

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

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CBC Westerly Veterans & Friends Enjoy Honor Flight to Washington

Jim Collins, Tom Moretti and Joe Potter went to Washington D.C. on an Honor Flight hosted by the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs last month. Paul Grube, Andy Gray and Pastor Cal served as "guardians" on the flight. Byron Brown and Sam Azzinaro from town were also on the flight. It was a great day for the 135 passengers who made the trip.



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Cal Lord, Jr., Pastor
 Assoc. Pastor, Enrique Newman
 Lynn Johnson, Music Director
 Dorothy McClure, Administrator
 Deb Peterson, Custodian
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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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**CHURCH MEETINGS**

November 10
 5:30PM Christian Ed. Board

November 17
 4:30PM Trustee Board
 6:30PM Deacon Board

November 24
 5:30 PM Church Council



November 1 - 8:00AM
 Fellowship Hall

December 6 - 8:00AM
 Kelli's Deli

All men invited

Quarterly Meeting

Plan to stay after service on Sunday,
 November 9th for our Quarterly
 Business Meeting. Grab some
 refreshments in Fellowship Hall. We will receive
 the proposed spending plan for 2026 and a
 presentation by the Stewardship Committee
 introducing our theme for the season.

The meeting will begin at 11:45AM.

**CHURCH
BUSINESS
MEETING**

Women's Ministry - Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ meet the second Tuesday
 of each month. Come out and join the
 ladies each month as they talk, pray,
 eat, play games, and in general, support
 one another. The next meeting will be
 on November 11th at 7:00pm in the 3rd
 Floor, Sunday School Classroom.

**Community Thanksgiving Service at the
Avondale Chapel**

Sunday, November, 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm.



A free will offering will be taken for
 the WARM Center and canned goods
 and non-perishable items collected for
 Westerly's Jonnycake Center.

PASTOR CAL'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

I was invited to participate in the Stanton Family Reunion last month in Stonington. You're probably familiar with the Stanton Davis Homestead. I never knew that I had any connection to the local historic landmark.

A few months back a fellow Rotarian shared with me that our family trees were connected. Mary Lennon greeted me with "Hello cousin!" It seems that Thomas Stanton her great, great (many times over) grandfather married Ann Lord, my great, great (many times over) aunt back in 1637. Both of them were among the founders of Hartford, CT. They later moved to Stonington and settled there.

I was asked to share a bit about the Lord family with those who'd gathered for the Stanton reunion. I was able to do so because I have had a lifelong interest in genealogy and I have the authoritative book on the Lord family history. Having that book made all the difference.

The same thing is true when you have a Bible in your hand. You have the authoritative book that gives you everything you need to know about God and his relationship to our world. He created the heavens and the earth and everything in it. He designed us in his very image to be able to love, serve, lead and give. He charged us with caring for the world and although we stumbled and fell, he never gave up on us.

This is the season of Thanksgiving and we have much to be thankful for. God has given us a wonderful ministry here at Central and He called us to serve our community and each other. I don't usually say a lot about money and giving because you are so generous. But the coming year is going to be very challenging. You will hear more about it at the special church meeting on Sunday, November 9 when we share the 2026 Spending Plan. If we want to maintain all of our staffing and the level of programming, we are going to need everyone to step up and give a little more. You have done so in the past and I believe that you will rise to meet the challenge in the year ahead. Please plan to join us at the special meeting and hear more about how you can make a difference.

On a brighter note, we will host the Annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at the Avondale Chapel again this year. It will be Sunday, November 23 at 7:00 pm. Bring a canned good for the Jonnycake Center. A free will offering will be taken for the WARM Center. I will be preaching a message titled, "Why Be Thankful?"

Finally, the Season of Advent will soon be here. We will be decorating the church on Saturday, November 29 at 6:00 pm. There will be cookies and hot chocolate for everyone. There will be Christmas Carols and something for everyone. Come join us and get in the mood for the most joyful time of the year.

Be blessed! See you in church. Pastor Cal.



More photos from the Honor Flight last month.



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Faith & Life with Pastor Enrique



What does it mean to obey? We are all used to rules, regulations, laws, policies, and procedures. They are a part of our daily lives. There is no place you can go that is exempt from some behavioral expectation.

As I mentioned in my sermon titled “The Anatomy of Obedience,” the Bible sets the guidelines on how God wants us to live. Through Scripture, His words express His desire for our daily living. The beauty of the Christian life is that we decide whether to obey God or not. The ball is in our court. Given that freedom, there are consequences for obeying. Benefits that the Lord sets for us. Now, who wouldn’t want to enjoy what God has in store for those who obey?

When obedience is at the heart of our worship, our lives will truly thrive. Obedience is not about what I want, but about pleasing God in what He wants. It takes just a moment of selfishness to destroy the goodness that God wants for us. It takes discipline and sound judgment to humble ourselves and commit to following His ways. Then, why is it that time after time in this fallen world we choose to sin and disobey?

