

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**



Sanctuary 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](http://www.cbCWesterlyRI.org)**

## Mission, Music and Ministry

February at church had its share of special moments. (Clockwise from the right) Pam and Laura package up soup for the Mission Team's Souper Bowl Sale; Our Baptist Bowlers supported the Jonnycake Center; Our van was a moving billboard downtown; We celebrated Christian marriage on Valentine's Day Weekend; We had a full choir ready to lead worship; Our Worship Team sang in February and is now singing once a month.



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# MARCH

### CHURCH MEETINGS

**March 7**

6:30 PM Mission Board

**March 20**

4:00 PM Board of Trustees

7:15 PM Board of Deacons

**March 21**

5:30 PM Board of Christian Ed.

**March 27**

5:30 PM Church Council

**CHURCH STAFF**

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

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

**NEWSLETTER TEAM**

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

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

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

**e-mail all articles to:**  
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**SMALL GROUP STUDIES****Sunday Mornings - 9:00 AM**

**The Gospel of Luke** - Led by Meredith Eckel in the Chapel

**Thursdays - 6:00 PM - Themes of Genesis**

Led by Pastor Cal in the Chapel

We will explore what God teaches us about himself through the wonders of creation? This class is thru Lent.

**Wednesdays - 9:30 AM - Woman's Bible**

Led by Geri Maloney in the Chapel

Learn how to how to read and interpret the Bible to apply it to your life.



**Sundays - 6:00 PM - The Chosen (Season 3)** thru Lent

**NEEDLEWORKERS****Meetings:**

First and third  
 Mondays of each  
 month,  
 9:30AM - 11:30AM

**Location:**

Church Parlor

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

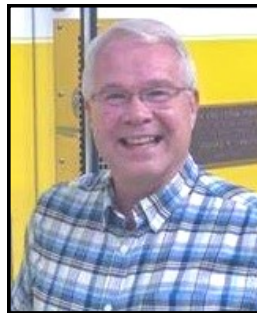
**Men's  
Breakfast**

**March 4**

**8:00 AM**

Fellowship Hall

All men welcome  
 Bring a friend

**Pastor Cal's 12th Anniversary**

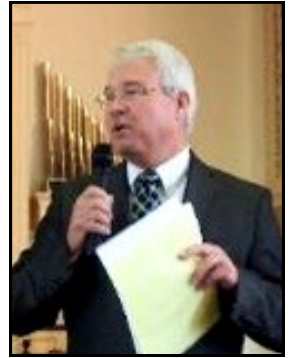
On Sunday, March 5, we will be celebrating Pastor Cal's 12th anniversary here at Central Baptist. We are truly blessed that the Lord has sent us this man of God. Plan to come and thank him for all of his love, time, caring, and devotion to Central Baptist for the past twelve years.

~ Thank You Pastor Cal ~

The work you have done for this congregation has truly been a blessing. We praise God to be so blessed as to have a shepherd who loves his flock this much.



## PASTOR CAL'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

In the Baptist Church I grew up in we didn't really celebrate Lent. We called it the Easter Season. Each week we'd focus on Christ's journey to Jerusalem. We'd talk about sin and Jesus' atoning work on the cross. Yet we did all of this with an eye to the future and the hope of the resurrection. I never remember feeling sad. I never thought about giving up chocolate or desserts. I was simply grateful that Christ rose from the dead. Two of my favorite hymns of the season were, and still are He Lives! And Christ Arose!

In the ensuing years I came to appreciate the traditional practices associated with Lent. I like to think Lent as a spiritual journey. It is a time of looking within ourselves and rooting out the sin that has crept into our lives. Lent provides an opportunity to look for ways to draw closer to Jesus. Last Sunday I suggested three practices that could help with that process and am adding one more here.

