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THE GOOD WORD

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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.
Access is always available
through our church website:
www.cbCWesterlyRI.org

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Call 401-596-4929
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Happy Grandparents Day!



The rain couldn't dampen the spirits of our Rally Day & Grandparent's Celebration on September 13th. We had a good congregation present as we recognized our grandparents and celebrated our ministry of Christian Education. We moved the picnic indoors and our crew chefs managed the grill under a tent but the spirits were high and everyone had a great time.



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Cal Lord, Jr., Pastor
 Assoc. Pastor, Enrique Newman
 Lynn Johnson, Music Director
 Dorothy McClure, Administrator
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 Sofia Scarano, Custodian

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

**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

Suzyv64@verizon.net

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

**CHURCH MEETINGS**

October 6
 6:00PM Mission Board

October 12
 5:30PM Board of Christian Ed

October 19
 4:30PM Trustee Board
 6:30PM Deacon Board



October 10th - 8:00AM
 Fellowship Hall
All men invited
 NOTICE DATE CHANGE!

Thank you Pastor Enrique & Brigid Newman!!!

Plan to be here as we say farewell to Pastor Enrique, Brigid and the girls as they set off on their new calling on Sunday, October 25th. Feel free to express your appreciation for their ministry with cards & gifts.

PASTOR CAL'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

A year ago we laid out our long range plan for the next few years. We have been quietly checking the boxes and moving forward.

Our first goal was to provide tools, training and mentorship to assist members in their spiritual growth. With the assistance of our pastors and a few lay volunteers, we have continually offered at least six small groups studies each quarter. We are currently working to provide online access to a few of these studies this fall. We have also instituted the "Read through the Bible" program and the "verse of the month" to help members internalize the Word of God.

Our second goal was to create opportunities for people to serve the Lord with their gifts and talents. Our hope was to provide opportunities and create an awareness of them and engage at least fifty members of the congregation in the various ministries of the church. We have also offered a few courses on discipleship to help people get out of the church and share the gospel with others. A third objective under this goal was to find conferences that our members could attend that would help them realize their gifts for leadership. The Global Leadership Summit offered that opportunity. We had three attend in person and another half dozen participate in the rebroadcast of the sessions here at Central.

Our third goal was to create pathways to impact the community with Christ's love. This goal was already being implemented and we began looking for ways to expand our outreach. Examples include our hospitality to the Kidspreneur program, reintegration of Central Baptist Nursery School into our church life, hosting members of the Granite Theater and Westminster Strings for their rehearsals, our S.A.L.T. luncheons and the newly offered Mom's Club.

Our fourth Goal was to create an environment that makes everyone feel welcome to seek the Lord at Central. We began by printing up new brochures and postcard that can be shared. We continued to find ways to improve the Welcome Center and by having greeters there each week with a welcome bag for newcomers.

Our fifth goal was to establish Central as a gathering place for the community. As mentioned above, our church is expanding our outreach to outside groups. The key component that still needs work is having our members here to greet them and welcome them when they arrive. The church has asked to pastors to be present at the Christmas Bazaar, Kidpreneur, the Father's Day Car Show and other major events where the public comes to us. We need more lay participation so that people can meet the body of Christ that worships here. We also want to host more community events here. The addition of the outdoor pavilion will make some of that possible.

Our sixth goal was to increase financial input streams that can fuel the ministry. That means identifying new funding streams through grants and outside programs. It calls for us to remind our members of giving opportunities outside of the yearly stewardship program. Hosting a program on financial planning or personal stewardship have also been suggested as future programs.

The hope in putting forth this plan was to see Central Baptist continue to thrive as a community of faith in to the foreseeable future. If you have thoughts on this or additional ideas to help us fulfill our goals, please speak to Kathy Caval, Jon Humphrey, Scot Gail, Adrienne Hall-Thomson or the Pastors. Let's see what we can do in 2026/27 to make these goals a reality.

God Bless! See you in church.

Pastor Cal

Communication

In the coming weeks you will see some changes in the formatting of our Sunday Bulletins and the monthly newsletters.

Microsoft Office has discontinued the use of their popular Publisher program.

We are seeking alternatives and they may require us to do things a little differently.

Please bear with us.



Church bus drivers are needed this fall. Could you please let us know if you could be available once a month to pick up people for church using the church bus or your personal vehicle.



Donations and major gifts are still being received for our outdoor pavilion project.

Faith & Life with Pastor Enrique



Out with the Milk, It's Time for Solid Food

Many things captivate and engage us: romance, sports, politics, family, travel, money, status, a good TV series on Netflix, and so on. How about Jesus? Does He captivate you? When something or someone captivates us, it wins and earns our full, undivided attention. Jesus is the most amazing thing that has ever happened to us. Why, then, do some still not fully immerse themselves in knowing Him? The longer a follower of Jesus goes without growing in their knowledge of Him and seeking to imitate Him, the more likely they are to remain immature in their faith.

The closer you get to Jesus, the more you will want to be in His presence. His character and ways will begin to shape you. As you experience His glory and become more like Him, you will increasingly reflect Jesus to others. All of this begins with a **THIRST** for Him. If you choose someone to influence you, let it be Jesus.

