

Central Courier

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Minister's Moment—Help, I Need Somebody!

The normal mentality that is taught and encouraged in our society, at least while I was growing up, declared that we needed to focus on ourselves. Essentially the doctrine goes like this, make your comfort and your desires the goal, strengthen yourself so that you won't have to depend on anyone else, and if you have relationships makes sure they meet your needs and benefit you. It is a pretty self-centered mindset that actually leads to narcissism and isolation. Every time I pursued, and occasionally still pursue, that mentality I am left feeling unfulfilled and empty. It has a way of stealing my joy and causing me greater frustration. Which left the question, if individualism is not the key to success and fulfilment, what is? Jesus shows us a better way to live.

Mark 3:13,14a - Afterward Jesus went up on a mountain and called out the ones he wanted to go with him. And they came to him. Then he appointed twelve of them and called them his apostles. They were to accompany him...

Jesus walked with a group, He surrounded Himself with those He could train and those who would walk through both the good times and the bad, with Him. The Creator of all things desired a relationship with the very ones He had created. To me this is both mind blowing and enlightening. What Jesus desired to have we absolutely need to have! We need connection with others so that we can be helped, encouraged, challenged, and loved. I believe that is why the early church made such a push to have constant community in their lives.





Acts 2:42-47 - All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Over and over throughout this passage we see the Church together, in each other's lives, walking with one another, supporting one another, and celebrating with one another. That isn't just a portrait of what went on nearly 2000 years ago, that is a call for how we should live our lives; connected and supportive.

I find it so interesting that the Church is described as a family, a body, a building (Temple), and as a marriage. All of these descriptions rely on connection; there is a sense of being a valued part of something bigger than just our self. The Church here at Central is that for me and I hope for you too. I've entitled this, Help, I need somebody, because we really really do! Church has to become more than just a once a week gathering, we need to find a group to connect with, serve with, support, and pray for. So my challenge to all of us is to find a group, make a group, join a group, and find the fulfillment of walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

July 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  7:30pm Fireworks (No Church Services)	2	3	4
5 9:00am -Worship/Kid's Worship/SS Class 10:35am -Worship/Sunday School 5:30pm —Community Cookout _____Youth Summer Retreat at RM State Park_____	6 5pm -Men's Group	7 5am -Men's Group	8 6:30pm -Youth Group 6:30pm -Wednesday Bible Study/Kid's Class Last Day to sign-up for Cain in Concert! See Jeremiah	9	10	11 Jeremiah at CampACC for Day Camp
12 9:00am -Worship/Kid's Worship/SS Class 10:35am -Worship/Sunday School Youth Disc Golf at Steel Creek Park 2:30pm -Homeless Ministry 5:30pm -Community Cook-out	13 Ladies Day Out 5pm -Men's Group	14 10:30am -Kid's Picnic  5am -Men's Group 10am -Ladies Craft Group	15 6:30pm -Youth Group 6:30pm -Wednesday Bible Study/Kid's Class	16 5:30pm - 	17	18
19 10am -Combined Worship (Followed by a Carry-in Meal) 5:30pm -Community Cook-out _____Jeremiah at CampACC for Middler 2 Week_____	20 5pm -Men's Group	21 5am -Men's Group	22 6:30pm -Youth Group 6:30pm -Wednesday Bible Study/Kid's Class	23 _____Jeremiah at CampACC for PeeWee Camp_____	24 5:30pm - 	25
26 9:00am -Worship/Kid's Worship/SS Class 10:35am -Worship/Sunday School 5:30pm -Community Cook-out	27 5pm -Men's Group	28 5am -Men's Group	29 6:30pm -Youth Group 6:30pm -Wednesday Bible Study/Kid's Class	30	31	

