

CENTRAL CHURCH

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Monday, September 16, 2013

A Free Will Baptist Church

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➤ CURRENT MESSAGES

What a great time we had yesterday! Bro. Bill Evans preached for our 50th Anniversary Celebration. There are four things a middle-aged church needs to avoid:

[Four Things](#)

➤ UPCOMING EVENTS @ CENTRAL CHURCH

The Advisory Board will meet on Monday, September 16th at 6:30 PM.

On Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 PM, we will have a special presentation by [Cornerstone Estate Planning](#), a company that has partnered with the [Free Will Baptist Foundation](#), to provide a seminar concerning estate planning. I encourage everyone, regardless of your current circumstances, to attend this seminar. Most people are woefully under-prepared for the life decisions that this seminar will inform you about, so come to the presentation in order to become prepared! There is no cost to attend the seminar; however, any services you may choose to utilize through Cornerstone Estate Planning will have fees associated with them.

Central will once again be hosting dinners for the Grandview High School Bulldogs football team. Our first dinner is on September 27th. More details to follow, but if you are able to assist with these, please let [Gary Breshears](#) know!

➤ MISSIONARY NEWS

PANAMA: Two people were baptized at the Buenas Nuevas (Good News) FWB Church in Chitré, Panamá, on Sunday, September 8. Praise God for this step of faith. Pray for an unquenchable desire to grow in their knowledge, understanding, and living out of the Word.

MISSION FAMILY: Several missionary kids began school within the last week. Whether overseas or in the States, ask God to calm beginning of the year nerves; provide capable, caring teachers; furnish good, safe friendships; ease students'

adjustment to new cultures or schooling situations; and use these transitions to teach life lessons about true dependence on Him.

BRAZIL: Pray for K., Brazilian missionary, as she studies the Turkish language. Pray her ears, mouth, and brain will work in unison to understand, interpret, and repeat the language. Ask God to protect her and give her wisdom as she forges relationships and builds friendships.

PARTNER MINISTRY: [Jeff and Susan Turnbough](#), currently in Spain, plan to travel to Turkey to lead a Leadership Matters Course next Wednesday, September 18. Pray God will give them strength, clarity of thought and speech, and effectiveness as they train.

MISSION FAMILY: Pray for those within the Mission family who lost family members within the last few months: [Barbara Gibbs](#) (France)—mother; [Dennis Teague](#) (France)—father; [Matt Price](#) (France)—grandfather; Brenda Bunch (formerly Panama)—father; Bessie Richards (formerly Côte d’Ivoire)—husband; [Judy Bryan](#) (France)—brother; [Carol Teague](#) (France)—mother. Ask God to provide His strength and grace to each family.

THE HANNA PROJECT: Pray for the [THP Japan team](#) as they work in the still devastated tsunami area. Pray the work of their hands will not just change the landscape of the area in which they labor, but will break down spiritual barriers to bring help, hope, and healing. Pray for good health and enough rest. Ask God to provide opportunities to engage in Spirit-led conversations and give boldness to speak.

FRANCE: [Joel and Lydie Teague](#) arrived in France on September 11th. Pray their daughters Eva and Alyssia will adjust well to France. Ask God to protect and encourage Joel and Lydie, give them wisdom and direction, and provide much fruit for their labor.

➤ **BIBLE CHALLENGES**

Bible Reading Challenge: Matthew 9:1-13

Bible Memorization Challenge: Matthew 9:9 (ESV)...*As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.*

➤ **PASTOR’S NOTE**

What a wonderful weekend we had here at Central! Over 100 present and former members gathered for an afternoon of fellowship on Saturday as we kicked off our 50th Anniversary Celebration. It was a great time to witness God’s people sharing memories of Central from the early decades, as well as talking about what Central is currently doing in the community. On Sunday, 174 former and present members gathered to celebrate God’s faithfulness, as well as the faithfulness of God’s people. Both are needed for a church to succeed! While it was a long morning, it was definitely worth it.

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you that worked on this celebration. It took the efforts of many different people to make this weekend possible. I especially want to thank the 50th Anniversary Committee; Larry &

Margaret Starnes, Max & Anna Breshears, Lyndell & Rosalind Harrington (and our late addition, Wynona Dodd). Additionally, I have to say thank you to my wife, Sharon. She was also part of the committee, and helped me with several projects that were my responsibility.

Now, what do we do after such a great weekend? Well, we don't just sit back and relax, that's for sure! We'll start a new series of messages this coming Sunday on what it means to be a Matthew. We will be feeding the Grandview High School football team, as well as sharing snacks with the marching band. We'll be packing BackSnacks again this year for Butcher-Greene Elementary School. We'll continue to reach out and seek opportunities to share the Good News with everyone that we can. In other words, let's roll up our sleeves and get to work!

I hope to see **you** in church soon!

Pastor Alan Kinder