

# FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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## This week at First Central:

This Sunday as we continue our study in the book of John, Pastor Mark's message is "Why be surprised when the world acts like the world?" from John 15:18-16:4.

For a video preview of Sunday's message on Pastor Mark's blog [Click here](#).

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

- You can now watch the services live on YouTube [here](#). Facebook was becoming more difficult, so we switched to a more user-friendly platform. We will continue to have a Facebook page, but the livestream is now on YouTube.
- 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).



Thinking of joining First Central? Or perhaps you just have some questions.

**Pastor Mark will be conducting a new members class this Sunday, April 23 at 4 pm.**

Coming to the class does not obligate you to join. We just want to get to know you and answer any questions you might have. Speak to Pastor Mark if you're interested in attending.

**"Outside the Walls"** is looking for a used 20' x 20' and a used 10' x 20' tent.

If you know of one for sale, please contact: Dave Piela at 413-734-6779.

Our next meeting is May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm in the lower fellowship hall. Come and see what we are up to!

## The Power of a Seed

Want to see a miracle? Take a small seed, put it under several inches of dirt. Give it light, water, and fertilizer. It doesn't matter that the ground is a zillion times the weight of the seed. The seed will push it back! Never underestimate the power of a seed.

James, the epistle writer, wasn't a farmer. But he knew the power of a seed sown in fertile soil. "Those who are peacemakers," he said, "will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness" (James 3:18).

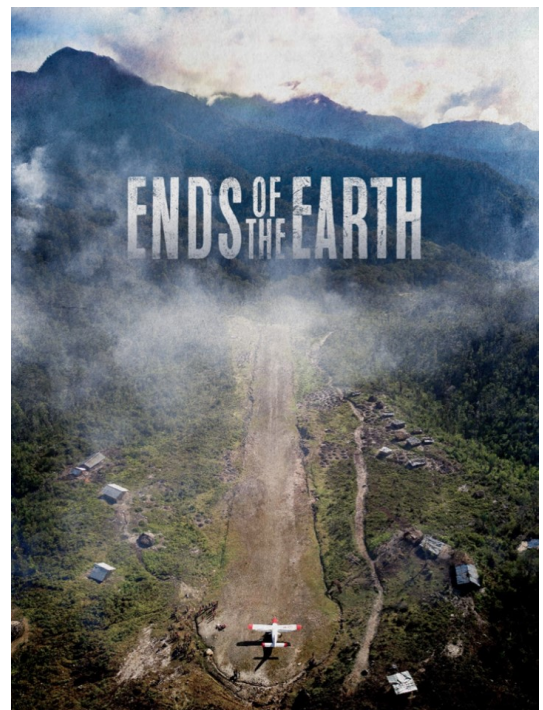
How good are you at sowing seeds of peace? Jesus modeled peace through acts of love, washing the feet of men he knew would betray him, and honoring the sinful woman whom society had scorned.

Want to see a miracle? Plant a word of love heart-deep in a person's life. Nurture it with a smile and a prayer, and watch what happens!  
— Max Lucado

## Several bookmarks are available in various locations around the building:

- **The first is a list of scripture** for the coming several months. Pastor Mark has created a new one that is available this week.
- **Prayer card for the Pastoral Search Committee** detailing specific ways you can pray for this important endeavor.
- **Quarterly prayer cards** which provide a reminder of prayers needs, ongoing health concerns and a list of the missionaries and mission organizations we support.

**Pick up one of each this week!**



**Please join us next Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Time: Noon for the complimentary lunch  
Film and Q/A begin at 12:30PM

Register [here](#): or call FCBC at 413-592-5353

10 AM-2 PM Tuesday-Friday

or email us at: [gailgrant@firstcentral.church](mailto:gailgrant@firstcentral.church)



Our **Lost and Found** basket is located on the second floor, beneath the coat rack outside of Room 211 (youth room).

There are some bibles in there as well as a few other items. Note that if a bible has a name inside, we will try to contact the owner.

For smaller things like jewelry and glasses, check the community bulletin board outside of the church office.



Giving back to God:

DATE	BUDGET	GIVING
April 16	\$9,519	\$7,921
Year-to-date:	\$152,304	\$146,020

Thank you for your faithful giving.