



Central Baptist Church of Westerly, 16 Elm Street, Westerly, RI 02891

# THE GOOD WORD

Carrying News of God's Work into the Community and World  
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## Worship at Central Baptist



### Sunday Services

Parking Lot - 8:30 AM  
(weather permitting)

Sanctuary - 9:30 AM

### Avondale Chapel

8:00 AM

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color, visit our website

# August

## CHURCH MEETINGS

### August 3

9:30 AM Mission Board

### August 16

4:00 PM Board of Trustees

### August 17

5:30 PM Board of Christian Ed.

### August 18

7:00 PM Board of Deacons

### August 23

7:00 PM Church Council

## Summer Fun at Central



**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Cal Lord, Jr., Pastor  
 Lynn Dowding, Music Director  
 Dorothy McClure, Administrator  
 Ray Deptulski, Jr., Custodian  
 Don West, Custodian

**Church Office Hours**  
**Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**NEWSLETTER TEAM**

Suzanne Vanaman  
 Dot Marra  
 Dorothy McClure  
 and  
 A host of other contributors

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

Articles for *The Good Word*, are due the **15th of the month**. Please submit articles as a WORD document if possible.  
**e-mail all articles to:**  
**Suzanne Vanaman**  
 suzyv64@verizon.net

**Westerly Armory Appreciation Evening  
August 14**

On Saturday, August 14th, Pastor Cal Lord will be honored at the Westerly Armory for the great work that he does in this community. The evening will consist of the ceremony followed by a full buffet dinner and entertainment. The other honorees are Dr. John Federico, Larry Hirsch, John Coduri, Rona & Dave (in memoriam) Mann. If you wish to attend, please purchase your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets for Armory members are \$10.00, for non members \$35.00. Tickets can be purchased at the Armory, the Church office, or from Dot Marra.



Armory doors open at 5:00 PM; Program begins at 6:00 PM

**NEEDLEWORKERS**

Meetings are scheduled for first and third Mondays of the month from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

Location: Church Parlor

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
August 9 – August 13**

VBS is collecting paper cups, napkins, honey graham crackers, vanilla frosting, twizzlers, individually wrapped rice krispy treats, individually packaged smart food popcorn, bagels and cream cheese. There is a box in Fellowship Hall for your donations. VBS may look a little different this year as we make changes for the health and safety of all. Bible stories, music, games, and snacks are all part of the fun that will continue.

If you have questions, please contact Marie Bertsch at vbertsch4@gmail.com.

**Men's Breakfast**

**No Men's  
Breakfast  
In August**

**Avondale Chapel Summer Worship Schedule**

Services at the chapel begin at 8:00 AM on Sunday mornings. Speakers for the summer are listed below.



- Aug 1 Deacon Ray Castaldi, St. James/ St. Mary Churches
- Aug 8 Rev. Kathryn Palen, Elder Care Ministries ABCORI
- Aug 15 Pastor Christopher Williams, Passion for Jesus Church
- Aug 22 Rev Fred LaFountain, Church at Westerly
- Aug 29 Rev. Wesley A. Smith, Retired, Hamilton Baptist

## PASTOR CAL'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

Footprints. I saw them the other night. I remembered that a friend of mine told me the best time to go to the beach was after supper. So I ventured down to Misquamicut, took off my shoes and walked along the shore.

There were a few people scattered along the way. Many were wrapped in towels or sitting with light jackets on the cool summer evening. They sat watching the ebb and flow of the tide coming in. There were no volleyball games, boogie boards or sandcastles being built. No bikinis, sunbathers or children dancing in the water as the waves rolled in.

The thing that stood out the most was the footprints. There were footprints of various sizes and shapes. Some were made with bare feet. Some were formed with shoes or sneakers. As I walked along, I became acutely aware I was not alone. I was walking where others had gone before.

As I found a place to sit and take a breather, I looked back and was struck by my own set of footprints in the sand. They stretched back as far as I could see. That's when it dawned on me that no matter who you are, you are leaving behind a record that says, "I was here!"

As we look ahead to the last days of summer there is much to be excited about. We've got VBS, a Daryl Mosely Concert, Back to Church Sunday on September 19th and a celebration of our 75th Church Anniversary in November to look forward to. The best part of it all is that we will be making footprints together as we walk with the Lord. Come join us as we emerge from the pandemic.

