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Join the Conversation

Beginning **TONIGHT, Wednesday September 11, 6:30 – 7:30 PM**, and continuing through Thanksgiving, come explore your spiritual development through reading, reflecting, and sharing. We will use the book **Falling Upward** by Fr. Richard Rohr, available at www.cac.org, or your favorite book seller. The book also has an

accompanying work book that we will be using. Join us in Room 240 for conversations and more. Questions? Contact Don Martin.

DORCAS is ON THE MOVE!

Our first Dorcas meeting of the 2019-2020 program year is Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Disciples Room. Join in the fun of getting to know each other better, and be inspired by learning about the good works of Webster-Cantrell Hall. We'll learn about this year's timely programs, listen to a relevant devotion, and enjoy delicious refreshments. We sincerely welcome all Central women to join in the fellowship of Dorcas Disciples. RSVP to Nancy Ellen Taylor at xstra@sbcglobal.net or 872-9174 by Friday, September 13th. For more information about Dorcas Disciples, contact Sandy Garver at 877-0800 or revrag@comcast.net.



Financial Peace University

Another 10-week Financial Peace University class is being held this Fall at Central! It will be held on Mondays from 6 – 8 p.m. beginning on September 9 and concluding November 4. You can sign up at:



www.fpu.com/1093777. Cost of the class is \$109 per person (or couple).

SUNDAY, September 15, 2019
WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.
Erring on the Side of Inclusion
Text: Luke 15:1-10
Michael E. Karunas

Preschool News

Hello Central Christian Church! The preschool is back in session and ready for a fantastic year! The students are busy getting to know the classroom rules and routines, and the teachers are busy getting to know the students and their families. By the time you read this, we will have been to Chapel twice and had our annual vision and hearing screening. So far, the playground seems to be the favorite activity and, luckily, the weather has cooperated!

Jennifer Van Dyke
Director

Chalice Class

Title: Weather Forecasts



Focus: Weather forecasts have improved dramatically over the past several decades. What are the reasons for this improvement? What are the limitations? How has this affected the way we respond to weather information? How does our faith help us navigate the tensions between predictability and uncertainty?

Counting On You
Sunday, September 8, 2019
Worship Attendance 244
Sunday School & Small Groups.....67

"Preparing for the Future"

Do you remember what you wanted to be "when you grew up?" What you first dreamed of being when you were a small child? It's a question we ask of children from time to time. It's something we probably thought about when we ourselves were young children, but only in the vaguest and most conceptual of terms. In my first year of ministry, I asked this question during the children's message. One girl, about 4-5 at the time, chimed up boisterously, "I want to be a doctor!," then there was a bit of pause before she continued, "or a checker at Walmart!" Today she is in her mid-20s and, to my knowledge, chose neither of those two career options. Me? I remember thinking of wanting to be an astronaut, a fireman, or a baseball player. Certainly they were more glamorous to imagine than a *biostatistician*, which both of my parents were.

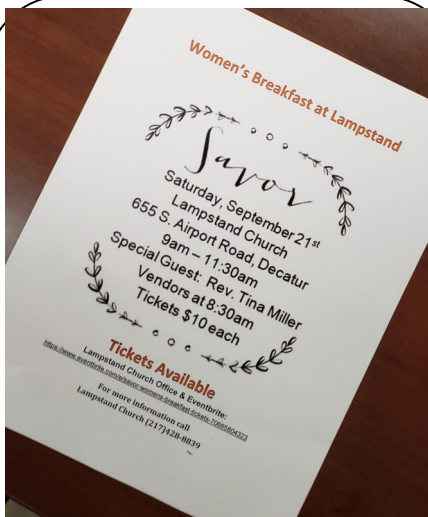
It is not until much later that we begin to take our future career paths seriously. Often, there are fits and starts, as we pursue one option and venture down its path, only to veer off and be led in a new direction. For those who attend college, it is not uncommon to "switch majors" multiple times in a 4-5 year period. There may be historical reasons for this. Generationally, much has changed in the last half-century. There was a time when one might enter a trade or profession and remain in it their entire working career. Today, the average person is likely to change jobs and even vocational areas multiple times throughout their lifetime, and the Gig Economy practically ensures that there will be a diversity of options pursued as one finds their way as a working adult.

What hasn't changed, however, is the need to prepare oneself for their intended future. Regardless of the career path one chooses, in order to be a viable candidate in that field, preparation is required. This could be a combination of formal education, practical experience, and networking savvy.