- 1) Read through the Gospel of Matthew, If you read a chapter a day you can complete the whole book by the beginning of Holy Week.
- 2) Spend five minutes a day in prayer. Just talk to God. Share what's on your heart. Tell him about the Concerns you have, the worries and fears. Tell him about the good things and thank him for them.
- 3) Attend worship services regularly. You will leave feeling empowered to walk with him into a new week.
- 4) Join one of our small group Bible studies.
  - ~ Sunday mornings Meredith Eckel is walking through the Gospel of Luke.
  - ~ Sunday nights we are watching the series, "The Chosen 3",
  - ~ Wednesday mornings Geri Maloney is leading a study for women on how to read and understand the Bible.
  - ~ Thursday nights we are discussing themes from the book of Genesis. These studies are designed to help you grow in your faith.

We are working on our plans for Holy Week and Easter too. I hope you will make some of our Holy Week services part of your Easter Season.

God Bless! See you in Church.

Pastor Cal

### Easter Egg Candy Hunt

Lent is upon us and we eagerly await a joyous Easter!

As part of this celebration, the Board of Christian Ed is excited to continue our traditional candy Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday. This event is always a success, it seems every year more children join us! Last year we filled over five hundred eggs and are hoping to have at least that many this year!

We need your help! We're asking for your donations of mini prewrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs! If you have any plastic eggs, we'll happily accept those, too! Please bring all donations by Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>.

On Tuesday March 21, at 5:00 pm, we'll get together to fill the eggs! Please join the fun in the Children's Church room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor! We thank you for your generosity and hope to see you there!



## Board of Trustees



A very important project has been completed. Every toilet seat in the church has been replaced!

A roof and gutter inspection detected a hole in the gutter that is allowing rainwater to run down the walls and partitions causing the peeling paint in the Sanctuary next to the doorway into the parlor. The gutters will be repaired and resealed.

The flooring replacement project continues successfully. I thank Richard DeBernardo who is working a lot of hours doing the prep work. Randy Sargent was helping until he had to have his knee replaced.

James B. Collins, Trustee Chairman

## Treasurer's Report

	January Actual	January Plan	Jan 2023 Actuals	YTD Plan	Annual Plan
Total Income	53,399.93	39,078.17	53,309.93	39,078.17	483,138.00
Total Expense	32,831.98	38,830.73	32,831.98	38,830.73	482,884.28
Net Ordinary Income	20,567.95	247.44	20,567.95	247.44	253.72

With some donors giving annual gifts in January, we have a large surplus in income. In addition, we spent less than planned, giving us a net surplus of over \$20,000 for the month. These funds will be used for programs and other church expenses over the next several months. Your continued generous donations and faithful support allows Central Baptist to serve our members and community. 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 Cal Lord's page.



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

- 1 Add CBC's address (16 Elm St Westerly RI 02891) to your bank's Bill Payment site and schedule the bank to mail your check to the church. 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****MISSIONS**

The Mission Board would like to continue to share and celebrate the work of God, that the missionaries and organizations we, as a congregation, sponsor are doing both locally and in the world. This month we focus on the Warm Center and South County Habitat for Humanity Rhode Island.

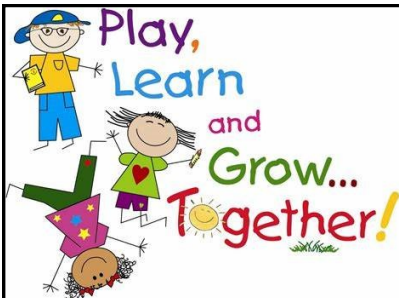
This year Habitat for Humanity broke ground on a seven home development in Hopkinton, RI. This is the largest undertaking in the organization's history. Despite the cost of home construction almost tripling they continue to make home ownership possible for many in the area. Since 1990 they have served over 120 families and 8 local families were housed this year alone. Because of the kindness of congregations such as ours, families are making memories in their own home.

