

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  
May 2024  
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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:

**May**

## **CHURCH MEETINGS**

**May 7**

6:30 PM Board of Missions

**May 13**

5:30 Board of Education

**May 20**

4:30 PM Board of Trustees

7:00 PM Board of Deacons

**May 26**

Annual Church Meeting  
(All reports due May 5th)

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## **Our Celebration of Christ's Resurrection**

On Easter Sunday we sang the song of Christ's victory three times. We greeted the sunrise at Misquamicut, shouted the victory at Avondale Chapel and celebrated the risen Lord at Central. It was a great day to be together.



**CHURCH STAFF**

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

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

**NEWSLETTER TEAM**

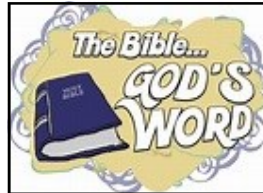
Suzanne Vanaman  
 Dot Marra  
 Dorothy McClure  
 and  
 A host of other contributors

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

Articles for *The Good Word*, are due the **15th of the month**. Please submit articles as a WORD document if possible.

**e-mail all articles to:**  
**Suzanne Vanaman**

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Studying the Bible with others is **a great way to build our relationship with God**. By discussing Scripture, we can learn from each other's experiences and beliefs, and it can help us grow closer to God. We can also come to understand how His Word applies to our lives in different ways. Below is a list of current studies you may wish to attend.

**NEW OR CONTINUING  
SMALL GROUP STUDIES****Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM - The Sign of His Coming**

Study begins May 5. A study on Matthew 24. This is a seven week study.  
 Led by Pastor Dave

**Sundays at 6:PM - The Screwtape Letters Part 2.**

C.S. Lewis's book portrays human life from the vantage point of Screwtape, the Devil's assistant. The Screwtape Letters is an engaging account of temptation, and triumph over it, ever written.

Led by Pastor Cal

**Mondays at 6:30 PM - Lead Like Jesus**

A look at time-tested leadership traits from the life of Jesus. Jesus serves as a great model for effective leadership.

Led by Pastor Enrique

**Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM - The Gospel of John Part 2**

We will walk through this book chapter by chapter. Please join us. Bring your favorite coffee mug and have coffee with the Pastor.

Led by Pastor Cal

**Wednesdays at 7:00PM - Worship & study in Galatians**

Join us as we gather for a time of worship that includes a deep dive study into Paul's letter to the Galatians. This epistle is rich in helping the readers to be authentic followers of Christ.

Led by Pastor Cal

**NEEDLEWORKERS****Meetings:**

First and third  
 Tuesday of each  
 month,  
 10:00AM - 11:30AM

**Location:**

Church Parlor

If you enjoy doing  
 any type of  
 needlework,  
 please join us.



May 4, 8:00 AM  
 Fellowship Hall  
 All men invited



## PASTOR CAL'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

Our theme for 2024 is intentionality. We have been working on a long range plan and trying to identify priorities that will enable us to remain strong and committed to serving God. That process is ongoing.

I don't have to tell you that we have been experiencing revival at church over the last few months. With the baptisms in January, and the welcome of sixteen new members by the end of May, we have seen a resurgence of enthusiasm for what we are doing here at Central. The Anchor Church services on Saturday night are adding another worship experience for our people to enjoy. Our numerous small group studies, the Remembrance Sunday service, the return of our potluck suppers and special guest speakers like Missionary Mercy Barnes, our Anchor Youth group, and the revitalization of our Men's and Women's groups all surely add to the excitement and a renewed sense of mission.

A good example of this is the barbecue and corn hole tournament our men are planning for Saturday, June 15th. They are hoping that all our dads and granddads will join our men for a great day of fun, food and fellowship. It is this out of the box thinking that has us expanding our outreach and ministry. A second event we are planning a joint effort with the Westerly Police Department to organize a community barbecue in our back yard. We hope to be able to invite people from across the community to this fun event.

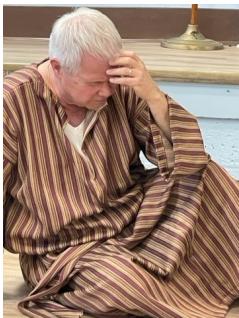
When you add these type of new events to existing ones like the Women's Banquet, our Neighbor Day outdoor worship, the Father's Day Car Show, Faith Kids Camp (VBS), and our short term mission trips you have activities that enhance our efforts to build up our own community as well as reach out to new friends and family.

