

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 20, 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

Tear Here → ← Tear Here
**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

Wednesday

Men's Fellowship
Parlor, 12pm
Randy Mayfield,
speaker

College Ministry
DUC, 7:30pm

Thursday

Women's Study Group
Parlor, 9:30am

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Upcoming Events, News, & More

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Children's church is now offered for both services!

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.

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

**The Winter missions lunch
will be on Sunday, February
3, at 12:30pm.** Everyone is invited to this free lunch to hear from our special guest, Jamal, our missionary who serves in the Middle East, about his ongoing work with refugees and government leaders in Iraq and Jordan.

**Sunshine Ministries is
committed to providing
high quality Christian social
services,** 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.

**Save the date! On Saturday,
February 16, from 2-3pm,**

Randy Mayfield will be hosting a children's concert! The concert is ideal for kids ages 1-7 years and their families.

**Pre-registration for the PEEPs
summer session and/or the
2019-20 school year** begins February 1 for Central members. To register for PEEPs or for more information, visit [www.
centralpres.com/peeps](http://www.centralpres.com/peeps).

**Our PEEPs program is looking
for teachers, including subs,
for the 2019-20 year.** If interested, contact Christine (cvandervoort@centralpres.com).

**Missions has transportation
needs for visiting missionaries.** Many of the folks who are scheduled to visit need a vehicle, and some will have their whole family, so a van or larger vehicle is preferable. Also, our missionaries in Italy, the Rinns, have a daughter attending college in St. Louis, and she is seeking a reliable used car. If you or someone you know has a vehicle they could lend or donate to Central missions, please contact Carol (cmulick@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777). All donations are, of course, tax deductible.



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The Sanctity of Life

When God created the world, He intentionally made human beings in His own image. The Bible says God made Adam from the dust and *breathed* life into him. Life is not something we can ever take for granted. Life is given to us--breathed into us--by God Himself. Sadly, all too often the world around us seems to forget about the sacredness of life. So how can the church remind the world just how beautiful, important, and miraculous life is?

Central has been blessed to work alongside several ministries focused entirely on preserving the sanctity of life. One such ministry is ThriVe. A ministry supported by Central for many years, ThriVe is a local Christ-centered organization empowering people to make life-affirming and healthy decisions about sex, pregnancy, and relationships. From counseling and referrals to providing a safe place to live for pregnant women without alternatives, ThriVe helps people in the midst of often frightening and confusing circumstances.

Every year, Central's women host a baby shower to provide diapers and other essentials of new mothers. Together, Central

and ThriVe are proving to St. Louis that life in every form is valued and loved.

Central has also blessed by our very own Life Team, a ministry striving to raise awareness for many life issues. Did you know the blood drives Central hosts each year are sponsored and coordinated by the Life Team? They also host movie nights, workshops, and other events to educate and raise awareness about life-affirming opportunities and issues.

Life is sacred without question. We are made in the image of God himself, the creator of heaven and earth. For that reason alone, every single life is to be cherished, valued, and respected. Central has been, is, and always will be a life-affirming church.

There are many opportunities for you to support ministries such as ThriVe, our Life Team, and others such as Sunshine Ministries, Hope Unlimited, and Crisis Aid International. If you want to learn more about these ministries and/or would like to give your support, please contact Pastor Ben Tzeng (btzeng@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777) or visit our website, www.centralpres.com.

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 TODAY 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).

Worship Together

The concept of multicultural worship can be a sensitive topic. People tend to shy away from even considering music or practices outside their cultural norm. There may be fear of not being authentic or doing it "right" or just a simple fear of change. Yet the gospel is for all.

"Worship Together" is a two-part event on Saturday, February 2. Part One is a daytime workshop for musicians and worship leaders to help them explore this conversation in an informed, authentic, and safe way. The goal is to create greater awareness of issues surrounding multicultural worship. For information, email Matt (mmazzoni@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777).

Part Two is a powerful evening of worship beginning at 7pm. Featuring worship leaders Michelle Higgins (South City Church) and Mary Higgins (Central West End Church), as well as keyboardist Carl Caldwell (Chattanooga, TN), this concert will draw us into a deeper conversation through music, regardless of who we are.

Central's Bible Reading Plan

Also available on our app, centralpres.com/gettheapp

Monday, January 21

- ☐ Exodus 1-2
- ☐ Psalm 88
- ☐ Luke 21

Tuesday, Jan. 22

- ☐ Exodus 3-5
- ☐ Luke 22

Wednesday, Jan. 23

- ☐ Exodus 6-8
- ☐ Luke 23

Thursday, Jan. 24

- ☐ Exodus 9-11
- ☐ Luke 24

Friday, January 25

- ☐ Exodus 12-13
- ☐ Psalm 21
- ☐ Acts 1

Saturday, Jan. 26

- ☐ Exodus 14-16
- ☐ Acts 2

Sunday, January 27

- ☐ Exodus 17-20
- ☐ Acts 3

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