In Luke 14:25-33, our scripture for last Sunday, Jesus speaks about undertaking building projects and kings and generals going off to war. He is not, however, referring to the professions (architecture and the military, for example). On the contrary, the focus is *preparation*. It is about not charging into the future without giving thought to what the future requires of you. Ultimately, the future to which we are all called – as his followers – is that of disciples. Jesus wants us to have a clear picture of the demanding life and lifestyle to which we are called. It is one of being willing to "take the lower place" (Luke 14:10) and "inviting to your table those who cannot repay you" (Luke 14:12-14). It is one of putting the eternal promises of Christ over the competition for earthly and temporary things (Luke 14:15-21), and it is one of choosing to value the relationship we have with Christ over the material possessions that can bring us so much comfort.

Regardless of our occupation in life, we are all called to the spiritual vocation of discipleship. On that path, Jesus desires that we have a clear picture of what that entails. For while the blessings it offers are abundant, so is the responsibility, and it is in the intersection of blessing and responsibility that we are changed and others are changed through our own transformation.

Blessings... Michael



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Tina Miller will lead teaching and conversation at SAVOR: A women's breakfast at Lampstand Church. We'll unpack Proverbs 4:23, learn what it means to guard your heart, and explore ways to do it better. Come for impactful teaching and deep conversations.

Tickets available at:

<https://evenbright.com/e/savor-womens-breakfast-tickets-70665804323>

or call Lampstand Church at 217.428.8839.

Attention Parents:

We are updating our files. Please be sure to get a student form from your child's Sunday school leader. Complete the form and return it to the leader or church office.

Thank you.

Youth Outing at Camp Walter Scott

Our theme for the weekend is going to be "Finding Peace in School". We will focus on physical peace/safety and the unrest that comes with that (fights, bullying, violence) as well as mental peace (managing stress, time management, expectations).

- 9.14.19: 1:00 pm—Load the bus
- 1:30 pm—Leave for Camp Walter Scott
- 9.15.19: 2:30 pm—Return to Central

Webster-Cantrell Seeking Foster Families

Webster-Cantrell Hall, an organization with whom Central has had a long-standing relationship and for whom several of our church members serve on the board of directors, is on a crusade to recruit families that can provide safe, nurturing, and loving homes for abused and neglected youth. If you are interested in becoming a licensed foster parent, please contact Cynthia Cherry or Monique Howell at 423-6961.



Online Directory Information



We have had some questions, re: the online directory. Each member should have received a link to view the directory online when they received their portraits. If you do not have this link, you can request it by reaching out to the church office via phone or email. Members do not have access to change their own information online. If you would like to update your phone, address, or email info on the online directory,

please contact Kathleen in the church office, and we can update that for you.

In Sympathy We Mourn

We grieve with Jim, Pamela, and Jarrett Bednar the passing of Jim's father, James, this week. A link to an obituary for James can be found here: <https://www.brintlingerandearl.com/obituary/james-bednar> A service for James will take place on Saturday, September 14 at 1:00 p.m., with visitation taking place the two hours prior. Thank you for keeping the Bednar family in your prayers.



Central Christian Church Brass Choir

The Brass Choir rehearses on Thursdays, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, in the Disciples Room. We provide music in worship 4-5 times a year. Please consider dusting off your instrument and getting your lips in shape so you can join the fun of preparing and performing music in praise of God. Questions? Contact Don Martin at the church or David Bottom 855-4849.



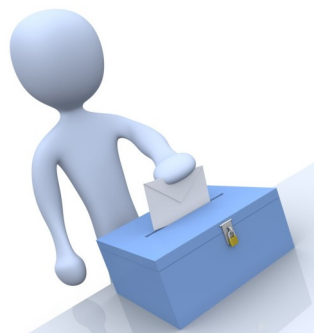
Bell Ringers

We have an opportunity for bell ringers to join forces with the ringers at First Baptist church under the direction of Mike Waltenberger. Rehearsals will be at the First Baptist Church on Wed. evenings at 6:00pm – 6:45pm. Questions? Contact Don Martin.



Nominating Committee taking Suggestions

The nominating committee is meeting this month and would like to hear from you regarding those you think should serve in the capacity of elder, deacon or trustee. In addition, the committee would take your suggestions for deacon and elder emeritus. You will find nominating sheets in the Welcome Center and can pick one up on Sunday or during the week. Thank you.



