



# INFO Central

## Central Presbyterian Church

February 2, 2014

*A Worshiping Community Finding  
Purpose for Life Between Sundays*

### Upcoming @ Central

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CollegeCentral  
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### EquipCentral Menu for Feb. 5

- Hot Brown Casserole
- Strawberry & Craisin Salad
- Country Style Green Beans
- French Bread
- Oatmeal Craisin Cookies

## Pastoral Search Update: Pastor Bob Hopper Hired as Consultant

In the months since its formation, the pastoral search committee has prayerfully sought to understand the Lord's will for Central. As it became apparent the search for our next senior pastor will likely take some time to complete, the session announced in December its intent to search for an interim pastor for Central. This search is underway, with the Personnel Committee leading the process with the intent of having an interim pastor in place by summer of 2014.

A unique opportunity has emerged that will provide important assistance to Central in the period between now and this summer. Our Stated Clerk, Jeff Jeremiah, recommended Pastor Bob Hopper to Central as a pastor with particular experience leading churches through change. He perceived Bob's gifts and recent experience might provide unique value to Central. As the Personnel Committee interviewed Bob and explored how he might fit with Central, it became clear he could provide substantive value to us in the time between now and when the longer-term interim is retained.

We are pleased to report that on Monday January 27, your Session unanimously approved a recommendation from the Personnel Committee to hire Pastor Bob Hopper (Bob) as a pastoral consultant to Central. Bob has unique experience in helping churches manage change, and we pray that he will be a key part of helping Central to move forward in the coming months. We want to share with you two aspects of this important decision.

### Scope of Work

As Central searches for our next pastor, the Session and Search Committee are seeking to comprehensively understand "who we are" and "where we are going." Bob

will be spending meaningful time with elders, staff, and lay leaders to help us answer these questions and make recommendations to the Session on how we can grow stronger for the Lord's work. Bob comes highly recommended and has provided similar consultation to other churches, most recently Eastminster Presbyterian in Wichita.

### Background Information

Bob is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. In recent years he has helped lead three churches through times of change, and comes to Central with outstanding recommendations. Bob is also a gifted preacher of God's word. During the interview process the Personnel Committee spent time listening to Bob's sermons on-line and felt deep gospel-resonance in the way the Lord uses Bob to point hearts and minds to the hope that we have in Christ. Bob will preach occasionally at Central, complementing Eric Stiller and collaborating

with him on future messages. Please continue to pray with us in the weeks and months ahead, that we would continue to yield to the Lord's merciful leading and wisdom.



## Game On! CCS Auction @ Busch Stadium

Please join us for Central Christian School's annual fundraising event and an evening of fun and fellowship. Game On! will be held on Saturday March 8 in the Redbird Club at Busch Stadium. Individual tickets are \$65, and tables of 8 are \$520. Your ticket includes admission to the Redbird Club, competitive entertainment, silent and live auction, the famous home run nacho bar and your favorite ballpark snacks, non-alcoholic drinks, and parking. Register today at <https://ccsstl.ejoinme.org/ImGame>



## Installation Service for Eric Stiller

Please make plans now to join us on Sunday February 16 at 5 p.m. to help celebrate Eric Stiller's installation as an Associate Pastor at Central Presbyterian Church. Eric's installation will take place as part of the Trio worship service. Eric has been serving faithfully at Central for eight years, and we have all been richly blessed by his gospel-centered preaching, particularly over the past four months since Dan Doriani's return to Covenant Seminary.

## PEEPS Registration

PEEPs, Central's weekday early education program for children 8 weeks to 5 years old, is currently accepting re-enrollment forms from current PEEPs families. New registration for Central members begins February 3, and open enrollment starts February 17. PEEPs is a parents' day out program with a difference! For more information, contact Christine Vandervoort, PEEPs director (314-854-0145 or [cvandervoort@centralpres.com](mailto:cvandervoort@centralpres.com)).

## March for Life: Seeing God's Grace

Eight Central members attended the annual March for Life last week. They prayed, endured hardships, made new friends, worshiped, and heard compelling testimonies of God's grace. Perhaps the most powerful experiences were the "Silent No More" testimonies given by mothers or fathers of an aborted child. They would tell of the fear, pressure, and lies which led them to choose abortion, sharing the injury, pain, shame, and depression which followed. They testified to the saving grace of Jesus Christ calling them to confession and providing forgiveness, mercy, reconciliation to God, and restoration through Christ. Although the evil of abortion had made them silent, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ makes them "Silent No More." Please take the time to chat with those who went on the March for Life this year: Jessica Andersen, Bryon Boyle, Gloria Guerra, Paul Reising, Naima Wartts, Brenda Whitten, Julie Whitten, and Sarah Whitten.

## Missions Update: Jim & Phylis Cook

### Academic Connections, Louisville, CO

Jim serves as Executive Director of Academic Connections. It is the mission of Academic Connections to help create and resource an international network of Christian faculty and scholars principally at secular institutions of higher learning, which will find expression in those local communities.



### Prayer Requests

- Praise God as we start a new year of ministry.
- Pray for future travel plans.
- Pray for us as we search for health insurance.
- Pray for Christians working on secular campuses as professors and staff.

## Divorce Recovery Group Starting Feb. 17

Next Chapter is a 14-week divorce recovery support group designed to support those walking through the pain and disruption of separation and divorce. The groups are led by male and female co-facilitators who have personally experienced the crisis and pain of separation and divorce, walked through a period of adjustment, and are now living out the next chapter of their lives. If you, a family member, or friend is facing a similar journey, please pick up or pass on the Next Chapter registration brochures located just outside either side of the sanctuary, or for additional information regarding the group please contact the coordinator of Next Chapter, Craig Nelson (314-324-5627 or [craiganelson@att.net](mailto:craiganelson@att.net)). To register please contact Jamie Stowell (314-854-0197 or [jstowell@centralpres.com](mailto:jstowell@centralpres.com)).

## Support for Women Suffering from Anxiety

Beginning February 21, we will be offering a 12-week counseling group for women on the issue of anxiety. Learn how to identify the roots and triggers of your anxiety, how anxiety affects your close relationships, and practical help to lower and manage your anxiety. The goal is to help women process this aspect of their lives and develop less anxious patterns in their personal relationships. This confidential group will be led by Margaret Killeen, LPC at the offices of Killeen Counseling at 7700 Clayton Rd., Ste. 303. The cost is \$250 for Central members (reduced rate). A \$100 deposit is due upon registration with the balance due in March. Please contact Hillary Coffee ([hcoffee@centralpres.com](mailto:hcoffee@centralpres.com)) or Margaret Killeen (314-720-2710 or [killeencounseling.com](http://killeencounseling.com)).