

# Central Courier

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## Minister's Moment—I Am Iron Man!

There is an event in racing called Ironman. It is not a race for the timid or the weak; in order to compete you have got to have physical strength, mental toughness, and relentless perseverance. For all those who compete you have 17 hours in which to finish the 3 stages of the race, each of which would take me more than 17 hours to complete. The 3 portions of the race consist of a 2.4-mile open water swim, 112 miles on a bike, and it is finished off by running a marathon (26.2 miles). It is a grueling race that is reserved for only the strongest of the strong. I can't even imagine participating in a single stage of the race much less doing the entire thing. Athletes often train for years just to get to the point where they can attempt it. For their effort they get to spend up to 17 consecutive hours, with no breaks, trying to finish just so they can hear those words, "You are an Ironman!" For some athletes those are the most coveted words they could possibly hear. For the Christian we have a race we are running as well, once the clock starts, we are in it until the Lord returns or until we go to meet Him. If we finish the race of faith without giving up we get to hear some powerful words as well.

**Matthew 25:23 - "The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'"**

As Christians those are the words we want to hear, those are the words that spur us on and keep us motivated, those are the words that we desire will be used to describe our lives. Notice, by the way, that the Master doesn't say well done good and effective servant, or good and fruitful servant, or even good and productive servant, what He says is good and FAITHFUL servant. That is what God is looking for, His children to be faithful, to keep walking with Him, serving for Him, and living for Him. God is the one who provides the fruitfulness, it doesn't depend on what we bring to the table. So how do we continue this journey of faithfulness? There are so many different ingredients but the one I want us to focus on is can often be overlooked yet is often one of the most important ones.

Faithfulness almost always requires us to be involved in fellowship. Faithfulness and fellowship go hand in hand. The more I am connected to brothers and sisters who encourage, support, and walk with me, the more grounded and faithful I become.

**Ecclesiastes 4:12 - A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.**

We are stronger together; it is as simple as that! That is why Connection Groups are so important, we need places where we can grow closer together with each other as we grow closer to the Lord. We need people who will walk, run, and even crawl along with us as we keep moving forward in our faith. We need people to challenge us, support us, help us, and encourage us. We need Ironmen and Ironwomen in our lives.

**Proverbs 27:17 - As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.**

God is calling all of us to be Ironmen to our Faith Family. He has called us to a life of mutual encouragement as we strive to live faithfully for Him. Let's finish the race strong, let's finish the race on task, let's finish the race give everything we've got, and let's finish the race together; one ironman/women helping another!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 <b>3:30pm</b> -Ladies Group  <b>5:15pm</b> -Family Meal <b>6:30pm</b> -Youth Group <b>6:30pm</b> -Wednesday Bible Study/Kid's Class	2 <b>5:30pm</b> - 	3	4 <b>1pm</b> -Easter 
5 <b>7:00am</b> -Sonrise Service (followed by Breakfast) <b>9:00am</b> -Worship/Kid's Worship <b>10:35am</b> -Worship/Sunday School  No Connection Groups or Bible Study in the auditorium	6 <b>5pm</b> -Men's Group	7 <b>5am</b> -Men's Group  <b>5:30pm</b> -GRaCE Group	8 <b>3:30pm</b> -Ladies Group  <b>5:15pm</b> -Family Meal <b>6:30pm</b> -Youth Group <b>6:30pm</b> -Wednesday Bible Study/Kid's Class	9	10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Bristol Races</div>	11 <b>4pm</b> -Wedding Shower for Owen Carr & Leah Edwards
12 <b>9:00am</b> -Worship/Kid's Worship/SS Class <b>10:35am</b> -Worship/Sunday School  <b>2:30pm</b> -Homeless Ministry (Keith Carr's Connection Group)  <b>6pm</b> -Bible Study in the Auditorium Various Connection Groups-various times	13 <b>5pm</b> -Men's Group	14 <b>5am</b> -Men's Group  <b>10am</b> -Ladies Craft Group	15 <b>3:30pm</b> -Ladies Group  <b>5:15pm</b> -Family Meal <b>6:30pm</b> -Youth Group <b>6:30pm</b> -Wednesday Bible Study/Kid's Class	16 <b>5:30pm</b> - 	17	18  <b>8am</b> -Church Workday <b>9am</b> -VBS Workday
19 <b>10am</b> -Combined Worship Followed by a Carry-in Meal  No Connection Groups or Bible Study in the auditorium	20 <b>5pm</b> -Men's Group	21 <b>5am</b> -Men's Group  <b>5:30pm</b> -GRaCE Group	22 <b>3:30pm</b> -Ladies Group  <b>5:15pm</b> -Family Meal <b>6:30pm</b> -Youth Group <b>6:30pm</b> -Wednesday Bible Study/Kid's Class	23	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">8am-2pm-Church Rummage</div>	25 
26 <b>9:00am</b> -Worship/Kid's Worship/SS Class <b>10:35am</b> -Worship/Sunday School  <b>6pm</b> -Bible Study in the Auditorium Various Connection Groups-various times	27 <b>5pm</b> -Men's Group	28 <b>5am</b> -Men's Group	29 <b>3:30pm</b> -Ladies Group  <b>5:15pm</b> -Family Meal <b>6:30pm</b> -Youth Group <b>6:30pm</b> -Night of Worship	30 <b>5:30pm</b> - 		



