

FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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This week at First Central:

This Sunday Pastor Mark's message is "Jesus Prays for His Disciples" from John 17:6-19.

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.

BAPTISM & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

This Sunday we begin our service with baptism and will also welcome new members into our fellowship.

The **Baby Bottle Drive** continues through Father's Day. If you haven't already, pick up a baby bottle this 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. Already filled your bottle? Pick up another one!

"Outside the Walls"

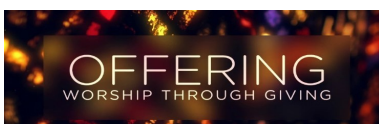
Oops! I jumped the gun. Although July would be the preferred month for the "Chicopee Cheez Dog" event, it won't be this year as it's too close to the Spain Missions Trip. Please forgive me; I just got too excited! 😊

The tent checked out nicely. Thank you John, Stan, Linda and Brenden for your help in getting the evaluation completed.

While the date for an event this year has yet to be determined, we are still looking for volunteers. If you're interested in being involved, please come to the next meeting on Tuesday, June 6th at 7 pm in the lower fellowship hall.

If you can't make the meeting but would like to be involved, call me at 413-734-6779 (no text — it's a landline). Thanks for your involvement...and forgiveness! Dave P.

The **Mission Focus Class** (ages K – 6) will be collecting money for the Open Doors ministry for the earthquake relief effort in Turkey. However, we're going to hold off for a bit, as there is a lot going on right now. You can read more about Open Doors [here](#).



Giving back to God:

DATE	BUDGET	GIVING
May 14	\$9,519	\$12,888
Year-to-date:	\$180,861	\$187,541

Thank you for your faithful giving.

JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES

JOHN 17:6-19

Out church-wide potluck dinner is tomorrow at 5 pm.

Join us and bring a dish to share -- main dish, side dish, salad or dessert -- enough for 6-8 people. Please include a list of ingredients in your dish; we don't need the whole recipe -- just what's in it.

Hope to see EVERYONE there.

There is no sign-up; just show up. 😊

Upcoming dates to be aware of...

- **May 21st** — baptism and welcoming new members
- **June 25th** — semi-annual business meeting immediately following our worship service
- **July 16-21** — youth serving at Pine Brook Camp

"In the Year of Drought"

"He...will not be anxious in the year of drought."

Jeremiah 17:8 NKJV

In tough economic times, the difference between peace and panic depends on Who you are trusting in. When you've done all you know, give it to God—and don't take it back!

We live in a fear-filled world. If you read the headlines and not the Scriptures, listen to the shock jocks instead of those who strengthen your faith, you'll experience what Jesus described as "Men's hearts failing them for fear" (Luke 21:26). As a redeemed child of God, you live by His rules, under His protection, supplied by "His riches" (see Philippians 4:19).

Here's a promise you need to stand on: "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord...For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit" (Jeremiah 17:7-8 NKJV). "In the year of drought," don't panic. Instead, trust God to come through for you!

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