As we have engaged in planning for the future, some things have come to our attention that we will be acting on in the near future. For example in terms of congregational care, Brigid Newman has offered to organize and host a ministry called Abundant Harvest. This will formalize a way to provide meals for the families in the congregation going through challenging times. There will be a meeting to explain it in the next few weeks.

We are also working on our greeter program and transforming the back entryway into a welcome center. The first fruits of the effort came with the beautiful quilt featuring our mission endeavors over the years. Special thanks to Linda Bruno and her neighbor. We hope to have a tv there with an ongoing list of events that can be viewed by all visitors to the church. A reception desk and information station will follow. Speaking of upgrades, we are going to install a permanent sound and video projection system in Fellowship Hall which will allow us to present more programs with greater ease.

Finally, we are in the process of registering our new bus and getting it on the road for a bus ministry that will be able to support those looking for rides to worship and church activities. My target was May 1st but it may take a little longer. Stay tuned! So there you have it. Lots of fun things to look forward to as we gear up for Summer and the rest of the year. May it all bring glory to God!

Blessings and thank you to all,  
Pastor Cal



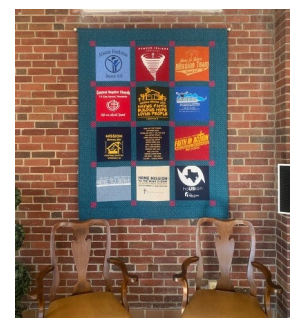
Pastor Cal portrays Simon Peter in a dramatic moment at Anchor Church.



Scott Vanaman lights a candle in our Remembrance Sunday service to remember a loved one.



We hosted a pot luck supper where our Mission Board welcomed Mercy Gonzales Barnes last month.



The beautiful new quilt hangs in the Reception Area at church. Thank you to Linda Bruno & her neighbor.

## Central Baptist Church of Westerly

### Board of Trustees

The replacement of the church kitchen flooring is complete. This month the Trustee team are praying and seeking the Lord's direction as we identify actions the Trustees will take to achieve the church goals and support the mission of His church.

Bob Burnside, Chairman of the Trustees



### Treasurer's Report

	March 2024 Actual	March Plan	Year-to-Date Actuals	Year-to-Date Plan	Annual Plan
Total Income	50,558.85	43,212.18	138,153.95	133,361.54	532,946.00
Total Expenses	55,866.15	41,904.85	148,006.82	143,030.55	532,397.00
Net Ordinary Income	(5,307.30)	1,307.33	(9,852.87)	(9,669.01)	549.00

Comparing the financial plan to actuals after the first three months of the year reveals that revenue and expense are tracking approximately 3.5% above the planned amount. There is a deficit in the year-to-date Net Ordinary Income of \$9,852.87 primarily attributed to budget line items relative to insurance costs, facility maintenance, snow removal and fuel which significantly contribute to early year expenses. This early year deficit however is consistent with the annual plan as reflected in the fact that the year-to-date actual net ordinary Income only differs from the net ordinary income for the year-to-date plan differs by only \$183.86. Revenue and expenses are consistent with the annual plan.

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're watching the live stream services on Facebook. If you miss it, you can search Facebook for the Central Baptist Church of Westerly, RI page and scroll down. It is also available on YouTube, just search for Pastor Cal Lord's page.

#### 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](http://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. If your phone's camera can't scan the code, the URL for the app is: <https://app.easytithes.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 take a look to see how online giving can make giving easier for you!**

## Board of Missions

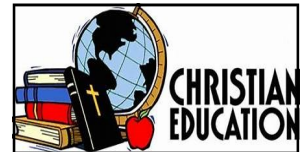


**A LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY** - Have you wanted to do some mission work but have not been able to travel? This is for you ABCORI is looking for help on their work days at Camp Canonicus. The dates are June 8 and September 21. Past projects include clearing brush splitting firewood, raking leaves, painting, and general clean up. All skill levels are welcome. Work days are from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and it includes lunch. Contact a member of the Mission Board if interested.

As my time on the Mission Board comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone I had the pleasure of serving with. Knowing we all are a board, are a team, are a family, were able to work so well together, make decisions for the best interest of our Missionaries, and the local groups we are able to help year after year is such a blessing. I feel confident new members coming onto the board and those now serving will do a great job, and I wish them all the best.

My heartfelt thanks,  
Noreen Gerrish

## Board of Christian Education



Two thoughts came to me as I wrote the Education Board message for the month of May. My first thought was flowers.