God bless. See you in church. Cal

### Free Books



Look for them on a table  
in Fellowship Hall

### Save the Date

Sunday, November 21st we will  
celebrate our



**75th**  
**Church Anniversary**



### Laity Sundays

August 15th - Men's laity  
September 12th - Women's laity

What is laity:

1. lay people, as distinct from the clergy
2. ordinary people, as distinct from professionals or experts



## Central Baptist Church of Westerly

### Board of Trustees



We welcome Don West as our new custodian . He has great knowledge of the CBC building's needs and many years of dedication to the church.

Thank you Richard DeBernardo for painting the new back doors. The new front office doors are scheduled to be installed July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

After the Parsonage first floor rear tenants finished hanging pictures, Ray Marra removed the unused ones and patched and painted the holes. Thank you, Ray.

Jim Collins,  
Board of Trustees Chairman

### Treasurer's Report

	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>May YTD Plan</b>	<b>Jan—May 2021</b>	<b>YTD Plan</b>	<b>Annual Plan</b>
Total Income	24,723.92	24,411.42	171,306.91	171,006.91	336,133.00
Total Expense	21,909.89	22,700.56	142,536.84	145,684.80	332,460.00
Net Income/Loss	2,814.03	1,710.86	28,770.07	25,322.11	3,673.00

Planned Giving is once again more than planned and expenses were lower than planned, giving us a \$2,814 surplus for the month. We also have a year-to-date surplus to cover any unexpected expenses. Your faithful and generous donations allow Central Baptist to continue serving our members and community. Thank you!

### Here are some easy options for online giving:

1. Add CBC's address (16 Elm St, Westerly, RI 02891) to your bank's bill payment site and schedule the bank to mail your check to the church.
2. Text Giving is now available. Message the word "GIVE" to 401-414-4940 from your cell phone and easily send a donation.
- 3 Another option is to visit [cbcwesterly.org/donations](http://cbcwesterly.org/donations) or scan this code on
- 4 your phone to access CBC's online giving app.



If your phone can't scan the code, the URL for the app is: <https://app.easytithe.com/app/Giving/cbcw>. You can give directly either from your bank account or .... (for a higher fee) use a debit/credit card. The app uses the same security as bank websites, so your personal information is secure. Also, it allows you to schedule your donations in advance. 'Once and it's done'!

Please take a look and see how online giving can make giving easier for you!

## Board of Deacons



Have you ever been invited to a wedding and thought to yourself: *I have not seen this couple in years, or, I am too busy, gotta work and really can't afford it. Better yet: not feeling it, not exactly looking my best, or, I put on a few pounds. Or: these guys got it all together, I am stuck in high school, partying too much; going from one boyfriend to another. Or, maybe this one: I really think marriage is old fashioned. Besides, they will probably get divorced anyway; I am not going.*

Well in Matthew 22:1-14 there was a wedding happening and the king was inviting many people, but they all had an excuse, made light of it and, refusing the invite, went their own way. So the king was furious and felt they were not worthy. So the king sent forth his servants telling them:

Matthew 22:9

"Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage."

Matthew 22:10

"So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests." I charge us all to bring the gospel to all people "good and bad."

Romans 1:16, KJV

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Steve Burnside

## Board of Missions



**SEND INTERNATIONAL** is a community of about 500 people in more than 20 countries who plant evangelical churches among the unreached. Their mission is to mobilize God's people and engage the unreached in order to establish reproducing churches. With eternity in mind, there is nothing more important than giving hope through the life-changing message of the gospel.

**INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES:** At the end of May **IM** celebrated 207 years of equipping women and men to share the gospel. Today many of our global servants' life-changing ministries flourish through the partnerships formed decades ago even as we continue to adapt and innovate to meet today's needs.

We are still poised to respond to the call that God placed on our hearts to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both words and deeds, God's reign of justice, peace and abundant life for all creations.

In the words of Apostle Paul, "the gifts you sent, [are] a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:18-19)

Blessed,  
Noreen

WARM Shelter meal for  
August to be prepared  
by Trustees

## The Persecuted Church

What does the Persecution of Christians look like?

**America** - Increasingly, standing for Biblical standards and beliefs will affect you in the workplace, especially your own business.

In 2013, one of Washington State florists, Baronelle Stutzman's longtime customers asked her to design floral arrangements for his same-sex wedding. She told him that because of her religious beliefs, she could not do that, but she referred him to several other florists. A few weeks later, she learned she was being sued, not by her customer but by Washington State.

After appealing her conviction all the way to the Supreme Court, they declined to hear the case so she faces a \$1,000. fine plus all court costs, which will destroy her financially.