When we live a life of hypocrisy, obedience is not a priority. However, when we live a life in submission to our risen Savior, we acknowledge that obedience is the least we could do for our King. The choice is ours. We are the determinants of how to manage the blessings in our lives. When we please God, we set up an aroma of praise that reaches the heavens. Obedience sets a committed Christian apart from all the wannabes. It’s not easy to obey when we are wrapped in the expectations of the world. The key is to remember that we have the Holy Spirit to help us in our weaknesses. A devout Christian cares about obeying.

Application: The more we obey, the more of God’s goodness we will see in our lives. By obeying, we are declaring God’s sovereignty over our lives. The moment we decide to follow God’s instruction; He releases His generous hand. Obedience comes with spiritual maturity. The more we obey, the more we show our love for Him.

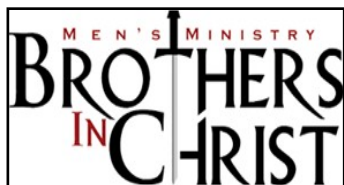
“And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.”

Deuteronomy 28:1 (ESV)

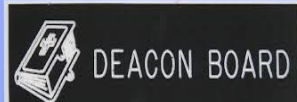
Question: When you disobey, what do you expect the result to be?

Blessings,

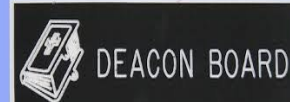
Pastor Enrique Newman, MDiv, MA
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Our next meeting will be in January. This group, led by Pastor Enrique, has been very well received. It allows the men to talk about issues they face and how to deal with them by using Biblical insights. Look for announcements on the next topic and meeting time in the new year.



Board of Deacons



At the beginning of the year we made a push to have everyone sign up to read through the entire Bible. We provided a number of special Bibles and offered monthly reading lists for those who wanted to use personal Bibles. A number of people jumped on board but life often gets in the way of our best intentions. Some have fallen off and others never really got into it. But we are not going to stop encouraging everyone to make reading the Bible a habit. You can do it at your own pace or with your own reading program. Why is this important? We believe that the Bible is God's gift to us. It tells the story of salvation, points to God's love for us and gives us the key to finding the abundant and blessed life. To be sure, it can be difficult to read and understand. Yet there is so much that we can learn from it. If you are struggling with it, join a small group study and share your questions with others. You will be surprised at how much more you will get out of it.

In September we added memory verses to our program. These key verses will feed us and give us a foundation on which to build in times of trouble. Write them down. Put them on your refrigerator or on your mirror in the bathroom. Let them become a part of your mindset and you will soon find yourself in a better state of mind before long.

Your CBC Deacons:

Scott Gail ~ Meredith Eckel ~ Don Plante ~ Karen Boeniger ~ Brian Gerbutavich ~ Rev. Dave Jordan

Our Bible Memory Verses:

September - "In the morning Lord, you hear my voice. In the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly."

Psalms 5:3

October - "Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

Philippians 4:8

November - "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

Psalms 9:1

Trustee Board



The Board of Trustees has been busy preparing the Spending Plan for 2026 in preparation for the Church next month. George Rezendes, Francine Sullivan, Melissa Lestinsky, Jon Humphrey, led by Fritz Eckel, are working together developing the plan. The Trustees met on October 27th to vote on the proposed plan for presentation to the Church for discussion, comments, amendments, and approval.

Special thanks to Randy Sergeant, for taking 5 unserviceable air conditioners from the back storage room for disposal. They have been there for several years and are a major contributor to the mold issues in that room. As always, the Board of Trustees Meetings are open to members. Check the bulletins for dates and times.

Respectfully,
Bob Burnside

Treasurer's Report

	September 2025 Actual	September Plan	Year-to-Date Actuals	Year-to-Date Plan	Annual Plan
Total Income	\$40,895.63	\$47,242.68	\$369,952.71	\$405,792.12	\$547,520.00
Total Expenses	\$44,095.73	\$46,350.30	\$398,575.58	\$412,819.02	\$556,309.00
Net Ordinary Income	(\$3,200.10)	\$892.38	(\$28,622.87)	(\$7,026.90)	(\$8,789.00)

The 2025 financial plan continues to be slightly behind planned amounts as of September 30, 2025. Comparing year-to-date revenues and expenditures to planned amounts, 67.6% of planned revenues have been received and 71.6% of planned expenditures have been executed. Regular giving year-to-date totals \$180,275.60 representing an increase of 1.2% when compared to the same time last year. Comparing the current year-to-date regular giving figure to this year's planned amount of \$259,000 a deficit of approximately \$23,000 (8.8%) is projected to occur. Currently at the 75% mark of the year only 54% of funds planned to be drawn from the endowment have been utilized, thus providing access to additional revenue if it is necessary. Year-to-date expenditures are tracking less than this year's planned amounts.

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 much!

If you are unable to come to church, we hope that you are 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 afterwards on the church webpage (www.cbCWesterlyRI.org)

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.easytith.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!

