

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 With Us At
Central Baptist**



**Sunday Worship Service
10:30 AM**

Our services can be seen on
Facebook Live or on YouTube.
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www.cbwesterlyri.org

Celebrating the Resurrection!



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



NEWSLETTER TEAM

Dorothy McClure
Suzanne Vanaman
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

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Spotted During Holy Week & Easter



CHURCH MEETINGS

May 5
6:00PM Mission Board

May 11
5:30PM Christian Ed. Board

May 18
4:00PM Trustee Board
6:30PM Deacon Board

May 25
5:30PM Church Council



August 1 - 8:00AM
(No May, June & July)

Fellowship Hall

All men invited

Questions see Brian Gerbutavich



PASTOR CAL'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

I've always liked the idea of having a five year plan for ministry. From my earliest days I prayerfully considered what God was calling both the church and me to do in our time together. Obviously a faithful ministry involving preaching and teaching was a part of that. But I'd ask God "What else should we be doing?"

At Cross Mills it was establishing a Sunday School. In Norwich we began an outreach to young adults through sports ministries. Later we began to focus on short term mission trips and partnering with other churches to do outreach into the community. We participated in Community Sunrise services, National Day of Prayer, outdoor worship in the park, mission trips to Mexico and New York City.

When I came to Central there were already a number of great ministries including the Central Baptist Nursery School, summer worship at Avondale, providing meals at WARM and the Christmas musical cantatas to name a few. We added the mission trips and a few other activities. Now it is time to look ahead and see what new ministries we can explore, especially those that will be meaningful for the young families in our local community. In the 70's it was a preschool program and VBS. Today it may be something we haven't even thought of yet. I hope you will join us for a brainstorming session in June. We will look at what we are doing now and strategize on what we need to be doing in the future to insure the continued success and vitality of our ministry.

Finally, Lori and I want to thank you for your love and support over the past fifteen years. It has truly been a blessing to us and our family. You have embraced us and made us feel welcome. The ministry we have had together has been good and I think there are better days ahead. God bless you all!

Pastor Cal

Brainstorming Session

Join us on Thursday, June 11 at 6:00 pm if you want to help us plan for the future of our church. Part of our long range plan at Central involves an outreach to young families and youth. We want to hear your thoughts on effective ways to do that as we put together a strategy to grow our ministry in this area. Pizza and cold drinks will be served.



Neighbor Day

Come join us on Sunday, May 17th in a revival type setting out on the front lawn of the church as we gather to worship. Our choir will sing and we will welcome neighbors and friends to join us. This is a great service to invite a friend to. Bring a blanket, a lawn chair or sit in one of the chairs provided. We will have tents to protect you from the sun. We will move indoors if there is a threat of rain. We will close out the morning with an old fashioned ice cream social. Then you can head downtown for an official Neighbor Day Ceremony on the steps of Town Hall.

Westerly Time Capsule Project

As part of Westerly's celebration of the 250th anniversary of our country's founding, we will be participating in a time capsule project. The committee is seeking heartfelt letters written by members of our congregation to the future residents of Westerly—letters that tell who we are, our life stories and the people who have shaped us. Include a photo creating a vivid record of your family, friends and community. Our church has deep roots in the community and the committee would like us to participate. Bring your letters to church by June 30th, 2026 and we will submit them. Thank you.



Faith & Life with Pastor Enrique

Three Reasons for Following Jesus



Many of us follow causes, organizations, celebrities, sports players, musicians, and politicians on social media. There must be a compelling reason we are drawn to them. I've recently been thinking deeply about the reasons I love following Jesus. Although I have many, I wanted to share three.

First, Jesus is the ultimate forgiver. He provides a way for me to reconcile with Him. Every time I fail Him, even if it's thousands of times, He is there waiting for me to repent and ask for forgiveness. How many people do you know who would do that for you? Even after letting them down thousands of times? Scripture says, "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23, English Standard Version).

Second, God gives me hope. Every day brings something new. We have no idea what the month, year, or decade will bring. When events don't go our way or situations derail our plans, I can have hope in Him. Hope in Him produces peace and reminds me where to place my faith. The psalmist reminds us, "For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth" (Psalm 71:5). He needs to be our hope.

Lastly, He is the best host. When Jesus ascended to heaven, He made sure we would not be alone. He cares for all of humankind and left us a helper in the Holy Spirit. Because of Jesus' obedience at the cross and His salvation, I have a place to call home for eternity. Jesus says, "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:2-3). One day, I will enjoy His presence at His home. Truth be told, I could keep going and going and going with this list of my favorite reasons for following Jesus. Over the years, my favorite reasons have changed, but have not ceased to exist.

Question: What are your top three reasons for following Jesus?

Application: Always be conscious of your reasons for following Jesus.

Blessings,

Pastor Enrique Newman, MDiv, MA
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Pastor Enrique is now moving toward ordination. He has a scheduled meeting with ABCORI's Committee on the Ministry. He has completed his boundary training course and taken a class on Baptist Polity. We have licensed him to ministry. There are a few additional requirements before we can call a meeting of representatives of the local ABCORI churches for an ordination council. At that time, Pastor Enrique will share his call to ministry and his understanding of the doctrines of the church. They will vote on whether or not he should proceed toward his ordination. The ordination service that follows is a public recognition and affirmation of one's divine call to ministry. We hope to celebrate Pastor Enrique's ordination this summer. We hope you'll participate.