~ **Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."**

We all know the saying, "April Showers, Bring May Flowers". In the Bible, flowers often symbolized growth, time, fullness, and more, and scripture calls to their beauty to inspire us to live by faith and trust in the Lord. Flowers are a beautiful reminder of our Lord God. What a beautiful gift he gave us with their perfect beauty and fragrance; just as he gave us his perfect and only begotten son to pay for our sins. No matter what showers we face, we will always have God by our side.

My second thought moving into May after witnessing an inspiring eclipse, was light.

**Matthew 5:14-16, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven."**

As spring moves into summer, we enjoy more light each day. It's hard to see anything in the dark. It's hard to know where to walk in the dark. God's light lights our path. As you build a closer relationship with God, don't keep your light hidden. Think of ways to be of service and let your light shine.

The Education committee has been developing many opportunities to understand and develop your relationship with God and the bible. We have several adult Bible studies and book groups that we would love to see your smiling faces at. If you don't see something that grabs your attention, please make suggestions of what you would like to explore - or better yet, join the Education Committee.

We continue to grow our Sunday school program and have several exciting plans for the Faith Kids Camp this year (scheduled for June 24th – June 28th). The theme for faith camp will be "The Great jungle Journey" and will be led by Marie Bertsch and Pastor Enrique.

There are many ways to be a part of and contribute to the education of our church community. Come volunteer to help with camp, join the education board or simply sign up for a small group. We are looking for 100% participation.

Remember this during the beautiful month of May:

**"The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be." — Ralph Waldo Emerson**

May we bloom as the flowers and be an example of God's grace to the world!

Serena Bates

## Board of Deacons

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY.....**

Some of you will read the title and almost automatically complete the first verse of the well loved hymn with. ..."Lord God almighty". We readily agree with the notion that God is completely holy and pure but we are usually less than comfortable applying the description to ourselves. That could be because of the negative associations in our popular culture with such phrases as "holier than thou" or "holy roller" of frivolous ones like "holy cow"! But the Bible does apply that description to worshipers of Jehovah God.

Leviticus 11 has God telling His people to be holy because He is holy. The apostle Peter quotes this in his first epistle chapter one, applying it to New Testament believers. The question is, what does that mean to us in a practical way? We could make a list of do's and don'ts but making lots of rules and trying to follow them is what got the Pharisees in trouble with Jesus. What we need to remember is that when the world looks and listens to us we are to be an accurate representation of Jesus. That could be a heavy burden on us but we have a trump card up our sleeve, or rather in our hearts. That is the person of the **Holy** Spirit, given to us when we gave our lives to Christ. It is the Spirit's work in our lives that sanctifies us (makes us holy), as Paul tells us in Galatians chapter 5, "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the desires of the flesh" and he explains that the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives will produce fruit including goodness and self control which will result in our lives being more Christlike.

So when we or others notice a lack of the attributes of holiness in our lives we have the unbounded resources of the Holy Spirit in our lives to change us and move us steadily towards the perfection of the life of Jesus being evident in us so we can effectively be a picture to those around us of what Jesus can accomplish in a life surrendered to Him.

Phil Bryan

**God Will Get You Where You Are Meant To Be**

Dear Friends,

Years ago, a friend of mine told me that to get ahead in life you have to have a well thought out plan. The old adage, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail," has been a time-tested reality. So, when my daughter and I set off on our grand adventure in London, we arrived prepared to enjoy as many sites as possible. We bought our London Go Pass, an Oyster card for the underground, made a few reservations for site seeing tours and had bookmarked the city bus maps.



Each morning, Sarah mapped out our route and determined whether we should walk or take public transit. We were much fresher in the morning so we often walked to our destinations. This allowed us to see more historical sites and get a sense of the city. We regularly weaved our way along the Thames River. When we headed inland, we walked past the London Eye, the Parliament and Westminster Abbey up to Trafalgar Square.

Everything was moving along like clockwork until Sunday morning. We were bound for St. Paul's Cathedral for worship. We decided to take the bus. We wanted to arrive early so we could walk around the area before going inside. Arriving at the stop, we waited patiently for our two-tiered chariot to arrive. Twenty minutes went by. Then another fifteen passed. According to Sarah's app, two busses had come and gone. Yet, we hadn't seen one.

