# **Central Courier**

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#### Minister's Moment—How Are You Doing?

How are you doing? I really want to know. Truth is it can be hard, we can have struggles, we all are dealing with issues, and sometimes it is so hard to keep positive and motivated. I must confess I have been battling discouragement and depression lately and some of the best medicine has been all of you. Receiving a heartfelt text, an encouraging word, a genuine I love you, a card proclaiming I'm thinking of you, and knowing your prayers are being lifted up have all been such a help and a blessing. There is something so amazing and powerful about the family of God being an actual family.

#### Galatians 6:2 - Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

That is exactly what this family at Central does. I know we don't do it perfectly and the reason I can be so sure of that is because I don't do it perfectly and I am a part of the family. So let me ask again, how are you doing? I am here if you need to share and if not me, I am sure there are many others who are here for you as well. That is one of the great benefits of being a family, we are here for each other even if sometimes we just need to be told; help me, I'm hurting.

Romans 12 (excerpts) – 9 Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them...10 Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other...13 When God's people are in need, be ready to help them...15 Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep.

I want to challenge each of us to be more transparent with one another. The more we practice transparency the easier it becomes and the more we are blessed because of it. You and I have been called on to share life with one another and that is what we really need to do but in order to do that we have to demonstrate love, grace, forgiveness, and even intentional forgetfulness.

2 Corinthians 2:4-8 - I wrote that letter in great anguish, with a troubled heart and many tears. I didn't want to grieve you, but I wanted to let you know how much love I have for you. I am not overstating it when I say that the man who caused all the trouble hurt all of you more than he hurt me. Most of you opposed him, and that was punishment enough. Now, however, it is time to forgive and comfort him. Otherwise he may be overcome by discouragement. So I urge you now to reaffirm your love for him.

Paul challenges the church to always strive for restoration. I am sure there have been family members who have let you down or worse yet sinned against you. Maybe you have had to confront them or maybe you have kept it to yourself, allowing it to eat at you and steal away at your joy. Maybe now is the time to forgive and comfort them, just like Jesus forgave and comforted us. Maybe we need to ask; How am I doing when it comes to my relationship with my brothers and sisters in Christ? Like I said earlier, we aren't going to be perfect but we sure can do better today than we did yesterday.

Being a part of this family is such a blessing for me. I need to strive to make sure everyone else experiences that blessing through me. So one last time (for this article, not for life); How are you doing?

# February 2024

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9:10am-Worship/Kid's Worship 10:35am-Worship/Sunday School 5pm-Bible Study in the auditorium Connections Groups (see Todd W)	5 <b>5pm</b> -Men's Bible Study	6 5am-Men's Bible Study 4:30pm-High School Boys Bible Study 5:30pm-Grace Grp	7 4pm-Ladies Bible Study 6pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Class	8	9	5pm- JOY
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18 10am-Combined Worship@Pavilion (Followed by Fellowship meal) 1pm-Deacon's Meeting No Connection Groups	19 <b>5pm-</b> Men's Bible Study	5am-Men's Bible Study 4:30pm-High School Boys Bible Study 7pm-Carter Co. Men's Fellowship	4pm-Ladies Bible Study 6pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Class	22	23	24
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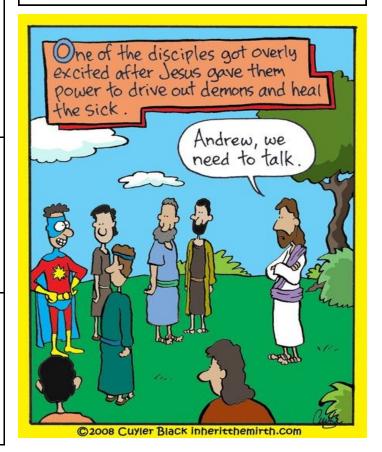
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1-Charlotte Miller
1-Natalie Moody
1-Shirley Morgan
2-Aaron Church
4-Reid Asche
6-Mitchell Cornett
7-Verna Vance
8-Sam Kozee
9-Jarrod Ellis
9-Kaley Moody
10-Betty Hill
11-Janice Greene
11-Steve Townsend

13-Matthew Miller
13-Theresa King
14-Jennica Norman
14-Tim Sherfey
15-Robin Taylor
16-Ellie Hyden
17-Melissa Clemons
17-Mark Estep
17-Adaline Sisk
18-Larry Hammons
20-David Hayes
23-Becky Mangognia
23-Andrew Norman

28-Nikki McNabb



14-Bob & Fetty Judge 15-Eddie & Karen Hughes



# February 2024 Workers' Schedule

#### Children's Ministries

#### Preschool/Nursery 1st Worship

- 4: Courtney Dailey, Katelyn Kozee & Sarah Turbyfield
- 11: Theresa King, Mikkayla King & Brandi Kerr,
- 18: Ashley Church, Julie Yunker & Lori Whitson
- 25: Tonya McKinney, Karen Vick& Sharon Hammons

#### Nursery 2nd Worship

- 4: Karen Robey & Summer Hyden
- 11: Karen Robey & KC Wolfe
- 18: Combined Worship
- 25: Karen Robey & Jennica Norman

#### Preschool 2nd Worship:

- 4: Janet Wolfe
- 11: Leora Hendrix
- 18: Combined Worship
- 25: Lori VanDyke

#### Preschool Helpers 2nd Worship:

- 4: Leora Hendrix
- 11: Lori Smith
- 18: Combined Worship
- 25: Connie Wade

#### Kid's Worship

- 4: Janice Greene
- 11: Jamie & Alison Lundy
- 18: Family Sunday
- 25: Julie Murphy/Keira Wolfe

