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**This week at First Central:**

This week as we continue our series in the book of John, Pastor Mark’s message is “The Crisis of Unbelief” from John 12:37-50.

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).

**“Outside the Walls” Ministry**

Have you ever felt led to share the Gospel?  
Have you ever wished there was a group of people who felt the same way as you?

**We’re looking for YOU!**

We are starting a simple outreach to the people “outside the walls” of our church and *we want you to join us!* We are meeting in the lower fellowship hall on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM to discuss our first event.

Come with what the Holy Spirit has put on your heart!

Contact: Dave Piela at 413-734-6779

You can also pick up an informational flyer from the foyer or second floor hallway table.

**Spain 2023 ministry trip**

As of 2/10, \$13,566 has been given towards our needed goal of \$22,400. We were able to purchase our airfare this week. We begin our training next Sunday on 2/19. Our training will include Scripture memory, reading John Piper’s book *Let the Nations Be Glad: The Supremacy of God in Missions*, cross-cultural learning experiences, and preparing for what we will be doing in Spain. Please pray for good health, focus, a servant’s heart, and for God’s provision of the finances.



**Prayer**

We have revised the weekly prayer sheet and also created a card (bookmark) that will be published quarterly.

We will continue to publish a weekly prayer sheet, listing new requests and updates on current ones. We will also continue to highlight one or two of our missionaries, especially prayer needs.

If you’d like to receive this electronically (via email), call the office at 413-592-5353 or email us at [firstcentral@firstcentral.church](mailto:firstcentral@firstcentral.church).

In addition, there are prayer cards available for you to submit a request. *Please remember to check the appropriate box(es) when submitting a request.*

- Include this request on Wednesday’s prayer sheet.
- Notify Pastor and Deacons of this prayer request.
- This is an update regarding answered prayer.

**Statements**

If you didn’t receive a giving statement in 2022 and you would like one for 2023, contact Christine Kulig to let her know and she’ll take care of it.

Also, if you’d like envelopes for 2023, let Chris know that as well. This way your giving will be recorded for tax purposes.

**Bookmarks**

Note that there are several bookmarks in multiple locations around the building.

- Scripture for upcoming messages — white
- Quarterly prayer reminder cards — blue
- Prayer cards for Search Committee — light blue with floral design

Pick up one of each and use them as reminders and prayer prompts.



Giving back to God:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>GIVING</u>
February 12	\$9,519	\$8,380
Year-to-date:	\$57,114	\$54,890

*Thank you for your faithful giving.*

