

## Welcome to Central!

Thanks for joining us today! If you're visiting with us, we'd love to meet you! Please fill out this **Connection Card**, detach it, and place it in the offering plate.

- ☐ 1st Time Guest    ☐ Return Guest  
☐ Regular Attender    ☐ Member  
☐ Updating Personal Information

Service attending today:

- ☐ 9am    ☐ 10:45am    ☐ 5pm

name

email

phone

address

city                      state                      zip

I am interested in learning more about:

- ☐ Membership    ☐ Baptism  
☐ Bible Studies    ☐ Small Groups  
☐ Children's Ministry  
☐ Service Opportunities  
☐ Other:

I would like a pastor to contact me:

- ☐ Yes    ☐ No

## This Week @ Central

Find out about these and other upcoming events at [www.centralpres.com](http://www.centralpres.com)

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Lessons & Carols  
TONIGHT, 5pm  
Student Building  
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Christmas Eve  
Worship Services  
5pm - Family Service  
7 & 9pm - Candlelight  
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PLEASE NOTE:  
There will be no 5pm  
service on Dec 27  
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Men's Fellowship  
Luncheon  
Wed, Jan 6, 12pm  
Ron Spielman,  
Speaker

### Looking for ways to connect at Central?

If you're new or trying to find a community to be a part of – we can help! Pastor Todd Denholm would love to help you find the right fit.

Contact him today  
(314-727-2777  
or [tdenholm@centralpres.com](mailto:tdenholm@centralpres.com))!

## Upcoming Events, News, & More

Since last week's update, **nearly \$100,000 more has been given to the ministry work of Central Presbyterian Church.** Thank you! At this rate, we hope to be able to fund the additional ministry needs such as: supplying food, baby items, Bibles, and household goods for refugees in Iraq, Jordan, and Ukraine; and helping our sister EPC church, "New Creation" in Joplin, whose facilities need significant rehabbing since the tornado of 2011. Please continue to pray about how the Lord might have you join us as a financial partner at Central.

**The "time of connecting" in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings has been a huge hit.** But we really need a few more hands to help with set-up and clean-up. Helping just one week a month will make a HUGE difference! Contact Kate ([kspielman@centralpres.com](mailto:kspielman@centralpres.com) or 314-854-0178) for details.

**Randy Mayfield's new CD, "The Journey," is now available,** along with several other classics from Randy. These make great stocking stuffers! All CDs and DVDs are \$10 when picked up from the church office or \$12.50 if mailed. A portion of all sales go to missions. For info, contact

Carol Mulick (314-727-2777 or [cmulick@centralpres.com](mailto:cmulick@centralpres.com)).

As we look towards 2016, **many ministries are in need of volunteers.** There are opportunities on Sundays and during the week. If you would like to get involved, contact Kate Spielman (314-854-0178 or [kspielman@centralpres.com](mailto:kspielman@centralpres.com)).

**Download Sherdonna Denholm's album "He Has Come to Reign" for free!** Sherdonna released this special Christmas album of original music as a gift to the Central community. Get your copy at [sherdonna.com](http://sherdonna.com).

**Please mark your calendars with the following key dates.** Many ministries and special events return in January. Visit [centralpres.com](http://centralpres.com) for more info.

**Dec 25 & Jan 1:**  
Central offices closed

**Jan 6:** Men's Fellowship Lunch

**Jan 10:** Sunday school begins

**Jan 12:** Women in Ministry

**Jan 14:** Women's Thursday groups

**Jan 15:** Women's Friday groups

**Jan 15:** Randy in Concert

**Jan 20:** EquipCentral returns!

**Jan 24:** Music and Faith Concert

**Jan 30:** Women's Mini-Retreat

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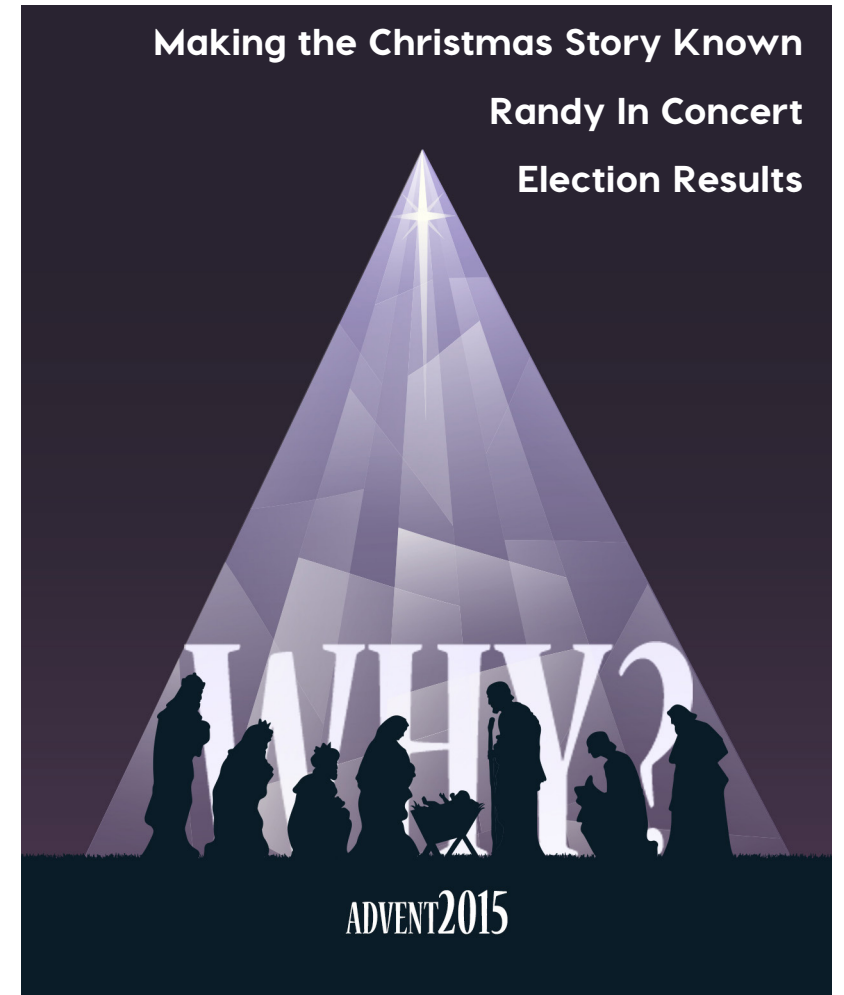


