

FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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This week at First Central:

This Sunday Pastor Mark begins a new sermon series; see more below. His message is, "It's Time to Come Home" from Ezra, chapter 1.

If you are unable to attend in person you can watch the service, after the fact, in one of two ways:

- You can view the service on Pastor Mark's [blog](#).
- You can also view the service on the church website, www.firstcentral.church.

Our next **Senior Saints** gathering is Saturday, May 18th at 11:45 AM.

- We're celebrating Mother's Day. Ladies please wear a gown, or your best finery.
- Roast pork and chicken with roasted vegetables and applesauce will be provided. Please bring salads and desserts to share.
- To sign up, text Carol Sumler (413-433-1648) or Rosemary Stewart (860-729-8118).

300 years ago, western Massachusetts was in the center of a great revival in America. Jonathan Edwards was preaching in Northampton, MA. He preached his famous sermon, Sinners in the hand of an angry God, in Enfield, CT. Today, our region is #1 on the list of Post-Christian Cities in America. Is revival possible today? What would it take for there to be another great awakening? Is that even realistic in today's culture?

We are beginning a new sermon series this Sunday at First Central Bible Church studying the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. They provide a scriptural manual on revival. They speak of the importance of rebuilding the house of God, the people of God, and the city of God. As we examine Ezra chapter 1 this Sunday, we will see that God tells his people, "It's time to come home." We will discover that God works through people to accomplish his plan and purpose.

For a video preview of Sunday's message, [click here](#).



Pastor Justin recently sent out a link for our new church app called Church Center. Using the app offers a simple way of keeping connected with coming activities and events, on-line giving, and access to the church directory. If you haven't already, please download from the App Store (iPhone or iPad) or Google Play (Android) and follow the prompts to get started. Search for Church Center; then select Church Center App.

Tip #1: Click on the three dots in the lower right corner to see more options. The **directory** is alphabetical by first name. Under **groups**, you'll find a list of all Sunday Bible classes with links to explore each one.

You will also find the **Ministries** category. Right now only the lawn mowing schedule is listed but there is more to come.

We hope you've already checked out this user-friendly app. If not, why not try it today?



As we do every year, we'll be collecting your spare change (paper money and checks welcome too!) to benefit the **Pregnancy Care Center**. Baby bottles will be available beginning Mother's Day, May 12th (next Sunday) and will be collected on Father's Day, June 16th.



If you are interested in serving in The Lord's Pantry, you can visit us anytime during the hours below and see what it's all about.

We're open Tuesdays from 9 — 11 AM, except the second Tuesday of the month, when we're open from 6 — 8 PM instead. If interested, contact Jean Thibault at (508) 353-3915 or Gail Grant at (413) 244-8754.



DATE	BUDGET	GIVING
April 28	\$9,519	\$6,641
Year-to-date:	\$164,177	\$172,297

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