

# FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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## This week at First Central:

This week as Pastor Mark continues our series in the book of John, his message is "Worship of Outrageous Proportions" from John 12:1-11.

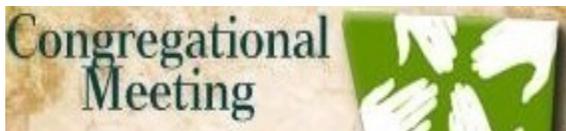
There are three ways to watch the service if you are unable to attend in person.

- 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.*

## SENIOR SAINTS POTLUCK

Our next **Senior Saints** gathering is **tomorrow**, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:45 am. 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.



**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.

Annual reports are available around the church. Note that there are two:

- One contains the financial and nominating committee reports This was sent out via email last week. If you didn't receive it, please check with the church office to make sure we have your correct email address.
- The second report is the ministry report. Make sure you pick up both this Sunday.



I Choose Joy...  
 I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance.  
 I will refuse the temptation to be cynical.  
 I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God.  
 I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

*Max Lucado*

wisdom of lives

*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

James 1:2-4

## 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 medium and 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!



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.

Note: Doug McVeigh's name has been removed from the search committee listing as he is not a part of it. Added in error.



Giving back to God:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>GIVING</u>
January 15	\$9,038	\$7,175
<b>Year-to-date:</b>	<b>\$27,114</b>	<b>\$27,666</b>

*Budget figures will be updated after the annual meeting*