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## Worship and Service Opportunities

### Sunday

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m.	Classic Service
6:00 p.m.	Children in Action
6:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Worship Choir Rehearsal

### CBC Staff

Ryan Thurman	Pastor
Randy Carruth	Minister of Music
Teresa Britt	Secretary
Cindy Callender	Custodian



Central Baptist Church

Passionately advancing the kingdom of God

# The Message

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**Kingdom Investment...**  
*“But just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you excel in this grace of giving.” 2 Corinthians 8:7*

**Budget**  
**Required Monthly**  
\$22,497.47  
**Required to Date**  
\$73,107.06  
**Received to Date**  
\$77,343.68  
**March Receipts**  
\$28,738.19

**Bible Study Summary...**  
*“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as in the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24-25*

3/2	SS Attendance	72
	Worship	104
3/9	SS Attendance	67
	Worship	80
3/16	SS Attendance	76
	Worship	101
3/23	SS Attendance	77
	Worship	108
3/30	SS Attendance	70
	Worship	n/a

#### Upcoming Events

- Children's Easter Egg Hunt (April 12)
- Fellowship of Faith Banquet (April 13)
- Faith in Action (April 14)
- Easter Presentation (April 13)
- Young at Heart (April 24)
- Fellowship of Faith Victory Sunday (April 27)

## Communicating the Vision

*“Did I not say to you, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” John 11:40*

Ryan Thurman  
Pastor

He has risen! These are the wonderful words of life spoken about the victory of Jesus over sin and death. Jesus is the hope of the world. He is the salvation of man. And, this risen Jesus is to be worshipped!

We will worship the Lord in a special way through the Adult Choir Easter presentation, “My King is Known by Love” on April 13. Make plans to join with us this Sunday and invite someone to be with you. And, on April 20, we will celebrate Easter together! We will have a regular morning schedule with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m. Don’t miss this special time for God’s people.

Another opportunity to celebrate Easter is through the Annie Armstrong Easter

Offering. Easter Sunday marks the conclusion of our receiving of this offering. All of these financial resources will support missionaries sharing the gospel in North America through the SBC North American Mission Board. Missionaries and church plants all across North America depend upon the offerings of people just like you and me to support the work that God is doing in and through them. I pray each of us participate in this worthy investment in the Kingdom!

What a joy it has been to see God work over the past couple of months through the Fellowship of Faith Capital Campaign promotion. This month, we will host the campaign banquet on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.! This will be a wonderful night of celebrating God’s vision that He has given us to construct a Family Life

Center and how He has led us to sacrificially give to support this work. Childcare will be provided through 6<sup>th</sup> grade that evening. A banquet hostess will reach out to each member to acquire the number of those attending from your family. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Victory Sunday. On this day, we will share how we were successful in reaching our campaign goals and the total amount that has been pledged to the campaign!

Make plans to join us in these special days as a Church and be in prayer about your participation in this worthy financial investment! It will take all of us sacrificially giving to reach our campaign goals.

## A Word From Our Deacons

*“For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.” 1 Timothy 3:13*

David Dunn  
Deacon

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!! This is my favorite time of the year. Seeing God at work as nature goes from dormancy to life is spectacular. All His creation comes to life, and it should remind us that abundant life is in Jesus Christ.

As we are in the "Fellowship of Faith" Capital Campaign this

month, I would like to encourage everyone to pray, read God's Word, and listen to what God speaks to your heart. I am so excited to see how the Lord is working and building us individually, as well as a church family, as He leads us in the building of the Family Life Center.

2 Corinthians 5:7 reminds us that we live by faith not by sight. So, as we take steps of faith and remember that all things are possible with

God, we can watch Him work in miraculous ways and give Him all the glory for all things past, present, and future. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



Scripture  
Memory Plan

MY GRACE  
is sufficient for you,  
for my POWER  
is made perfect in weakness.  
Most Gladly therefore I will rather  
GLORY in my WEAKNESSES,  
that the Power of Christ  
MAY REST ON ME.  
2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

Central's  
Bible  
Reading



Read the Bible through in  
one year:

April

Joshua - Ruth  
Psalms 72 - 94  
Mark 1-9:32  
1 Corinthians



Bro. Ryan and  
the Central  
Baptist Church  
Benevelance  
and deacon

body, I want to thank you  
(belatedly) for your kind and  
generous gift to my son Robin's  
family. They used your  
generosity to help with their  
new house and furnishing. The  
out pouring of love from God's  
family has been the salve for  
the pains and trial of their loss.  
Thank you so much.

Danny & Linda Blake



Kids  
Korner

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the  
womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the  
children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with  
them!" Psalm 127:3-5a

Wendy Falvey  
Children's Committee

Spring is here and what a  
wonderful time of the year it is!  
The Bible says, "To  
everything there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose  
under the heaven" and that God  
"made everything beautiful in his  
time." We need to be patient and  
remember that God is the one  
who decides when things  
happen. Sometimes, waiting is  
hard, but God has the perfect  
plan to help us grow and  
blossom the way he wants us to  
and become beautiful in his  
eyes.

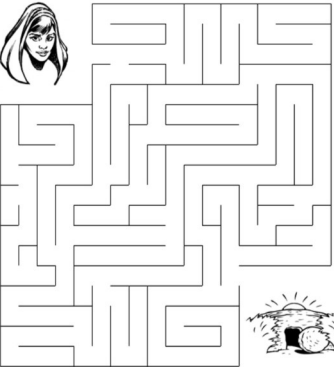
Easter Egg Hunt- April  
12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00. We need  
volunteers to help! Please

contact a  
committee member or  
Cindie Chambers. We will  
have games, door prizes,  
crafts, a photo area, and  
food! Thank you, CBC  
family, for your donations of  
eggs and candy.

