

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 26, 2020 —

- ☐ 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

Tear Here → ← Tear Here
**This Week
 @ Central**

Learn more at
www.centralpres.com/calendar

Sunday

Prayer

Prayer Room, 8am

Worship

8:30 & 11:15am

Sunday School

10am

High School Night

Student Ctr. 6:30pm

Tuesday

Women in Ministry

Fellowship Hall, 9am

Wednesday

Men's Fellowship

Parlor, 12pm

EquipCentral

Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm

College Ministry

DUC, 8pm

Thursday

Women's Study Group

Parlor, 9:30am

Friday

Men's Study

Student Center, 6am

Women's Study Group

Parlor, 9:30am

EquipCentral Menu

Chicken Strips w/
Dipping Sauces

Cunetto Salad

Pasta con Broccoli

Garlic Bread

Pumpkin Cookies

Upcoming Events, News, & More

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

- CONNECT -

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 between the morning services for coffee and a snack.

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/eqc.

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

- GROW -

Have you ever wondered what it's like to walk where Jesus walked? Join us this upcoming fall as we travel to the holy land of Israel. If you would like to learn more about this trip, as well as other upcoming mission trips in 2020, visit www.centralpres.com/missions or contact Carol Mulick (cmulick@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777).

There are multiple opportunities to get involved in a women's Bible study throughout the week. Bible studies meet on Tuesdays, Wednesday nights, Thursdays, and Fridays. To learn more, visit www.centralpres.com/adults.

You are invited to the men's Friday morning study group.

The group meets in the Student Center at 6am each week. To learn more about this group and this semester's study, visit www.centralpres.com/adults or contact Pastor Mike Farley (mfarley@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777).

- SERVE -

There is a need for parking volunteers, greeters, and ushers for our Sunday morning services. If you can help, please contact Kate Spielman (kspielman@centralpres.com or 314-854-0178).

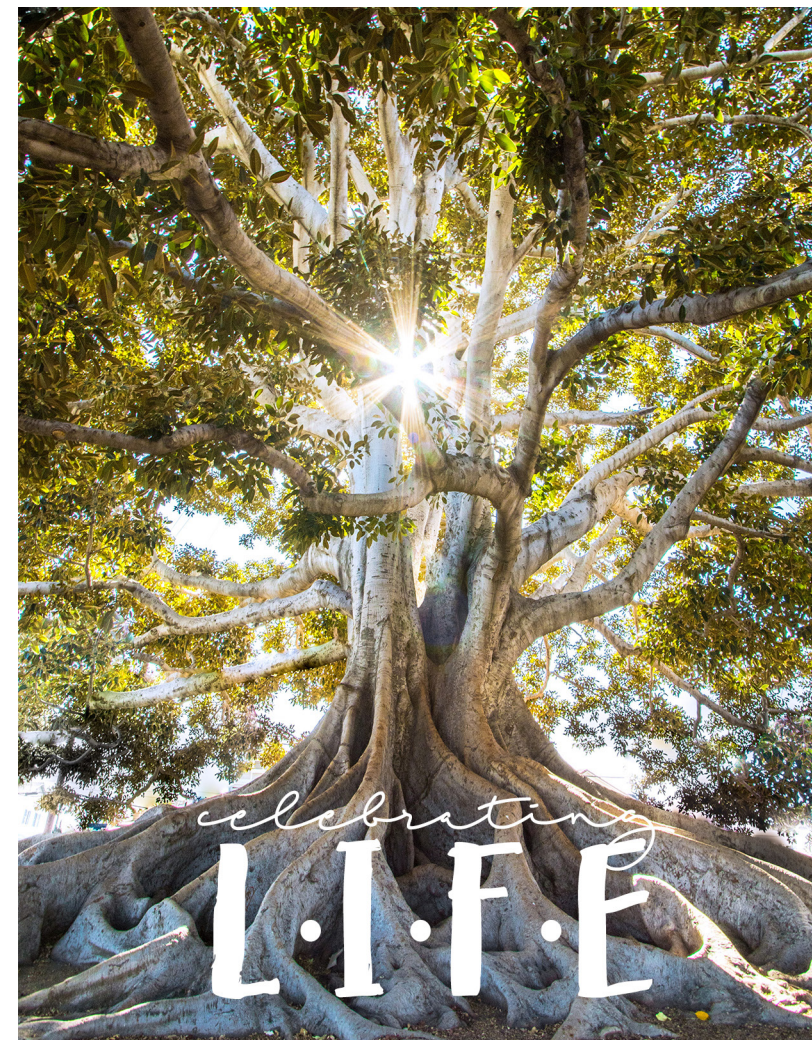
Tech arts volunteers needed! Are you interested in helping on Sunday mornings with the audio and visuals? Contact Pam Smith (psmith@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777) to learn how to join the team.