That's when frustration set in. To walk to church would take over thirty minutes. At that point we'd be walking in late because we had already wasted three quarters of an hour at the bus stop. Should we wait longer or go? We decided to walk. In a few minutes we realized the reason for the lack of busses. The roads had been shut down to accommodate the 18,000 participants in London's half marathon. Everything suddenly made sense.

How could we have known that? We couldn't see the bigger picture. We were so focused on our own plans. Yet, there were things happening behind the scenes that delayed our journey. It struck me that this was often true in life. We make plans. We may even pray about it. Sometimes we wait and wonder why things don't occur in the way that we've planned. Like with the marathon, it is often because there are things happening that we are not aware of.

Too often things happen that slow us down or send us down a different path than we had chosen. Yet, I believe that God is always in control. We need to trust him when unexpected detours arise. We do our part but then we have to wait on God. He knows what we need. He knows what's best. There is a lovely poem by Corrie Ten Boom titled, "The Tapestry." It speaks to this very thing. It answers the question we often ask when things don't go according to our plans.

It reads; "My life is but a weaving between my God and me. I cannot choose the colors. He weaveth steadily. Oft' times He weaveth sorrow; And I in foolish pride. Forget He sees the upper and I the underside. Not 'til the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly, will God unroll the canvas and reveal the reason why. The dark threads are as needful in the weaver's skillful hand as the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned."

Proverbs 16:9 says, "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps. When we trust God, He will get us to where we are going. I love the ending to Corrie Ten Boon's poem because I have found it to be so true. She says, "He knows, He loves, He cares; Nothing this truth can dim. He gives the very best to those who leave the choice to Him."

See You In Church.,  
Pastor Cal



## Somebody Said (Mother's Day Bulletin Article)

Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby. Somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, normal is history.

Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct. Somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.

Somebody said being a mother is boring. Somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.

Somebody said "good" mothers never raise their voices. Somebody never came out the back door just in time to see her child hit a golf ball through the neighbor's kitchen window.

Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother. Somebody never helped a fourth grader with his math.

Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first.

Somebody doesn't have more than one child.

Somebody said a mother can find all the answers to her child-rearing questions in the books.

Somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose.

Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery.

Somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten.

Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married.

Somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.

Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home.

Somebody never had grandchildren.

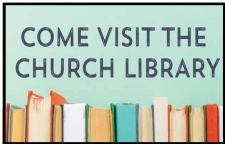
Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her.

Somebody isn't a mother.

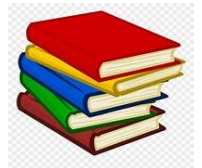
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## Library Corner

### Library Corner & Library Room



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



#### Christian Living

##### **Led by the Carpenter** - *by D. James Kennedy*

This book is recommended to anyone who wants to have a stronger understanding of what it means to follow Jesus and the Christian faith. We strive to walk like Christ and make everyday decisions as God would have us do. Readers will learn to partner with Christ and set goals that will affect our interactions with family, friends, colleagues, and our church community. Following the lead of the carpenter will help us find true meaning for our life.

#### Apologetics

##### **Not All Roads Lead to Heaven** - *by Dr. Robert Jeffress*

The author tackles a difficult subject with clarity. He proves that belief in Jesus is the only way to heaven. In this well-written book, Dr. Jeffress draws upon his extensive knowledge of the Scripture and his personal exploration of the subject to provide a compelling case for the exclusivity of the Christian faith. This book is a must-read for the times in which we live.

#### Prayer

##### **Gifts From Heaven** - *compiled by James Stuart Bell*

These true, uplifting stories are from ordinary people who experience extraordinary help in times of need. The stories in this book will challenge and inspire you. If you are looking for encouragement—a reason to keep praying and believing—then you will find it here. Your heart will be touched, your faith will become stronger, and you will be encouraged to pray more than ever before.

# Just For Kids

By Marcia Erskine



## Mother's Day Picture to Color





## SMILES AND SO FORTH

Humor, Wisdom, Poetry, Quizzes, and So Forth

By Dorothy Marra

### Good Morning

Good morning. I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems.



Please remember that I do not need your help. If the devil happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFJTD (something for Jesus to do) box. It will be addressed in MY TIME, not yours.

Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it or remove it. Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem.

If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution.

Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child.

If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away.  
Author Unknown -

### REMEMBER MOM ON MOTHER'S DAY MAY 12

When you are looking at your mother, you are looking at the purest love you will ever know.  
Charley Benetto

A mother is your first friend, your best friend, your forever friend.  
Unknown

Mother's are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they're still holding the family together. —  
Susan Gale

Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children.  
William Thackeray

My mother was my role model before I even knew what that word was. —  
Lisa Leslie

NO GOD  
NO PEACE



KNOW GOD  
KNOW PEACE

### CENTRAL BAPTIST WORKERS

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A careless word may kindle strife  
A cruel word may wreck a life  
A timely word may level stress  
A loving word may heal and bless.