Thank you, Regina, and  
the youth, for the pizza fun  
night this past week.

As Easter approaches,  
let us remember we  
celebrate Easter in our  
hearts every time we  
remember how much God  
loves us and what Jesus did  
to show it.

The Resurrection  
Maze



Can you help Mary find the way to the empty tomb?

Student  
News



"You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world and a little  
bit of salt goes a long way and a little bit of light goes a long way  
and a little bit of righteousness goes a long way."  
Matthew 5:13-16

Regina Hebert  
Youth Committee

Central youth have been  
busy with school and church  
activities. Recently, they teamed  
up to help the Children's  
committee get things ready for  
their upcoming Easter party.  
Thanks to all of you who  
participated in this project.

Our youth are all busy with  
springtime activities at school  
and in the community. Not only  
are they busy with activities but  
our environment is coming  
alive. The grass is growing, and  
flowers are blooming which are  
signs of Spring. For believers,  
spring is a reminder that God is

all about making things new. In  
fact, Jesus promised to  
make *everything* new one day  
(And the one sitting on the  
throne said, "Look, I am making  
everything new!" And then he  
said to me, "Write this down, for  
what I tell you is trustworthy and  
true." Revelation 21:5).

In the meantime, God gives  
us glimpses of the coming  
attractions through spring. Look  
at the flowers and plants  
blooming around you. They  
didn't worry about their way to  
awesomeness. And you can't  
either. God cares about you, so  
let Him carry your worries and  
fears. (Give all your worries and  
cares to God, for he cares about  
you. 1 Peter 5:7). Whether it's a

long walk on a sunny day or  
simply watching it rain, try to  
soak up the blessings of  
spring.

We have so much to be  
thankful for and to look forward  
to! I think our entire Central  
family is looking forward to the  
construction of our new family  
life center! Can't wait to see  
signs of construction!

This month as we celebrate  
Easter be reminded of God's  
love for you! John 3:16 For  
this is how God loved the world:  
He gave his one and only Son,  
so that everyone who believes  
in him will not perish but have  
eternal life.

Happy Spring and Happy  
Easter!

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and  
admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs,  
singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."  
Colossians 3:16



Randy Carruth  
Minister of Music

"My King Is Known By Love."  
What a great description of our  
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
For, indeed, it was His great love  
for us that held Him on Calvary's

cross. The music ministry will  
be leading worship with the  
musical on April 13 in the  
morning service. We will be  
sharing great songs of  
worship, "Glorious Day," "God  
So Loved," "The Chosen One,"  
"Thank You Jesus for the  
blood," and "Messiah

Overcame." During this morning  
of worship we will observe the  
Lord's Supper and be reminded  
of the great price that was paid  
for our redemption. Make plans  
to be present in this service and  
invite your friends, family, and  
neighbors to join us for this  
great day of worship.

CBC Mission  
Opportunities

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing  
them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the  
Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have  
commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the  
end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

March 2 – April 20

Given to Date: \$720

ANNIE  
ARMSTRONG  
EASTER OFFERING



Calendar of Activities and Events

Sundays in April

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship

Wednesdays in April

6:00 p.m. - Classic Service  
6:00 p.m. - Children in Action  
6:00 p.m. - Youth Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. - Adult Worship Choir

Friday, April 11

6:30 p.m. - Worship Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 12

10:00 a.m. - Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
(at CBC)

Sunday, April 13

8:00 a.m. - Deacon's Meeting  
10:45 p.m. - Easter Presentation "My King is  
Known By Love"  
6:00 p.m. - Fellowship of Faith Capital  
Campaign Banquet

Tuesday, April 14

10:00 a.m. - Faith in Action meeting at the  
church.

Wednesday, April 17

Business Meeting

Friday, April 18

Office Closed for Good Friday

Thursday, April 24

10:30 a.m. - Young at Heart - Songs and a  
Devotional will be presented followed by  
sandwich lunch at 11:00 a.m. Homebound  
Visitation will follow the meal.

Sunday, April 27

Fellowship of Faith Capital Campaign Victory  
Sunday

Announcements

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Jean Gross (friend of Danny Blake)  
The family of Carolyn Boose (sister of David Gibson, aunt of Berenda Berry & Larry Gibson, and  
cousin of John McTaggart)  
The family of Pete Dixon (friend of Donnie Mitchell)  
The family of Dale Malone (friend of George Higdon)  
The family of Tera Baggett

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Larry Gibson on his 14th anniversary as Sound Technician. (April 10)



Mother's Day  
Special Offering  
for the  
Baptist Children's  
Village  
May 11, 2025



Minister On Call

Ryan Thurman 601-248-5857

Deacons On Call

April 6

Larry Callender 601-757-9187  
David Dunn 601-757-6344

April 13

Mike Grim 601-695-3280  
Gary Myers 601-757-6900

April 20

George Higdon 601-757-1823  
William Kimble 601-754-5004

April 27

Larry Callender 601-757-9187  
David Dunn 601-757-6344

Nursery Workers

April 6

Melea Coon & Mitzie Stewart

April 13

Brenda Smtih & Christi O'Neal

April 20

Nan Clark & Amanda Thurman

April 26

Cheryl Myers & Amanda Thurman

Ushers

April 6

Danny Blake & Mitchell Bessonette

April 13

Jack Smith & Tim Alexander

April 20

Joe Price & Jason Falvey

April 27

George Higdon & Mike Goza

Security

April 6

Charlie Clark

April 13

Joe Price

April 20

David Gibson

April 27

George Higdon