

# FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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### This week at First Central:

This Sunday, Pastor Mark's message is, "Shout for Joy!" from Nehemiah 11-12.

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](http://www.firstcentral.church).

Also, bookmarks are still available in the usual locations, detailing the upcoming sermon topics and scripture through early fall.

## Picnic Time

### Our Senior Saints Picnic is tomorrow!

We'll provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns. We need tomatoes and onions, salads, and desserts.

Join us for a fun time in the gym  
**TOMORROW, at 11:45 AM.**



### It was wonderful to have the Schiffers with us this past Sunday.

If you would like to contribute to the relief fund for their neighbors, from the devastation caused by Hurricane Beryl, go to Paypal and search for [elaineschiffer@followsource.org](mailto:elaineschiffer@followsource.org).

We also have new prayer cards for them, available in the foyer.

### Upcoming Events — Mark your calendar!

- Concert of Prayer** – Sunday, Sept. 1 at 5 PM
- Membership class** – Sunday, Sept. 29, at 4 PM
- (Baptism on Sunday, October 27)

**Update on the Mystic Aquarium and Seaport trip.** The date is Saturday, September 21. **The deadline to sign up is Friday, September 12.** The cost for the bus will be in addition to the cost for admission to the aquarium; it will be determined once we know how many people are going. You can sign up and pay through the Church Center app.

Contact Carol Sumler with any questions.

**Remember,** during the month of August, our Lord's Pantry will receive \$1 for each specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold at the **Stop & Shop on Memorial Drive in Chicopee.**

**Make someone's day and help the Lord's Pantry at the same time!** 😊

### Tithes + Offerings

| DATE          | BUDGET    | GIVING    |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| August 11     | \$9,519   | \$5,191   |
| Year-to-date: | \$306,962 | \$312,307 |

Thank you for your faithful giving.



### Been a while since we shared this reminder...

#### How welcoming are we?

**At FCBC,** we want to create an environment in which guests, newcomers, and seekers are comfortable, and where regular attenders and members are ministers of grace and hospitality. It helps to practice the Circle of 10 and the Rule of 3.

**Circle of 10:** Greet anyone—guest, newcomer, regular attender, or member—who comes within ten feet of you. Make a special effort to greet the people you don't already know within your Circle of 10.

**Rule of 3:** Try not to talk to your friends for the first three minutes after the service. Talk only to those you don't know and to people that you know are guests. It takes guests about three minutes to exit the church after worship so it's important to make sure someone has made contact with them before they leave.