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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 2-Brayden Phillips | 18-Haley Rice          |
| 2-Kathy Pierce     | 20-Fetty Judge         |
| 8-Christy Burrough | 20-Landry Hughes       |
| 8-Betty Fernandes  | 22-Katie Carter        |
| 8-Karen Robey      | 22-Keith Ray           |
| 9-Tony McKeenan    | 23-Steve Burrough, Sr. |
| 10-Todd Franklin   | 24-Heather Hendrix     |
| 10-Tom Turbyfield  | 26-Brandon Kelly       |
| 11-Josh Forbes     | 29-Janae Asche         |
| 12-Bethany Markley | 30-Emily Buck          |
| 15-Brad McKeenan   | 30-Zoey Townsend       |
| 17-Patton Lundy    | 30-Lori VanDyke        |
| 18-Connor Kelly    |                        |



- 2-Brad & Becky Brown
- 3-Steve & Karen Smith
- 9-Luther & Nancy Cox
- 9-Jamie & Sharon Winters
- 10-Bruce & Karla Hennequin
- 21-Barry & Hayley Edney
- 25-Richard & Myra Norris
- 25-Jeremiah & Allison McClain



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## Workers' Schedule

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### ***Children's Ministries***

#### **Preschool/Nursery 1st Worship:**

- 5: Russell Vines, Megan Vines,  
Lori Whitson & Elias Norman
- 12: Courtney Dailey, Nancy LeMay  
Sharon Hammons, Sarah Turbyfield
- 19: Theresa King & Mikkayla King  
Lori Whitson, Kimber Winningham
- 26: Becky Kelly, Elizabeth Kelly  
Abigail Kelly, Maddie Kelly

#### **Nursery 2nd Worship:**

- 5: Jennica Norman & Allison M
- 12: KC Wolfe & Karen Robey
- 19: Combined Worship
- 26: Ashley Church & Julie Yunker

#### **Preschool 2nd Worship:**

- 5: Leora Hendrix
- 12: Carolyn Caraway
- 19: Combined Worship
- 26: Connie Wade

#### **Preschool Helpers 2nd Worship:**

- 5: Connie Wade
- 12: Lori Smith
- 19: Combined Worship
- 26: Lori VanDyke

#### **Kid's Worship:**

- 5: Janice Greene/Ryan Greene
- 12: Allen & Tasha Dykes
- 19: Family Sunday
- 26: Julie Murphy/Keira Wolfe

### ***Worship Ministries***

#### **Communion Meditations:**

#### **Worship #1 & 2**

- 5: David McKinney
- 12: Paul Dailey
- 19: Aaron Church
- 26: Larry Hammons

#### **Sound Room:**

- 5: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe  
& Ian Wolfe
- 12: Josh Carter, Daniel Hill,  
& Wesley Price
- 19: Josh Carter, Matt Wolfe  
& Wayne Turbyfield
- 26: Matt Wolfe, Ian Wolfe  
& Henry Turbyfield

#### **Brew Crew:**

- 5: Jessica Greene
- 12: Needed
- 22: Combined Worship
- 26: Larry & Sharon Hammons

#### **Medical Attendant:**

- 5: Janet Wolfe
- 12: Jill Hughes
- 22: Bonnie Hoover
- 26: Terry Turbyfield

#### **Worship #1 Greeters:**

- 5: Tom & Terry Turbyfield
- 12: Russell & Megan Vines
- 19: Steve & Julia Strazay
- 26: Bob & Fetty Judge

#### **Worship #2 Greeters:**

- 5: Kemp & Marcia Haley
- 12: Bryan & Jill Hughes
- 19: Alan & Robin Taylor
- 26: Larry & Sharon Hammons

#### **Welcome Team**

- 5: Betty Fernandes & Susie Wolfe
- 12: Bryan & Jill Hughes
- 19: Paul & Courtney Daily
- 26: Dan & Nancy LeMay

#### **Van Drivers Schedule**

- 5: Julie Yunker
- 12: Hallie Butts
- 19: Allen & Tasha Dykes
- 26: Bruce & Karla Hennequinn

#### **Service Attendants:**

- 5: Blue Team
- 12: Orange Team
- 19: Red Team
- 26: White Team

# Family Ministry Moments

Jeremiah's Contact info:

Cell:423-707-4011 email: jeremiah@jesusiscentral.com



## Camp ACC

There are Three sessions of camp that Jeremiah will be attending. Considering sending your children at these times first. However, if these sessions do not work for you schedule wise, any ACC session is Great!