PERSECUTED CHURCH



Sudan

The civil war that started in 2023 has created one of the worst humanitarian crises in the past few years. Sudan has seen repeated coups and national instability resulting in three civil wars since its independence in 1956. There are significant Christian minorities in the west of the country, the Darfur region and in southern Sudan. Since Independence the ruling parties, including military dictatorships, have been solidly Islamic, for long periods instituting Sharia law as the justice system, which discriminates against all non Islamists.

Currently there are 3 million Sudanese who have fled to neighboring countries and 8 million who are internally displaced. Many Christians are among these numbers.

Many will remember the Darfur Genocide of the early 2000's as the Janjaweed Militias backed by the central government sought to eliminate the black Christian population of the area. Currently the RSF, the main opposition warring faction, are doing the same thing, targeting Christian churches, medical clinics and the general population in a repeat of what happened 20 years ago.

Help for those in the conflict is patchy at best as the dangers of operating in the midst of a civil war are great. Most of the ministries we monitor are offering what help they can and operate mostly in South Sudan which is more stable at the moment.

As is the case in these types of conflicts the thing we can do is pray that God will meet their needs and bring peace to the area.

**The Avondale Chapel – 2026 Season
June 14th through September 6th, Sundays at 8:00 am**

Scheduled Speakers:

June 14th - Rev. David Jordan

June 21st - Rev. Dr. Cal Lord

June 28th - Rev. Dr. Malcom J. MacKenzie

July 5th - Pastor Randy Miller

July 12th - Bishop James Hazelwood

July 19th - Rev. Mark Porizky

July 26th - Deacon Scott Gail

August 2nd - Rev. Dr. Kevin Goodrich

August 9th - Pastor Enrique Newman

August 16th - Rev. Wesley A. McClure

August 23rd - Rev. Wesley Smith

August 30th - Rev. Victoria Burdick

September 6th - Rev. Dr. Cal Lord



**Website: avondalechapel.org
Facebook: Avondale Chapel
Instagram: @historic_avondale_chapel**



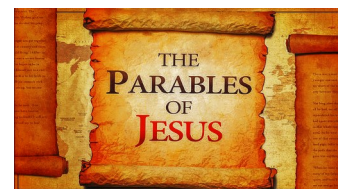
Small Group Studies at Central this Winter



Connection, Accountability, Encouragement & Prayer

Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am

Join Pastor David Jordan as he leads us in a study of Jesus' parables. These short stories are often misunderstood. Jesus said that only through spiritual discernment could they be properly understood. Come, let Pastor Dave unpack their meaning each week in the church chapel in our Adult Sunday School Class.



Monday Mornings at 10:00 am - Coffee with the Pastor

On Monday, we will dive into Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians. From there we will jump into Peter's two letters to the church to close out the spring study. Newcomers are always welcome! The coffee pot will be on. Come share the delights of reading scripture together... and a few snacks too!

Monday Evenings at 6:30 pm - The 50 Commands of Jesus

This yearlong study is designed to lead you into steady biblical growth as you walk through fifty commands of Jesus and learn to live them out. Guided by insights from John Piper's All That Jesus Commanded, you will be strengthened and supported in a continual journey of discipleship. Led by Pastor Enrique.

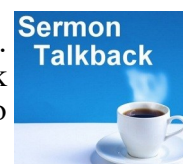


Wednesday Night at 6:30 pm - A study of the "Hymns We Sing"

Each week we gather for a short devotion followed by a study of some of the most popular hymns that we sing along with a few which have very interesting backgrounds. Led by Nancy Balentine.

Wednesday Night at 7:00 pm - Sermon Talkback!

Come and take the opportunity to ask the Pastor questions about the previous week's sermon. This will be a discussion that will give participants the opportunity to seek clarification, talk about personal application and discover a deeper understanding of the text as well. We will also discuss how to live out the message. Led by our pastors.

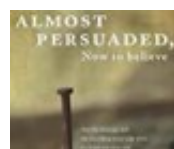
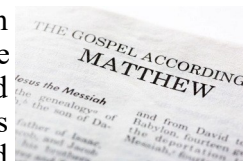


Thursday Mornings at 10:00 am - Women's Study

This book study is entitled "COUNT IT ALL JOY" by Dr. David Jeremiah. The study will show how to have joy in community, diversity, service, suffering, unity, etc. This study begins on April 9th and is sure to be very interesting. Led by Geri Maloney.

Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm - A Men's Study on the Book of Matthew

The Gospel of Matthew is the focus our Men's Study on Thursday evenings in the church parlor. Matthew, one of Jesus' twelve disciples, offers us one of the earliest accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus. Matthew wanted to confirm that Jesus was the continuation and fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. You will read the stories and get to understand God's plan for humanity in this study and see just how much God loves us. The small group is led by Jon Humphrey and Phil Bryan and meets in Fellowship Hall.



Almost Persuaded - 4th Saturday each month at 10:00 am

Spend an hour with Scott Gail and friends talking about the basic aspects of our faith. This study meets the last Saturday of every month in the church parlor and is using Rev. Joshua McClure's book, Almost Persuaded, as a guide. Call Scott at 401-374-1435 with questions.