There are many things you can lose interest in. Do not let spiritual growth be one of them. When you desire to grow in spiritual maturity, you begin to experience one of the most wonderful realities God allows us to enjoy in this life: His powerful presence and transforming work in us. There is nothing like it.

Being aware of your spiritual condition is the first step. Doing something about it is the next step. Do not miss out on all the great benefits God has for you. The most important part of spiritual growth is transformation. The apostle Paul, in writing to the church in Colossae, wrote, "And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9–10, ESV). As we grow in our knowledge of God and surrender to His work in us, He transforms us so that we become more like Jesus. When you pursue spiritual growth, God actively transforms you. What an amazing blessing He has given us!

Question: What am I willing to do today to plan and execute a path for spiritual growth?

Application: When you invest in your spiritual growth, you are telling God, "I need You, want You, cherish You, and am thankful for You."

With pastoral love,

Pastor Enrique Newman, MDiv, MA (pastorenriquenewman@gmail.com)

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 : Order Your Memorial Garden Bricks today. Order forms are in the church office. :



Church Business Meeting has been
 rescheduled from October to
 November 15th after service.



Board of Christian Education

It's More than Sunday School (Kids Church)

Jesus calls us to be light (Matthew 5:14-16). Sharing that light starts at home. Relying solely on the church to teach your children does not excuse you from the divine responsibility placed on you (Ephesians 6:4). Churches rise to meet the needs of their congregants, supplementing and filling gaps in Christian education at home. However, it is not a replacement. At the end of the day, your children and grandchildren are under your spiritual guidance and care.

Do not wait to share the gospel of salvation with your children and grandchildren. Do not wait to impress upon them the teachings of the Bible. Be the **first and committed spiritual influence** in their lives. If you neglect these spiritual responsibilities, someone else will step in to influence and shape your child's beliefs.

Are you to indoctrinate your children?

YES. It's biblical. Christian parents and grandparents are called to be conduits who lead their children and grandchildren to Jesus. Scripture says, "Let the little children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Christian education is more than simply deciding whether or not to send your children to Sunday School or Kids Church. It is about establishing a culture of worship, biblical teaching, and discipleship in your home. Discipleship starts with you, then spreads to your children and grandchildren. Speaking about God's commands, Scripture instructs, "Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" (Deuteronomy 6:7). That means being a force of spiritual influence on them all the time.

If you are willing to lead but don't know where to start, let me share some supplementary resources to help you prioritize discipling your small loved ones. First, start with the book *Family Discipleship* by Matt Chandler. This book will help set the focus and shift your perspective on the importance of home discipleship. Read it first and then share it with your spouse. Then read it together and discuss. Two books I recommend for leading devotions with your children and grandchildren at home are: *Long Story Short: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God* and *Old Story New: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God (Gospel Story for Kids)* by Marty Machowski.

Finally, pray for wisdom in leading your family. Pray for your children to be saved. Pray for them to grow in the knowledge and power of Jesus. Pray they grow up to be strong, godly men and women. This is what you want them to remember you for.



Enrique Newman
Associate Pastor

Grandparenting Matters Seminars at Central Baptist

Every grandparent wants to prepare their grandchildren for a life of faith. Yet one of the hardest truths to pass on is that following Jesus doesn't mean life will be easy. None of us likes to imagine our grandchildren suffering. But helping them understand God's promises, including His promise that trials will come, can actually strengthen their faith for the years ahead. While we as humans cannot always be trusted to follow through on our promises, God can. To hear more, join us on **Sunday nights at 6:00 pm.**

Treasurer's Report

Regular Income	2026 August Actual	August 2026 plan	Year to date	Year to date vs plan	2026 plan
Planned giving	\$17,362	\$21,558	\$187,483.98	\$178,2667	\$267,400

Highlighting expense high and lows. Everything else is tracking according to plan.

Overages in Expenses 2026	Actual	2026 plan	Underspent in Expenses 2026	Actual	2026 plan
Equip maint	\$2,415.00	\$2,200.00	Custodial I	\$600.00	\$15,600.00
Snow removal	\$17,361.25	\$8,000.00	Lawn care	\$50.00	\$11,000.00
Service Contracts	\$15,739.00	0	Pastors Cont. Ed	\$401.00	\$2,000.00
Pars. maintenance	\$18,529.46	\$1,600.00	Kids Church	\$867.00	\$1,000.00

As you can see, although our giving was off a bit in August, the generous donations and faithful support of Central Baptist members and friends over the course of the year have kept us on track to meet our goals. The above chart shows a few areas in the spending plan where we are over and under anticipated expenses. A few lines, like the service contracts, now reflect our custodial services. The parsonage maintenance line reflects some of the costs for the work that was approved at an earlier congregational meeting.

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 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.



Pleasant Street Baptist Church

Pleasant Street would like to invite you to the Pastoral Installation Service of their new pastor Rev. Shane J. Gomes. The service will be held on Saturday, October 24th from 2:00PM - 4:00PM. The church is located at 37 Pleasant Street, Westerly, RI.

A reception will follow the Installation Service.