The Floral Committee



The main purpose of the Floral Committee is to have flowers on the alter each week by parishioners who wish to honor, celebrate, or remember loved ones. There are still weeks available for November through the end of the year. Please sign up as soon as possible if interested. Broadview Garden Center delivers arrangements each week and you will be billed by them directly. The cost is around \$25.00. If you would like to join the Floral Committee please see Deb Peterson.

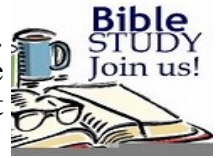


Small Group Studies at Central this Fall



Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am

Join Pastor David Jordan as he leads us in an exploration of Christ's Power in our lives. This five-part series will help us see how we can tap into Christ's power to overcome despair and distress, disease and disaster, demons and difficulties, disdain and death, doubt and dumbness. The study began Sunday, September 7th.



The Book of Acts

Monday Mornings at 10:00 am

Join Pastor Cal on Monday mornings at 10:00am for a walk through the Book of Acts. The coffee pot will be on and some breakfast treats will be offered. Join us and join the journey with the apostle Paul and his cohort.

Monday Nights at 6:30 pm (Beginning October 13th)

Join Pastor Enrique Newman in an exploration in living a successful Christian life. It takes more than belief. It requires putting spiritual truth into action. In this 5-week study of the book of James, we will explore how real faith shows up in everyday life through wisdom, humility, compassion, and action.



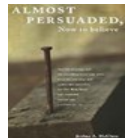
Women's Bible Study

Thursday Mornings at 10:00am (Women's Bible Study began October 30th)

Come join Geri Maloney for a four week class in the parlor. We will be discussing how to overcome our challenges, with lessons that Joseph, Daniel, Moses, etc. used to overcome their trials, and testing. The tools that they used, will hopefully help us with what we deal with in this challenging world.

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

Spend an hour with Pastor McClure and Scott Gail talking about the basic aspects of our faith. The study will be at 24 Fields View Road, Bradford, RI.



Advent Bible Study - Coming December 3rd

Wednesday, December 3rd @ 7:00 pm - Prepare the Way

Wednesday, December 10th @ 7:00 pm - The Chosen Ones

Wednesday, December 17th @ 7:00 pm - The Birth of Jesus



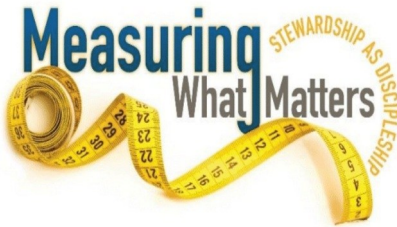
Midweek Worship Join Us 6:30 pm on Wednesday Evenings



Join us for a time of worship and inspiration on Wednesday evenings this fall. We will begin with an introduction to the hymns we sing led by Nancy Balentine, followed by singing and a time of prayer. If you can't make it to worship on the weekend, come join us midweek and let's praise the Lord together.



Stewardship Moment



If you are like me, you have a lot of stuff. In the closet. In the basement. In the garage. Over the garage. In storage. And stuff in the bank, credit cards, stock market, and so many other places. Green stuff. Plastic stuff. The question that comes out of our reading of Mark 10:17-31 forces us to think about our relationship to our stuff, and how that relationship can help-or hinder-the quality of our Christian lives, and our stewardship.

From the point of view of the Bible and the heart of Jewish and Christian tradition, “stuff” is ambiguous. We need it to live, of course-water, food, shelter, clothing, transportation, work, and money. But we can have different relationships with stuff, and those relationships play a significant role in the characteristics of our lives as individuals, households, congregations and larger communities.

We can, effectively, serve our stuff. Acquiring stuff, maintaining stuff, protecting stuff can become an end. Our stuff can even become an idol. Under these conditions, the stuff that we accumulate to help us and make us feel good can actually work against us. Feeling good in this way can actually be bad for us.

But we can also use our stuff to serve God’s purposes. What we do with our stuff can become a means toward blessing for us and for the community in which we live. We can use our stuff in ways that make us and others feel good in ways that actually are good for us and for the community.

Not only is stuff ambiguous, but I imagine most of us have an ambiguous relationship with our stuff. If we had a “stuff-meter” and passed it over ourselves and our stuff, the needle would go back and forth between “we serve our stuff” and “our stuff serves us.”

Think again for a moment about the stuff in your life, and your relationship to it, especially money. God invites us to use this time in our lives as a time to reflect on our stuff, and to offer it to God. During the month of November, we will be celebrating the ministry of our church and the opportunities we have to invest in God’s kingdom. Yes, we can store up treasures in heaven. We can also use our “stuff” to usher in the kingdom to the here and now through the ministry of our church family. We hope you will take the opportunity this month to measure what matters and make a commitment to support the work of Central Baptist Church.