Treasurer's Report

	February 2026 Actual	February 2026 Plan	Year-to-Date Actuals	2026 Annual Plan
Total Income	\$60,197.69	\$49,612.59	\$143,740.36	\$543,964.93
Total Expenses	\$52,068.58	\$44,191.02	\$101,919.13	\$555,499.00
Net Ordinary Income	\$8,131.11	\$5,421.57	\$41,821.23	(\$11,534.07)

End of March financial numbers show the 2026 Financial Plan to be in a good position. Total income through March represents 33.3% of the annual planned amount while total expenditures represent 25.4% of planned amounts resulting in a surplus of \$46,856.86 this year compared to a surplus of \$25,819.29 at the same time last year. Regular year-to-date totals \$94,456.37 which is an 21% increase over last year's end of March total. A copy of the complete March financial statement is available in the church library once it has been approved by the Board of Trustees.

As always, the generous donations and faithful support of Central Baptist members and friends allows the church to actively serve our community while also proactively maintaining our church properties. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you so very much!

If you are unable to come to church, we hope that you're watching the live stream services on Facebook. If you miss it, you can search Facebook for the Central Baptist Church of Westerly, RI page and scroll down. It is also available on YouTube.

Here are some 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. Add a memo if your gift is for a special cause.
- 2) Text Giving is now available. Message the word "GIVE" to 401-414-4940 from your cellphone and easily send a donation.
- 3) Another option is to visit www.cbCWesterlyRI.org, then click on Donations link at the top, or scan this code on your phone to access CBC's online giving app. The URL for the app is <https://app.easytithe.com/app/Giving/cbcw>. You can give either directly from your bank account or... (for a higher fee) use a debit/credit card. The app uses the same security as bank web sites, so your personal information is secure. Also, it allows you to schedule your donations in advance, so "once and it's done."



Please look to see how online giving can make giving easier for you!

Memorial Opportunities

A digital sign makes sense if you want to make an impact in a busy world. We have a lot of activities here at church. Right now we put out our signboard to promote them. The wind knocks it down and it is a challenge to put it together. Changing the letters on the stationary sign isn't easy either. A digital display makes sense and would make promoting our services and activities so much easier and much more visible. The cost would be about \$20,000. If you are interested in making a memorial project donation please contact Bob Burnside, Trustee Board Chair or Pastor Cal and let them know.



PARISH**PARISH COMMITTEE****PARISH**

The Parish Committee remains active, visiting members who are homebound or in nursing facilities. I've been with this ministry long enough that I am visiting folks that were once on a Parish Committee team. It's bittersweet the way time marches on.

If you would like to know more about this ministry, please contact me. The time commitment is just a few hours a month at your convenience. Anita Greene ~ (401) 596-8914 ~ akgreene@mac.com

Scholarship Applications are Now Available

The Board of Christian Education is proud to announce that they have received funding for this year's educational scholarships. Scholarship applications are available now. They can be picked up in the church office. Please return them to the office no later than Sunday, June 8th. Remember, while this has been beneficial to college students, the scholarship fund may also be used for other education, too. We can help with just one course, a credential program, or technical program.

**Mission Board****MISSION BOARD****Mission Board**

One Great Hour of Sharing

"Each of you should give what you've decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly, or under compulsion. God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

For over 75 years, the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering has been helping Christians bring God's hope and healing to hurting people both in the US and around the world. Its mission is to support domestic and international development, fight poverty, and its consequences, bring aid and relief to communities torn by war or ravaged by national disaster, provide advocacy and resettlement assistance for refugees and displaced persons, and combat injustice in its many forms. It provides funding and hands-on assistance in collaboration with local and international partners.

Through your support, it funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as healthcare, education, agriculture, food, security, microfinancing, and women's empowerment. Your contributions help meet urgent needs while addressing the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring long-term, sustainable solutions for affected communities.

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you are a light for people in need. You offer light when disaster strikes, and when chronic conditions threaten families and communities. You are a light, not just in the immediate future, but also for the long haul. When you give you restore not only structures, but also you transform lives. Your gift ensures that no matter how difficult the situation light shines. Be the light. Give to One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you for your continued support.

The Mission Board

**CAN I
HAVE YOUR
ATTENTION
PLEASE!**

Men's Breakfast

The men's breakfast will be having a three month break. Both Brian and Skip have had some medical procedures. They need some time to rest and heal. The next breakfast will be August 1, 2026 at 8:00am. Set your calendars and prepare to come out and be blessed.

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Deacon's Fellowship Fund

An offering for the Deacon's Fellowship Fund is collected every month as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. We have funds available for individuals and families that are struggling to make ends meet. We can help with groceries, gasoline for your cars, home heating oil, and small home repairs. Speak to Pastor Cal, Pastor Enrique or Deacon Scott Gail if you have a need. Your request will be held in confidence. We are here to help.

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Clap Your Hands!

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Rev. Charles Lewis, tells of a young couple who have a little boy who shows his joy constantly by clapping his hands. Put apple

sauce before him and he claps. Put him down with his toys and he claps eagerly. Tell him the family is going to a mountain for a picnic and he breaks into applause. This upbeat little boy brings to mind the words of Isaiah to the effect that "a little child shall lead them." (Isaiah 11:6) Certainly the happy lad could lead those who dwell in gloom and doom into a new and joyous lifestyle.