The Warm Center has also faced challenges in the past year, with the cost of basic needs continuing to rise. With community support, the Warm Center continues to provide much needed assistance to many in our community. Anita's Kitchen has been able to provide over 40,000 "grab and go meals" this past year and their Community Outreach Program has provided over 300 households with rental and/or utility assistance. In addition, their Emergency Shelter has offered housing to 100 individuals who would otherwise not have a place to go.

Our service to God, by helping to support these organizations and others, helps make our community a better place. Thank you for sharing your gifts with these organizations throughout the year.

*In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."*  
*Acts 20:35*

WARM Shelter meal for March to be prepared by the Board of Christian Education

**Central Nursery School**

It's that time of year again!!! If you or anyone you know is interested in our preschool program, please join us at our informal open house on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00pm - 4:00pm.  
We hope to see you there.

**Wednesday Evening Worship Service**

If you are unable to join us Sunday mornings, please come join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Chapel for an abbreviated worship service.

We have a short inspirational Bible message, a time of prayer and a little contemporary music.



### Board of Christian Education

Many times, faith and a relationship with God starts in the home. Families who spend time reading the Bible and discussing Christ have children who follow Christ. There are many websites that assist families with those conversations. One I found, **Seeds Family Worship**, contains free family devotionals. The website is <https://www.seedsfamilyworship.com/twenty-verses-in-2020-verse-3-devotion-1-john-336/>. I have included a devotional from John Majors to help families start the conversations.

#### Devotion:

The great Blondin began tight-rope-walking at a young age, performing for the first time at five-years old. Later he joined the circus and started traveling the world. When he came to Niagara Falls for the first time, he said, "I'm going to walk across that on a rope." His friends laughed, but not long after he did it. As incredible as that was, it was only the beginning of the amazing feats he had planned. He walked across in handcuffs and leg shackles, he walked on stilts, he walked blind-folded, he carried a big box camera on a tripod and stopped to take a picture mid-way. He stopped to read a newspaper, he laid down to take a nap and even did a somersault on the high-wire.

One day he showed up with a wheelbarrow. The story goes that before starting across, he asked the crowd, "How many of you believe I can cross while pushing this wheelbarrow?" The crowd, most of whom had watched him cross many times before, cheered, "You can do it! We believe in you!" After the noise died down, he said, "Great, I'm so glad you believe in me. Now who will be the first to ride in the wheelbarrow?" No one said yes to that. Although the crowd *believed* Blondin could make the journey, they weren't willing to *trust* him fully.

In English, we tend to use the words believe and trust differently. *Believe* usually means "I agree with that idea intellectually," while *trust* usually means, "I commit myself to that fully." But in the original language of the Bible, those words often came together in one idea. John 3:36 (ESV) says, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. Whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." When it says "Whoever believes in the Son", that word *believe* combines those two ideas of belief and trust. So to *believe* in Jesus is also to *trust* him. And just like climbing in Blondin's wheelbarrow, you would also be trusting your very life to him.

#### Prayer

Jesus, help us to both believe in you and trust in you in every area of our life today. Thank you for being trustworthy. Thank you for being the most trustworthy person we will ever know. Help us to know you better today.

### Fiery Sermon

A member of the church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, 'Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday.'

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.



## 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!

#### Religion

#### **Made For Glory: In the Image and Likeness of God** - *by Joshua A. McClure*

Three Rhode Island ministers write praises for this book on the first page and back cover. These ministers include our own Rev. Dr. Clayton (Cal) Lord, Jr. Rev. McClure writes a powerful biblical study opening the way for deep reflection on past assumptions and misinformation about the purposes of God for his created beings. A must-read for anyone pursuing the truth of who you are and what it means to be made in God's glorious image.