Fellowship Hour

Volunteers needed to host this fall.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall. Please speak to Judy Lathrop if you have any questions.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR



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)



Why Attending Weekly Worship is Beneficial



To some, worship might seem like another thing to do each Sunday morning. Or perhaps it's a synonym for the gathering of believers: "I'll see you at church." "I'll meet you just after worship." Yet worship is not confined to music and singing, nor is it limited to a building or gathering of the saints. Worship is anything you and I do to esteem and magnify the *worth-ship* of God.

Psalm 34 exhorts: "Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!" (ESV). It isn't just a suggestion, it's a command—and it's absolutely essential if we are to live an obedient and surrendered life as a follower of Jesus. We can magnify or enlarge the Lord's name when we incorporate it into our everyday

lives ways of honoring Him, affirming His worth, and praising Him for Who He is, not just what He's done. While gratitude is thanking God for what He's done, praise and worship is adoring Him for Who He is. Here are four reasons regular weekly worship is essential to the Christian life:

1. Worship keeps us heavenly-minded.

Colossians 3:2 instructs: "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Worship focuses our minds—and hearts—on eternity. It reminds us we are not of this world—we have an eternal home with Jesus, and that's why we can feel we don't belong here on this earth, especially when our priorities and convictions are those of Christ's and that sets us at odds with the rest of this world. Jesus said the world will hate us as it hated Him because He has chosen us out of the world to be called His (John 15:18-20). So, if you're feeling that hate, you're likely living in a way that is rubbing others the wrong way. You can keep a heavenly focus and remember to Whom and where you belong when you are in the regular worship of your King. It also keeps you from trying to please, fit in with, or conform to this world (Romans 12:2). Worship your Lord, please Him, and He'll keep you in constant touch with your purpose for being here and will give you joy and peace while you remain obedient to Him.

2. Worship keeps us focused on God, not ourselves.

We can so easily be all about ourselves. Our self-love mentality can make us believe we exist for ourselves. Yet we exist to glorify God. To focus on God's worth-ship is to get ourselves out of the picture and let Him take the spotlight. John the Baptist said this about Jesus: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). That's what worship does...it magnifies God and shrinks us, as it should be. In Eugene Peterson's *The Message*, it is translated this way: "This is the assigned moment for [Jesus] to move into the center, while I slip off to the sidelines." Worship puts the spotlight on God and places us back in the humble position to grow spiritually.

3. Worship prioritizes our hearts and lives.

Another aspect of worship is giving of your time, talents, and treasure. That definitely prioritizes our life as we give our time and money to what is most important to us. When you determine to give to God first your tithes and offerings after being paid each month, it prioritizes your spending, budgeting, and stewardship of all that He has given you. When you give of your time first to Him in prayer and reading of His Word, it prioritizes your week in deciding Who and what is most important to you. In Matthew 6:19-20 Jesus commanded His followers to store up treasures in heaven, not here on earth. And by worshipping Him with the first and best of all you have (including your time, money, and abilities), you are showing Him He is first and foremost in your heart.

4. Worship slows us down and reminds us of what matters most.

One of my favorite worship activities is my daily walk. I can't help but recognize and adore God when I'm outside among the beauty of His creation—away from technology, mobile devices, and anything with a screen or "signal." It is then that we can tune into His signals—the gentle breeze, the way He parts the clouds and sends the sun's rays to shine through, the song of a bird, the rustle of leaves, and the reminder that "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). Getting out in nature reminds us of our purpose. According to the Westminster Catechism, man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever. That means we were created to worship. We are wired for it. When I am truly worshipping God, I think of the Luke 19 account when Jesus triumphantly rode into Jerusalem on a young colt and the Pharisees demanded He rebuke His followers for waving their palm branches and crying out praise to Him, their king. Jesus said if they remained silent "the very stones would cry out." He *must* be praised and we are the ones to do it. Don't leave your God-given calling and purpose to the rocks!

Come join us in worship this Sunday at 10:30 am



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Cents-ible stewardship

During a children's sermon, the pastor gave each child two pennies and told them to put one in each hand. "With full hands," he asked, "how would you do other things, like drink a glass of juice?" They'd have to let go of one penny. (Likewise, adults must be willing to "let go" of material goods and desires to worship God alone.)

The pastor let the children keep the coins. When my 5-year-old returned to her seat, I suggested she could put them in the offering. Her quite loud response was, "NO! I need more money!" (Maybe my at-home talks about generosity - not to mention the kids message - hadn't sunk in?) Granted, giving is a tough concept, even for grown-ups. But adults would gladly give away "worthless" pennies.

When the offering plate came by, my daughter put in her pennies all by herself. "Now maybe some little girl can eat tonight," she said. God's prompting may take some time to change our hearts. But may we all give so freely and give up what seems important at the time.

—Julie Lee

Like to Sing? We'd Love You To Join the Choir



Have you ever thought about joining the Choir? It's more than just singing; it's a

wonderful way to connect with your faith, your community, and even yourself! If you're looking for a rewarding and joyful experience, here are a few fantastic reasons why you should consider becoming a part of our musical family:

1. Boost Your Well-Being and Spirit

Singing is incredibly good for you! When you sing, your body releases endorphins, which are natural mood boosters. It can reduce stress, improve your breathing, and even enhance your memory. Beyond the physical benefits, singing in a choir deepens your spiritual connection, allowing you to

express your faith in a beautiful and uplifting way. It's a wonderful form of worship.