### Worship Ministries

#### **Communion Meditations:**

#### Worship #1 & 2

- 4: Bob Judge
- 11: Keith Carr
- 18: David McKinney
- 25: Brad McKeehan

#### Sound Room:

- 4: Josh Carter, Wayne Turbyfield Matt Wolfe & Levi Wolfe
- 11: Wayne Turbyfield, Josh Carter Daniel Hill & Aaron Church
- 18: Wayne Turbyfield, Matt Wolfe & Jeff Whitson
- 25: Wayne Turbyfield, Josh Carter, Padraig Murphy & Lori Whitson

#### **Brew Crew:**

- 4: Jessica Greene
- 11: Lori Whitson
- 18: Combined Worship
- 25: Billy Murphy

#### Worship #1 Greeters:

- 4: David & Theresa King
- 11: Tim & Karen Robey
- 18: Tom & Terry Turbyfield
- 24: Michael & Karen Vick

#### Worship #2 Greeters:

- 4: Chauncey & Betty Fernandes
- 11: Kemp & Marcia Haley
- 18: Larry & Sharon Hammons
- 25: Everett & Lori Smith

#### **Service Attendants**

- 4: Orange Team
- 11: White Team
- 18: Blue Team
- 25: Red Team

#### Men's Wed Youth Sponsor Schedule

- 7: Jamie Lundy
- 14: Garret Townsend
- 21: Bob Judge
- 28: Tom Caraway

#### C4 Family,

It's Jeremiah! I hope you managed to stay safe and warm during the snow and ice we have experienced. It's been three amazing months! My family and I are blessed to be part of God's kingdom here at Central Community. You all are such a blessing. We appreciate you!

I want to give you a few updates about the Children's Ministry here at C4. Let's begin with the Father-Daughter dance. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5 pm, C4 will host a Father-Daughter dance. We will decide on a location (Fellowship Hall or Pavilion) once we see the number of people who sign up. I know in years past it has been requested we add recommended ages for this event. So here is our thought. It's safe to say fathers of any age and daughters who are in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or younger will enjoy this event the most. If you fit this criteria, sign up for the Father-Daughter dance!

The staff at C4 have been discussing the need to update contact information, especially in the children's ministry area. It's been difficult to ensure we have communicated well with parents and guardians. We hope to improve in this area. Do not be surprised if I start asking everyone to fill out a contact information sheet for your family. When we have improved contact info, we can communicate by email, text, or phone. I prefer email or texts because you can always go back to the message and see the information we sent you. Our goal is to communicate well so there is no confusion about C4 Children's events.

I have many more thoughts in my head but these two are the most pressing. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Blessings, Jeremiah McClain (423) 707-4011 C4 Children's Coordinator



February 17: 1:30-4:30pm—Youth Bowling! Cost: \$15 per student

Meet at the church at 1:30 to head to Holiday Lanes!

February 6: Tuesdays @ 4:30pm—Highschool Boys Bible Study, led by

Sam Kozee. Join us as we dig deep into God's word as we

learn what it means to be A Godly Man

\*\*\*\*March 5: Tuesdays at 6:30pm—Highschool Girls Bible Study, led by Courtney Dailey

#### February Sunday School Lesson Schedule

#### Adults/Youth:

February 4: The Anointed Priest (John 12)

February 11: The Covenant-Making Priest (Matthew 26)

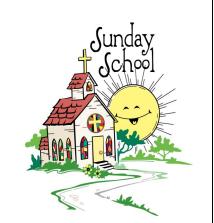
February 18: Combined Worship

February 25: The Betrayed Priest (Matthew 26)

#### Children:

February 4: Jesus Was Anointed (Matthew 26; Mark 14; John 12) February 11: Jesus Shared a Last Meal (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22)

February 18: Combined Worship





## Sunday, February 18th at 10:00 am at the Pavilion

There are many opportunities to study God's word throughout the week here at Central! Connection Groups meet at various times on



Sunday evenings. There's also a Bible Study that meets in the auditorium on Sunday evenings at 5pm. Two men's groups, on Mondays at 5:30pm and Tuesdays 5am here at the church. There is a Women's Bible Study that meets on Wednesdays at 4pm. In addition to that, we have our Wednesday Night Bible study in the auditorium at 6:30pm! Plan to get involved and apply the word!

The Grace Group (Grief Resilience and Caretaking Experience) will meet the first Tuesday



on Fébruary 6. The meetings will be at 5:30 in the upper room. See Julie Yunker for more information.



The Joy Group (50+) will meet on Saturday, February 10th, at 5pm. Bring your favorite finger food and come and enjoy the

fellowship! Sign-up in the fover!



On February 11th, we will be feeding the homeless in Johnson City. We will meet at the church to prepare food and deliver it and

serve it that Sunday. If you want to participate in any part of this process, see Billy Murphy!

The Ladies Craft group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am, February 13th Each person should bring a craft to work on (knitting, crocheting, card making or any craft of your choice) If anyone wants to learn a craft we can help the get started. Everyone is welcome!



On Sunday, February 18th, we will have a Fellowship meal following the Combined Worship.
This month the church will provide

the food! The menu is: Salisbury steak, potatos, corn, green beans and rolls. Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship!

#### **Deacons' Meeting**

There will be a Deacons' Meeting on Sunday, February 18th, following clean-up of the fellowship meal. All deacons, plan to attend!



### Meal Prep Sign-Up

There is a Sign-Up sheet in the foyer to signup to help prep for our Fellowship meals. Please take this opportunity to serve!