In I Timothy 4:4 St. Paul says: "**Everything created by God is good ... provided it is received with thanksgiving.**" The child knows that already. Receiving life "with thanksgiving" is the key to living victoriously. It starts with observing all of the good things which God bestows on us daily and receiving them with joy. That should prompt us to be hand clappers, not handwringers. If we do become grateful for God's overflowing goodness to us, the natural response on our part will surely be to become givers ourselves. We will begin to practice the stewardship of all that God has given us. In short, we will open our hands and hearts to serve the Lord. After all, hand clappers spread their joy everywhere.



Annual Women's Banquet

****Has been Postponed****

More information will be provided when it is rescheduled.

Happy Mother's Day



**"Life doesn't come with a manual.
It comes with a mother."**



Sunday, May 10th



**"A mother is not a person to lean on,
but a person to make leaning unnecessary."**

Central Nursery School

Happy Spring and Greetings from Central Nursery School!

What a wonderful time we had talking about "PETS." We changed the Housekeeping Area into a "Vet Clinic" and the children were able to dress up in their doctor outfits to look at x rays, diagnose problems and take care of their pets. The library was full of books about pets and Miss Tia engaged all the students with daily art projects that were all pet related. As always, the children were immersed in plenty of educational and play activities. We concentrated on the letters "R, S and T" and our shape of the month, the rectangle. Most of the children are now able to write their first and last name and know all the Upper- and Lower-Case letters of the Alphabet and can recognize all their sounds. Thank you again to Miss Mel from the Westerly Library who continues to support our school with her books, songs and crafts especially for our children. The flowers she made with the kids last week turned out so pretty and they gave them as a gift to their mothers.



The children would love to personally thank Miss Dorothy for loving and caring about them so much. She gave from her heart and personally made sure that she gave each of them a special handmade Easter Basket. Thank you for everything you do Miss Dorothy and for coming down to the classroom every day to visit our wonderful children and brightening their day. Their smiles and hugs for you says it all.

Lastly, we will end the month talking about spring. We will also be having a Parent Engagement Event with a Game Day and a Spring BINGO.

Miss Leslie and Miss Tia



The best inheritance a mother can leave her children is a Christian example.

A real friend is one who walks in, when the rest of the world walks out.
—Walter Winchell

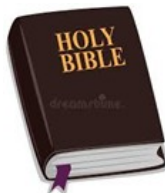
INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Share God’s Love ~ Invite a Friend to Church

We have post cards available in the Welcome Center if you’d like to invite a friend to church. Recent surveys say that most people would accept an invitation to attend church if invited by someone they trust. We also have bookmarkers! Why not try?

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Do You Need A Bible?



The Bible provides the foundation for our faith in God and a life that glorifies Him. It has been called “Life’s Instruction Manual” given to us by our creator. That’s why we are encouraging everyone to read through the Bible this year and working together to commit key verses to memory. If you need a Bible, we have one for you. Speak to one of the ushers on a Sunday morning. They will make sure you receive one.

Reach out to Others



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Pastor
Reverend Dr. Cal Lord

If you’re thinking about someone, reach out to them. Anita Greene has set up a table in Fellowship Hall. Choose a card and send it to them with a greeting. Enclose a CBC Bookmark. You never know what someone is going through. It’s always a blessing when someone knows you are thinking about them or praying for them.

The Pastors are here for you...

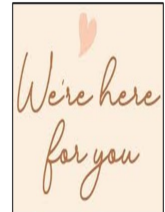
If you need prayer, are going into the hospital, would like a visit or would like to make an appointment with one of the pastors, please call the church office (401) 596-4929.

You can also send an email:

Pastor Cal (calstigers@gmail.com).

Pastoral Enrique

(pastorenriquenewman@gmail.com).



Grateful for Those Who Gave All

We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave “the last full measure of devotion” for our sake.
May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Memorial Garden Bricks

An order for memorial bricks went out in January. If you are interested in ordering memorial bricks it is never too late. Please submit your order form and check in the memorial brick box in the outer office. Your order will go out with the next batch. Any questions or if you need suggestions on wording please contact Noreen Gerrish or Pat Anderson.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are happy to announce Martha Geehan has joined our Christian Ed Board. She will be a great addition to our board. "Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100.2
We are preparing for Kids Faith Camp this summer June 22-26 .

Our theme this year is " Rainforest Falls" for ages Pre-K to 6th grade. Older children may sign up to be helpers. The key themes of Rainforest Falls are five foundational truths about the nature of God. Faith Camp will bring kids closer to God's World and lasting faith.

Volunteers are needed for Kids Faith Camp . If you are interested there is a sign up sheet near the back door entrance and also you may contact Pastor Enrique. Educational and Camp scholarships will be available soon.

Mabel N. Payne



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

KIDS FAITH CAMP – It's More than Babysitting

Every year, our church hosts one of the largest religious children's events in Westerly: Kids Faith Camp. This year is no exception.

Over the last three years, I have learned about the significant impact this annual one-week event has had on families. I have spoken with many parents who attended the camp when they were young and now bring their own children. They recalled being impacted by VBS at a young age and positively reminisce about a great part of their childhood summer. Several have shared that their children consider our VBS their favorite among all the others they attend in Westerly.

