

Connection Card

Thanks for joining us! If you're visiting we'd love to meet you! Please fill out this 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

Learn more at www.centralpres.com/events

Sunday

Worship

9 & 10:45am, 5pm

Adult Sunday School

9 & 10:30am

KidCentral

9am;
10:45am (3 & 4 yr olds only)

Student Central

Student Center, 9am

Wednesday

Men's Fellowship

Parlor, 12pm

EquipCentral

Fellowship Hall,
5:30pm

Thursday

Women's Study Group

Parlor, 9:30am

Widows Ministry - Medicare Meeting

Student Center,
10:30am

Friday

Women's Study Group

Parlor, 9:30am

EquipCentral Menu

Pork Loin in Gravy

Harvest Salad

Mashed Potatoes

Roasted Garlic
Parmesan Carrots

Rolls

Pumpkin Cookies

Upcoming Events, News, & More

Many have asked about how to give in support of hurricane relief efforts. The EPC has set up an emergency relief fund in response to the devastation caused by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. For more info, visit www.centralpres.com/hurricane-relief.

We would love to pray with you or for you! Use the tear-off panel to the left and drop your requests into the offering plate. We also offer intercessory

prayer immediately after both morning services in the Prayer Room off the Davis lobby.

Explore the Reformation's legacy and ongoing impact during Covenant Seminary's Fall 2017 Francis Schaeffer lectures on September 28-30. Speakers at this three-day conference include Dr. Dan Doriani and Rev. Luciano Pires. Visit covenantseminary.edu for details or to register.



Celebrate the Blythes TODAY!

If you and your family have been blessed at all by our student ministries here at Central Pres, join us today as we celebrate two of the folks most responsible for getting us here.

Jeremy Blythe served as Director of Student Ministry starting in 2012, and Mary Elizabeth has invested in many

of our young girls over the years. Their fingerprints are all over the ministry today. Jeremy is now moving on to serve in new places. Join us this Sunday as we celebrate all that God has done through him and his family, Hear from Jeremy what his next steps are, and let the Blythes know how they have blessed you over the past few years!

WHAT: Celebrate the Blythes
WHEN: Sunday, September 24, after 10:45am service

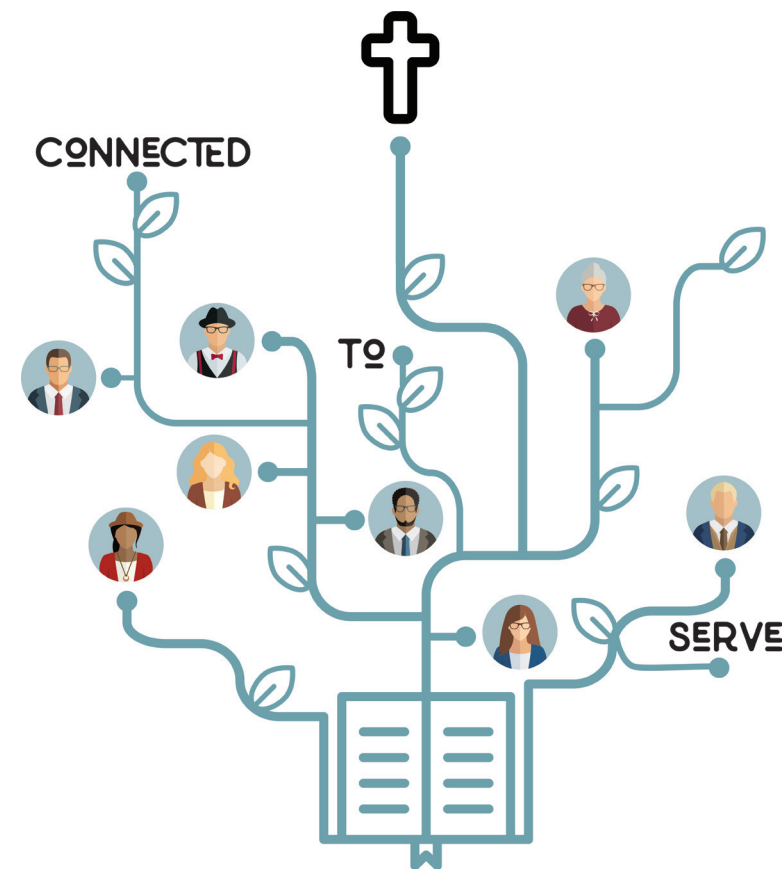
WHERE: Student Center
BRING: Yourself, and any encouraging notes/gifts you want!

