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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 Crash of Confident Commitment” from John 13:36-38.

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.

Stoop to Serve

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

From the Christian Ed. Board:

- 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.

The Finance Board also has some needs:

- New board member with business experience
- A reference for individual tax support
- Someone to help with items from audit
- Someone to work on procedures for gift cards (deacon?)

And another service opportunity...

“Outside the Walls” Ministry

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 7th 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.



Bob Blodgett has written a book about his life and experiences. His goal was to share his faith with his children. Please talk to Bob if you would like to get a copy of the book.



Beginning this month, we’ll be listing all those who have a birthday coming up in the current month at the same time. Celebrating in March, we have Sharon Anderson on the 15th. You can send your birthday greetings to Sharon at:

160 LaBelle Dr., Chicopee MA 01020

In the future, we’ll list them at the end of the previous month.

Don’t Worry

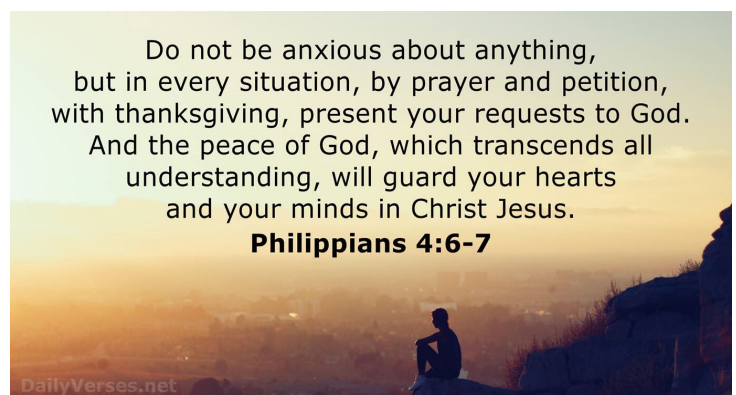
Worry – like so many things, it’s a thought process that begins with a notion of unease and stretches to a level of anxiety creating gross negative impacts on body, mind, soul and spirit. There has never been proof that excessive worrying can prevent ominous things from becoming reality. So why do it? Think about it...is it really easier than praying?

In Philippians, Paul suggests that worry robs you of joy. In his letters to the people of Corinth, he told them to grab hold of every thought that doesn’t conform to Christ’s standards (II Corinthians 10:5).

If you live according to what you see on the surface of things, your actions, desires and impulses will be no different from anyone else’s. But through praying and placing everything under the control of Jesus and “taking your thoughts captive,” you can release every worry into His power and keeping. The clear result is an overflowing joy and peace that guards your heart and mind.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7



Giving back to God:

DATE	BUDGET	GIVING
February 26	\$9,519	\$9,501
Year-to-date:	\$85,671	\$81,967

Thank you for your faithful giving.