I can totally relate to these stories when I hear them. You see, I only had the opportunity to attend VBS once when I was 12. It greatly impacted my life. At the closing ceremony, I invited my mom and my aunt. This was a big deal because my aunt was not a Christian. I was so happy to see her come to a Christian church and see all that I had worked on all week.

Today, when I see those kids come through those doors to our Kids Faith Camp, I see souls. Souls that are impacted by the work that we are called to do, which is not to entertain but to share the gospel. I see souls that go back, excitedly sharing with their parents what they did and learned throughout the day and the week. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 19:14, ESV). Providing them access to biblical truth brings joy to God's heart. It has a long-lasting effect. It may be hard to see the final results of the time, effort, and work of love our Kids Faith Camp helpers put in. Rest assured, Jesus is working through us in many families. Perhaps one day their child will grow up to lead, manage, or help shape other children, even if it's only for one week a year. Nevertheless, let me encourage you to be a part of the 2026 team.

Enrique Newman, Associate Pastor

DEACON BOARD

In a Baptist church, a deacon is a servant-leader who assists the pastor(s) by caring for the congregation's physical and spiritual needs, fostering unity, and managing practical affairs. Based on 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and Acts 6, they free elders to focus on teaching and ministry.

Core Roles and Usage Examples:

Pastoral Care: Deacons perform hospital visits, visit homebound members, and offer comfort to families facing grief or crises.

Worship and Ordinance Assistance: They help serve the Lord's Supper (communion) and often assist with baptisms.

Administration and Benevolence: Deacons help manage church resources, oversee financial aid to needy members (benevolence), and handle practical administrative tasks to prevent church divisions.

Support and Outreach: They demonstrate loyal support to the pastoral staff, participate in outreach, and welcome visitors.

Conflict Resolution: They often act as peace-makers, helping to mediate disagreements and maintain fellowship within the church.



TRUSTEE BOARD

A trustee in a Baptist church is a layperson appointed to manage the church's secular business, property, and legal obligations, acting as a steward over the congregation's physical and financial assets. They hold legal responsibility for signing contracts, maintaining buildings, and ensuring compliance with regulations.

Key Responsibilities of a Trustee:

Property Management: Overseeing maintenance, security, and usage of the church building, grounds, and equipment.

Legal Representation: Mitigating risks that may affect the church's assets or operations is another key responsibility of trustees. This includes identifying potential risks, implementing safeguards, and obtaining appropriate insurance coverage to protect the church from unforeseen events.

Risk Management: Serving as the legal agents for the church in buying, selling, or leasing property, often acting on the vote of the congregation.

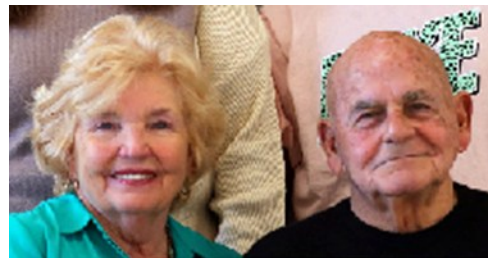
Financial Stewardship:

Assisting in reviewing financial records, handling insurance, and overseeing budget execution.



In The Spotlight

By Nancy Balentine



Karen & Henry Boeniger

This Spotlight was originally published in our May 2012 Newsletter. Current updates by Pastor Cal.

When Karen Boeniger attended the 2002 Winter Olympics in Utah, she went to a place that had been her home for twenty years. She was born in Salt Lake City and moved to Sandy, Utah, twenty miles south, in first grade. Her dad and mom bought a small dairy farm there. Karen fed chickens and cows and was responsible each year for a sow which was sold to purchase school clothes. In tenth grade the family moved to downtown Sandy where she graduated from Jordan High School amongst a school population known as the Beetdiggers.

Anna and Frank Lynch had three daughters, Reta, Jeanette, and Karen. There was also a son, Tom, whose death at age 37 has been a great grief to Karen. Reta Turner lives in Minot, Maine, and attends Central Baptist on visits to Karen. "She is my biggest spiritual mentor - my second mother," Karen says of this older sister. Her other sister, Jeanette Wright, lives in Walla Walla, WA, and is partly the reason Karen became a Westerly resident. Karen came to stay with Jeanette who was pregnant with her first child while her Navy husband was out to sea. Introductions to people her age eventually included Henry Boeniger and he became the reason to stay here.

After high school Karen worked for AT&T first in the mailroom, then in the cash/pay station unit. Until her retirement, she worked for 34 years in an orthodontic practice, first for Dr. Weilburg and then for Dr. Hayden. Karen was very positive about her job: loved working with kids, enjoyed the people she worked with, and found her schedule suitable to her needs as those needs change.

Husband Henry has provided Karen a first-hand look at local and state politics which she has enjoyed as an insider. Henry was a state representative for 18 years, chair of the Labor committee. He served on the Town Council for 2 years. He represented the NEA (National Education Association) of Rhode Island in the area of government relations. When he retired, he found retirement a bit dull, so he has "picked up a couple of lobby jobs" - and would often continue to go to the State House.

