

FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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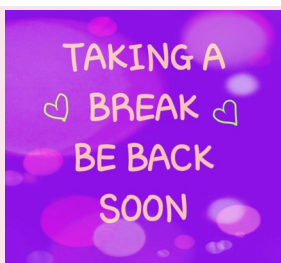
This week at First Central:

This Sunday, as we continue our study in the book of John, Pastor Mark’s message is “I Have Seen the Lord” from John 20:1-29.

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.



Who encourages your pastor?

Centuries ago the apostle Paul embarked on his first missionary journey. By his side was a faithful companion, Joseph of Cyprus, nicknamed Barnabas, or "Son of Encouragement." Why the title? Because Barnabas stood with Paul through shipwrecks, stonings and rejection.

Christian pollster George Barna has discovered that "pastors are the single most occupationally frustrated professionals in America." Yet that needn't be so. Scripture makes it clear that we are to give special affirmation to our spiritual leaders. In 1 Timothy 5:17 we read, "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching."

Read the full article [here](#).



Please be in prayer for VBS as they wrap up tonight. Pray that the seeds that were planted in these young lives to sprout and grow.

Here are a couple of photos from this week. To see all the pictures and some videos visit Pastor Mark’s blog [here](#).

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Giving back to God:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>GIVING</u>
July 30	\$9,519	\$8,424
Year-to-date:	\$295,089	\$279,859

Thank you for your faithful giving.