IS THERE FOOD? Yes! So bring the family and come hungry!

To learn more, visit www.centralpres.com



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Third Serve: Experiments in Being the Body

by: Andrew Dickson

"Does a relationship with Jesus always start with a presentation of the gospel?"

The question sparked passionate dialogue. Students recounted their own faith journeys, mining them for evidence to support their side. By the end the room was in complete agreement that God, in his infinite creativity, launches us into relationship with him from a whole host of unique starting points.

This truth is shaping a lot of what we're doing this year in student ministries. We've set out to create opportunities for our kids to experience God through their head, heart, and hands. One of the bigger changes we've made is called "Third Serve," where we swap out our regular programming for a chance to get students engaged in service on the third Sunday of every month.

This past Sunday was our first go at it, and it was beautiful to see many of our kids take the challenge head-on.



People were directed by 11th and 12th grade boys in the

parking garage and greeted by 6th and 7th grade boys at the doors of the church. In the Student Center, our 8th graders were organizing supplies in the basement while our 6th grade girls took care of the communal spaces our families use each week. Some of our older high school girls served in the nursery, while our younger high school girls spent time with our elementary kids in the Duplex. Our 7th grade girls, along with many of our other students throughout the morning, sat down to write letters of encouragement to our widows and shut-ins.



It was an experiment in putting words into action on a Sunday morning. Above all it was a picture of the church being the church and of our kids finding dignity in what they can contribute to this body in the present.

If you'd like to help with this grand experiment, or if you have ministry opportunities that our kids could help with during Third Serve, email Andrew at adickson@centralpres.com.

Getty Concert Volunteers

In case you haven't heard, Keith and Kristyn Getty are coming to Central on Sunday, Nov. 5. The Gettys occupy a unique space in the world of music today as preeminent modern hymn writers. Crossing the genres of traditional, classical, folk, and contemporary, Keith and Kristyn write worship songs which are sung the world over.

It is expected that we will be blessed with a sell-out crowd for this concert. In order to host that many people well, including many who may be making their first visit ever to Central, a large contingent of volunteers is needed. There is a wide variety of positions to fill – everything from parking attendants and greeters to ticketing and help with setup, load-in, and load-out.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Kate Spielman (kspielman@centralpres.com), and we will follow up with you with more information on the various ways you can serve. For more details on the concert or to buy tickets, visit www.centralpres.com.

Financial Update

YTD
(THROUGH AUGUST 2017)

Giving:
\$2.04M actual vs. budget of \$2.06M

Expenses:
\$2.46M actual vs. budget of \$2.62M

Year to date, giving is catching up but continues to be slightly behind budget. Our expense rate continues to be lower than budgeted, though, which is helping us to maintain a healthy position at this point in the year. Some of you are already beginning to plan your year-end giving. We would be most grateful for your continued consideration of Central. We are excited about what God is doing, and your gifts make it possible. We also have a number of unusual facility needs this year, and your gifts allow us to continue to care for this beautiful campus that God has given us.

Thank you for your partnership! We pray that the Lord meets you in it as you bless his church with your sacrificial giving.

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Central's Bible Reading Plan

Also available on our app, centralpres.com/gettheapp

Monday, Sept 25

- Ezra 2-3
- Luke 8

Tuesday, Sept 26

- Ezra 4
- Psalms 113, 127
- Luke 9

Wednesday, Sept 27

- Haggai 1-2
- Psalms 129
- Luke 10

Thursday, Sept 28

- Zechariah 1-3
- Luke 11

Friday, Sept 29

- Zechariah 4-6
- Luke 12

Saturday, Sept 30

- Zechariah 7-9
- Luke 13

Sunday, Oct 1

- Zechariah 10-12
- Psalms 126
- Luke 14

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):

- 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

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