### **Avondale Chapel 2024 Speakers Schedule**

\*\*\*\*\* 8:00am ~ Father's Day through Labor Day

June 16th - Rev. Dr. Cal Lord ~ Central Baptist Church, Westerly, RI

June 23rd - Rev. Ray Jones, Jr. ~ Lighthouse Community Baptist Church, Pawcatuck, CT

June 30th - Rev. David Jordan ~ Retired Pastor of Second Baptist Church, N. Stonington, CT

July 7th - Rev. Gabe Graffius ~ Seventh Day Baptist Church, Hopkinton, RI

July 14th - Bishop James Hazelwood ~ New England Synod of the Evangelical Church

July 21st - Minister Sean Donahue ~ Faith Bible Chapel, Westerly, RI

July 28th - Associate Pastor Wesley McClure ~ Onnuri Community Church, Seoul, Korea

August 4th - Associate Pastor Enrique Newman ~ Central Baptist Church, Westerly, RI

August 11th - Rev. Mark Porizky ~ Chaplain, Westerly Hospital, Westerly, RI

August 18th - Rev. Kathryn Palen ~ Associate Executive Minister, Elder Care ABCORI

August 25th - Rev. Wesley Smith ~ Interim Pastor Lutheran Church, Barnegat Island, NY

September 1st - Rev. Dr. Cal Lord ~ Central Baptist Church, Westerly, RI

### **Annual Church Meeting**

June 2nd ~ 11:45am

### **Sight & Sound, Lancaster, PA**

June 6th - 8th ~ Daniel

### **CNS Graduation**

June 7th ~ 10:00am

### **Summer Worship Services Change in Time**

June 16th ~ September 1st - Worship begins at 9:30am

### **Father's Day Car Show**

June 16th ~ 10:30am - 1:00pm

### **Faith Kids Camp (VBS)**

June 24th - 28th ~ 9:00am - 12 noon



## Annual Women's Banquet

Saturday, May 11th at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

The men will be serving Roast Chicken with all the fixings. All women whether you're a mother, daughter, sister or friend are welcome. Invite friends and family.

A sign-up sheet is outside of Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board.

The cost will be Adults \$12, Girls 6 - 12 \$6, age 5 and under are free.



## Annual Neighbor Day

Our Annual Neighbor Day is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th. We will celebrate by having our worship service outdoors on the front lawn of the church.

Please bring a lawn chair if you wish, some seating will be set up. Following worship please stay and join us for an ice cream treat.



# Operation Christmas Child

~ Change for Children ~

## A Operation Christmas Child Fund Raising Effort

If you are like most people, you probably have a can or jar somewhere in your house or garage filled with loose change. How would you like to put this spare change to work for Kingdom Building by supporting our Operation Christmas Child efforts.

In addition to hearing about the Gospel while they receive their shoebox gift, children also receive "The Greatest Gift", a storybook that shares the message of salvation. Children are then invited back to participate in a 12 lesson discipleship program - "The Greatest Journey". Through this program, they learn to follow Christ in their daily lives as they share their new found knowledge of him with their friends and family. Since 2009, more than 40.5 million children have enrolled in this program.

After completing the program, each child at a graduation ceremony, is given a Bible (in their own language) that includes the New Testament and selected Old Testament stories. Complete with illustrations, it is often the first copy of God's word the child, or their family, will own. Family and friends who attend the ceremony hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Hearing the testimonies during their loved one's graduation reinforces the changes they have seen in the students' lives, and their families often come to faith in Christ.

Your support of our Operation Christmas Child outreach effort makes this all possible. If this is the type of Kingdom Building that you feel called to support, please contact Brian Gerbutavich. Brian will be glad to accept any and all donations. Thank you and God bless You.