***When Jesus abides in us, we act in Jesus’ love and bear the fruit of that love in generosity.
Gifts received for our annual operating fund become ministry and mission.
Thank you for your investment in what God is calling us to become.***

Memorial Garden Bricks

Memorial Bricks are an ongoing order that can be submitted at any time. When we have at least 5 orders it will be sent out. Order forms can be found in the church office. You can also contact Noreen Gerrish or Pat Anderson for forms or if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you!





Persecuted Church



The Women of the Sahel

The Sahel is that region of Africa to the south of the Saharan desert and in the central part encompasses Niger, Burkino Faso, Mali, Northern Nigeria, Chad and Sudan.

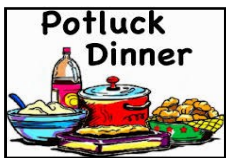
It is an area of extreme persecution, usually visited on the Christian population by various Islamic groups, such as Boko Haram and Fulani tribesmen and unfortunately many others.

The women suffer the most because they are often the ones left after an attack on their community because it is the men who are usually targeted, although sometimes women are abducted. The story of Rifkaut from Nigeria is not unusual. She was kidnapped in a raid just four weeks after her marriage but was released some months later. After her release she was fortunate enough to be able to attend a trauma care center run by one of the ministries active in this area, Open Doors. There they work through the spiritual, physical and emotional issues caused by the captivity and move towards healing and help her pastor husband to support her in her recovery. The widows are especially vulnerable as they seek to survive financially as they care for their family as a single parent.

Please keep these faithful Christian women in your prayers as they deal with the many challenges living for God brings in these violent times.

MISSION BOARD

Potluck Dinner



The Mission Board will be hosting a Pot Luck supper on Saturday November 1st, at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall with a guest speaker Lauren Watka Atwood she is a Campus Minister with Intervarsity at URI. The Mission Board has been involved with this organization for quite a few years and felt it was time to reach out and ask them to come and speak about what they are doing from a missionary standpoint.

Thanksgiving Offering

As we annually do for Thanksgiving, and keeping it within our community, this year's offering will once again be split between the Warm Center, the Jonnycake Center, and the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. May you feel blessed in your giving.



White Gift Sunday - December 14, 2025



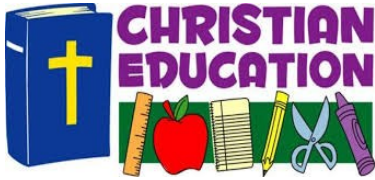
The Mission Board is pleased to announce that we will once again be putting up the Giving Tree this year with tags for toys, games, craft items, dolls, trucks, etc. The tree will be up and decorated with tags beginning Sunday, November 23, 2025.

The board will be working with the Westerly Police Department, Stonington Human Services, and RICAN (RI Center Assisting Those in Need) which is located in Charlestown. They are all accepting gifts, and parents will be able to pick out gifts for their children from the generous donations of the congregation.

You can also give a cash donation if you so choose or a check made out to Central Baptist Church with White Gift in the memo section. We prefer no gift cards.

As always, your gifts should be wrapped in white paper, white box, or white tissue paper with giving tree tag attached.

Thank you for your grateful participation; sharing Christ's love with one another.



Christian Education

Why Bring Your Children to Kids Church?

While taking your kids to church is important, Kids Church has the extra benefit of providing in-person interaction for children. Your kids, just like you, need fellowship with other believers and nothing can replace the joy that comes when that fellowship is with peers. Fellowship is about more than just visiting with each other about life, it's about discussing how to apply biblical truths to everyday living and learning how to grow in your faith with one another. It's about digging deeper on a personal level—together and with God—right where the rubber meets the road.

One of the biggest reasons why Kids Church is important for families and why you should encourage your kids to attend is that it allows them to feel, witness, and experience what life with God is like alongside their brothers and sisters in Christ from an early age. Kids Church helps make the reality of the Gospel and a personal relationship with Jesus feel tangible to them in a relatable, age-appropriate way.

Kids Church is also where children can become comfortable leading in prayer and praying out loud in front of others. As a parent or teacher, be encouraged to ask children to pray for your needs as well, and report back to them about any updates or thank them for their prayers. Kids should know that their prayers are heard by God just as readily as yours.

Finally, in a world where people are often treated poorly and aren't valued, children learn that God loves them and that they are special. That may be the most important gift that Kids Church can offer your children.

Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 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.

Holy Interruptions

Most of us are pretty good at planning - schedules, to-do lists, calendars filled to the brim. But what happens when God steps in with an unexpected detour?

Throughout Scripture, God often moved in the interruptions. Moses was tending sheep when he saw a burning bush. Mary was simply living her life when an angel appeared. Even Jesus was frequently "interrupted" by people seeking healing or hope - and He never turned them away.



"Interruptible faith" is a posture of openness. It's saying, "Lord, here's my plan - but I trust Yours more." It means slowing down, paying attention, and being willing to let God rearrange our day for His greater purpose.

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) reminds us, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." May we have the courage to let Him.

Central Nursery School

Greetings from Central Nursery School!!