2. Forge Wonderful Friendships

The choir is a fantastic place to meet new people and build lasting friendships. You'll spend time with other church goers who share a love for music and a desire to serve the church. Rehearsals create a natural bond, leading to laughter, camaraderie, and a supportive community. Many choir members find their closest friends in the group!

3. Experience the Joy of Making Music Together

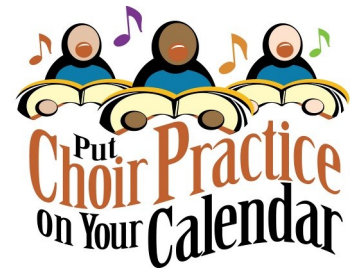
There's something truly special about creating beautiful music as part of a group. The harmony of voices blending together to fill the sanctuary with song is a powerful and moving experience. Whether it's a familiar hymn or a new anthem, the collective

effort of the choir creates moments of incredible beauty and inspiration for both the singers and the congregation.

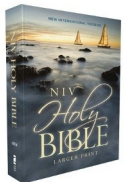
4. Contribute to the Heart of Our Worship

The choir plays a vital role in enhancing our worship services. Your voice, combined with others, helps to set the tone, uplift spirits, and guide the congregation in praise. It's a meaningful way to serve our church community and contribute to the spiritual atmosphere of our services.

Choir rehearses Wednesday 5:30pm



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. We also have an assortment of Children's and Youth Bibles. Speak to an ushers on a Sunday morning. They will make sure you receive one.



Central Baptist Nursery School

Greetings from Central Nursery School,

The summer is over and we are excited to have begun our 2026-2027 year of fun and learning! This year we welcomed 14 students to our Monday/Wednesday/Friday Class and 12 students to our Tuesday/Thursday Class. The children are all ready and eager to meet new friends and start their learning and educational activities. School started on Monday, September 14th.

Thank you to all the families for attending our "Open House". We had 27 parents and 19 children attend. Families were able to meet each other and get more information. The children started making friends right away after picking out their cubbie and getting their art box.

We are looking forward to a fabulous year!

Miss Leslie and Miss Tia



OPEN
~
HOUSE



2026

Central Nursery School Welcome Students 1st Day





DEACON BOARD

Circumcision of the Heart

What is it that makes you a Christian? Take a minute and think about it...try and come up with some answers you might give a friend if they asked. Is it your faithful attendance at Church? Maybe it's your baptism that really sealed the deal? Could it be the number of mission trips you've been on or the number of years you've served in the choir? There's probably lots of things you could mention to give people evidence of your faith if you put your mind to it.

The Jewish people had lots they could mention too. They had the law, and they did their best to keep it. They followed the rules, they participated in worship, and they performed many ceremonies to show their relationship with God. One symbol of particular importance was circumcision. Every male in the Jewish community had to be circumcised. They took a lot of pride in this special symbol of their covenant relationship with God. Some would even say that was how you knew someone was a true Jew.

It's easy to point to external things when we evaluate our Christianity. Faith without works is dead right? So, we'd better stack up those works to make sure everyone knows who we belong to right? The truth is, the works are good, and they do show evidence of Christ in our lives, but it isn't the works themselves that matter. The important thing is WHY we do them.

Romans 2:28 – 29 points this out for us. *"For you are not a true Jew just because you were born of Jewish parents or because you have gone through the ceremony of circumcision. No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by the Spirit. And a person with a changed heart seeks praise from God, not from people."*

We are not the people of God because we do good works. Rather, we do good works BECAUSE we are His people. When you truly belong to the Lord, your heart is radically changed forever. When you put your faith in the son of God, when you claim his gift of righteousness for yourself, it is then you are truly circumcised. The spirit will indwell you, and you will begin to change. This change in your heart will produce a desire to please God. The desire is what produces the works. This is the true sign of a believer.

I encourage you today to examine your heart, and ask yourself why you do the things you do. Ask yourself, am I relying on my deeds to gain God's favor, or are my deeds a response to the favor God has already given? Remember, when we get the WHY right, the WHAT doesn't really matter. Show God how much you love him today...open your heart to his will, fill yourself with his love, and let the beauty of that changed heart shine through. What is it that makes you a Christian? It's Christ living in you.

Blessings,
Scott Gail



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Check them out in our Memorial Garden
We have order forms in the church office.



In The Spotlight

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Spotlight on Joe & Carol Potter. Edits by Pastor

All of us acknowledge 9/11 as a deeply significant day. For Carol and Joe Potter that date is personal and full of unexpected adventure because September 11, 1954 was their wedding day and the very day of Hurricane Edna. Carol recalls using seven raincoats to protect her from the torrent; she also recalls the loss of the organ when the power went out at Our Lady of Victory Church. She smiles as she tells it now. And, amazingly, on the actual 9/11/01 Joe was aboard a direct flight from Korea to New York City scheduled to land at 10:00 AM. He had taken his grandson Jake to a reunion of Rhode Island veterans of the Korean War. Their plane was diverted to Minneapolis and Joe and Jake made their way home via a rented van to celebrate the 46th anniversary with Carol. The Potters had met as teenagers at the Rollerdrome which was located near the present site of Staples.

