

FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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This week at First Central:

This Sunday Pastor Mark's message is "Turning Sorrow Into Joy" from John 16:16-33.

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.

"Outside the Walls" has a new 20' x 20' tent. There is a 30 day warranty for missing parts and defects so we need your help in putting it together for inspection and then finding a good place to store it.

We will meet Saturday, May 13th at the church and assemble, inspect and pack away the tent in readiness for our first outreach. If we get enough people willing to help signed up, we could have a lunch of hot dogs so please, sign up to help!

The sign up sheet will be in the back of the sanctuary this Sunday, or you can call Dave Piela at 413-734-6779 and leave a message that you will be there. Depending on how many hands, total time shouldn't be longer than 3 hours.

We are still looking for a 10' x 20' frame tent.

Upcoming dates to be aware of...

- NO Senior Saints this month
- May 21st — baptism and welcoming new members
- June 25th — semi-annual business meeting immediately following our worship service
- July 16-21 — youth helping at Pine Brook Camp

Mission Focus Class (ages K – 6) will be collecting money for the Open Doors ministry during May, June, and July. The money will be put toward the earthquake relief effort in Turkey.

Open Doors ministries provides aid to the persecuted churches in the 10-40 window. The collecting jar will be in the lower fellowship hall (Mission Focus class) before and after service. You can also give through your regular giving envelope or through Breeze. Just be sure to label the contribution "Mission Focus—Open Doors." You can read more [here](#).



As we've done in the past, we'll be collecting funds for the Pregnancy Care Center beginning on Mother's Day and ending on Father's Day. Pick up a baby bottle next Sunday and return it on June 18th filled with your donation — change or paper. Checks are accepted as well, made payable to the Pregnancy Care Center.



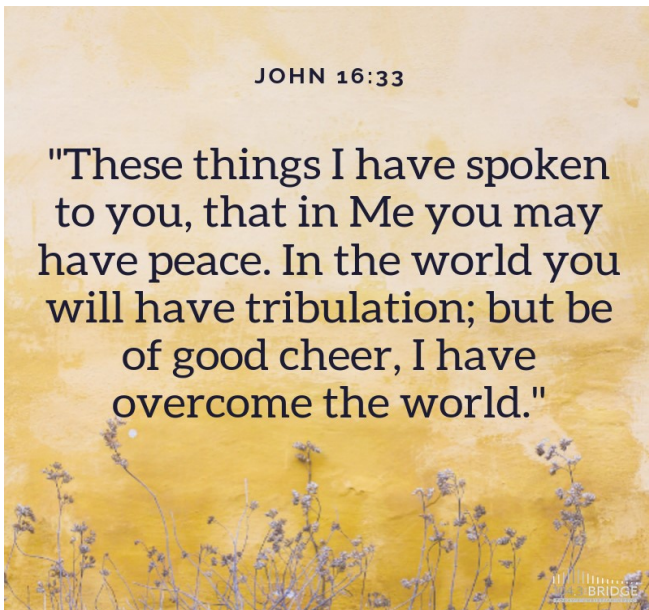
The McVeigh family would like to say thank you for all the condolences, cards & prayers for the passing of Nancy's mom. We're so thankful for you all. God Bless!!

How welcoming are we?

At FCBC, we want to create an environment in which guests, newcomers, and seekers are comfortable, and where regular attenders and members are ministers of grace and hospitality. It helps to practice the Circle of 10 and the Rule of 3.

Circle of 10: Greet anyone—guest, newcomer, regular attender, or member—who comes within ten feet of you. Make a special effort to greet the people you don't already know within your Circle of 10.

Rule of 3: Try not to talk to your friends for the first three minutes after the service. Talk only to those you don't know and to people that you know are guests. It takes guests about three minutes to exit the church after worship so it's important to make sure someone has made contact with them before they leave.



Giving back to God:

DATE	BUDGET	GIVING
April 30	\$9,519	\$10,879
Year-to-date:	\$171,342	\$164,619

Thank you for your faithful giving.