What a great October we had with the changing of the season and the colorful falling leaves. We focused on the topics of "Trees," "Apples," "Pumpkins" and "Fire Safety." We are also doing a pumpkin patch for the children, so they can pick out a pumpkin and decorate it with their parents for our Family Engagement Activity on October 29th.



The children were able to complete different Educational Activities focusing on literacy, writing, patterns and math that had to do with trees and apples. We also made apple sauce, had a 3-apple taste test and completed a class favorite apple graph.

The Monday/Wednesday/Friday Class is in the process of preparing for their "Tree Quiz Game Show." They have been eagerly going over 20 different tree facts to win a prize for their team.

We have also started our partnership with the Westerly Library and will be going over there twice a month for stories, songs and a group activity. A big thank you to them for supporting our literacy program.

Happy Fall Everyone,
Miss Leslie and Miss Tia



**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?

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Reach out to Others

If you're thinking about someone, don't let the moment pass. You don't even have to go and buy a card. In Fellowship Hall Anita Greene has set up a card table. Choose a card, you can even enclose a CBC Bookmarker. You never know what someone is going through. It's always a blessing when someone knows they're thought about.

From Knowing to Becoming

Get to know Jesus well because the more you know him, the more you'll love him. And the more you love him, the more you'll want to follow him. And the more you follow him, the more you'll become like him. And the more you become like him, the more you become yourself.

—Ned Erickson



Jonnycake Food Pantry Needs:



Condiments ~ Canned Meats ~ Side Dishes

Soup ~ Pasta ~ Crackers ~ Coffee ~ Tea

Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:4 (NKJV)



Our Special Veteran's Day Tribute

November is a busy month and our normal meeting would fall during Thanksgiving week. We decided to move it up a couple of weeks and celebrate Veteran's Day with a special luncheon. This month we will meet on Wednesday, November 12 at noon.

We encourage any veterans who haven't had the opportunity to attend one of these lunches to join us and be recognized. Our special guest speaker will be Dora Vasquez-Hellner. In 2021 Dora was installed as the Commander of the Department of Rhode Island Veterans of Foreign Wars. She has been an outspoken champion for veteran's affairs in both the state and national arenas. During her time in the military, she served in Panama during Operation Just Cause and earned the rank of First Sergeant, Military Intelligence Company, 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C. Come join us!



CALLING ALL BAKERS

If you like to bake here are two opportunities to show your baking skills.



- 1) Bake cookies for our Annual Church Christmas Cookie Trays. If you would like to bake please see Agnes Trebisacci or Marty Champlin.
- 2) Bake your favorite baked item for the Annual Church Christmas Bazaar. Please bring your baked goods for the bazaar to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 5th between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. You can also bring them on Saturday, December 6th before 9:00am.

Right Now Media is a free gift for you



Do you have RightNow Media? It is like the Netflix of Christian video and Bible studies. It is free to all of our members and friends. There are things for men, women, couples, and children. Great messages from popular Christian authors and speakers. Please email the church office (centralbaptistchurch16@gmail.com) and we will send a link if you'd like to sign up!



Donate to the Pavillion Fund

We have been quietly soliciting gifts for the construction of a church pavilion. 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 Fund" in the memo line. It is 100% tax deductible.



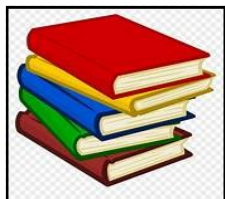
Stay tuned for more information to come.

New Choir Robes

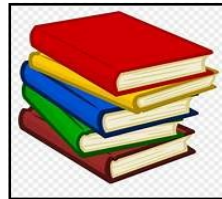


With the growth of our church choir and the fact that our robes are beginning to fray, we are looking to purchase new robes. The cost will be about \$3,000. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone to make a memorial gift in a family member's honor. Speak to Pastor Cal or Music Director Lynn Dowding-Johnson if you'd like to know how to make this gift.

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.



Fiction

Overcomer by Chris Fabry

Based on the motion picture screenplay by Alex and Stephen Kendrick, this sports novel, is an inspiring family drama that dares to leave you filled with hope, inspired to dream, and asks the question: What do you allow to define you? Life changes overnight for coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team and state championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news. When the largest manufacturing plant shuts down and hundreds of families leave their town, John questions how he and his family will face an uncertain future. Inspired by the words and prayers of a newfound friend, John becomes the least likely coach helping the least likely runner attempt the impossible in the biggest race of the year.

Filled with a powerful mix of faith, a twist of humor, and a ton of heart, Overcomer will resonate with all ages, races and genders.

Biography

My Life as an Army Chaplain

Chaplain Grover DeVault stands as a testament to the ideals of Army service and Christian faith. Dedication and compassion are woven into the very fabric of his life. Amidst challenging life events, his faith and his family stood resilient. You will be challenged, encouraged, and inspired by his story of life as an army chaplain. Dr. DeVault's memoir is an historical account of his chaplaincy during the Vietnam conflict, the 9/11 terrorist attack in NYC, and the Lancaster Amish school shooting. His story exposes a powerful journey of faith, witness, and service.

