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## This week at First Central:

This week, continuing our series in the book of John, Pastor Mark's message is "The Call to Radical Love" from John 13:18-35.

Did you know you can see a video preview of each Sunday's message on Pastor Mark's blog? [Click here](#) to sign up.

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).

## Spain 2023 ministry trip

Thanks for your encouragement, prayers, and generous giving. As of 2/21, \$17,276 has been given towards our needed goal of \$24,900. Please continue to pray for the team—Rose Eldridge, Stan Kulig, Jessica Negron, Estela Negron, Pastor Mark & Carol Wheeler. Pray for our training, preparation, good health, focus, a servant's heart, and for God's provision of the rest of the finances. If you'd like to contribute, make your check out to FCBC with "Spain 2023" on the memo line. Thanks so much!

## "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.

## Bookmarks

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

- Scripture for upcoming messages — white
- Quarterly prayer reminder cards — blue
- Contact card for Deacons & Deaconesses — white
- 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:

DATE	BUDGET	GIVING
February 12	\$9,519	\$7,618
Year-to-date:	\$76,152	\$71,470

Thank you for your faithful giving.

## Stoop to Serve

**Are you wanting to serve but not sure where?  
Here are some current needs:**

- Nursery workers for the current 10:30 service
- Nursery workers to re-up for Sunday School hour
- VBS workers July 31-August 4; 6-8 PM
- Leaders for overnight kids camp at Pine Brook July 16-21 (Sunday afternoon to Friday AM)

### Wednesday night TeamKID:

- Verse listeners
- Substitutes
- Preschool helper
- Bible lesson teachers
- Youth Group: Female small group leader

*If you can help with any of the above opportunities, contact Robin Dolbow at 413-218-4784.*

## Very Important People Quiz

### Can you name the following?

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

### How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

### Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
6. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

### Easier? The lesson?

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that simply care the most.