Henry and Karen have two daughters, Stacie and Shelli. Staci is a graduate of Syracuse University and UCONN Law School and is a partner in an international law firm based in Providence. Shelli has a bachelor's degree from Johnson State in Vermont and is the administrator of a non-profit organization in Providence named Capital City. She provides leadership for a before-and-after school program and for a senior center meal site. Karen is the grandmother of three boys, Stacie's Samuel Henry and Declan John and Shelli's Isaiah Esau, who was born 5 weeks prematurely. These boys are the light of Henry and Karen's lives.

The Boenigers LOVE to travel. They have gone to Aruba many times and make visits to family. Italy has been their favorite destination. They loved the atmosphere of the Utah Olympics: hearing all the foreign languages, the genuine camaraderie, the resolution of the figure skating controversy ending in a gold medal for both Russia and Canada. They saw many of the venues and treasure their experience. They like to see plays and movies and have combined attendance at conferences with seeing stadiums around the country, being fans of the Red Sox and Patriots. Karen is an avid reader - as fond of the classics as she is of mysteries. She had the interesting experience of reading Steinbeck's Cannery Row while visiting Monterrey, CA where the Cannery was located.

Central Baptist has very much benefited from Karen's stewardship of time as she has taught Sunday School, served a couple terms as Deacon, been secretary to the Board of Trustees, member of the Mission Board, and treasurer of Benevolence. She presently is involved in a small group study with her dear friend, Geri Maloney. Central Baptist can be proud of Karen's presence in our community.

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. Why not read a library book to start the month.

Substitute Church Bus Drivers



We have a dedicated core of drivers who are making scheduled stops each week. A big thank you to Ed Lowe, Fritz Eckel, Rick Mann, and John Riley. Every once in a while there is a gap in our schedule. We are looking for individuals with a clean driving record who would be willing to step in if a need arises. Speak to Ed Lowe or Pastor Cal.



Our Monthly Bible Memory Verse for May

“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” ~ Romans 10:9-10



The next meeting of the Brothers in Christ will be on Monday, May 25th at 6:00pm. This group is led by Pastor Enrique. This ministry is for you to walk alongside other men as you get to know Jesus. It allows the men to talk about issues they face and how to deal with them by using Biblical insights. Look for announcements in the Sunday bulletin on our next topic.



The next Sisters in Christ meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th at 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend.

Our meetings have changed from 7:00pm to 6:00pm going forward.



Friendship Circle



Friendship Circle meeting time has changed from the 1st Monday of every month at 6:00pm to the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00pm.

Please join us on Thursday, May 7th at 6:00pm as we come together to plan for the Christmas bazaar, share ideas, laugh, and build lasting friendships. Whether you're a regular or it's your first time, everyone is welcome! Don't miss out-see you there!

Co-Chairs Cathy Burnside and Sarah Rofrano





*** IT'S NOT TO LATE! - FEW SEATS AVAILABLE ***

The **Central Baptist Travelers** will be traveling to Lancaster, Pennsylvania for a three-day trip, **June 18-20, 2026**. We are going to the **Sight and Sound Theater** in Lancaster to see **“Joshua.”** The cost per person is **\$560.00**. This includes, lodging, breakfast, three meals, theater tickets, transportation, fun and all gratuities.

We have four seats still available, it's not too late to join the fun.

If you are signed up for the trip please remember your final payment is due by May 18, 2026.

Please note!! Our CBC Travelers dinner for everyone going on the trip is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th at 5:00pm in Fellowship Hall. At this dinner we will discuss the trip, answer questions, pass out the itinerary and meet new friends.

For more information you can also contact our church office (centralbaptistchurch16@gmail.com) or call our church office (401-596-4929) and speak to Dorothy.

Blessings,
Agnes & Dorothy

Jonnycake Food Pantry Needs:

Condiments ~ Canned Meats ~ Side Dishes
Soup ~ Pasta ~ Coffee
Crackers ~ Tea



*Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.
Philippians 2:4 (NKJV)*

Read Through the Bible - Year 2



Were you able to read through the Bible in 2025? We are doing it again in 2026 and we have a new resource to help you. Feel free to use the book from last year if you prefer.... But let's do it again. Or if you didn't quite make it in 2025, let's try again. Monthly reading sheets are available in the church narthex.



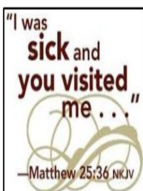
Volunteer Help Needed at Central Baptist Nursery School



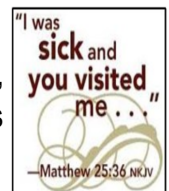
We are looking for individuals who love children and are willing to be on a list as a volunteer or substitute teacher for our nursery school. If you are interested and would like to know what is required, please contact Cathy Burnside.



Elderly and Shut-In



Please remember our elderly and shut-in members. It's always nice to give them a call, ask if they need anything. You can also visit them or send a card. We are all Brothers and Sisters in Christ and should look after each other.



S.A.L.T. Luncheon



On Wednesday, May 27th we are going to welcome Carly Callahan. Carly is the Executive Director of the United Theater Organization. She was scheduled to be our speaker in February, but unfortunately we had to cancel due to snow. We hope you will join us for our Luncheon at noon in Fellowship Hall.

Invite a friend. They will thank you, it's always a blessing to attend.