Fiction

Out Of the Wilderness (First of the Seamount series) by Anita Greene

Former Navy SEAL Grayson Kerr's honor has become tarnished working as a soldier for hire. A newfound faith in God has him longing to restore his integrity. His new mission is to qualify for a job with the SeaMount Agency so he can be one of the good guys. In the midst of a wilderness survival trial, he discovers a woman and her children lost in the forest. Abandoning his own mission in order to help them could disqualify him for the job. Sophie Moore has fought to hold heart and home together since her husband's death. To lose custody of her daughters to his influential parents would be her undoing. Determined to make every moment together count, Sophie plans a weekend away. Almost at their destination, she takes a wrong turn and becomes lost in a labyrinth of logging roads. The scruffy, hard-edged soldier that finds them is their only chance at survival. From the wilderness of Maine to the SeaMount headquarters on the coast of Rhode Island, Gray works to expose the criminal plot behind Sophie's battle. He jeopardizes his future for having the love of the woman he needs. Being good may cost him his one shot at redemption.

What is the purpose of a Church Library?

The church library is a teaching tool, it is an important place to study for the individual and the congregation. The library supports the mission of the church as well as the growth of individual members' faith.



The **Central Baptist Travelers** will be traveling to Lancaster, Pennsylvania for a three-day trip, **June 18-20, 2026**. We will be going to the **Sight and Sound Theater** in Lancaster to see “**Joshua.**” The cost per person is **\$560.00**. This includes, lodging, breakfast, 3 meals, theater tickets, transportation, fun and all gratuities.

For those who have never traveled with us and would like more information before making your decision please see Agnes Trebisacci in church. If you are interested in going, we ask that you please mail in a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 each for you and your roommate. (The deposit will be returned if you cannot go and we fill your spot.) Checks should be made out and mailed to Central Baptist Church, 16 Elm Street, Westerly, RI 02891, or placed in the brown locked box outside of the church office with a notation on both check and envelope “**Joshua Trip.**” This trip is filling up so get your deposits in soon. Once your deposit is made you can make periodic payments with last payment due by **May 18, 2026**.

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,



"Travelling in the
company of
those we love is
home in motion."



Mission Team Brings Helping Hands to Western North Carolina



On Sunday, October 12 we gathered around members of our short term mission team and commissioned them to their work in North Carolina. The team responded to a call from the Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders to help rebuild homes that were devastated by flood waters in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. The hurricane traveled inland with heavy rains which brought flood waters as high as 25 feet. Several thousand homes were destroyed and families left without a place to live. It's one year later and the damage can still be seen. Over one hundred people died and several others are still missing. We arrived at the Singing Waters Retreat Center in Burnsville, NC on Saturday, October 18th. We were tasked with working on two homes belonging to Jennifer and Theresa. Their stories broke our hearts but it made us glad we came.

The team included; Carole Arnold, Beth & Bill Calabro, Kathy Caval, Laura Fargo, Janet Gerbutavich, Noreen Gerrish, Pam Harvey, Steve Jones, Cal Lord, Bruce Miner, Don Plante, Al Samuel, Sofia Scarano, Vickie Van Horn, and Carol Zwick.

Olive Tree Missions Comes to Central



On October 12th we hosted the first gathering of Olive Tree Missions at church. This outreach ministry aims to work with the homeless population in the area to share the gospel and to provide needed support. They opened the doors for their first gathering and showed the movie, "I Can Only Imagine." Afterwards they held a discussion about forgiveness and redemption.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, November 2 at 3:00 pm and members of our congregation are welcome to come meet the leaders, Liz & John, and share in the ministry.

November Sermons at Central

- November 2 - The Key to Finding Understanding (Last of the series on Philippians)
- November 9 - Choose Ye This Day! (Stewardship Season)
- November 16 - What Are You Building? (Stewardship Season)
- November 23 - Miracles Abound in the Hands of God (Stewardship Season)
- November 30 - The Gift of Frankincense (First Sunday in Advent)



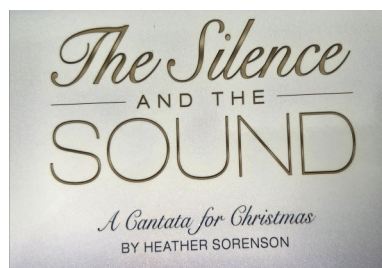
Join Us As We Decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas



Join us as we decorate the church for Christmas. It is always a lot of fun and it helps set the mood for the upcoming season. We will get together on Saturday, November 29 at 6:00 pm. There will be cookies and hot chocolate. Christmas Carols will be playing. Come be a part of this magical evening with your friends, old and new, from church.

Tis the Season to Celebrate Christ's birth!

