

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.

– March 17, 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
10am

Student Central
Student Center, 10am

High School Night
Student Ctr, 6:30pm

Tuesday

Women in Ministry
Home Meetings

Wednesday

Men's Fellowship
Parlor, 12pm

EquipCentral
Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm

College Ministry
Wash. U., 7:30pm

Thursday

Women's Study Group
Parlor, 9:30am

Friday

Women's Study Group
Parlor, 9:30am

EquipCentral Menu

Randy's Roast Beef
Romaine Salad w/
Avocado Ranch Dressing
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Broccoli w/ Cheese
Hawaiian Rolls
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Upcoming Events, News, & More

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

Randy Mayfield & the All-Star Band are in concert THIS Friday, March 22, at 7:30pm at Westminster to benefit African Vision of Hope.

They will be joined by special guests David Mwanza and the Zambian Acapella Brothers. Tickets begin at \$10. For tickets or more information, visit africanvisionofhope.org.

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.

The 2019 Carver Project conference is Friday, April 5. Central Christian School parent and New York Times bestselling illustrator, John Hendrix, will be moderating a panel of artists, musicians, and public speakers. To learn more or register for this free conference, visit www.carverstl.org.

Today is the third Sunday of the month, and that means our students are serving the church in a variety of different ways this morning. Third Serve is a great model for all of us. Choose one Sunday a month to make a difference by giving just a little bit of your time to the church.

To get involved, contact Kate (kspielman@centralpres.com).

The next blood drive is Monday, April 8, from 1 to 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Donating blood is easy and can literally save lives. For more info, visit centralpres.com/giveblood.

Come join us for EquipCentral on Wednesday at 5:30pm!

Dinner is FREE and always features a wonderful menu. Classes begin immediately after dinner, at 6:30. For more info, visit www.centralpres.com.

On Wednesday, April 10, from 6:30-7:30, our grade school and high school students will assemble Easter baskets for Sunshine Mission. If you care to donate effort by purchasing materials, please contact Shari Wynn (swynn@gershman.com).

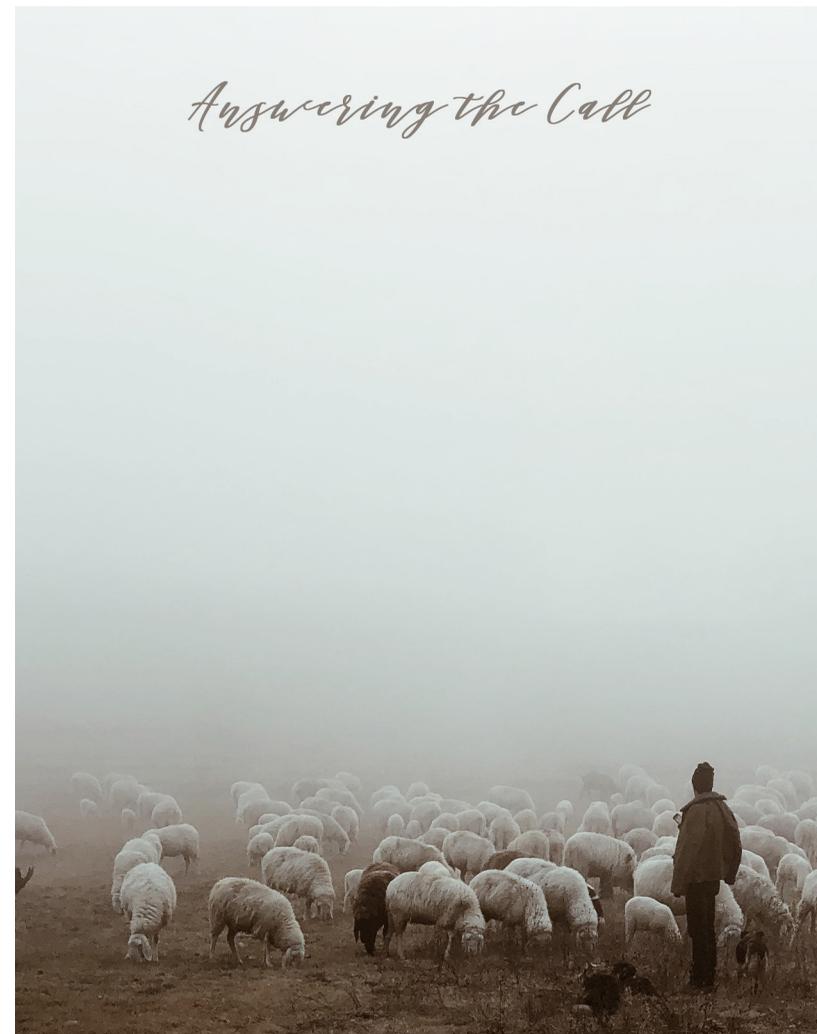
Are you on social media? Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Vimeo! Visit centralpres.com/ contact for links to our pages.

