

FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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This week at First Central:

As Pastor Mark continues his sermon series on Ezra and Nehemiah, his message is, "First Things First" from Ezra, chapter 3.

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.

Youth Info

We have wrapped up another great year of Youth Group. On the last night, we had the kids reflect on their journey of faith throughout this year. Many were able to identify points in their life where they felt God leading them to or away from something. Many also admitted they are still struggling to make time for God in their every daily lives. This is something that is great to practice as a family as we take a brief break—praying together, reading scripture together and modeling service. We will continue to keep the youth in our prayers throughout the summer!

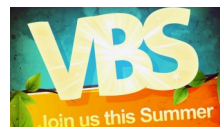
Though we will not meet regularly throughout the summer, there are a few important dates to save!

- June 24th-28th—Vacation Bible School. We encouraged all of our Youth to step up and serve this week to be an example to their younger peers in Team Kid!
- July/August—Be on the lookout for a Night of Fellowship Worship event hosted by the church. We also might try to plan an ice cream meet up to catch up with everyone!
- August 28th—End of Summer BBQ at Pastor Wheeler's House. 125 Ruskin Street, Chicopee MA 01020.!

-The First Central Youth Ministry Team

And Team Kid Info

- We are off for a few weeks (through May & early June).
- Our summer Wednesday night program will run from June 12th — July 31st from 6:30 — 7:30 PM.
- As noted above, Vacation Bible School (VBS) will run from June 24th — June 28th from 6 — 8 PM.



As mentioned above...VBS is June 24-28th from 6pm to 8pm. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nancy McVeigh or Steph Simon. We will be holding a meeting on May 19th after church in the lower fellowship hall, for all volunteers.

Our Baby Bottle drive to benefit the Pregnancy Care Center begins today. Pick up your baby bottle and fill it with change. Bills and checks (payable to the Pregnancy Care Center) are welcome too. Return your filled bottle on Father's Day, June 16th.



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 or desserts to share.
- To sign up, text Carol Sumler (413-433-1648) or Rosemary Stewart (860-729-8118).

thank you! ... for the prayers, cards, meals/gift cards and visits during Karen's recovery from her surgery. It has been an encouragement and blessing to me as well as Rik. Love, Karen Martin



| DATE | BUDGET | GIVING |
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| May 5 | \$9,519 | \$6,641 |
| Year-to-date: | \$173,696 | \$172,297 |

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