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| 1-Michael Sisk | 17-Bryan Hughes |
| 1-Patti Townsend | 17-Elias Norman |
| 3-Cody Buck | 18-Mason Turbyfield |
| 4-Cherie Jones | 20-Russell Vines |
| 4-Padraig Murphy | 20-Mahala Forbes |
| 4-Danny VanDyke | 21-Madalyn Peters |
| 5-Bob Clark | 22-Summer Hyden |
| 5-Jeff Neubert | 22-Katrina Wolfe |
| 7-Houston Vance | 23-Daniel Hill |
| 8-Vincent Canosa | 23-Colby McKeehan |
| 9-Bob Judge | 23-Emily Townsend |
| 9-Nancy Cox | 26-Dave King |
| 9-Susie Wolfe | 26-Danny Pell |
| 9-Maren Norman | 27-Mike McNees |
| 9-Keyko Reed | 27-Donald Stephens |
| 10-Sharaya Sisk | 27-Josiah Bennett |
| 11-Silas Stewart | 28-Dustin Shelton |
| 12-Jason Arwood | 28-Kendi Markley |
| 13-Travis Thompson | 29-Chrystal Schmidt |
| 14-Jackson Valentine | 30-Charlotte Hughes |
| 15-Garett Townsend | 31-Jim Greene |
| 16-Tapiwa Dehwe | 31-Jamie Winters |
| 16-Jessie Humphreys | |



- 1-Kenny & Carolyn Arwood
- 1-Levi & Katrina Wolfe
- 7-Brad & Linda Johnson
- 7-Wesley & Natalie Moody
- 10-Mike & Ginger McNees
- 11-Russell & Megan Vines
- 20-Travis & Christy Thompson
- 21-Tom & Ann Lester
- 21-Brian & Crystal Schmidt
- 23-Bob & Judy Clark
- 25-Billy & Julie Murphy
- 29-Larry & Sharon Hammons
- 29-Jeff & Lori Whitson

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Workers' Schedule

Children's Ministries

Preschool/Nursery 1st Worship:

5: Lori Whitson, Sarah Turbyfield
Susie Wolfe & Kimber W.
12: Courtney Dailey, Julie Yunker
Sharon Hammons, & Elias Norman
19: Ashley Church, Theresa King
Mikkayla King & Lori Whitson
26: Becky Kelly, Elizabeth Kelly
Abigail Kelly, Maddie Kelly

Nursery 2nd Worship:

5: Karen Robey & KC Wolfe
12: Lori Whitson & Kiera Wolfe
19: Combined Worship
26: Jennica Norman & Megan Vines

Preschool 2nd Worship:

5: Jenny Turbyfield
12: Carolyn Caraway
19: Combined Worship
26: Connie Wade

Preschool Helpers 2nd Worship:

5: Leora Hendrix
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: Garrett Townsend
12: Brad McKeehan
19: Aaron Church
26: David McKinney

Sound Room:

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

Brew Crew:

5: Jessica Greene
12: Larry & Sharon Hammons
19: Combined Worship
26: Lori Whitson

Medical Attendant:

5: Janet Wolfe
12: Allen Dykes
19: Julia Strazay
26: Jill Hughes

Worship #1 Greeters:

5: David & Theresa King
12: Steve & Julia Strazay
19: Tom & Terry Turbyfield
26: Russell & Megan Vines

Worship #2 Greeters:

5: Bob & Fetty Judge
12: Alan & Robin Taylor
19: Larry & Sharon Hammons
26: Bryan & Jill Hughes

Welcome Team

5: Paul & Courtney Dailey
12: Bryan & Jill Hughes
19: Combined Worship
26: Betty Fernandes & Susie Wolfe

Van Drivers Schedule

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

Service Attendants:

5: White Team
12: Green Team
19: Blue Team
26: Orange Team

Family Ministry Moments

Jeremiah's Contact info:

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C4 STUDENTS

SUMMER PLANS

JULY 5-7

SUMMER RETREAT - AT ROAN MOUNTAIN STATE PARK



July 5-7—Summer Retreat at RM State Park—[Limited overnight spots available]— Cost options below

- \$80 (if staying both nights) or
- \$20 if you are just coming to the two evening sessions and not staying overnight (Sunday night and Monday Night time TBA)

Register by June 28th @jesusiscentral.com/c4-students

July 12th—DISC GOLF STEEL CREEK PARK—Bring money for lunch, \$20 should be more than enough—

Register by July 5th @jesusiscentral.com/c4-students

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SUMMER PLANS

JULY 12TH

LUNCH & DISC GOLF - STEELE CREEK PARK
BRISTOL, TN
AFTER SECOND SERVICE



CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED!!

