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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

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

Understanding Anxiety
Student Center,
6:30pm

Friday

Women's Study Group
Parlor, 9:30am

If you're new or trying to get plugged in, Kate Spielman would love to help you find the right fit. Contact her today (314-727-2777 or kspielman@centralpres.com)!

Upcoming Events, News, & More

To learn more, visit www.centralpres.com

If you are visiting with us, welcome! We're thrilled you are here. The next "Taste of Central" guest lunch will be Sunday, January 14 after the 10:45 service. This is a great way to meet some of our staff and lay leadership and learn more about Central.

Sunday school returns this morning! The adult communities Young Adults, My Sunday Family, and Navigators all meet at 9am, and the Gleaners meet at 10:30. Classes for kids age 3 through high school also meet at 9am. Our greeters would be happy to help direct you to a class.

The annual women's retreat is January 19-20 at Pere Marquette Lodge. Hear from Central women as they share how they have experienced God give them hope. This promises to be a great weekend of fun, learning, and praise. For more info, visit www.centralpres.com/wretreat.

The men's retreat will also be at Pere Marquette. On February 2-3 of this year, counselors Ed Killeen and Jamie McCall will lead us in talks exploring three elements

of a life worth living: a deep connection, a worthy quest, and an abiding spirit. For more info, please visit www.centralpres.com/mretreat.

There will be a meeting for all middle and high school parents on Sunday, January 28, from noon until 1pm. Enjoy a free lunch and learn about this year's Student Ministry trips and fundraising opportunities we have planned.

The next concert in this year's series is February 9. Join pastor Randy Mayfield for an evening of "classical worship." Accompanied by orchestra and a small band of instrumentalists, Randy and his friends will present an evening of classical arias and worship music. Visit www.centralpres.com/classicworship for more info.

Save the date: the next Central town hall meeting will be February 18. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, and the meeting will begin at 6:30.

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Welcome to myCentral

"I'd like to find a Bible study that meets on Tuesdays and offers childcare, but don't know where to start." "What was the last name of that person I sat next to in Sunday school last week?" "What opportunities are there to serve at the church that fit my talents and gifts?"

Finding your fit, staying informed, and making connections can be difficult, especially in a church the size of Central. As we've previously shared, after extensive research we invested in a new web-based resource to help with these and similar issues. Called "myCentral," the tool is now ready for you to begin using!

If you are a member or regular attendee, you will soon receive an invitation to myCentral. Just a few of the many things you will be able to do include: control all personal privacy and communication settings, view your giving history, print statements, interact with people in the church, search for and join groups, sync the church calendar with iCal, Outlook, or Google, and much more.

You are invited to an introduction to myCentral next Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30pm, following dinner at 5:30. You will be given an

overview of some of the main benefits of the system, and we will walk you through how to set up your profile and customize your privacy settings. You are encouraged to bring your laptop or tablet for this session. **The following week, on January 17**, we will introduce you to the groups functionality and how this amazing resource can help our ministries.

myCentral is not another form of social media, as it does not allow for personal broadcasting, and there are no blogs, posts, likes, or tweets. Instead, it is a new opportunity for our church to stay informed, help us grow, and keep us connected with one another. It's a way to find volunteer opportunities, meet needs, check out upcoming church events, register for classes, see your personalized church calendar, track your giving, and more. Perhaps best of all, it is easy to learn, and whether you choose to use it a lot or a little, it can be a great resource.

We hope you can join us on January 10 for an introduction to myCentral. Should you have any questions prior to the 10th, please contact Jeff Brown at jeff@centralpres.com.

Welcome Pastor Charles Godwin

We are overjoyed to announce that, after a long and thorough search process, your Session has unanimously approved calling Pastor Charles Godwin to join us in the role of Pastor of Congregational Care. Our search committee (Tim Corbet, chair, Tina Holland, Amanda Lothman, Eric Schmidt, Laura Waller, and Austin Winkelman) describes Pastor Charles as an exceptionally gifted pastor who will fit exceedingly well in our church family. Charles has a passion for loving and shepherding God's people and is excited to be part of our new shepherding initiative. He and his family are currently serving a call in Georgia, and we anticipate that Charles will join us sometime after Easter this year. Please pray for the Godwin family as they prepare to transition, and join us in praising God for this wonderful outcome.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of your Session and staff leadership, thank you for participating in December's "Macedonian Challenge"! Because of your joyful generosity we received approximately \$1,140,000 for the month, exceeding the \$1 million goal. It is humbling and inspiring to see how God moved in and through you to do this. As a result of your generosity, we finished the 2017 fiscal year with strong financial momentum, allowing us to start 2018 well. With our new pastor, Ben Tzeng, we will be able to make new investments in local evangelism. We will also be able to make several much needed repairs to our campus. Please join us in praising God for such a tremendous blessing.

Understanding Anxiety

Chronic anxiety is epidemic. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, more than 25% of all kids between 13 and 18 are affected by anxiety disorders.

Beginning January 11, Margaret Kileen, a Licensed Personal Counselor, will lead a free, three-part series of talks for parents to help you recognize and respond to the chronic anxiety that's taking a toll on our families. The series is free of charge, but registration is required so that we may plan accordingly. To register, please visit www.centralpres.com/anxiety.

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Central's Bible Reading Plan

Also available on our app, centralpres.com/gettheapp

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Monday, Jan 8

- Genesis 20-22
- Luke 8

Tuesday, Jan 9

- Genesis 23-24
- Luke 9

Wednesday, Jan 10

- Genesis 25-26
- Psalm 6
- Luke 10

Thursday, Jan 11

- Genesis 27-28
- Psalm 4
- Luke 11

Friday, Jan 12

- Genesis 29-30
- Luke 12

Saturday, Jan 13

- Genesis 31-33
- Luke 13

Sunday, Jan 14

- Genesis 34-36
- 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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