

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.

– July 21, 2019 –

- 1st-Time Guest Return Guest
 Regular Attender Member
 Updating Personal Information

Service attending today:

- 9am 10:45am

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

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This Week @ Central

Learn more at
www.centralpres.com/calendar

Sunday

Prayer
Prayer Room, 8:30am

CCO Central
9am

Worship
9:00 & 10:45am

Brunch
Fellowship Hall,
9:30am

Tuesday

Tank Top Tuesday
1pm

Wednesday

Kids' Night Out
5pm

CCO Central
6:30pm

Giving to Central is easier than ever!

Simply text CENTRALPRES to 77977. You can make a one-time or recurring gift in about a minute. You can also give securely on our website at www.centralpres.com/giving.

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Upcoming Events, News, & More

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

Get ready for a "roaring" good time at Kids Night Out!

Kids' Night Out is a VBS format held each Wednesday night in July. This year, our kids get to explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. For more information, visit centralpres.com/kno, or contact Karen Brown (kbrown@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777).

Tank Top Tuesdays are back!

All this month, we will be meeting in the Student Center from 1-4pm for games, crafts, snacks, and fellowship. We hope to see you there! If you would like more information, contact Matt Woodson (mwoodson@centralpres.com).

If you are a rising 6th-12th grader, we invite you to attend the youth membership class.

The membership class will walk you through what we believe as well as inform you on the EPC and what it means to be a member of Central. For more information, please contact Jenn Anderson (janderson@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777).

Save the date! On August 20, Women in Ministry is hosting their annual Summer Luncheon: "Meet Me in St. Louis." More detail will be provided in the coming weeks.

We are currently looking for volunteers with experience running sound to help with our tech ministry.

If you are interested or want to learn more, please stop by the sound booth before or after a service, or contact Pam Smith (psmith@centralpres.com).

CCO Central will be meeting next Sunday, July 28, at 9am in the Student Center room 2c.

We will have a brief book study before heading downstairs for brunch together. For more information, contact Pastor Cole (clescher@centralpres.com or 865-228-2769).

Has God been faithful to you? How have you seen the Lord be faithful to your church?

We would LOVE to hear your stories! Throughout this year of celebrating God's faithfulness to Central for 175 years, we want to glorify and honor him by sharing stories of God at work in the lives of his people. To share yours, please visit www.centralpres.com/mystory.

If you are visiting with us, welcome! We're thrilled you are here. Be sure to stop by the Fellowship Hall on the lower level from 9:30-11am for a free and delicious brunch!

