

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

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This Week @ Central

Learn more at www.centralpres.com/events

Sunday

Prayer Group
Prayer Room, 8am

Worship
9 & 10:45am, 5pm

Adult Sunday School
9 & 10:30am

KidCentral
9am;
10:45am (3 & 4 yr old)

Student Central
Student Center, 9am

Thursday

Thanksgiving Worship Service
Sanctuary, 10am

Please Note:

Most of Central's ministries and small groups take the week of Thanksgiving off. **Women in Ministry, Men's Fellowship, and many more** return to action the week of November 26.

Menu for 11/29
Spaghetti Bake
Cunnetto Italian Salad
Roasted Corn
Garlic Cheese Bread
Chocolate Dipped Shortbread

Upcoming Events, News, & More

To learn more, visit www.centralpres.com

Central members are again providing and serving a Thanksgiving dinner for the urban Young Life club. The dinner is on Monday, November 20 at the Salvation Army (2740 Arsenal St.). Food can be dropped off at the church today. Sign up to cook, serve, or both at http://bit.ly/CPC_UYL

Please join us TODAY at noon in the Parlor for info about next fall's Holy Land "Living Stones" tour. The trip will be October 24 - November 5, 2018. Please come to learn how to be part of this amazing tour. Contact Shari Wynn (314-220-5141) for info.

Please note: Sunday school classes will not meet next Sunday, November 26. The nursery and childcare will be available for ages 4 and under.

The annual Central Christmas concert is Friday, December 15 at 7:30pm. Featuring timeless carols in new and innovative settings, there is sure to be something for everyone. Central's choirs, orchestra, bells, and brass will warm your heart and raise your spirit. Bring your voice: Carol singing included!

We are recruiting new camera operators for the 9 and 10:45am services.

No previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn and serve. It is easy to learn, and you will be helping to share the gospel across the world wide web! Contact Pam Smith (techarts@centralpres.com) for details.

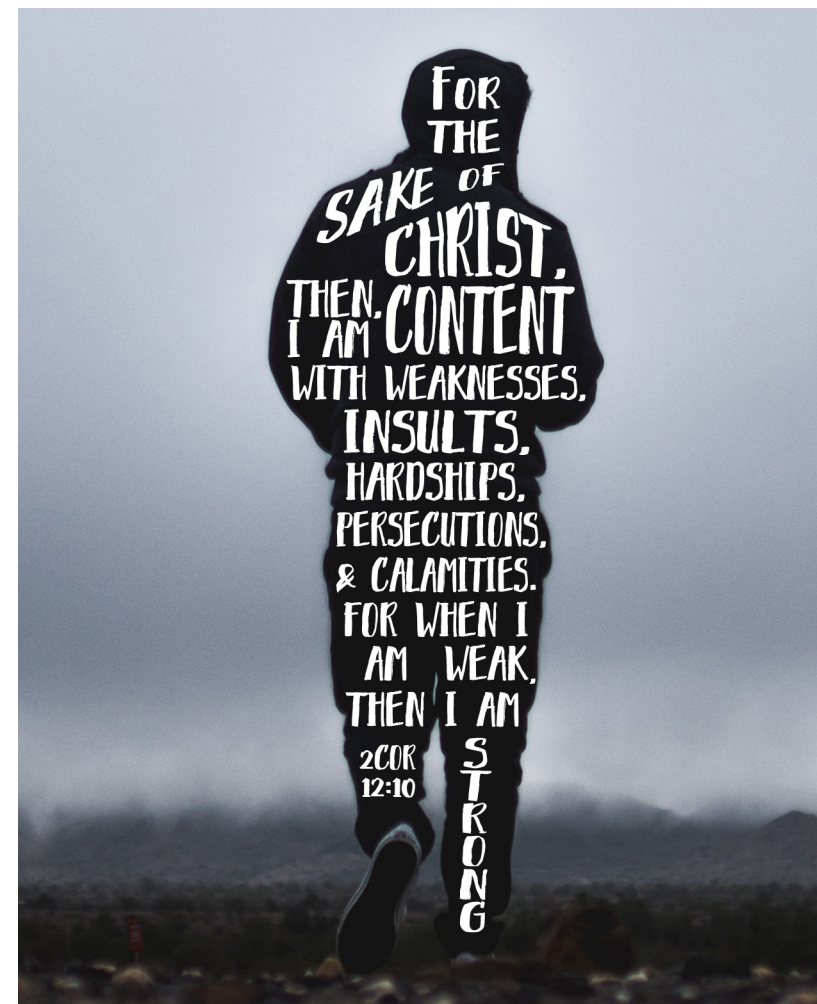
Do you receive Spotlight, Central's weekly email? It's a great way to keep up-to-date. Signing up is easy! Just visit www.centralpres.com/spotlight, and click on the "Yes, I want to receive Spotlight" button.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the recent blood drive. We exceeded the collection goal set for us by the Red Cross – by 29%! Your donations can help save 225 lives. Central's next blood drive will be April 9, 2018.