#### Biography

#### **Castaway Kid** - *by R. B. Mitchell*

Rob Mitchell was abandoned by his parents when he was just three years old. He began his journey as one of the last "lifers" in an American orphanage. He grew up with kids who were not friends but rather "co-survivors." As Rob's loneliness and rage grew, his hope shrank. Would he ever find a real family or a place to call home? Find out how Rob was able to overcome his past, forgiving his relatives and forging healthy family relationships of his own. Heartbreaking, heartwarming, and ultimately triumphant, this true story shows how, with faith, every person can leave the past behind and forge healthier, happier relationships.

#### Spirituality

#### **Psalm 91: God's Shield of Protection** - *by Peggy Joyce Ruth*

In this book, Peggy Joyce Ruth, a veteran Bible teacher, guides you through a personal study of this psalm, explaining verse by verse God's promises of protection. You will find hope and encouragement in the stories of people from all walks of life who have found refuge in this covenant promise from God. Some people who read this book, begin reading it all over again. Each time something new is revealed. This psalm is a truly a place of total protection through life's storms.

## Parish Committee

The season of Lent is upon us. It's that time when we recall Jesus fasting in the wilderness and our own need for repentance. The practice of giving something up for Lent is a way to do penance, as well as participate in some small way with Jesus' suffering in the desert. But what if this year, instead of giving something up, we committed to *doing* something instead?

What if we chose to strengthen our faith by attending weekly worship, participating in a Bible study, and having a personal time of daily prayer and devotions. Lent is the perfect time to pursue a deeper, richer relationship with God.

This season is also an opportunity to serve others. Look in the church bulletin or newsletter for ideas. Perhaps you can give to The WARM Center's "Dollar Makes a Difference" program, or the Operation Christmas Child program. How about finally remembering to drop off that bag of clothing items at the St. Pauly clothing shed? Or choosing a card from the table in Fellowship Hall to send to a shut-in or a friend you haven't seen in a while. For the next 40 days, instead of concentrating on ourselves ("Should I give up chocolate for Lent?") let's be more like Jesus and look for ways to bless others.



### The Persecuted Church



## Bangladesh

Bangladesh ("Land of the Bengals") is one of the most densely populated countries in the world, and its people are predominantly Muslim. It was the province of Bengal in British India until 1947 when it became the Pakistani province of East Pakistan, one of five provinces of Pakistan, separated from the other four by 1,100 miles of Indian territory. In 1971 it became the independent country of Bangladesh, with its capital at Dhaka. It is mostly low lying river delta terrain, being the site where the Brahmaputra and Ganges rivers meet the Bay of Bengal.

Religious freedom is guaranteed in the state constitution, but in reality, persecution is rising as the number of Christian converts increases.

This is the story of Omar.

As he sat in a park one day a man gave him a tract. Omar, age 21 at the time, was captured by the gospel message and determined to learn more, so he bought a Bible. He was convinced of the truth of the message when he came to John 14:6 where Jesus proclaims Himself to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. He committed his life to Christ even though for the next five years he never met another Christian or saw a church. The Bible guided him to worship God through prayer, continue to study and start to witness to his faith. His witness to his family resulted in his ejection from his home, but a friend took him in and he found work on the buses in the city. He witnessed to coworkers and passengers, even though few would listen. In 2014 a stranger asked what he had been sharing and invited him to his home. At the home he found a group of Islamists who became outraged as he shared. He had brought a Bible and Quran to show how Jesus was portrayed in both, but one of the men grabbed the Quran and tore it in two. Omar was surprised but he was then told to leave.

The actions of the man tearing the Quran became clear the next day as he was arrested. What followed was four days of severe beatings which put him in hospital and later a prison sentence for destroying the Quran. In prison he was beaten by the other Muslim prisoners because of the blasphemy charge, but eventually befriended two prisoners with whom he was able to share the gospel. He was released 13 months later on parole and returned to his village where he was attacked by the same group of men who had originally framed him. He survived the knife attack and shortly after attended Bible college and became a pastor in 2016 overseeing 13 house churches.

His blasphemy case was never settled so he remains on parole and trusts that he will not be returned to prison as he is now married with a 5 year old daughter.