December 20, 2015

## Making the Christmas Story Known

Randy In Concert

Election Results



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# Making the Christmas Story Known

On that silent night so long ago, our King Jesus lay in a manger, vulnerable and exposed to the world around him, the world that he himself created. There were no doctors to monitor his vital signs, no climate-controlled facilities to protect him from the elements. Mary and Joseph had little means to care or provide for him. A powerful ruler sought to murder him. This is the silent night that witnessed the birth of our Savior and King.

Christmas time is a smelling salt to our souls, waking us from our spiritual slumber to remember the incredible story of which we are a part. As Christmas falls upon you and your family this year, I pray that you are moved by this amazing reality of how Jesus came to us. I pray that you have time to slow down and fall to your knees in awe and wonder at what the Lord has done, at the lengths and risk to which he went in order that we might be saved. A baby in a manger changed everything for you, and for all of history.

Central Presbyterian Church exists to make the Christmas story known. For generations, God's people at Central have heard the story, proclaimed the story and lived the story. I want to personally thank each and

every one of you for being part of this work. Whether you serve in multiple ministries at Central or simply attend worship on Sunday, you are a vital part of our family. God has brought you to Central, and I want you to know how thankful I am that you are here.

Merry Christmas!  
*Pastor [Signature]*

Does the idea of slowing down this season sound appealing? If so, we invite you to a special service this evening at 5pm in the Student Ministry building. Tonight we will have a special presentation of the Christmas story at our Lessons and Carols service. It is a time where we tell the story of the significance of the birth of Jesus through various scripture readings and lots of wonderful music.

We also want to encourage you to invite others. Many of us know people who we would love to experience a service at Central and hear the message of the gospel. This service is a great opportunity to give them this opportunity in a special way. As we celebrate the gift of Jesus what better gift could we provide to others than the opportunity to receive this gift.

## Randy In Concert

Through the many gifted musicians and singers who generously share their talents with us each Sunday, and including the long list of professional artists who have performed at our church over the years, we have all been blessed by the gift of music here at Central.

On January 15, our own Randy Mayfield continues Central's musical legacy with a special concert. "Randy Mayfield & the All-Star Band" will perform an eclectic mix of music including several songs from Randy's new CD, *"The Journey."* It has been several years since Randy's last concert at Central, and we are excited he is debuting his new CD "at home."

As a special bonus, Christian recording artist Scott Wesley Brown will join Randy and perform a special set as part of the concert. You won't want to miss this night of great music!

Admission is free, but seating will be limited. Be sure to pick up a couple tickets available in the lobby for your friends, and arrive early on the 15th!

## Election Results

Thank you for participating in this year's election of officers and ONCC at-large members. You have elected the following individuals:

- Elder**
- Sam Chimento
  - Joe Egertson
  - Doug Kennedy
  - Larry Kindbom
  - Carl Lothman
  - Bob Mark
  - Brian Middendorf
  - Mark Talbott
  - Jeff Waller
  - Dennis Wiggers

- Deacon**
- Michael Dorsey
  - John Hamer
  - Ron Spielman
  - Steve Subracko
  - Ben Swoboda

- ONCC At-Large**
- Allen Boggs
  - Kim Burzinski
  - Chris Sasse
  - Rosemary Wiggers

### Central's Bible Reading Plan

Also available on our app, [centralpres.com/gettheapp](http://centralpres.com/gettheapp)

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#### Monday, December 21

- John, 9-11

#### Tuesday, December 22

- John 12-14

#### Wednesday, December 23

- John 15-18

#### Thursday, December 24

- John 19-21

#### Friday, December 25

- 1 John 1-5

#### Saturday, December 26

- Psalms 117
- Psalms 119: 81-176
- 2 John
- 3 John

#### Sunday, December 27

- Revelations 1-4

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God." Luke 1:35

## PRAYER REQUEST

At Central, we believe in and depend upon the power of prayer. If you have a specific need or concern for which you would like prayer, please describe it below, tear off this panel, and drop it in the offering plate. The officers and intercessors covenant to pray for your requests as long as you desire. All requests will be treated as confidential.

Name (optional):

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- ☐ I would like a pastor or elder to contact me
- ☐ Sick or homebound and would like a visit
- ☐ I would like a women's intercessor to contact me