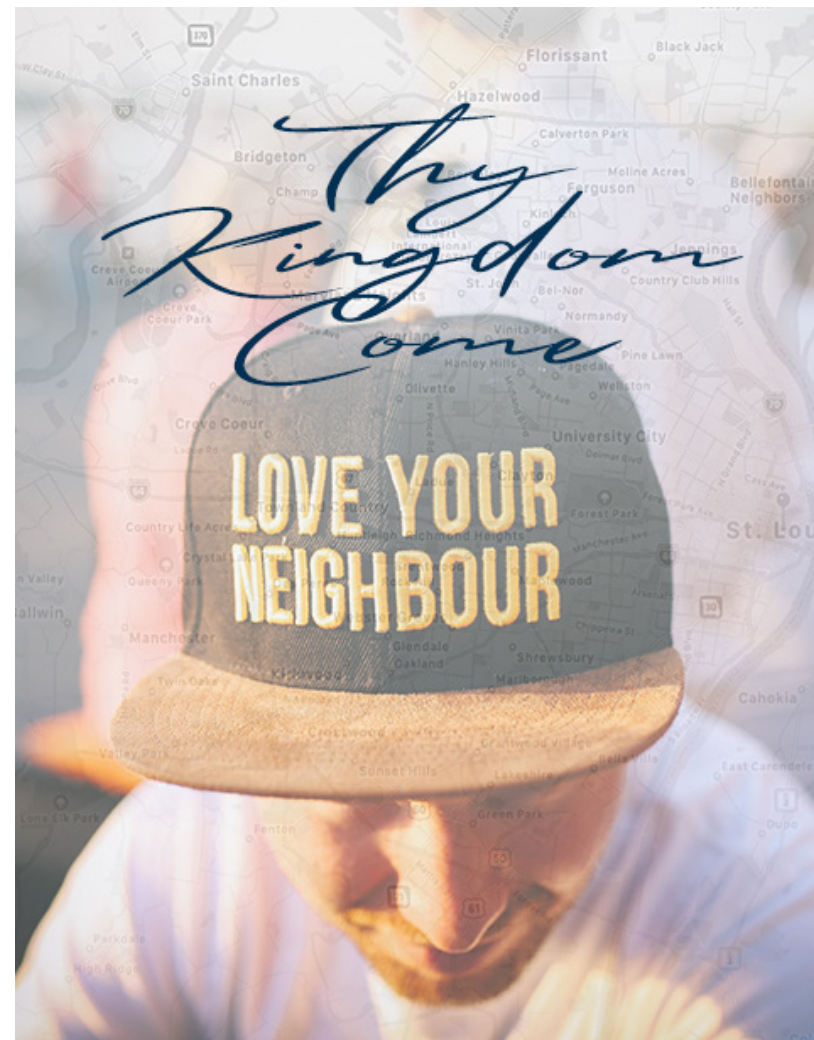


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Thy Kingdom Come

Last Sunday, Pastor Ben Tzeng preached on part of the Lord's Prayer. Specifically, we learned more about God's "Kingdom Come." God has placed Central in St. Louis and in Clayton for a reason, and he calls us to share the Kingdom of Heaven with our neighbors.

Getting involved in loving and serving our community is important, but sometimes it can be hard to find how to get started. Thankfully, you do not have to look far. There are four upcoming events that you can get involved with to love, serve, and engage our community.

On Saturday, July 27, from 8am-2pm, you can help be a part of the largest clean-up effort in St. Louis history. Clean Sweep is clean-up initiative spearheaded by Better Family Life to address one of the city's most pressing issues--the physical condition and environment of more challenged neighborhoods.

Another opportunity to help engage our community is Monarch Jewelry (Christian Ministry of Crisis Aid International) which is dedicated to raising awareness and funds for survivors of sex trafficking. Throughout the months of August and

September, you can donate old jewelry that the ministry will use to repurpose to sell to help with Crisis Aid.

On Saturday, August 17, WashU is hosting the International Student Furniture Giveaway. If you have some furniture and household items that you are willing to donate so that we can reach out to International Students, we invite you to join us at WashU. Donating old furniture is a practical and powerful way to love and support international students.

August 24-25 is the annual Festival of Nations and there is a need for volunteers to help with this event in Tower Grove Park. Festival of Nations is our region's largest multicultural celebration featuring more than 40 food booths, non-stop dance and music, and arts and crafts. There are many ways to serve and be involved where we can again show our loving presence in our community.

For more information on Clean Sweep, Monarch Jewelry, the International Student Furniture Giveaway, or Festival of Nations, or if you would like to learn how to sign up, please contact Pastor Ben Tzeng (btzeng@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777).

Financial Update

You may recall that in mid-June, Pastor Clay informed us that we were falling a bit behind pace for our annual ministry budget, and he invited us to consider how each of us could help.

We are pleased and grateful to report that the overall response to that appeal has been very positive. For the month of June, giving was ~ 50% higher than normal, closing at \$390,605.35. Additionally, the month of July is off to a very strong start. In our 175th year, this response is yet another sign of God's faithfulness to Central.

On behalf of your Session and staff, thank you for helping to catch us back up for the year. We are closing the budget gap thanks to your ongoing generosity. More importantly, you are continuing to empower Central's ministry around the world and down the block.

As you continue to partner with us financially, please pray that the Lord would draw many to himself through the ministry that you make possible.

ONCC Last Week

Central's Officer Nominating Committee of the Congregation (ONCC) is still accepting nominations for elders, deacons, and new members of the ONCC. The deadline for nominations is next Sunday!

The ONCC process is a wonderful opportunity to have a voice in selecting our next classes of elders and deacons. It is also easy to make a nomination. First, please read and pray through what God's word says about church leaders in 1 Timothy 3:1-12 and in Titus 1:6-9.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving Central as an Elder or Deacon, please visit www.centralpres.com/officer-qualifications for more information on officer qualifications as well as to access an online form to submit nominations. We ask that you ask the nominee for their approval in advance before submitting their name.

Paper ballots will also be available at both the Hanley and Davis entrances. Thank you for your prayer and participation in this important process!

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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

Central's Bible Reading Plan

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Monday, July 22

- Isaiah 36-37
- Psalm 76
- 1 Peter 1

Tuesday, July 23

- 2 Kings 20
- Isaiah 38-39
- Psalm 75
- 1 Peter 2

Wednesday, July 24

- Isaiah 40-42
- 1 Peter 3

Thursday, July 25

- Isaiah 43-45
- 1 Peter 4

Friday, July 26

- Isaiah 46-49
- 1 Peter 5

Saturday, July 27

- Isaiah 50-52
- Psalm 92
- 2 Peter 1

Sunday, July 28

- Isaiah 53-56
- 2 Peter 2

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