On reviewing his Christian journey, he says "Our life is temporary here – I have a small amount of time to preach the gospel. I will not stop."

God help us to have that level of commitment.

## Holy Week Services

**April 2 - Palm Sunday-10:30am**, Come wave your palms and celebrate with those being baptized.

**April 6 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service-7:00pm**, Gather around the Lord's Table, hear the story of the betrayal of Christ.

**April 7 - Good Friday Remembrance-noon**, Revisit the day Christ gave his life for us on the Cross.

**April 9 - Sunrise Service on Misquamicut Beach-6:30am**, Celebrate the resurrection as the sun rises.

**April 9 - Sunrise at Avondale Chapel-8:00am**, Celebrate Easter at the Historic Avondale Chapel.

**April 9 - Easter Breakfast-9:00am**,

**April 9 - Easter Celebration Worship Service-10:30am**, Share in the Joy of Christ's Victory over Death.



Dear Friends,

Nothing beats homemade chocolate chip cookies. Even if he had to do an ungodly amount of pushups, he told us it was worth it. The crowd laughed as he told the story from his days as a Marine in boot camp on Parris Island. I didn't catch his name, but it was one of the lighter moments at the recognition service for Vietnam era veterans from Stonington.

They filled the Stonington High School auditorium. Some had seen time in the swamps of Vietnam. Others had played support roles back home and at various stations in Europe and in the South Pacific. A few shared stories about the mistreatment and disrespect they received as they returned home. It should never have happened that way. The Secretary of State said this recognition was long overdue.



As I listened to their names being called and watched the veterans come forward to receive their awards, it struck me that each of them had a story. They all had unique experiences. The keynote speaker was an official from the Department of Veteran Affairs. She had been a nurse flying missions in and out of the country with the wounded. The experiences changed her life and she found a way to give back.

Sometimes we look at a group of people and lump them together. Whether it's veterans, millennials, people of color or people of faith, we treat them as if they were a homogenous group. Media outlets reinforce the idea. The result is that we embrace stereotypes and base our interactions with individuals upon the collective understanding of which group a person is from.

The truth is that we need to see people for who they are, not who we think they are. We need to sit down and listen to one another. We need to hear the stories that shape people's lives. Then we can begin to see each person as the unique and beautiful person God created them to be. That's how God sees us. He doesn't see black or white, old or young. Each and every one of us is a child of God.

That's what stands out in Jesus' encounters with people throughout the Gospels. It is as if time stood still when he met someone. Think about the story in Luke 8. Jesus is on route to visit a dying girl when a woman who had been sick for years brushes up against him. He stops. He looks around and asks the crowd, "Who touched me?" He sees the woman. She stops, falls down and shares her story.

Everyday people came into Jesus' life and he celebrated each encounter. Whether it was a Jewish leader named Nicodemus, a leper who asked for healing, a Samaritan woman he met at the well or Zacchaeus, a hated tax collector, Jesus saw them as individuals that needed the good news he had come to bring. The truth is that every day God sends people our way. They brush up against us hoping to find a healing word.

What would happen if we slowed down and started noticing the people that God sent our way? What would happen if we took the time to engage people and listen to their stories? Some of the divisions that we experience would begin to disappear. People would treat one another with more civility. Just maybe we would begin to see the kingdom of God materialize right in front of us. It is worth a try. So let's do it.

God bless!  
See you in church.  
Pastor Cal

# Just For Kids

By Marcia Erskine



## SMILES AND SO FORTH

Humor, Wisdom, Poetry, Quizzes, and So Forth

By Dorothy Marra

### Spring

The wind told the grass  
And the grass told the trees.

The trees told the bushes  
And the bushes told the bees.

The bees told the robin  
And the robin sang out clear,



### The Organist

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to, at the end of the worship service, ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was out and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty. The roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist.