CENTRAL
 CELEBRATING 175 YEARS

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January 26, 2020



Celebrating Life

by Pastor Ben Tzeng

As followers of Christ, we are called to promote a “culture of life” based upon consistent, meaningful, and grace-permeated positions on life issues, and celebrate a gospel-driven culture of life in and around our church. Central’s Life Team is a ministry that strives to equip more and more people to champion life in gospel-driven ways.

The Life Team promotes many efforts advocating for life. From movie nights fostering discussion of life-centric issues such as adoption, abortion, and sex trafficking, to blood drives that literally give life to others, God continues to provide many opportunities for us to be engage in these critical issues.

Last year, Central hosted a jewelry fair with Monarch Jewelry—a Christian ministry under Crisis Aid International. They are dedicated to raising awareness and funds for American survivors of sex trafficking. We have also had movie nights on various life issues such as adoption, abortion, and sex trafficking.

Outside of Life Team, Central is involved with efforts like CarePortal which mobilizes the church to show the love of Christ to hurting families in our community. The church desires to be part of the solution to the

foster care crisis where we are able to take requests from case workers and provide tangible care and love to foster care families.

As Central deeply cares about life, today on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, we come together with other churches to use the day to celebrate God’s gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit ourselves to protecting human life at every stage.

Central is deeply invested and involved with Thrive who are amazing advocates for life, helping walk along pregnant women. Our church has also partnered with Coalition for Life St. Louis in adopting a day to have peaceful prayer vigils in praying for mothers and unborn children. God continues to lead and guide us on how to love and be empowered to advocate for all human life.

There are many opportunities for you to support ministries such as ThriVe, our Life Team, and others such as Sunshine Ministries, Hope Unlimited, and Crisis Aid International. If you want to learn more about these ministries and/or would like to give your support, please contact Pastor Ben Tzeng (btzeng@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777) or visit our website, www.centralpres.com.

ThriVe Baby Bottles

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.

Beginning today, we have an opportunity to continue our financial support of ThriVe. Outside of the Fellowship Hall, by the 'Connect' table, you will find empty baby bottles. You are invited to take these bottles to fill with change which will all be donated to ThriVe. Every \$1,200 donated saves a baby and trains their mother. The bottles will be collected on Friday, February 17.

To learn more about ThriVe or these baby bottle donations, please contact Pastor Ben Tzeng (btzeng@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777), visit our website, www.centralpres.com, or contact ThriVe (314-783-3040 or volunteer@thrivelouis.org).

Discovery Begins Today!

Discover your place in the family of God at Central! If you are new to Central or would just like to learn more about the church, we have the class for you, and it begins TODAY at 10am.

Discovery is a two-week class providing a chance to learn more about the basic beliefs, history, and ministry of Central. It’s a chance to meet people and discover ways to “know, be known, and make known” here. As one member who recently went through the class said, “It provided a friendly, inviting opportunity to learn about Central’s beliefs, community life, and vision.”

There is no expectation to continue to the Membership class after Discovery ends, but Discovery is a prerequisite for Membership. The ten-week Membership class studies our beliefs and practices in more detail and helps you learn ways to connect and serve at Central.

For more info, please visit www.centralpres.com/discovery or contact Carol (314-727-2777 or cmulick@centralpres.com).

Central’s Bible Reading Plan

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Monday, Jan. 27

- ☐ Exodus 17-20
- ☐ Acts 3

Tuesday, Jan. 28

- ☐ Exodus 21-22
- ☐ Psalm
- ☐ Acts 4

Wednesday, Jan. 29

- ☐ Exodus 23-24
- ☐ Psalm 14
- ☐ Acts 5

Thursday, Jan. 30

- ☐ Exodus 25-27
- ☐ Acts 6

Friday, January 31

- ☐ Exodus 28-29
- ☐ Acts 7

Saturday, Feb. 1

- ☐ Exodus 30-32
- ☐ Acts 8

Sunday, February 2

- ☐ Exodus 33-34
- ☐ Psalm 16
- ☐ Acts 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