Tech volunteers needed! Are you interested in helping on Sunday mornings with the audio and visuals? Contact Pam Smith (psmith@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777) to learn how to join the team.



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Answering the Call



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by Marjorie Klein

One day in February 2018, my phone displayed a number I did not recognize. I picked up to hear the voice of a Central elder who lives in my Brentwood neighborhood. "Hi," I responded. "You have a question for me? ... Will I help you care for other neighbors in our congregation as a lay shepherd? ... Wow, thank you. I'll need to pray about it."

As I hung up the phone, I had another conversation. "OK, God, is this you guiding me? I feel totally inadequate. Am I ready for this work? Yes, you are training me to depend on you. Yes, Jesus is my Shepherd. Yes, you know me thoroughly. ... When you put it that way, yes, Lord, I will do it. But where do I begin? ... Depend on you, Lord, for everything that this work requires. Yes, Lord, thank you for 1 Thessalonians 5:24, 'The one who calls you is faithful and he will surely do it.' Thank you, Lord, for the privilege of being your hands and feet."

One year later, I am even more excited about this ministry. As a lay shepherd, I've had a front row seat to see God knit together our local "flock." With my local elder, I've contacted our group's members to check in, encourage, and pray with and for them.

An unexpected blessing of being a lay shepherd has been developing relationships with members in my neighborhood. Having met many of them, I enjoy face-to-face meetings as well as phone/text communications. I pray God will put some of my flock members in my path each week, and he consistently has done just that! I can't wait to see which member from our flock God will bring next.

Another blessing of this role has been prayer. As I pray with and for people, I have been encouraged by their prayers for me. Praying for our local flock has become even more meaningful after I heard Pastor Clay's recent sermon on March 3. From Philippians 1:19, Paul wrote, "...for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance." As Pastor Clay pointed out, it is through the prayers of the people of God that an extra measure of Spirit and reinforcement comes.

I am blessed as God sustains and is perfecting me through this shepherding ministry. I continue to be comforted by 1 Thessalonians 5:23, "...may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely...."

Behold the Lamb

Hearing the impactful words and music of Handel's *Messiah* can leave us changed. On Friday, April 12, Central's Chancel Choir and orchestra present the conclusion of this masterwork, singing the story of sacrifice and promised redemption.

Though Parts II and III are heard in their entirety less frequently than Part I, these concluding chapters contain some of Handel's most dramatic and memorable music, including "And We Like Sheep," "The Trumpet Shall Sound," and the incomparable "Hallelujah Chorus." Come and be moved by this sacred story as Easter approaches.

All are welcome and invited to join us for this beautiful concert. There is no cost to attend, so invite your friends, neighbors, and family to come and behold the Lamb of God with us.

If you would like more information on this concert or the Central Concert Series, visit our website at www.centralpres.com/music or contact Matt Mazzoni (mmazzoni@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777).

Spring Storm

Spring Storm is April 26-28, and there is still time to register! We will have a great time worshipping together. This year, our key verse is Galatians 4:6-7, "And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."

We are thrilled that Matt Woodson, our assistant director of student ministry, will be this year's main speaker! Matt is planning some fun and thoughtful messages to help us understand and live out our true identity in Christ. This year's theme will be sure to hit home with our kids as many struggle with mixed messages from our culture about who--and whose--they are.

Spring Storm will once again be held at Lake Williamson, IL. To register, go to centralpres.com/springstorm. Questions or concerns? Please contact Karen Brown, Director of Family Ministries (kbrown@centralpres.com or 314-854-0155).

Central's Bible Reading Plan

Also available on our app, centralpres.com/gettheapp

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Monday, March 18

- Joshua 1-2
- Psalm 37
- 1 Corinthians 3

Tuesday, March 19

- Joshua 3-6
- 1 Corinthians 4

Wednesday, Mar. 20

- Joshua 7-8
- Psalm 69
- 1 Corinthians 5

Thursday, March 21

- Joshua 9-11
- 1 Corinthians 6

Friday, March 22

- Joshua 12-14
- 1 Corinthians 7

Saturday, March 23

- Joshua 15-17
- 1 Corinthians 8

Sunday, March 24

- Joshua 18-20
- 1 Corinthians 9

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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