

FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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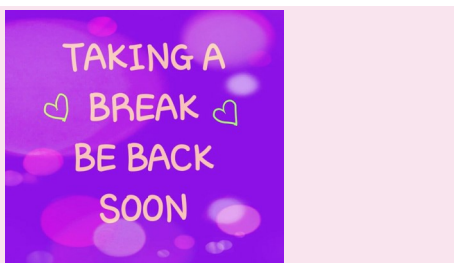
This week at First Central:

This Sunday, as we resume our study in the book of John, Pastor Mark’s message is “The Burial of Jesus” from John 19:31-42.

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.



Recognizing that many people are away during the month of August and that it is sometimes harder to teach a smaller group, the elders have made the decision that we will not hold Sunday School during the month of August. That will give all of us a chance to relax and catch our breath. We will resume Sunday School on September 10, the week after Labor Day.



Please be in prayer for VBS, this week, July 31 — August 4, from 6 — 8 PM. Pray for strength and stamina for the workers, and for the children who attend, that they will hear and respond to the gospel and grow in their faith.

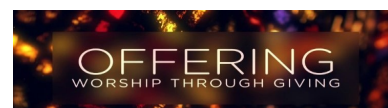
A Little Give And Take – Bob Gass

Giving preference to one another. - Romans 12:10

Before discussing what healthy compromise is, let's be clear about what it's not. It's not giving up what you believe, or who you are, or accepting second best because you're impatient or afraid of criticism. Healthy compromise is about learning to negotiate a win-win situation for both sides. It's tempting to dismiss somebody as being wrong and see only your own viewpoint. That's when it's crucial to relinquish your pride, step outside of the role you're playing, try to become the other person and ask yourself, 'Can I see their point of view? Can I appreciate why they might feel as they do? Can I help them to better understand where I'm coming from?' The stronger we are in personality and views, the more we risk alienating the very people we need by being inflexible and unwilling to hear them out. That can cost us dearly. Because David listened to Abigail's plea for mercy, he avoided falling into the trap of his own anger and killing her husband who had treated him badly. Paul was uncompromising on the truth, but he changed his mind about John Mark and gave him a second chance at ministry. Here are two Scriptures to bear in mind when we're being hard-headed:

- 1) 'Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another' (Romans 12:10);
- 2) '...Be at peace among yourselves... comfort the faint-hearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all...always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all' 1 Thessalonians 5:13-15).

Amazing, isn't it? All you need is a little give and take.



Giving back to God:

DATE	BUDGET	GIVING
July 23	\$9,519	\$9,547
Year-to-date:	\$285,570	\$271,435

Thank you for your faithful giving.