

# 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.

– SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 –

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

Service attending today:

- 8:30am     11:15am

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](http://www.centralpres.com/events)

### Sunday

**Prayer**  
Prayer Room, 8am

**Worship**  
8:30 & 11:15am

**Sunday School - All Ages**  
10am

**High School Night**  
Student Ctr, 6:30pm

### Tuesday

**Women in Ministry**  
Fellowship Hall, 9:30am

### Wednesday

**Men's Fellowship**  
Parlor, 12pm

**EquipCentral**  
Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm

### Thursday

**Women's Study Group**  
Parlor, 9:30am

**College Gathering**  
DUC, Wash U, 8pm

### Friday

**Women's Study Group**  
Parlor, 9:30am

### EquipCentral Menu

Chili Mac Supreme  
Garden Salad w/  
Ranch Dressing  
Creamy Cheesy  
Baked Corn  
Buttered French  
Bread  
Stolen Heaven  
Brownies

## Upcoming Events, News, & More

To learn more, visit [www.centralpres.com](http://www.centralpres.com)

**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. There is a prayer team that meets at 8am each Sunday in the Prayer Room off the Davis lobby, and we offer intercessory prayer immediately after both morning services in the Prayer Room.

**We're excited to offer "children's church" during the first service.** For children's church, please get a nametag in the Hanley lobby or in the pews. Write your child's name, age, and your cell number on the tag. All children's church kids must have a nametag before leaving the Sanctuary.

**A new school year brings new excitement at Adams Elementary School.** Friends of Adams is collecting new or gently-used children's books for the kids there. Drop your donation off in the receptacle near the Biltmore entrance.

**We have several Sunday morning ministries that are in urgent need of volunteers.** Please contact Kate Spielman to help ([kspielman@centralpres.com](mailto:kspielman@centralpres.com) or 314-727-2777).

**EquipCentral is back!** Dinner is at 5:30pm followed by classes at 6:30. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in the community at Central, meet new friends, and take a mid-week break from cooking! For more information: [www.centralpres.com/eqc](http://www.centralpres.com/eqc).

**CarePortal connects local churches to provide vital support to kids and families in crisis.** Central is now part of the local St. Louis CarePortal network. Sign up to be part of this great ministry at [tinyurl.com/welcome-careportal](http://tinyurl.com/welcome-careportal).

**The annual middle school retreat, "Lou Connect," is October 19-21 at Lake Williamson.** We will join with other area churches for an awesome time of learning, worship, and fun. For details: [www.centralpres.com/louconnect](http://www.centralpres.com/louconnect).

**Being part of the church by being part of a ministry is a great way to live out the gospel, meet new people, and have a lot of fun.** Pastor Ben Tzeng ([btzeng@centralpres.com](mailto:btzeng@centralpres.com) or 314-727-2777) would love to help you find your fit.



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# A Heart for the City

Central's annual Missions & Outreach weekend is September 29-30, with a few special events prior to and numerous missionaries visiting with us that week. This year's theme is "A Heart for the City," and we're especially excited to welcome Pastor Mike Jones as our guest preacher on Sunday.

Pastor Jones graduated from Covenant Theological Seminary here in St. Louis and is a highly recognized community and spiritual leader who serves with excellence and integrity as Senior Pastor of Friendly Temple M. B. Church. He has significantly impacted the greater St. Louis metropolitan area with a special focus on community revitalization, outreach, and development. Pastor Jones has been described as having "a great enthusiasm for God's word and people. His commitment is exemplified through service and by living the principle based on 'the least of these.'"

Also joining us for worship that day will be Marty Nystrom, who has written numerous popular Christian worship songs, including "As the Deer." Nystrom is also a published writer. In 2006, Standard Publishing released his collection of

humorous poems entitled *Don't Mess With Moses!* He has also recently written a sequel to that book which he hopes will be in print soon. The purpose of his two books is to pique kids curiosity about the Bible and to see it as interesting, exciting, and well worth reading.

Another highlight on Sunday will be visits from many of the local ministries with which Central partners. Representatives of these groups will be visiting our kid, student, and adult Sunday school classes. Among the ministries that will be represented: Crisis Aid, Harvest, Friends of Adams, Refugio, Urban Young Life, and jail ministries for men and women.

Every ministry is so important in the kingdom of God. From international missions work in countries such as India and Honduras to local ministries like Harvest and Urban Young Life, God can be clearly seen at work in the lives of his people.

We are very excited for Missions weekend, and we hope to see all of you there! Please mark your calendars and watch for more details coming soon to [www.centralpres.com](http://www.centralpres.com).

## 30th Anniversary

We would love to welcome you to a very special anniversary season here at Central! Thirty years ago Central looked to future generations by commissioning a new pipe organ and founding a concert series, a vision which endures to this day at the intersection of music and faith.

This 30th anniversary season, our concert series will celebrate that heritage while looking to the future, with recitals featuring the organ and the piano, a concert of worship in today's multicultural environment, and performances of the iconic masterwork by Handel, *Messiah!*

Our concerts are for our community and are free to the public. We invite you to come and encourage you to bring your family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors to experience these moving events.

Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for more information about the Series at [www.centralpres.com](http://www.centralpres.com).

## Movie Night

Central's Life Team will host a free showing of *Priceless* (2016) in the Student Center on Friday, October 5, at 6:45 p.m. Inspired by true events, *Priceless* tells the powerful story of James, a young widower who has lost custody of his daughter and is unable to hold down a job. Angry, desperate, and at the darkest crossroads of his life, James agrees to drive a box truck across the country for cash—no questions asked. When he discovers his priceless cargo, however, his time of trial turns into a time of life-changing choice.

Watching James's experience can prompt us to reflect on our own lives. Do we do the right thing even when it's difficult? We will consider this question and others in the short discussion following the film.

Rated PG-13 (due to mature thematic material involving human trafficking and to some violence), *Priceless* is appropriate for teens and adults.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted to help defray the costs of the evening. Free popcorn, cookies, and drinks will be provided.

### Central's Bible Reading Plan

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

#### Monday, Sept. 24

- Ezra 1
- Psalms 84-85
- Luke 7

#### Tuesday, Sept. 25

- Ezra 2-3
- Luke 8

#### Wednesday, Sept. 26

- Ezra 4
- Psalm 113 & 127
- Luke 9

#### Thursday, Sept. 27

- Haggai 1-2
- Psalm 129
- Luke 10

#### Friday, Sept. 28

- Zechariah 1-3
- Luke 11

#### Saturday, Sept. 29

- Zechariah 4-6
- Luke 12

#### Sunday, Sept. 30

- Zechariah 7-9
- Luke 13

## 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 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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### Please share my request with:

- All intercessors
- Active elders only
- Pastors only
- Please contact me about my prayer request