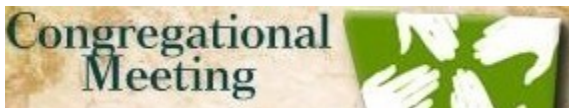
Sign up via Breeze:

<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 12th. Sign up here:

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

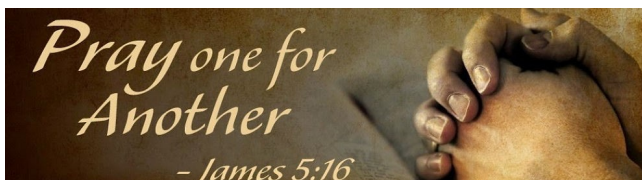


Our Annual meeting is Sunday, January 29, 2023, immediately following the service.

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

SENIOR SAINTS POTLUCK

Our next **Senior Saints** gathering is Saturday, January 21st. It's a pot luck luncheon so bring a dish to share. Remember that if there is a Winter Weather Advisory then Senior Saints is cancelled.



You'll find a new bookmark in the usual places around the building. It's a quarterly prayer card that you can keep in your bible or another convenient place to be reminded of ongoing prayer needs. This includes not only the ongoing health requests, but things that should be prayed for daily, or at least often, such as church leaders, persecuted Christians, our military etc. These requests have been moved from the weekly prayer sheet and will now be published quarterly.

The weekly prayer sheet will continue, but with some modifications. When a request is received, it will appear on the weekly prayer sheet for two weeks, unless there are updates or changes. If it's an ongoing concern, it will be moved to the quarterly list. Otherwise it will be removed.

Please remember to keep us updated when there are changes to something you've requested prayer for.

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 the 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 or call 413-592-5353 and ask to be added to the email list.

thank you!

A big Thank You to the church family from Lloyd Smith for the cards and, of course, prayers during his recent surgery and hospitalization. He reports that the surgery had the desired effect in that he's no longer in constant pain.

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 8 | \$9,038 | \$9,332 |
| Year-to-date: | \$18,076 | \$20,491 |

Budget figures will be updated after the annual meeting