Carol is the daughter of Robert and Lillabelle Wilcox. Her ancestor Jonathan Nash was the first resident of the Watch Hill lighthouse. Her education came from Westerly schools. She worked at the Cottrell Company when they first made use of automated office machines; Carol learned to operate all the IBM machinery. She stopped working to be at home with their children and later resumed working at Davis Standard, Kay Dee, and New England Security. She and Joe have two daughters, Cindy (our beloved church administrator) and Sherri, an RN who works at Avalon in Mystic. The three grandchildren are Larissa Capizzano of Tucson, Jake Grube of Tucson, and Paul Grube of Westerly.

Joe was born and reared in Westerly, son of Joseph and Lucy Gallucci Potter. Determined to go into the military, Joe dropped out of Westerly High at sixteen, had eighteen months' training at Valley Forge Army Hospital and worked as a surgical tech and eventually as a psychiatric technician in a medical unit in Korea. He liked the work because he could see that he'd accomplished something every day. He left the service for marriage. At that point in her life, Carol was "not into travel". His plan was to be a draftsman, so he got his diploma equivalency and a certificate in Drafting 101 from URI. He served an apprenticeship at Cottrell's (which consisted of 7600 hours in 1958) and was laid off in a downturn. Bob Holland suggested an entry level job at Washington Trust where he did mailroom work and gophering. A month later he was offered his job again at Cottrell's. He chose to stay at the bank, went to night school, and began a succession of promotions that led to the position of Executive Vice-President from which he retired. Joe enjoyed the aspect of banking that helped local people get ahead in life.

The Potters have been "on the road" ever since retirement. They have been to forty-eight states and seven continents. Carol was introduced to travel by going with Joe to bank planning conferences in places like the Virgin Islands. She is now so comfortable a traveler that she is about to go by herself to meet Jake to attend a hot air balloon fiesta in Albuquerque. They've visited Australia, New Zealand, Italy, Israel and most places in-between.

To say that the Potters have community interests is like saying that Bach was an organist. Joe is known for his leadership role in the Columbus Day Parade - ever since the mid-60's when there was a short parade with one band. In 1992, the 500th anniversary of Columbus, the parade expanded with the help of sponsors into a 12-division parade with over 2500 people involved. It is a year-round effort which Joe can still plan from his six-month home in Tucson. Joe is a sixty-year member of the VFW, member of the Rotary International, a "news junkie", and a sports fan.

Carol's interests, besides family and travel, relate mostly to history. She researches genealogy, belongs to DAR, is on the Memorial Committee at Central Baptist, and helped create and manage the Joshua Store at the Babcock Smith House. Both she and Joe were docents there, She has made crafts for the store. In the Green Valley Community Church in Arizona, she is part of a shawl ministry in their women's society.

The Potter's home on Breach Drive is situated so that every room has a superb view of either the breachway or the salt pond (sometimes both). Since the house is high, it is possible to see Block Island. The Potters must have a strong work ethic not to spend all their time looking out the windows. It is that remarkable a site. Inside the home I saw a couple with a 59-year marriage, a fine family, a history of hard work and success, and a sustained effort to improve the larger community.

Celebrating Pastor Enrique's Ministry

After nearly three and a half years Pastor Enrique is stepping down from his position to follow his calling to serve the Lord in a new capacity. Pastor Enrique and Brigid have added so much to the life of Central since arriving in the summer of 2023. We have truly been blessed watching his family grow and have them work alongside us. Pastor Enrique has been a great partner and inspirational leader to Pastor Cal. Central has truly been blessed by the ministry of Pastor Enrique.

Please mark your calendars for a special celebration as we recognize and celebrate the ministry that Pastor Enrique and Brigid have had among us. We will be honoring them on **Sunday, October 25th** during the service and hosting a special time for them and the girls after worship.

God Bless you as you start your new journey Pastor Enrique, Brigid, Luna, Gia and Danica. You will be missed.

**Goodbyes are
not forever.
Goodbyes are
not the end.
They simply
mean I'll miss
you until we
meet again"**

Senior Resources



We received a number of books that deal with issues of aging, memory, loss and financial planning for senior members. They are located on a table at the back of fellowship hall. Feel free to take any that interest you.

We are looking for volunteers to come in once a week to read Bible stories to our Nursery School kids. We

are also looking for additional helpers to chaperone field trips and help with crafts and enrichment days. We want to engage our children and let them know we care about them and their families. Speak to Kathy Caval to learn more.



Volunteers Needed in the Church Nursery



With the potential for more toddlers at church, we are looking for helpers to staff the nursery area during our worship services, as needed. Please sign up if you can help. If there is not a need on a particular Sunday, then feel free to enjoy worship.



Mark your Calendars!

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 5 from 9am-1pm, we're looking forward to another wonderful day of fellowship, fun, and holiday shopping.

Friendship Circle would love your help in making this year's bazaar a success! Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas, so if you have a little time to share, we'd be grateful for your helping hands. We kindly ask you for new items that don't work for your home but might make someone else happy. We are now accepting clean, quality donations for Grandma's Attic and Gently Used Christmas. Some of our most popular items from past years include outdoor décor and equipment, small appliances, linens, teacups and saucers, purses and bags, dishes, pitchers, and glassware. As you gather items to donate, please make sure they are clean and in good condition.

Your generous donations help make our bazaar a blessing to our church and community. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and treasures. We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season together!