### Thankful for Who God Is Secret Code

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letters in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

**Jeremiah 32:17**

7 15 4 9 19

3 18 5 1 20 15 18

1 14 4 ,

20 8 5 18 5 6 15 18 5 ,

16 15 23 5 18 6 21 12 .

Code key

A1	J10	S19
B2	K11	T20
C3	L12	U21
D4	M13	V22
E5	N14	W23
F6	O15	X24
G7	P16	Y25
H8	Q17	Z26
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You can be thankful because of God's

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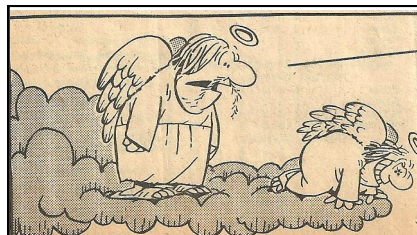
### BEAUTY TIPS

- For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
- For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.
- For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.
- For beautiful hair, let a child run his or her fingers through it once a day.
- For poise, walk with the knowledge that you'll never walk alone.



**MARCH**

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YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU LIVED AN EXEMPLARY LIFE, REPLETE WITH ACTS OF GOODNESS AND MERCY, JUST SO YOU COULD COME HERE AND DROP THINGS ON PEOPLE?!



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**Return Service Requested**

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

Monthly Newsletter




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## Central Baptist Church of Westerly

### Prayer List



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David Collings  
Aimee Couture  
Jim Cuda  
Joan & Woody Cushman  
Margaret Day  
Debi  
Ryenne, Matt & Baby Dillon  
Beverly Dorsey  
Mark Faiola  
Arline Fitzhugh  
Fred  
Judy Grady  
LuFern Hudson  
Joyce Ingram  
Vicky Keane  
Valerie LaPointe  
Tim Lynn  
John Macomber  
Sheila Martel  
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John Millett  
Marie & Curtis Moussie  
Isaac Payne  
Michael Payne  
Tony Perrone  
Deb Plante  
George Rezendes Sr.  
Pat Rhodes  
Bob Robinson  
Joseph & Judy Santore  
Sercan Family in Turkey  
Gertrude Smith  
Jean Smith  
JoySea Smith  
Bruce Titterington  
Tori & her four Children  
Ukraine  
Elizabeth Webster  
Billie Joe & David Whipple Sr.  
Paul Willets  
Jeanette Wright



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Let's also remember three of our own; Gregory Kay on the loss of his brother, Rich; Scott Hallamore on the loss of his brother, Kent; and Alice Bliven who all went to be with Jesus.

We would like to say "Thank you" for all of the cards and telephone calls on the passing of my brother Dick Chipperfield and Brother-in-law Larry Robinson.  
Thank you again,  
Bob & Diane Chipperfield



*If the only prayer you said  
was thank you, that would  
be enough.*

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

### Our Shut in Members at Home

Paul Arnold, Judy Grady, Sheila Martel and Gertrude Smith

### Royal Nursing Home

Alice Bliven and Jean Caswell  
79 Beach St, Westerly 02891

### The Elms

John Macomber and Joan & Woody Cushman  
22 Elm Street, Westerly, RI 02891

### Benchmark Plymouth Crossing

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

### Those in the Military:

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



And all those who serve in our armed forces.

**MARCH**  
*Anniversaries*

Donna & Carlo Antonino - 13th  
Pat & Jim Collins - 14th

*Happy  
Anniversary  
& God Bless You*

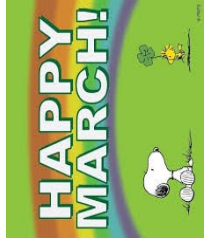
### March Birthdays

2 Donna Antonino  
3 Kay Perrone  
3 Jennifer Bryan  
4 Marjory Lihou  
4 Kurahn Payne  
7 Linda Hume  
11 Linda Bruno  
11 Marcia Erskine  
14 Steve Fish  
15 Sandra Lawing  
17 Roy Springer  
20 Susan Capalbo  
20 Kathy Caval  
22 Dolores Sais  
23 Nancy Balentine  
23 Sofia Scarano  
24 Catherine Knight  
25 Rachel Lord  
26 Tony Brewer  
27 Dale Rahl  
31 Alicia Luther  
31 Don Plante  
31 Deb Plante  
31 Vanessa Bertsch