Remembering Our Loved Ones



On Sunday, April 12th we hosted our annual Service of Remembrance during morning worship . It is a beautiful reminder that when Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 14:25-26) Candles were set up at the front of the sanctuary. As names were read, congregants came forward to light a candle in memory of their loved ones. Pastor Cal

preached a message on "Claiming the Promises of the Resurrection" following the candle lighting.



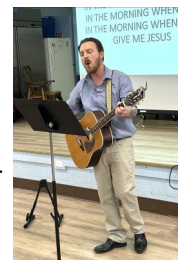
Pastor Cal Celebrates Fifteen Years at Central Baptist

On Sunday, April 12th the congregation celebrated Pastor Cal's 15th anniversary as its pastor. He started with us on Monday, March 7th. He has now matched Rev. Frederick Gardners (1956-1971) as the longest serving pastor of Central Baptist. Back in the spring of 2011, then Pastoral Search committee member, Kathy Caval, asked him how long he intended to serve. He answered that he planned to continue at least another 17 years. Well, considering where he is at, he certainly should be able to make that... and we hope a few more beyond that mark.



Anchor Church Completes A Successful Lenten Run

It was scheduled for a six week run during Lent on Sunday nights at 6:00 pm. The first week was cancelled because of snow but we enjoyed the short run. Pastor Dave, Pastor Cal, Pastor Enrique and Scott Gail provided the messages. A couple weeks we had Cheryl Dutrumble with us to lead the singing. The other weeks we relied on YouTube video for our music. When Scott Gail led the service, he provided the music. Stay tuned for our next Anchor Offering!



Donate to the "Pavilion Fund." It's a terrific way to make a lasting memorial gift! For many years we have had a growing number of outdoor activities which has required hauling tables and chairs out into the parking lot. A few years ago the idea of constructing a permanent pavilion to host these events came up. The cost is in the neighborhood of \$100,000. It will provide a great space for ministry and for the church family to use for other events. If you would like to give a gift in honor or memory of a special loved one, or you'd just like to make a donation, you can do so by making your check out to Central Baptist Church and putting "Pavillion" in the memo line.





Just For Kids




A LEGACY OF FAITH

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy learned about faith from his mother and grandmother.

Complete the verse below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowels.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

" 3 1 m r 2 m 3 nd 2 d 4 f
 y 4 5 r s 3 nc 2 r 2 f 1 3 th, wh 3 ch
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2 5 n 3 c 2 1 nd, 3 1 m p 2 rs 5 1 d 2 d,
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2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

Answer: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

SMILES AND SO FORTH

Humor, Wisdom, Poetry, Quizzes, and So Forth



The Taste of Our Words

I try to watch the words I say,
And keep them soft and sweet;
For I don't know from day to day,
Which ones I'll have to eat.



Thanks, Mom!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice." The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.



An A-Plus Answer

Twelve-year-old Daniel was doing his best to test the patience of his mother, the Rev. Ann Lewis. He pushed back on every request, and the tension in the room kept rising as he refused to cooperate.

Finally, his mother reached her limit. Looking at him firmly, she said, "Daniel, you have tested me to my limits."

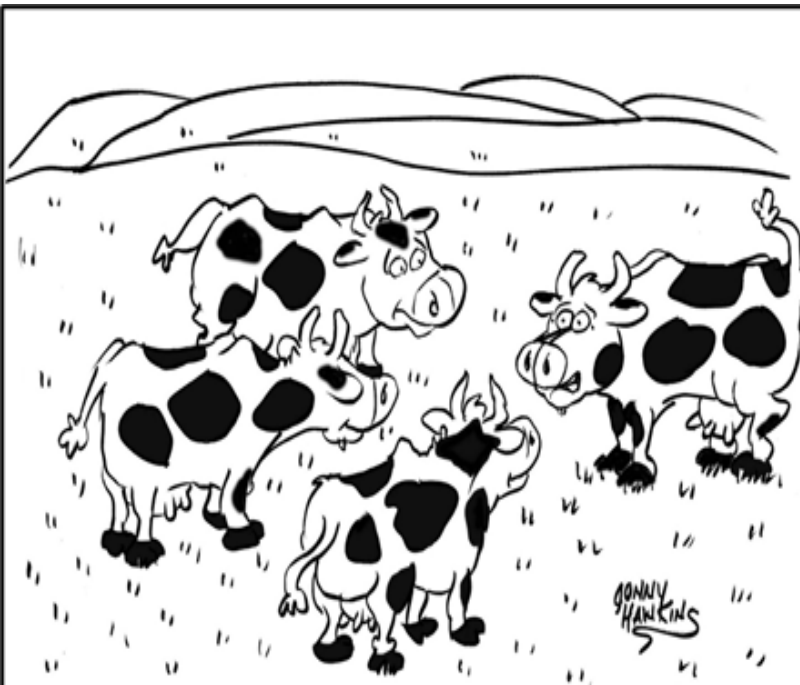
Without missing a beat, Daniel grinned and replied, "Yes! And you get an A-plus."



The Giver

It is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out-give God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to him, he will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave.

