

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.

– January 13, 2019 –

- 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

Sunday

Prayer
Prayer Room, 7:30am

Worship
8:30 & 11:15am

Sunday School - All Ages
10am

GRACE Training
5pm

Wednesday

Men's Fellowship
Parlor, 12pm
Ray Prosperi, speaker

Thursday

Women's Study Group
Parlor, 9:30am

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Simply text CENTRALPRES to 77977. You can make a one-time or recurring gift in about a minute. You can also give securely on our website at www.centralpres.com/giving.

Upcoming Events, News, & More

To learn more, visit www.centralpres.com or call 314-727-2777

Elizabeth Stephens will be leading our new 11:15 Children's Church! She and Kim Burzinski, our leader at 8:30, will be coordinating their efforts for this program, which focuses on age-appropriate worship, instruction, and practice.

Kids (ages 3 years – 1st grade) will meet their leaders at the front of the Sanctuary during the time of connection to be dismissed. Children's Church kids will be brought back to the Sanctuary after the sermon.

Taste of Central returns TODAY from 10-11am in the Fellowship Hall. If you are new to Central or have questions and would like to learn more about our church, make plans to stop by!

The annual "vision trip" to visit the Micah Project in Honduras is March 28-31, 2019. If you've ever considered going on a short-term mission trip, this is a great option, but space is limited. Please contact Carol Mulick (314-727-2777 or cmulick@centralpres.com) for more info.

EquipCentral returns on February 6 this year. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday nights!

Are you on social media? Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Vimeo! Visit centralpres.com/ contact for links to our pages.

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.

Sunshine Ministries is committed to providing high quality Christian social services to the poor and needy of St. Louis, and Central has proudly supported them for many years. You can help by donating food items. Drop off your donation at the basket near the Davis doors. Volunteers take your donations down to Sunshine each week.

Volunteering in the church is an easy way to make a big difference. Contact Kate Spielman (kspielman@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777) for info.



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Women's Retreat 2019

We want you to join us for our upcoming 2019 Women's Retreat, "The Greatest of These Is Love," at Pere Marquette on January 25-26. We will have the chance to take time out of our busy schedules to see how loving a Father we have. In order to do this, we will have some of our very own Central women sharing their lives by letting us see where they have experienced the love of God our Father. We will be able to give glory to God for his testimony and work among us.

Jaimie Afshari, Director of Women's Ministries at Central, said, "Last year, we talked about what hope looks like. This year, we're talking about love, using 1 Corinthians 13 as our guide. Hearing how fiercely God loves his children will be a great encouragement to our faith and will spur us on to keep our hope in Jesus."

Besides hearing from our sisters, we will worship together and praise the Lord through song. There will also be plenty of time for some fun and games, too. If you are a cold-weather fan, you can enjoy a nice hike and, when you're done, warm up by the fire. We also hear Pere Marquette will

make some great meals while we fellowship around the table.

You might be wondering why we choose to hold our annual retreat in January. After all, the holidays have just ended, school is starting again, and it can be a very tiring and lonely time. January can be a difficult month, and it is for all these reasons that we have our retreat in January. It's the perfect antidote for the post-holiday season.

Many women who have come on our retreat have felt encouraged and better equipped for the journey when another sister opens her heart—not to show us the glories of accomplishment and triumph—but to proclaim God's love.

All women 16-106 are welcome. If you are looking for a way to connect with other women or grow the relationships you have, the retreat is a great place to do that, and you have one more week to register!

Registration for our 2019 Women's Retreat closes on January 8. The cost to attend is now \$155, but if you only want to attend on Saturday, the cost is \$80. To register, please visit www.centralpres.com.

GRACE Training

Central is hosting GRACE (Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment) TONIGHT, from 5-8pm. You are invited to this important congregation-wide event. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, teacher, coach, or just a neighbor of a child, this evening of equipping will help us all to better safeguard our children. Dinner will also be served.

GRACE is a ministry designed to help churches become the safest communities for the vulnerable and the most welcoming and loving for those who have been impacted by abuse. The GRACE team is comprised of mental health experts, former prosecutors, and pastors who possess a combined experience of over 100 years addressing abuse-related issues. Empowering God's people to love the vulnerable and wounded as Jesus does is nothing more and nothing less than the fulfillment of his teaching.

We hope you will join us tonight for this most important event.

Discover Central

Discover your place in the family of God at Central! If you are new to Central or would just like to learn more about the church, we have the class for you, **and it begins next Sunday at 10am.**

Discovery is a four-week class providing a chance to learn more about the basic beliefs, history, and ministry of Central. It's a chance to meet people and discover ways to "know, be known, and make known" here. As one member who recently went through the class said, "It provided a friendly, inviting opportunity to learn about Central's beliefs, community life, and vision."

There is no expectation to continue to the Membership class after Discovery ends, but Discovery is a prerequisite for Membership. The eight-week Membership class studies our beliefs and practices in more detail and helps you learn ways to connect and serve at Central.

For more info, please visit www.centralpres.com/discovery or contact Carol (314-727-2777 or cmulick@centralpres.com).

Central's Bible Reading Plan

Also available on our app, centralpres.com/gettheapp

Monday, January 14

- Genesis 34-36
- Luke 14

Tuesday, January 15

- Genesis 37-38
- Psalm 7
- Luke 15

Wednesday, Jan. 16

- Genesis 39-41
- Luke 16

Thursday, Jan. 17

- Genesis 42-43
- Psalm 5
- Luke 17

Friday, January 18

- Genesis 44-46
- Luke 18

Saturday, Jan. 19

- Genesis 47-48
- Psalm 10
- Luke 19

Sunday, January 20

- Genesis 49-50
- Psalm 8
- Luke 20

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):

Please share my request with:

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

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