### April Birthdays


2 Olivia Flanagan  
2 Katy Burnside  
8 Janet Gerbutavich  
11 Marissa Lombardo  
15 Susan Cozzolino  
15 Casey Payne Jr.

*"May the joy that you have  
spread in the past come back to  
you on this day. Wishing you a  
very happy birthday!"*



# MARCH 2023



| Sun                                                                                                                                          | Mon                                                                       | Tue                                                                                   | Wed                                                                                                   | Thu                                                      | Fri                                                                                                           | Sat                                                                            |
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|                                                                                                                                              |                                                                           |                                                                                       | 1<br>7:00PM Mid-Week Worship<br>Weight Watchers                                                       | 2<br>6:00PM Themes of Genesis<br>7:00PM Choir Rehearsal  | 3<br>7:30 Worship Team<br>7:30 Worship w/Sharah<br>Zedek                                                      | 4<br>8:00AM Men's Breakfast<br>Weight Watchers                                 |
| 5<br><b>Communion Sunday</b><br>Pastor Cal's 12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary<br>9:00AM Gospel of Luke<br>10:30AM Worship<br>6:00PM The Chosen-3 | 6<br>9:30AM Needleworkers                                                 | 7<br>6:00PM String Ensemble<br>6:30PM Mission Board                                   | 8<br>7:00PM Mid-Week Worship<br>Weight Watchers                                                       | 9<br>6:00PM Themes of Genesis<br>7:00PM Choir Rehearsal  | 10<br>Men's Conference<br>(Iron Sharpen's Iron)<br>Weight Watchers                                            | 11                                                                             |
| 12<br>9:00AM Gospel of Luke<br>10:30AM Worship<br>6:00PM The Chosen 3<br>Daylight Savings Begins                                             | 13                                                                        | 14<br>6:00PM String Ensemble                                                          | 15<br>Newsletter Deadline<br>9:30AM Women's Bible Study<br>7:00PM Mid-Week Worship<br>Weight Watchers | 16<br>6:00PM Themes of Genesis<br>7:00PM Choir Rehearsal | 17<br>7:30 Worship Team<br> | 18<br>4:30PM-6:00PM Drive-thru<br>Comed Beef&Cabbage Dinner<br>Weight Watchers |
| 19<br>9:00AM Gospel of Luke<br>10:30AM Worship<br>6:00PM The Chosen 3                                                                        | 20<br>9:30AM Needleworkers<br>4:00PM Trustee Board<br>7:15PM Deacon Board | 21<br>5:30PM Christian Ed Board<br>6:00PM String Ensemble<br>7:00PM Friendship Circle | 22<br>9:30AM Women's Bible Study<br>7:00PM Mid-Week Worship<br>Weight Watchers                        | 23<br>6:00PM Themes of Genesis<br>7:00PM Choir Rehearsal | 24<br>WARM Meal<br>Christian Education                                                                        | 25<br>Weight Watchers                                                          |
| 26<br>9:00AM Gospel of Luke<br>10:30AM Worship<br>6:00PM The Chosen 3                                                                        | 27<br>5:30PM Church Council                                               | 28<br>6:00PM String Ensemble                                                          | 29<br>9:30AM Women's Bible Study<br>7:00PM Mid-Week Worship<br>Weight Watchers                        | 30<br>6:00PM Themes of Genesis<br>7:00PM Choir Rehearsal | 31                                                                                                            |                                                                                |