Our 2025 Christmas Cantata



Mark your calendars and join us for one or all three performances of this year's special musical presentation. Enjoy the combined voices of several church choirs and a fantastic orchestral accompaniment.

Saturday, December 13th at Seventh Day Ashaway @ 3:00 pm

Saturday, December 13th at Seventh Day Westerly @ 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 14th at Central Baptist @ 5:00 pm



The One Year Bible November



- November 1** ~ Ezekiel 1:1-3:15, Hebrews 3:1-19, Psalm 104:1-23, Proverbs 26:24-26
- November 2** ~ Ezekiel 3:16-6:14, Hebrews 4:1-16, Psalm 104:24-35, Proverbs 26:27
- November 3** ~ Ezekiel 7:1-9:11, Hebrews 5:1-14, Psalm 105:1-15, Proverbs 26:28
- November 4** ~ Ezekiel 10:1-11:25, Hebrews 6:1-20, Psalm 105:16-36, Proverbs 27:1-2
- November 5** ~ Ezekiel 12:1-14:11, Hebrews 7:1-17, Psalm 105:37-45, Proverbs 27:3
- November 6** ~ Ezekiel 14:12-16:42, Hebrews 7:18-28, Psalm 106:1-12, Proverbs 27:4-6
- November 7** ~ Ezekiel 16:43-17:24, Hebrews 8:1-13, Psalm 106:13-31, Proverbs 27:7-9
- November 8** ~ Ezekiel 18:1-19:14, Hebrews 9:1-10, Psalm 106:32-48, Proverbs 27:10
- November 9** ~ Ezekiel 20:1-49, Hebrews 9:11-28, Psalm 107:1-43, Proverbs 27:11
- November 10** ~ Ezekiel 21:1-22:31, Hebrews 10:1-18, Psalm 108:1-13^a, Proverbs 27:12
- November 11** ~ Ezekiel 23:1-49, Hebrews 10:19-39, Psalm 109:1-31, Proverbs 27:13
- November 12** ~ Ezekiel 24:1-26:21, Hebrews 11:1-16, Psalm 110:1-7, Proverbs 27:14
- November 13** ~ Ezekiel 27:1-28:26, Hebrews 11:17-31, Psalm 111:1-10^a, Proverbs 27:15-16
- November 14** ~ Ezekiel 29:1-30:26, Hebrews 11:32-12:13, Psalm 112:1-10^a, Proverbs 27:17
- November 15** ~ Ezekiel 31:1-32:32, Hebrews 12:14-29, Psalm 113:1-114:8, Proverbs 27:18-20
- November 16** ~ Ezekiel 33:1-34:31, Hebrews 13:1-25, Psalm 115:1-18, Proverbs 27:21-22
- November 17** ~ Ezekiel 35:1-36:38, James 1:1-18, Psalm 116:1-19, Proverbs 27:23-27
- November 18** ~ Ezekiel 37:1-38:23, James 1:19-2:17, Psalm 117:1-2, Proverbs 28:1
- November 19** ~ Ezekiel 39:1-40:27, James 2:18-3:18, Psalm 118:1-18, Proverbs 28:2
- November 20** ~ Ezekiel 40:28-41:26, James 4:1-17, Psalm 118:19-29, Proverbs 28:3-5
- November 21** ~ Ezekiel 42:1-43:27, James 5:1-20, Psalm 119:1-16^a, Proverbs 28:6-7
- November 22** ~ Ezekiel 44:1-45:12, 1 Peter 1:1-12, Psalm 119:17-32, Proverbs 28:8-10
- November 23** ~ Ezekiel 45:13-46:24, 1 Peter 1:13-2:10, Psalm 119:33-48, Proverbs 28:11
- November 24** ~ Ezekiel 47:1-48:35, 1 Peter 2:11-3:7, Psalm 119:49-64, Proverbs 28:12-13
- November 25** ~ Daniel 1:1-2:23, 1 Peter 3:8-4:6, Psalm 119:65-80, Proverbs 28:14
- November 26** ~ Daniel 2:24-3:30, 1 Peter 4:7-5:14, Psalm 119:81-96, Proverbs 28:15-16
- November 27** ~ Daniel 4:1-37, 2 Peter 1:1-21, Psalm 119:97-112, Proverbs 28:17-18
- November 28** ~ Daniel 5:1-31, 2 Peter 2:1-22, Psalm 119:113-128, Proverbs 28:19-20
- November 29** ~ Daniel 6:1-28, 2 Peter 3:1-18, Psalm 119:129-152, Proverbs 28:21-22
- November 30** ~ Daniel 7:1-28, 1 John 1:1-10, Psalm 119:153-176, Proverbs 28:23-24



Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column of letters to complete the hidden phrase below.

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Answer: Praise the Lord!

SMILES AND SO FORTH

Humor, Wisdom, Poetry, Quizzes, and So Forth

A Day to Honor Our Veterans



On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection - a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).