For info please see Cathy Burnside and Sarah Rofrano.



Read Through the Bible-Year 2

Monthly reading sheets are available in the church narthex.



Our Monthly Bible Memory Verse for October



"Above all else, guard your heart for everything you do flows from it."

Proverbs 4:23

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.



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



Mission Board



World Mission Offering

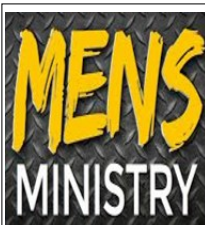
World Mission Offering gifts are used for mission program support, (global servants, international partners, and other ministry supports), for administrative support, and for development cost.

As the body of Christ, we respond together to the needs around the world. When everyone contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expense. International Ministries does not ask global servants to raise all of the funds they need, but comes alongside them in financial support, as well as in ministry. When personalized fundings fall short, World Mission Offering gifts fill the gap and keep global servants in their country of service. World Mission Offering gifts support global servants with training and pastoral care, enable us to address crises when they arise, and so much more. Giving to the World Mission Offering is the best way to make sure that you support all of international ministries ministers.

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

Mission Board

The Sisters in Christ women's ministry meets each month on the second Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Our next meeting will be October 13th. Our topic will be "Joy" this month. We meet on the third floor of the educational wing at church. All women are invited to participate in this wonderful fellowship opportunity. Are you looking for a place to get to know others? This is the place to be.



The Brothers in Christ men's ministry meet on the last Monday of each month at 6:00 pm on the third floor of the Education wing of the building. We will meet October on the 26th. Newcomers and guests are always welcome as we continue to explore ways to encourage one another through this year's theme, "In God We Trust."

Our 2026/27 Stewardship Theme



Because of **You** our church changes lives.

This is our stewardship campaign theme this fall. It is a statement that is bold and simple. It boldly expresses the truth about the ultimate nature and purpose of the church: to engage in acts of transformation. It boldly asserts that we see our mission as one that gives assurance to every individual that their life matters, not because we sway so, but because the gospel says so.

It boldly challenges us to engage in the work of breaking down barriers which deny the fundamental truth that God loves the world so much that he gave his son to us so that he could make the sacrifice that brings us forgiveness and hope. As the apostle Paul tells us in the book of Romans, “nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. We can be bold because we know it is true.

By choosing to give, even a little bit more, we will expand our shared quest to change lives, even our own. **Be Bold!** Take a step forward this fall and give a little bit more so your church, Christ’s church can change lives.

A Letter from Christ

Paul the Apostle gave a beautiful compliment to the believers in Corinth. He wrote: “And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts” (2 Corinthians 3:3, ESV).



What a meaningful picture. A letter carries a message, and Paul reminded the church that their lives were sharing the message of Christ with others.

The same is true for us today. Through our words, actions and faith, people can see evidence of God at work in our hearts. None of us is perfect, but living faithfully can point others toward Him.

What a wonderful goal for every Christian: to be known as “a letter from Christ.”

Pastors need Jesus too.

Pastors need pastors too.

Pastors need friends too.

Pastors need grace too.

Pastors need prayers too.

Pastors need rest too.

Pastors need encouragement too.

Pastors need family time too.

Pastors need the gospel too.

Pastors are only human too.

@allthelittlewords

Questions and Answers About Infant and Child Dedication



A baby dedication is a ceremony in which parents, and sometimes entire families, come before the congregation and make a commitment to raise that child so that he or she may come to know the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Many Christian churches practice baby dedication instead of infant baptism as their primary celebration of a child's birth into the community of faith.

Roman Catholics universally practice infant baptism, while Protestant denominations more commonly perform baby dedications. Churches that hold baby dedications believe baptism comes later in life as a result of the individual's own decision to be baptized. In our church, for example, believers are usually teenagers or adults at the time of baptism.

Baby Dedication in the Bible

The practice of baby dedication is rooted in this passage found in Deuteronomy 6:4–7:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Responsibilities Involved in Baby Dedication

Christian parents who dedicate a child are making a promise to the Lord to do everything within their power to raise the child in a godly way - prayerfully - until he or she can make a decision on his or her own to follow Jesus. Parents who make this vow, or commitment, are instructed to raise their children in the ways of God and not according to their own ways. Some of the responsibilities include teaching and training the child in God's Word, using practical examples of godliness,

disciplining the child according to God's ways, and praying earnestly for the child.

In practice, the precise meaning of raising a child "in a godly way" can vary widely, depending on the Christian denomination and even on the particular congregation within that denomination. The Bible supplies abundant wisdom, guidance, and instruction for Christian parents to draw from. Regardless, the importance of baby dedication lies in the family's promise to raise their child in a manner consistent with the spiritual community to which they belong.

The Ceremony

Typically, the ceremony involves the reading of key Bible passages and a verbal exchange in which the minister asks the parents if they recognize their child as a gift of God and agree to raise the child with the knowledge and love of Christ. Then the congregation acknowledges their role as a community in which the parents can draw love and support.

Elderly and Shut-In

Please remember our elderly and our 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.



Deacon's Fellowship Fund

An offering is collected every month as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. We have funds in this Deacon's Fund available for those 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.

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.

JESUS,
keep me near the cross.