This does not bode well for other Christian businesses that decline to be involved in celebrations that do not align with what they believe to be God's word.

**Iran** - Many Christian families from Iran now live as refugees in Turkey. The only reason for their presence there is their belief in Jesus.

This story is typical. The father became a convert from Islam after his young daughter, who was seriously ill, failed to get better but only got worse as the family sought and received prayer from many different Muslim leaders. The wife knew some Christians and they came to anoint her and pray for her and she miraculously recovered. In Iran and many Muslim countries, leaving the faith is apostasy and is punishable by imprisonment or worse. This family became part of the house church movement in Iran, knowing that if they were caught there would be serious consequences. Eventually this happened and the father suffered abuse as he was interrogated for some weeks. He was finally let out on bail but when he returned to work he was fired. He was forced to find any work he could on the black market, but there is no security in that. The father was eventually summoned to court where he was threatened with execution, but amazingly, was set free on probation as long as he cut all ties with Christians and stopped evangelizing. He could not do this and eventually their situation became so dangerous they had to leave everything behind and flee to Turkey, where life is hard and uncertain but not dangerous in the same way.

As we can see the level of persecution varies by country, but our commitment to Christ should be the same as we trust Him to lovingly carry us through whatever trials may come.

**AUGUST 15, 2021**

We are having Country and Bluegrass singer/songwriter, Daryl Mosley, here for a concert on Sunday, August 15 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Mosley was born into a musical family in Waverly, Tennessee.

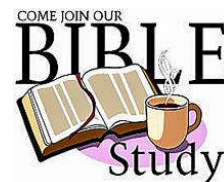
At age 15 he began singing and entertaining at Loretta Lynn's Dude Ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. He is a two-time Songwriter of the Year, has seven number one songs and three Song of the Year awards. Among them is the classic "Ask the Blind Man. He Saw It All." It is the signature song of the southern gospel trio, the Booth Brothers.

This is a free-will offering event.

*Come join us on Wednesday night  
for a study of the  
Gospel of John.*

*We meet at 6:30 PM.*

*Bring a meal or a sandwich and  
join us in Fellowship Hall.*

**A Prayer of Appreciation**

Oh Lord, I seek you in the high places and the valleys of  
my life

I seek you when I'm happy and when I'm having strife  
You are my guide and teacher and you gently take me by  
my hand

To teach, counsel, and direct me, always helping me to  
understand

For our Father has a plan for us and when we seek it, we  
will know

The perfect plan for our life and the way for us to go.

*Geri Maloney*

## Stewardship Moment

### Take the Time!

*I could have walked right by him ... I was leaving church and had several things to do. But there he was just sitting with his head down. I've noticed recently he has the look of someone with a heavy heart.*

*"Feel like talking?" I asked as I sat in the pew in front of him. He talked about his marriage while I sat there listening. When he finished, I didn't lecture him in Biblical truth, nor did I tell him what he should do. I showed he mattered by just giving him some time. All the 'important' things I was rushing out to do suddenly seemed less urgent. I remembered a Men's Retreat coming up in a few weeks and invited him to come along. I gently told him he's not alone.*

*Too often, we get so caught up in the busyness of life that we miss the opportunities God has right in front of us. Ask God to use you in the life of someone else today. Just a little of our time can make a huge difference in the life of a hurting soul. Quite often, they're seated in the pew right next to us.*

## Library News

The Church Library Committee is in the process of reorganizing the library along with older Christian Education materials. New books are being added to our library, but outdated texts, duplicate titles, recordings, or lessons will be donated to people in need or to mission organizations. We will have a Book Sale table in the fall with many selections to share. We continue to accept donated books, but the library room has limited space.

### Library Corner & Library Room

The Library Corner bookcase is located in the back of Fellowship Hall. New additions and suggested readings are available. Please visit the complete Library Room down the Nursery School Hallway near Fellowship Hall. There are many more titles and topics to catch your interest. A sign out sheet is available at both locations. Don't miss the following books!

#### Inspirational Imagine Heaven by John Burke

All of us wonder what life after death will be like. This book compares over a hundred different stories of near-death experiences to what Scripture says about our biggest questions about Heaven. The bestselling author has been studying for decades accounts of survivors brought back from near-death. It will forever change the way you view the life to come and the way you live your life today.

**Fiction Facing the Giants by Eric Wilson** Our library has the paperback and DVD versions of this title. After six consecutive losing seasons, a football coach believes things can't get worse. Only by turning their lives over to God can the coach and the team find the true purpose in life and rise above the fear and failure that have kept them down for so long.