Jeremiah is the Dean (now called Program Director) For two Camps at ACC.) He could use your help if you are willing to help at ACC. We need the most help with Middler 2 (3rd—5th Graders) on July 19-22. Reach out to Jeremiah if you are interested!

If you can't help the entire time there are other options, you could:

- help overnight only
- help during a portion of the day

Camp ACC for KIDS

There are Three sessions of camp that Jeremiah will be attending. Consider 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

Register online and get more info at: campacc.com

JULY Sunday School Lesson Schedule



Adults/Youth:

July 5:	Unit 11 Session 4	—	The Lord's Forgiveness (2 Sam. 11-12)
July 12:	Unit 12 Session 1	—	Ask For Wisdom (1 Kings 2-3)
July 19:	Combined Worship		
July 26:	Unit 12 Session 2	—	Work with Wisdom (1 Kings 6; 8)

Children:

July 5:	Unit 11 Session 4	—	David Sinned and was Restored (2 Sam. 11-12)
July 12:	Unit 12 Session 1	—	Solomon Became King (1 Kings 2-3)
July 19:	Combined Worship		
July 26:	Unit 12 Session 2	—	Solomon Built the Temple (1 Kings 6; 8)



Sunday, July 21


10:00am

(Followed by a Carry-In Fellowship Meal)

Fireworks




Our annual Fireworks Celebration will be this Wednesday, July 1st. To prepare for this event, we are collecting donations of individually wrapped chips and cookies to hand out to the community. We will set up at 5:30pm and begin the festivities at 7:30. Don't miss this special event!



Central Cares Route

The Central Cares Route is in full swing and going great! Each week day through the summer we will deliver a hot item, a choice of a cold sandwich, along with snacks to the children of the community. See Billy Murphy if you would like to volunteer!

TLC Sandwich Prep




Each Tuesday throughout the summer we meet at 6pm sharp in the fellowship hall to make peanut butter sandwiches for the TLC Food Route. It usually takes less than an hour, so come and lend a hand!



Join us each Sunday 5:30pm-7pm, throughout the summer for our Community Cookouts! If you want to get involved in prepping and serving the meals, please see Betty Fernandes or Billy Murphy!

On Sunday, July 12th, we will feed the homeless in Johnson City. We will meet at 2pm to prepare the meal. If you would like to volunteer to prepare and/or serve the meal, see Billy Murphy.



Ladies Day Out!


On July 13th, a group of ladies will be heading to the outlets in Pigeon Forge for a Ladies Day Out. We will leave at 8:30am and take the church van. While there, we will spend the day loafing and get a nice lunch! Sign-up in the foyer so we can plan transportation!




On Sunday, July 19th, following Combined Worship, we will have a Carry-in Fellowship meal. The church will provide grilled chicken nuggets. Please bring side dishes, desserts and drinks for your family and to share with visitor's. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship!

Kid's Park Day at Eastman Cabins

Tuesday, July 14th




All kids K-5th Grade are invited to join us for a day at the park. We will meet at the church at 10:30 and return by 3:30. There is a playground, a creek, and ball courts. Bring water clothes, a towel, water bottle, and sunscreen. Lunch will be provided. Any child under the age of 5 is invited to join with a parent in attendance.



COME ON IN
OPEN HOUSE

All are invited to a Birthday Open House at the home of Donald Stephens on July 26th from 12:30 to 5:00pm. The address is: 127 Bowers Street, Johnson City. "Your company is a sufficient gift". Light refreshments and cake. "There will be cake".

We have two opportunities to serve for Thursday Serveday in July! We will meet at the church at 5:30pm on July 16th and 23rd. We will spend a couple of hours serving in the community. Bring tools, gloves and a serving heart!




There is a sign-up sheet for those who want to attend the Favored Women Conference on September 25-27th in Gatlinburg. The cost is \$250 per person (includes conference, lodging and breakfast/snacks each day) A deposit of \$100 is due by July 26th, An additional \$75 is due by August 23rd. The final \$75 is due by September 20th. (26 person maximum) Sign-up today and reserve your spot!