Giving online is both safe and easy! You can make one-time gifts or create recurring contributions through our website or via the Central Pres app. Give online at www.centralpres.com/give or download the app at centralpres.com/gettheapp.



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Christmas Traditions

Is there any time of the year that is more tradition-laden? Do you have special ornaments or decorations that, each time you re-open the box they are stored in, you are flooded with memories of holidays past? Maybe you have a relative whose house everyone in the family travels to but once a year, or maybe that's your house? Your special tradition could be a simple, quiet dinner with close friends.

Regardless of the specifics, we cherish our traditions. One such practice that the Central community holds dear is the annual Advent celebration, which takes place this year on Wednesday, November 29. This is always a wonderful evening, whether you are young or just young at heart.

From 4:30 to 6pm, Central will resemble Santa's workshop! Kids age 4 to 5th grade are invited to the **annual Advent workshop** to make ornaments for our indoor and outdoor Christmas trees and maybe even something special for home! Pre-registration is not

necessary, and the nursery will be available for ages 3 and under. The fun takes places in the Student Center.

Also beginning at 4:30pm is the "**hanging of the greens**," the annual time when we come together to decorate the church for Christmas. All are welcome, and no special skills or talents are necessary.

What would a big Central event be without food? At 5:30, **a free dinner will be served** in the Fellowship Hall, and at 6:30, we'll move outside for the tree lighting, hot cocoa and apple cider, cookies, and, of course, Christmas music.

This is a great time to help the church, spend time with friends, and get to know new people in our community as we work and eat side-by-side. Please note: There will not be shuttle service available on the 29th, but the remote lots at Central Christian School and at the corner of Hanley and Clayton Roads will be open. We urge everyone who is capable of using these remote lots to do so as a first option.

There is a critical need for greeters, parking attendants, and ushers between now and the end of the year when our church receives many guests. If you can help, please contact Kate Spielman (kspielman@centralpres.com or 314-854-0178).

Thanksgiving Day Service

Whether it's getting up early to participate in a "turkey trot," gathering with family, enjoying a delicious feast, or just resting while watching a little football, we all have our favorite Thanksgiving Day traditions. If it isn't already a part of your Turkey Day routine, consider adding the annual Central Thanksgiving worship and praise service.

On Thursday, November 23 at 10am, Pastor Randy Mayfield will once again lead the casual, family-friendly service. The service highlights testimonies of thanksgiving and includes wonderful music led by Randy and his band.

100% of your gifts made on Thanksgiving will support refugee relief in Iraq & Jordan and a new church planting in Manipur, India. Please note: Child-care will not be available, but all are welcome in the service, and you will be on your way home by 11am. We encourage you to utilize the CCS or Schnuck's lots, as the shuttle buses will not be running Thanksgiving day.

Angel Choir & Christmas Pageant

The Children's Pageant and Angel Choir are long-standing, beloved features of Central's Christmas Eve family worship service. In fact, many of our shepherds who once scampered down the center aisle now drive themselves to Student Central activities!

Your family is invited to take part this year. If your child is in kindergarten, first, or second grade, you are encouraged to sign them up for the Angel Choir! The Christmas Pageant is open to kids in grades 3-5, and there are both speaking and non-speaking parts available.

All participants must attend the two rehearsals: Sunday, December 10 and Sunday, December 17. Both rehearsals are 12-2pm. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch prior to rehearsal.

If you are a family with young kids, we hope you will consider helping to lead our congregation in worship this Christmas Eve! For more info, visit www.centralpres.com/pageant.

Central's Bible Reading Plan

Also available on our app, centralpres.com/gettheapp

Monday, Nov 20

- Matthew 5-7

Tuesday, Nov 21

- Matthew 8-10

Wednesday, Nov 22

- Matthew 11-13

Thursday, Nov 23

- Matthew 14-16

Friday, Nov 24

- Matthew 17-19

Saturday, Nov 25

- Matthew 20-22

Sunday, Nov 26

- Matthew 23-25

Did you know you can follow this same reading plan on our app? Available for iOS or Android devices at www.centralpres.com/gettheapp.

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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