#### Family Life Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World by Kristen Welch

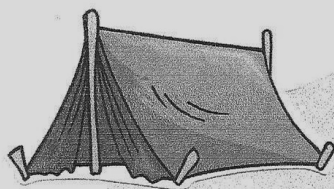
It can be tough not to cave when your children ask for things. This book tells how one family learned that saying NO can lead to life's biggest YES! Find out the secrets of guiding children to become fulfilled, successful adults who love God and others.

Rain is grace; rain is the sky  
descending to the earth;  
without rain, there would be no  
life.

Morning is God's way of saying one  
more time, go make a difference, touch  
a heart, encourage a mind, inspire a  
soul and enjoy the day.

# Just For Kids

By Marcia Erskine



## JOSHUA

Joshua's soldiers marched around  
the walls of Jericho.

Find the path  
that they took.



STAR

FINISH



# SMILES AND SO FORTH

Humor, Wisdom, Poetry, Quizzes, and So Forth

By Dorothy Marra

Mother



Theresa

*I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things."*

*- Mother Teresa*

## Things Aren't Always What They Seem

Two traveling angels stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guest room. Instead, the angels were given a small space in the cold basement. As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it. When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, "Things aren't always what they seem."

The next night the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor, but very hospitable farmer and his wife. After sharing what little food they had, the couple let the angels sleep in their bed where they could have a good night's rest. When the sun came up the next morning, the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears. Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income, lay dead in the field.

The younger angel was infuriated and asked the older angel how he could have let this happen? The first man had everything, yet you helped him, he accused. The second family had little, but was willing to share everything, and you let the cow die.

"Things aren't always what they seem," the older angel replied. "When we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in that hole in the wall. Since the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he wouldn't find it. "Then last night, as we slept in the farmer's bed, the angel of death came for the farmer's wife. I gave him the cow instead."

"Things aren't always what they seem."

## HIDDEN WORDS --- BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

See if you can find 16 books of the Bible hidden below.

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you.

Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now. There really are sixteen names of books in this story.

## Johnny's Dust

After church, Johnny tells his parents he has to go and talk to the minister right away. They agree, and the pastor greets the family.

"Pastor," Johnny says, "I heard you say today that our bodies came from the dust."

"That's right, Johnny, I did," he says.



"And I heard you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust."

"Yes, I'm glad you were listening," the pastor replies. "Why do you ask?" "Well you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed, 'cause there's someone either comin' or goin'!"

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Westerly, RI 02891

Rev. Joshua A. McClure  
54 Old Pocasset Road - #150,  
Johnston, RI 02919

**Change of Phone Number:**

Sophia Scarano - (860) 420-2128

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

John & Barbara Mathewson  
Robert & Diane Chipperfield  
Jared & Marissa Lombardo  
Joanne & Mark Faiola  
Ken & Laura Fargo  
George & Mary Ann Rezendes  
Kay & Tony Perrone  
Jon & Patti Solis

### Prayer List

Allison Balentine  
Vanessa Bertsch  
Beverly  
Linda Bruno  
Mary Bruno  
Cathy  
Michelle Chaffee  
George Champlin  
Deni

Arline Fitzhugh  
Angela Gaccione  
Rev. John Houlker

James  
Jim

Vicky Keane  
Valerie LaPointe  
Tim Lynn

John Macomber  
Rev. Joshua McClure

John Millett  
Sharon Mitchell  
Heidi Murray  
Joetta Nagely  
Matthew Neely  
Michael Payne  
Charlotte Pillmear  
Ed & Mary Priebe  
Werner Rappelt  
Archie Plante  
Joyce Smith  
David Whipple Sr.  
Bill Weiss  
Lori Willems

## Sick and Shut-In

*Matthew 25:36 "... I was sick, and you visited me...."*

**Our Shut in Members**

Gertrude Smith, at home  
Paul Arnold, at home

**Royal Nursing Home**

Alice Bliven  
Dick Chipperfield  
John Macomber  
79 Beach Street, Westerly RI 02891

