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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.

– January 27, 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:

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This Week @ Central

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Sunday

Prayer
Prayer Room, 7:30am

Worship
8:30 & 11:15am

Sunday School
10am

Tuesday

Women in Ministry
Fellowship Hall, 9am

Wednesday

Men's Fellowship
Parlor, 12pm
Eric Schmidt,
Speaker

EquipCentral
Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm

College Ministry
DUC, 7:30pm

Thursday

Women's Study Group
Parlor, 9:30am

Friday

Women's Study Group
Parlor, 9:30am

Women's Retreat
Pere Marquette

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We regret to announce the cancellation of our February 2 concert.

We were very much looking forward to this opportunity to grow our unity through musical diversity with other communities as we worship the Lord Jesus together. However, we are concerned that unanticipated recent events outside of our church, unrelated to Central, could adversely affect the purpose of this concert. We look forward to seeing you and your friends at the next Central concert event on March 1.

The winter missions lunch will be NEXT 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.

High school night returns next Sunday!

Come join us Sunday nights at 6:30 pm. After some games, we'll hear a lesson from our high school leader Matt Woodson. Hope to see you there!

All middle school students are invited to join us for Human Foosball on February 8!

Cost to attend is \$10 a person. For more information, please contact Jenn (janderson@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777).

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.

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

Are you a high school senior or in college? We want to invite you to join us for the annual Jubilee Conference!

If you would like more information on the conference or on CCO, or if you want to register to attend, contact Cole Lescher (clescher@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777).



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EQUIPCENTRAL RETURNS

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EquipCentral Returns!

EquipCentral will be back in full swing next Wednesday evening, February 6, at 5:30pm. As the name implies, it is our goal to help equip and prepare you to live out your calling as a daughter or son of the Lord.

EquipCentral begins with a FREE dinner, and afterwards you can choose one of the many options of classes to engage your mind and heart. Middle and high school students will enjoy their own Bible study; and for adults, we have many groups to choose from.

Pastor Ben Tzeng will be teaching "Knowing God" in the Parlor. Pastor Ben's class will discuss questions such as 'Who is God?' in an interactive way to explore how to develop a growing relationship with God. We invite anyone from different backgrounds and understandings who wants to grow spiritually.

Central members Karl and Karen Pollack and Austin and Sue Winkleman will be leading "The Art of Parenting" in the Gathering Place, using video lessons to explore practical ways to help our children develop a Christ-centered identity, character, relationships, and mission.

Jamie Afshari and Linda Farley are also teaching a women's

Bible study which will meet in Classroom A. This group provides a place for women of all ages to grow spiritually by learning and applying God's word and by connecting with one another. We will be studying Ruth and Esther this semester.

The men's Bible study will be taught by Bob Denckhoff and Travis Martin in the Library. Together, we will study 1 Corinthians. Our study will focus on applying the Bible's teaching to the practical, daily concerns of men.

For single mothers, Tina Holland, Nancy Kay, and Peggy Morgan will be teaching a class in the Bride's Room. This group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month to study God's word as well as address the unique needs of being a single parent.

Last, but not least, Matt Mazzone will again lead the Chancel Choir, which will meet in the Choir Room. The choir sings for Sunday services at 8:30 and for special services and concerts. All are welcome regardless of experience and ability.

We sincerely hope you'll join us this semester! Classes begin at 6:30. You can get all the details, or register for classes at www.centralpres.com/eqc.

Kingdom Challenge Recap

As you heard last week in worship, December giving totaled \$954,614. Thank you for your generous giving! You helped us to finish 2018 with strength. December expenses are still being totaled, but we will finish the year 2018 "in the black" and will likely have a modest surplus, allowing us to start 2019 with positive momentum.

The 2019 budget is largely flat year-over-year, with the exception of basic benefit and salary adjustments for our staff. Your Session and staff leadership did adopt one ministry increase, though. In partnership with Pastor Randy and the Missions team, we added \$35,000 to the Missions ministry budget in 2019. This is in addition to the \$507,000 already committed to our missionaries and mission agencies around the world and down the block. This increase allows Pastor Randy and the Missions team to support our missionaries even better, and it is only possible because of your generosity. On behalf of your Session and staff, thank you!

Questions about the church budget? Feel free to contact our executive administrator, Tim Page, at tpage@centralpres.com or by calling the church office.

Life-Affirming Ministries

Central is blessed to work with life-affirming ministries. One such group is ThriVe, which serves the women of St. Louis who have been touched by abortion. Their services include restorative healing and refuge for women who have suffered from a past abortion and free and confidential health services for women facing an unplanned pregnancy.

To get involved with this Christ-centered, life-affirming ministry, contact ThriVe at 314.783.3040 or volunteer@thrivestlouis.org.

Central's Life Team is another ministry which sponsors a variety of life-affirming events. From blood drives to movie nights, workshops, and other events, the Life Team educates and raises awareness about life-related issues.

There are many opportunities for you to support ministries such as ThriVe or the Life Team. To learn how you can get involved, please contact Pastor Ben Tzeng (btzeng@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777) or visit our website, www.centralpres.com.

Central's Bible Reading Plan

Also available on our app, centralpres.com/gettheapp

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Monday, January 28

- Exodus 21-22
- Psalm 12
- Acts 4

Tuesday, Jan. 29

- Exodus 23-24
- Psalm 14
- Acts 5

Wednesday, Jan. 30

- Exodus 25-27
- Acts 6

Thursday, Jan. 31

- Exodus 28-29
- Acts 7

Friday, February 1

- Exodus 30-32
- Acts 8

Saturday, Feb. 2

- Exodus 33-34
- Psalm 16
- Acts 9

Sunday, February 3

- Exodus 35-36
- Acts 10

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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