Sessions Jeremiah will be at:

1. Daycamp | Entering K & 1st Grade | July 11th |
2. Pee-Wee 2 | Entering 1st-3rd Grades | July 23rd & 24th
3. Middler 2 | Entering 3rd—5th Grades | July 19th—22nd

More info online: [campacc.com](http://campacc.com)



**C4** Students!!

Join us as we go somewhere. Confused yet?! You're supposed to be! Jeremiah and Youth Volunteers

know where somewhere is, but it'll be a mystery to you!

**When:** April 11th starting at 2pm. We hope to return to the church around 6pm.

### What to Bring:

- Yourself
- \$20

Parent's, Have Questions? Reach out to Jeremiah.



## Graduate recognition | May 17th | 10 am

I know it seems crazy but we are rapidly approaching the time to recognize our graduates here at **C4**!

Starting April 12th, there will be a table in the foyer for graduate information. If you have a family member graduating from high school or any level of college, we want to congratulate them as a congregation! Help us ensure we recognize everyone by filling out a graduate information card and submit a photo to Jeremiah.

We create a recognition slide for each graduate. In order to create that presentation in advance, we need to receive the photo and information cards by May 10th.

## April Sunday School Lesson Schedule

### Adults/Youth:

April 5:	Unit 9 Session 3	—	God Disciplines His people (1 Sam. 4)
April 12:	Unit 9 Session 4	—	God Restores His People (1 Sam. 7)
April 19:	Combined Worship		
April 26:	Unit 10 Session 1	—	Foolish Envy (1 Sam. 8)

### Children:

April 5:	Unit 9 Session 3	—	The Ark was Captured (1 Sam. 4)
April 12:	Unit 9 Session 4	—	Freedom from the Philistines (1 Sam. 7)
April 19:	Combined Worship		
April 26:	Unit 10 Session 1	—	The Israelites wanted a King (1 Sam. 8 -10)





# Sunday, April 19th

## 10:00am

### Fellowship Carry-In Meal



#### Easter Schedule

Saturday, April 4: 1:00pm-Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5: 7:00am-Sonrise Service in the pavilion (Followed by breakfast)  
9:00am-Worship #1  
10:35am-Worship #2 (both in the auditorium)

No Bible Study in the auditorium or Connection Groups

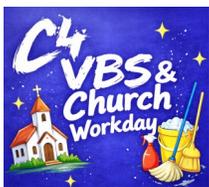
Thursday Serveday will begin the first Thursday this month! We will meet at the church at 5:30pm on April 2nd, 16th and 30th. We will spend a couple of hours each of those days to serve in the community. Bring tools, gloves and a serving heart and come join us!



There will be a Wedding Shower for Owen Carr & Leah Edwards on Saturday, April 11 at 4pm in the fellowship hall. The couple is registered at Amazon & Walmart. Please bring a copy of your favorite recipe for the new couple! RSVP: Mahala Forbes at (423)302-9759 or Melissa Carr at (423) 213-7517.



On Sunday, April 19th, following Combined Worship, we will have a Carry-in Fellowship meal! The church will provide pork loin roast, please bring side dishes, desserts, and drinks for your family and to share with visitors! Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship!



There are many opportunities for service this month! On April 18th, at 8am is our first Church Workday of the year and at 9am will begin our first VBS Workday! There will be plenty to do inside and outside the building and then in the fellowship hall with helping to make decorations for our Vacation Bible School that will be on June 7-11! Come out and join us as we work together!

On Sunday, April 12, we will feed the homeless in Johnson City. The Carr's Connection Group is in charge this month and additional help won't be needed. See Billy Murphy with questions!



The Grace Group (Grief Resilience and Caretaking Experience) will meet on Tuesday, April 7 & 21st. The meeting will be at 5:30 in the upper room. See Julie Yunker for more information.

#### April 24-25th

On April 24-25, from 8am-2pm, we will be having a donation sale at the pavilion. Donations are needed and also people to help before and after the sale. The pavilion will be opened the week prior to collect any donations.



#### Wednesday Family Meal

Come join us at our Family Meals from 5:15-6:00 each Wednesday at the pavilion! (And then stay for Bible Study at 6:30)

- 1: Hamburgers, chips & baked beans
- 8: Spaghetti, salad & bread
- 15: Chicken tenders, green beans & mac n cheese
- 22: Chili & baked potato
- 29: Subs & chips