Bible Memory Verse for November

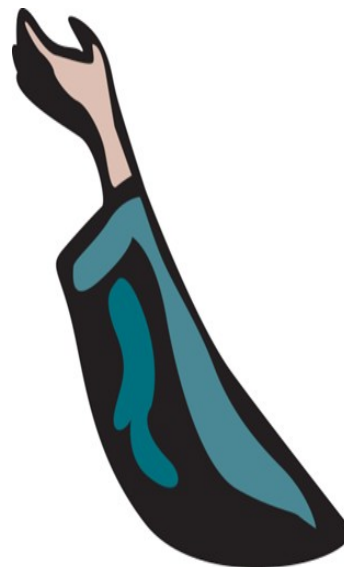
"I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1



"The last thing I remember is Thanksgiving dinner. I asked for wings."

Bible Quiz

When Jesus was on his way to heal a young girl, who touched his clothing, and why?



- A. The girl's father, to urge Jesus to hurry.
- B. A boy; he was in awe of Jesus and just wanted to meet him.
- C. Many people; they couldn't help it because it was so crowded.
- D. A woman in the crowd; she hoped that doing so would heal her.

Answer: D (See Mark 5:25-29.)

Prayer List

Arthur Burton
 Joan Cushman
 Bill Davis
 Marcia Erskine
 Mark Faiola
 Katie Feinstein
 Arline Fitzhugh
 Connie & Brad Gavitt
 Judy Grady
 Heidi's sons family
 Harry Higgins
 Jared
 Vicky Keane
 Dan & Valerie LaPointe
 Jason Lautzenheiser
 Gary Lowe
 Ann Mason
 Rev. Joshua McClure
 John Millett
 Brian Moore
 Dr. Newman, Mission Honduras
 Regina Pendleton
 Kay Perrone
 Pleasant St Bpt Church (Pastor)
 Terri Plumley
 Dolores Sais
 Karen Stellmaker
 Ruth Ann & Jim Stewart
 Ron Taddie
 Skip Terwilliger
 Jackie Turner
 Elizabeth Webster
 Unsaved
 Victims of Fires
 Victims of Hurricanes
 World Peace

**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.

**GOD PROVES
 HIS LOVE
 FOR US IN THAT
 WHILE WE STILL
 WERE SINNERS
 CHRIST DIED
 FOR US.**

*Just think -
 you're here not by chance,
 but by God's choosing.
 His hand formed you and made you
 the person you are.
 He compares you to no one else -
 you are one of a kind.
 You lack nothing
 that His grace can't give you.
 He has allowed you to be here
 at this time in history
 to fulfill His special purpose
 for this generation.*

Nobody
 can stop
 what God is
 about to do
 in your life.

**Tomorrow
 Is Not
 Promised**

Our Shut in Members at Home

Judy Grady, Ann Mason & Rev. Joshua McClure

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

Pendleton Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

Elizabeth Webster, 44 Maritime Drive
 Mystic, CT 06355

Sick & Shut-in

NOVEMBER

Anniversaries

Brian & Janet Gerbutavich - 7th
 Cheryl & Richard Ferris - 8th
 Scott & Ericca Gail - 9th
 Jessica & Arthur Burton - 10th
 Jodi & John Savage - 11th
 Amy & John Riley - 13th
 Karen & Henry Boeniger - 15th
 Dorothy & Gregory Kay - 17th

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

1 Brian Gerbutavich
 2 Linda Marotta
 3 Meredith Eckel
 4 David Saangonyo
 6 Kathy Egan
 7 Jace Burton
 10 Janice Wilcox
 12 Dorothy Clarke-Kay
 12 Deb Gregory
 15 Melinda Lowe
 15 Ann Marsh
 18 Nancy Beames
 21 Cheryl Harris
 22 Doreen Johnson
 23 Ken Fargo
 23 Alyssa Murray
 24 Ruth Thorpe
 29 Haley Hamlet



1 David Caswell
 6 Geri Maloney
 8 Cindy Capizzano
 10 Jonathan Gibson
 11 Judy Grady
 15 Jim Servidio

Happy Birthday!

May God bless you on your birthday, and always.




God will carry you
 through every Storm
 in your life and give
 you strength to make
 it through. Our God
 is so Awesome.

AMEN



NOVEMBER 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:00AM Men's Breakfast 5:30PM Mission Potluck
2 Communion Sunday 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship 3:00PM Olive Tree Daylight Saving Time Ends	3 10:00AM Book of Acts 6:30PM ManUp 7:00PM Friendship Circle	4 6:30PM Mission Board	5 6:30PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	6 10:00AM Women's Study 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	7 7:30 Intro to Worship with Band Scott Gail	8 4:00PM Canata Rehearsal
9 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship	10 10:00AM Book of Acts 5:30PM Christian Ed Board 6:30PM Book of James	11 7:00PM Sisters in Christ <i>Closed for Veterans Day</i>	12 Noon SALT 6:30PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	13 10:00AM Women's Study 6:30PM Church Council 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	14	15 Newsletter Deadline
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30 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship						

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