Sundays at 9:00 am - Led by Pastor David Jordan in the Chapel. The focus will be on the Minor Prophets and is titled, Men of God: Each with a Major Message! Come meet these prophets and learn about their prophecies.

Sunday Nights at 6:00pm - Pastor Cal facilitates our six week course for grandparents called, Grandparenting Matters. There are approximately 30 million grandparents in the U.S. Each is a potential influence in the lives of their grandchildren. This seminar is offered to encourage grandparents and equip them to influence their grandchildren. We believe grandparents have so much Christian experience to offer their grandchildren.

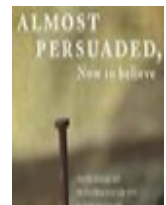
Mondays at 10:00 am - Led by Pastor Cal Lord in the parlor. We will be exploring Paul's letters to the churches this fall and winter. Newcomers are always welcome! The coffee pot will be on. Come share the delights of reading scripture together... and a few snacks too!

Mondays at 6:30 pm - Led by Pastor Enrique in the third floor classroom. This continuing 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. This is a continuing study.

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm - Midweek worship & study led by Pastor Cal & Pastor Enrique. We are calling it "Journey 365" and we will be exploring the Apostle Paul's Pastoral Epistles (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus) as the focus of our midweek worship services this fall. We will start with singing and praise and then launch into our study. Worship returns September 16.

Thursdays at 6:30 pm - Led by Jon Humphrey and Phil Bryan. This men's study will be continuing this fall in its exploration of the gospel of Matthew. You can learn something new every week. Come weekly or drop in when your schedule allows. Every week is a new subject.

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.



Fall Pot-Luck Supper

Sponsored by the Mission Board

Saturday, November 7th at 5:30 pm



POTLUCK DINNER

Featuring Susan Sedensky, the Executive Director of the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray & not give up.
Luke 18:1, NIV

God is Good All the Time

Pick up A Card!

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. 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.



Just For Kids



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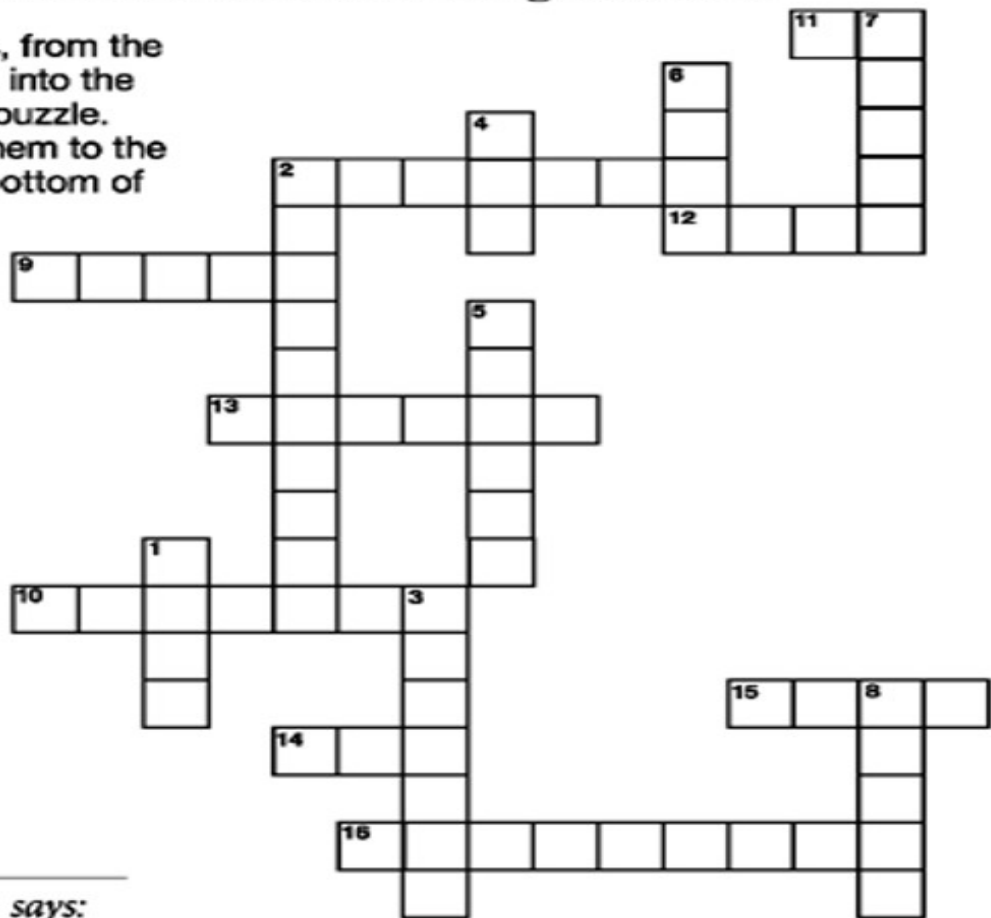
God Does Wonderful Things!

October is a season of change. God causes all things to change for his purpose. Find out some other things God does.

Fit these words, from the Book of Daniel, into the squares of the puzzle. Then transfer them to the blanks on the bottom of the page.