**Westerly Health Center**

Barbara Mathewson  
280 High Street, Westerly RI 02891

**Benchmark Plymouth Crossing**

Winnie Hamilton, 157 South Street - Apt 218,  
Plymouth, MA 02360



2 Nancy Greene  
2 Paul Johnson  
3 Harry Higgins  
4 Robert Burnside  
5 Mark Higgins  
5 Erica Ballesteros  
6 Owen Murray  
7 Christian Grillo  
7 Marie McCurry  
8 Marissa Day  
9 Matthew Dowding  
10 Scott Hallamore  
12 Joanne Faiola  
13 Ann Mason  
13 Karen Crockford  
13 Judith Quigley  
14 Lindsey Rahl  
15 Bailey Holstein  
16 Kathy Niles  
17 Joshua Ballesteros  
21 Pattie Jacobs  
22 Barbara Lynch  
24 Scott Vanaman  
25 Winifred Hamilton  
26 Donald West, Sr.  
27 Pamela Harvey  
27 Gianna Scarano  
29 Riley Gail  
29 Dakota Burton



3 Raymond Marra  
5 Barbara Higgins  
5 Ruth Stewart  
6 Joyce Collings  
7 Sharon Arruda  
9 Cheryl Lance  
9 Max Bertsch  
9 Lori Lord



**God will  
always be  
there with us  
and give us  
the strength  
to meet  
the difficulties  
of life.**

WENDELL E. METTEY

I pray because I believe  
in the power of prayer.  
I pray because I have no  
doubt that God has  
answered my prayers.  
I pray because God  
allowed me to wake up  
to see another day.  
No matter what others  
think or say...  
I will pray.

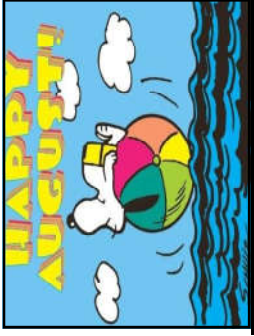
**Those in the Military:**

Lance Corporal Jordan Payne  
Cpt. Evan Caval, Ft. Campbell, KY  
Lieutenant Colonel Brian Gavitt  
Lance Corporal Christian Smith  
Greydon Aldrich, US Army  
Ian Panse, US Air Force, Kuwait



**And all those to serve in our armed forces.**





# August 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> 8:00AM Avondale 8:30AM Parking Lot Service 9:30AM Worship	<b>2</b> 9:30AM Mission Board	<b>3</b> 9:30AM Bible Study	<b>4</b> Weight Watchers 6:30PM Bible Study	<b>5</b> 8:30AM Walking w/Jesus 5:30PM VBS Meeting Dorothy Vacation	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Daryl Mosley Concert Over	<b>7</b> Weight Watchers 11:00AM Gary Engler Celebration of Life Service
<b>8</b> 8:00AM Avondale 8:30AM Parking Lot Service 9:30AM Worship	<b>9</b> Vacation Bible School	<b>10</b> 9:30AM Bible Study	<b>11</b> Weight Watchers 6:30PM Bible Study	<b>12</b> 8:30AM Walking w/Jesus	<b>13</b> 7:00pm Daryl Mosley Concert Over	<b>14</b> Weight Watchers 5:00PM Appreciation dinner for Pastor Cal
<b>15</b> 8:00AM Avondale 8:30AM Parking Lot Service 9:30AM Worship-Men's laity led Sunday 7:00 PM Daryl Mosley concert	<b>16</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 4:00PM Trustee Board Back from Vacation	<b>17</b> 5:30PM Bd of Christian Ed	<b>18</b> Weight Watchers 6:30PM Bible Study 7:00PM Deacon Board	<b>19</b> 8:30AM Walking w/Jesus	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Daryl Mosley Concert Over	<b>21</b> Weight Watchers
<b>22</b> 8:00AM Avondale 8:30AM Parking Lot Service 9:30AM Worship	<b>23</b> 7:00PM Church Council	<b>24</b> 9:30AM Bible Study	<b>25</b> Weight Watchers 6:30PM Bible Study	<b>26</b> 8:30AM Walking w/Jesus	<b>27</b> WARM Meal Trustees	<b>28</b> Weight Watchers
<b>29</b> 8:00AM Avondale 8:30AM Parking Lot Service 9:30AM Worship w/Rev. Wes Smith preaching	<b>30</b> 9:30AM Bible Study	<b>31</b> 9:30AM Bible Study	<b>32</b> 9:30AM Bible Study	<b>33</b> 9:30AM Bible Study	<b>34</b> 9:30AM Bible Study	<b>35</b> 9:30AM Bible Study

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**Return Service Requested**

*We join together to nurture  
Christ-centered faith, foster  
Christ-like maturity, and share  
Christ's ministry within our  
family, community and world.*

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