## 1st Annual Men's Cornhole Tournament & Barbecue

**June 15th 11:00am - 4:00pm**

**Dads, Granddads, Boys & Men**





**Central Baptist Church**

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

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### Prayer List

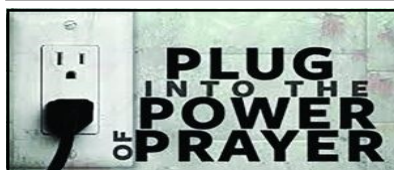
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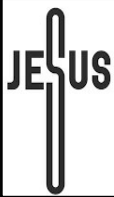
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Arline Fitzhugh  
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Dorothy & Gregory Kay  
Vicky Keane  
Dan & Valerie LaPointe  
Tommy Leihbacher  
Tim Lynn  
John Macomber  
Sheila Martel  
Rev. Joshua McClure  
John Millett  
Alex Oesau  
Mabel Payne  
Michael Payne  
Kay Perrone  
Deb Plante  
Ron Rodehorst  
Jim Servidio  
Jean Smith  
JoySea Smith  
Ruth Ann Stewart  
Bruce Titterington  
John Vetelino  
William Watkins  
Elizabeth Webster  
\* World Peace \*

The church extends sympathy to Jodi Savage on the sudden passing of her sister Kim Perkowski.



**Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you: love, prayer, and forgiveness.**



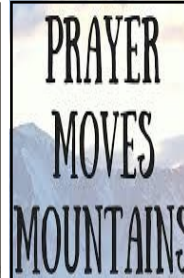
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#### ANNIVERSARIES

Michelle & Scott Hallamore - 5th  
Dot & Ray Marra - 19th  
Georgette & Richard DeBernardo - 27th  
Ellen & Ron Rodehorst - 28th  
Lori & Pastor Cal Lord - 29th



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



### Our Shut in Members at Home

Paul Arnold, Judy Grady and Sheila Martel

### Royal Nursing Home

Jean Caswell & John Macomber  
79 Beach St, Westerly 02891



### The Elms

Joan Cushman  
22 Elm Street, Westerly, RI 02891

### Benchmark Plymouth Crossing

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

### Those in the Military:

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



And all those who serve in our armed forces.



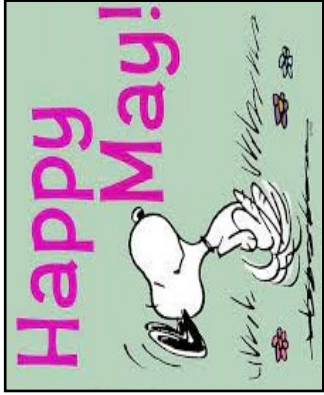
1 Ellen Rodehorst  
1 Zach Stanton  
1 Jim Stewart  
2 Brian Moore  
3 Judy Lathrop  
4 Racheal Pennington  
4 Marjorie Smith  
7 David Collings  
8 Sara Champlin  
8 Scott Rahl  
9 Hannah Gibson  
11 Gwendoline Woods  
12 Michael Grillo  
13 Linda Engler  
13 Rich Mayo  
13 Deb Peterson  
13 Carol Zwick  
14 Ron Rodehorst  
17 Tiffani DeAngelis  
17 Bobbi Servidio  
20 Karen Boeniger  
20 Sarah Payne  
22 Olivia Greene  
22 Luna Newman  
22 Mary Ann Rezendes  
23 Skip Terwilliger  
24 Amy Riley  
26 Morgan Lestinsky  
27 Dot Marra  
28 Hope Burnside  
28 Alan Caval  
28 Marilyn Gardner  
30 Edwin Greene

### JUNE Birthdays!

1 Caroline Burton  
3 Jessica Burton  
3 Nathan Hamlet Jr.  
5 Mabel Payne  
5 Kathy York  
7 Sarah Murray  
10 David Erskine  
14 Gregory Kay


### Happy Birthday!

May God bless you on your birthday, and always.



# MAY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	2 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	3 7:30 Intro to Worship with Scott Gall	4 8:00AM Men's Breakfast 6:00PM Anchor Church
5 Communion Sunday 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship	6 7:00PM Young Adult Study	7 10:00AM Needleworkers 6:00PM String Ensemble 6:30PM Mission Board	8 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	9 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	10	11 5:30PM Women's Banquet
12 Mother's Day 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship	13 5:30PM Christian Ed Board 7:00PM Young Adult Study	14 6:00PM String Ensemble	15 Newsletter Deadline 7:00PM Anchor Youth 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	16 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	17 7:30 Intro to Worship with Scott Gall	18 6:00PM Anchor Church
19 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship	20 4:30PM Trustee Board 7:00PM Young Adult Study 7:00PM Deacon Board	21 10:00AM Needleworkers 6:00PM String Ensemble	22 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	23 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	24 WARM Meal Missions	25
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