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FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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This week at First Central:

This Sunday, as we resume our study in the book of John, Pastor Mark's message is "The Trials of Pilate — Part 2" from John 19:1-16.

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 <u>here</u>.
 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.



Twists & Turns VBS is coming! Save the dates onday, July 31st — Friday, August 4

Monday, July 31st — Friday, August 4th Classes will be held from 6 — 8 рм.

You can register your child here:
You can also fill out the form and mail it in.
Forms are available throughout the building.
Please register early so we know how to plan.

Thank you!

And speaking of VBS, there will be a meeting for all VBS volunteers after church on **Sunday July 23rd** in the Lower Fellowship Hall.

Remember, this Sunday is your last opportunity to help **Pine Brook** by supplying goodies for their camp store. Here are some suggestions:

Nerds Fruit snacks

Sour Patch Kids Chips (individual bags)
Starburst Gummy bears (again,
Skittles individual small bags)

Candy bars (full-size)

<u>Please</u>, <u>NO lollipops</u>, <u>gum or anything with peanut butter</u>. There is a basket in the foyer for your donations.



Giving back to God:

 DATE
 BUDGET
 GIVING

 July 9
 \$9,519
 \$9,935

 Year-to-date:
 \$266,532
 \$250,827

Thank you for your faithful giving.





Christmas in July



Join us for our Senior Saints Christmas Celebration THIS SATURDAY, July 15th, beginning at 11:45 AM. We'll provide both roast pork and chicken. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

There will be a \$10 gift exchange for those who would like to participate. Remember, gift cards must be wrapped. Hope to see you there!



If you don't currently attend one of our **Sunday School** classes, you're missing out on solid bible study along with a great opportunity for fellowship.

We offer several adult classes:

- Doug McVeigh is currently teaching 1 Peter in the library on the second floor.
- Rik Martin is teaching the book of Judges in the gym.
- Carol Wheeler is teaching a class for Women on Hebrews 11.
- The Youth Sunday School class is off for the summer. Teens are encouraged to attend one of the adult classes.
- Kids' Sunday School classes are still meeting, but are combined for the summer.

Approaching God — Max Lucado

Jesus invites us to approach God the way a child approaches his or her daddy! And how do children approach their daddies? I went to a school playground to find out. When a five-year-old spots his father in the parking lot, how does he react?

"Yippee!" screamed a redheaded boy wearing a Batman backpack.

"Pop!" Over here! Push me!" yelled a boy wearing a Boston Red Sox cap who scooted straight to the swings.

Here's what I didn't hear: "Father, it is most gracious of thee to drive thy car to my place of education. Please know of my deep gratitude for your benevolence. For thou art splendid in they attentive care and diligent in they dedication."

I heard kids who were happy to see their dads and eager to speak to them! God invites us to approach Him in the same manner. What a relief!