Word List

up
God
his
ever
sets
wise
name
power
times
kings
praise
wisdom
changes
seasons
deposes
knowledge
discerning



Daniel 2:20-21 says:

"_____ 13→ be to the _____ 1↓ of _____ 4↓ for _____ 12→ and _____ 12→;
_____ 5↓ and _____ 7↓ are _____ 14→. He _____ 10→ _____ 8↓ and _____ 3↓
He _____ 15→ _____ 11→ _____ 9→ and _____ 2→ them.
He gives _____ 5↓ to the _____ 6↓ and _____ 16→ to the _____ 2↓."

Answer: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning."

SMILES AND SO FORTH



"I just wanted it to accurately reflect that there is one way to heaven."

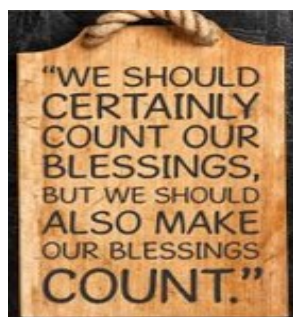
Bible Quiz

In Jesus' parable about people who hear and live by God's words, on what did the wise man build his house?

- A. rock
- B. sand
- C. grassland
- D. soil that was free of rocks

Answer: A (See Matthew 7:24-27.)

No fact of history is more amazing than the spread of the influence of Jesus. -Kenneth Scott Latourette

Make Your Blessings Count

Years ago, a newspaper shared the story of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Illingworth, an elderly Christian couple known for quiet, faithful service. Early in their marriage, they decided to use the gifts God had given them to bless others.

Through the years, they served through their church and in life-care retirement homes, offering time, kindness and generosity wherever they were needed. When a foundation later honored them for their caring philanthropy, they shared the motto that had guided their lives: "Count your blessings, and make your blessings count."

What a wonderful reminder that God's gifts are meant to be shared for his glory.

**Walk by faith,
one step at a time.**

A Peas-ful Departure

A funeral director once shared a lighthearted epitaph he found on an old tombstone. It read:

Here lies the body of Solomon Peas,
Under the sod and under the trees.
Peas is not here, 'tis only the pod;
Peas has shelled out and gone to God.

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Christ-like maturity, and share
Christ's ministry within our
family, community and world.*

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Mark Faiola
Katie Feinstein
Steve Fish
Arline Fitzhugh
Martha Geehan
Judy Grady
Bob Johnson
Bob Jordan
Mary Anne Jordan
Ava
Dan LaPointe
Gary Lowe
Marilyn Main
Geri & James Maloney
Ann Mason
Tracy Mathewson
John Millett
Paulette Retsinas
Michelle Rumsey
Gil Scott
Ruth Ann & Jim Stewart
Ron Taddie
Skip Terwilliger
Jackie Turner
Marsha Wheeler
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 with your preference, (email or text) and we will add you to the list.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Faye & Philip Overton - 9/30
Phil & Jenn Bryan - 3rd
Erica & Lenny Ballesteros - 6th
Martha & Tom Moretti - 13th
Pat & John Anderson - 15th
Marty & George Champlin - 19th
Billie Jo & David Whipple - 22nd
Ruth & Jim Stewart - 26th
Fritz & Meredith Eckel - 28th
Skip & Judy (Lathrop) Terwilliger - 28th

Welcome the Babies....

Rachel & Dillon Meyer welcomed Julia Jane on September 23rd.

Ruth Wheeler was blessed with the arrival of, Ryder Allen Wright, her first great grandchild on September 20th.



Alan & Kathy Caval were overjoyed with the birth of another grandchild Markas Vytautas Caval born September 20th around 8:00pm. The Parents are Laura Yuengert and Evan Caval.

Mabel Payne entered the world of great-grandmothers on August 5 when Jordan Michael Payne Jr. arrived.

Our Shut in Members at Home

Judy Grady, Marcia Erskine & Ann Mason

Royal Nursing Home

Kay Perrone & Marilyn Main
79 Beach St, Westerly 02891

The Elms

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



Sick & Shut-in

October

1 Mary Schaaf
3 Ray Deptulski
5 Giavona DeRota
5 Rick Mann
11 Randy Lestinsky
16 Anita Greene
16 Melissa Lestinsky
18 Pat Anderson
20 Tim Rhodes
22 Max Bertsch
24 Jane Miceli-Bowman
25 Kristi Kerr
27 Jacob Marra
31 Duane Maranda
31 Kathryn Maranda

November

1 Brian Gerbutavich
2 Linda Marotta
3 Meredith Eckel
4 David Saangonyo
6 Kathy Egan
7 Jace Burton
10 Janice Wilcox
12 Dorothy Clark-Kay
12 Deb Gregory
15 Melinda Lowe
15 Ann Marsh

Happy Birthday! God Bless You.

THE GOD HEAD

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

1 John 5:7 (KJV)

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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





October 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Communion Sunday 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship 6:00PM Grandparents Matter	5 10:00AM Coffee w/Pastor 6:30PM Commands/Jesus	6 6:00PM Mission Board 6:00PM Westminster String	7 5:30PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM "Journey 365" Weight Watchers	1 6:00PM Friendship Circle 6:30PM Men's Study	2 7:30PM Intro to Worship Band with Scott Gail	3 9:00AM Iron Sharpens Iron
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