Sunday (15)

Youth Retreat returns from camp

- 8:00-Traditional Worship Service
- 9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
- 9:00-Fellowship Coffee
- 9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes
- 9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:30-Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

Monday (16)

- 10:00-Operations Committee, Conf. Rm.
- 5:30-Decor Committee, Conn. Café
- 5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes
- 5:30-Spanish Conversations Class, 240
- 6:00-Financial Peace University, Great Hall/Disciples Room

Tuesday (17)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 240
- 10:30-Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- 1:00-MU Class, 240
- 6:30-Dorcas Fellowship, Disciples Room
- 6:30-Heart & Soul Choir, Choir Room/Connection Cafe

Wednesday (18)

- 10:15-Chapel, Friendship Center
- 10:30-Ministers' Meeting
- 2:30-Prayer Shawl Ministry, Disciples Rm.
- 4:15-Peace & Justice Committee, 240
- 5:30-Church Council Committee Meeting

Thursday (19)

- 10:00-AI-Anon, 240
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
- 7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (20)

Saturday (21)

Sunday (22)

- 8:00-Traditional Worship Service
- 9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
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Serving Schedule—Sunday, September 15, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Laura Chapman & Kim Maple
 9:00— Kim Maple

Outreach Communion:

Brett Swallow, Dick Cain, Mark Beal, Tom Spry, Laura Chapman,
 Penny Rutherford, Claudia Quigg

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert,
 Al & Chris Fagin, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner
 9:00— David Wagner
 10:30 -Team 2 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Janet Lyman, Dale Ford,
 Jeannie Rade, Erik Harm, Kathy Kauzlarich, Ron Oliver, Steve
 Swarthout, Cindy Grabowski, Janelle Beedle, Tom & Diane Ritter,
 Paul Gorden, Roberta Gorden, Thomas Karunas, Linda Helton

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad Munos,
 Brittney Moran, Bobby Munos
 10:30 - Team 10 - David Martin, Capt., Matthew Swarthout,
 Gretchen Kirby

Greeters:

8:00 - Gail Prince, Carolyn McCall
 9:00— Kathy Matherly
 10:30 - Steve & Carrie Funk

Acolytes:

10:30 - Julina & Jordan Lindsey

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Pat Penhallegon
 10:30—Mike Kirby

Preparation of Communion:

Jean & Judson Pease, Susan Bryant, Donna Dash

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Mark Beal 433-6081
 Sunday School and 10:30 service - John Baird 429-5651

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30—Mike Kirby
 9:00—Sandy Schultz

Hospitality:

9:00—Cindy
 Grabowski

Tech:

9:00—Jodie Walwer &
 Mike Tanzyus

Sunday School Classes	Floor	Room
Koinonia	2	212
Ecclesia	2R	240
Chalice	2	207
6th grade - 12th grade	2R	280
Kindergarten - 5th grade	2R	230
Nursery (Birth - 5 years old)	1R	150

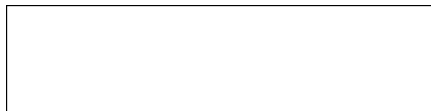
Main Entrance Door Hosts:

September 16 8:30-12:00—Carole McClarey
 September 17 8:30-12:00—Carol Bischoff
 September 18 8:30-12:00—Karen Keller
 September 19 8:30-12:00—Sandy Garver
 September 20 8:30-12:00—Gail Prince

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 Tina Miller.....Associate Minister of CE & Family Life
 David Martin.....Youth Director
 Cordelia “Dee Dee” GainOrganist
 David Williams.....Organist
 Kathleen Dudley.....Administrative Assistant
 Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
 Hannah Brimmer.....Social Media Coordinator
 Cheryl Williams.....Nursery Attendant
 Maddie GenzNursery Attendant
 Kattina WilliamsNursery Attendant
 Jennifer Van Dyke.....Preschool Director
 Paula Partain.....Teacher Assistant
 Lisa Coates.....Preschool Teacher
 Kay Villarreal.....Preschool Teacher
 Amber Marshall.....Preschool Teacher
 Diana Murray.....Preschool Teacher
 Stephanie Nihiser.....Preschool Teacher
 Lora WrightLead Caretaker
 Jim Denzer.....Caretaker
 Andrew Evans.....Caretaker
 Kamaria Collins.....Caretaker

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