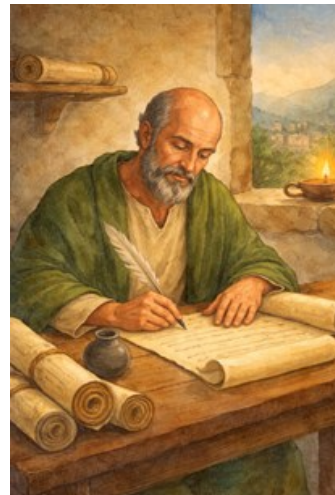
-Charles Spurgeon



"Before we eat, let's say graze."

Bible Quiz

Although the apostle Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he dictated the message while another believer served as the scribe. Near the end of the letter, that writer briefly identifies himself. Who was it?



- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila

Answer: A (See Romans 16:22)

Prayer List

Donna Antonino
 Mary Lee Bilyou
 Bob Booth
 Pat Collins



Joan Cushman
 Dwight
 Marcia Erskine
 Mark Faiola
 Katie Feinstein
 Arline Fitzhugh
 Connie Gavitt

Brian Gerbutavich
 Judy Grady
 Peggy Hewett
 Barbara Higgins
 Diane Johnson
 Jeff Jones
 Rev. Dave Jordan
 Vicky Keane
 Dan & Valerie LaPointe

Lori Lord
 Gary Lowe
 Marilyn Main
 Ann Mason
 Fred Mason
 John Millett
 Brian Moore

Dr. Newman, Mission Honduras

Barbara Nugent
 Kay Perrone
 Terri Plumley
 Paulette Retsinas
 Tim Rhodes

Richard & Candy
 Dolores Sais
 Karen Stellmaker

Ruth Ann & Jim Stewart
 Skip Terwilliger
 Ishmael Trune
 Gerry Wagner

Our Missionaries

Our Kids' Church Program
 Our Pastors
 Unsaved
 World Peace

If you'd like to receive notices of prayer requests, please email the church office with your preference, (email or text) and we will add you to the list.

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND DO NOT LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. PROVERBS 3:5, ESV



Michelle & Scott Hallamore - 5th
 Dot & Ray Marra - 19th
 Georgette & Richard DeBernardo - 27th
 Pastor Cal & Lori Lord - 29th



- 1 Zachary Stanton
- 1 James Stewart
- 2 Brian Moore
- 3 Judy Lathrop
- 4 Racheal Pennington
- 8 Sara Champlin
- 8 Scott Rahl
- 9 Hannah Gibson
- 9 Allison Swatts
- 11 Gwendoline Woods
- 12 Michael Grillo
- 13 Linda Engler
- 13 Rich Mayo
- 13 Deb Peterson
- 13 Carol Zwick
- 16 Cindy Traendly
- 17 Tiffani DeAngelis
- 17 Bobbi Servidio
- 20 Karen Boeniger
- 20 Sarah Payne
- 22 Olivia Greene
- 22 Luna Newman
- 22 MaryAnn Rezendes
- 23 Tom Moretti
- 23 Skip Terwilliger
- 24 Amy Riley
- 26 Morgan Humphrey
- 27 Susan Eldridge
- 27 Dot Marra
- 28 Alan Caval
- 28 Marilyn Gardner
- 28 Hope Georgetti
- 30 Edwin Greene

"HATE IS TOO GREAT A BURDEN TO BEAR. IT INJURES THE HATER MORE THAN IT INJURES THE HATED."
 —CORETTA SCOTT KING

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.



Our Shut in Members at Home

Judy Grady & Ann Mason

Royal Nursing Home

Kay Perrone
 79 Beach St, Westerly 02891

The Elms

Joan Cushman
 Tom Beaudoin
 Peggy Hewett
 Ron Taddy
 22 Elm Street, Westerly, RI 02891



Benchmark Plymouth Crossing

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



- 1 Caroline Burton
- 3 Jessica Burton
- 3 Paul Eldridge
- 3 Nathan Hamlet Jr
- 5 Mabel Payne
- 5 Kathy York
- 6 Helen Pendleton
- 7 Sarah Murray
- 9 Cheryl Ferris

Those in the Military:

Sargent Jordan Payne , Camp Lejeune, NC
 Cpt. Evan Caval, Ft. Campbell, KY
 Lieutenant Colonel Brian Gavitt
 Lance Corporal Christian Smith
 Sargent David Aiello, US Marines



All of those who serve in our armed forces.

Sick & Shut-in



Wishing you a birthday filled with God's endless love and infinite joy.



MAY 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30PM Intro to Worship Band with Scott Gail	2 8:00AM Men's Breakfast
3 Communion Sunday 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship	4 10:00AM Coffee w/Pastor 5:30PM Christian Ed Board 6:30PM Commands/Jesus	5 6:00PM String Ensemble 6:00PM Mission Board	6 5:30PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Hymns We Sing 7:00PM Sermon Talkback Weight Watchers	7 6:00PM Friendship Circle 6:30PM Men's Study	8 7:30PM Intro to Worship Band with Scott Gail	9 Rick & Serena's Wedding
10 Mother's Day 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship	11 10:00AM Coffee w/Pastor 5:30PM Christian Ed Board 6:30PM Commands/Jesus	12 6:00PM String Ensemble 6:00PM Sisters in Christ	13 5:30PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Hymns We Sing 7:00PM Sermon Talkback Weight Watchers	14 6:30PM Men's Study	15 7:30PM Intro to Worship Band with Scott Gail Newsletter Deadline	16
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