



CENTRAL CHURCH SEEKS TO HELP YOU LOVE GOD,
LOVE OTHERS AND SHARE THE TRUTH OF SALVATION
THROUGH JESUS.

Today @ Central Church

January 7, 2018

9:45—10:45 am **Life Enrichment Studies**
Classes for all ages

11:00 am—12:15 pm **Community Worship Service**

Offering of Praise
Soul on Fire

Welcoming

Worship in Prayer
Every Road

Worship in Song
His Grace Is Sufficient #234
Mighty to Save

Worship in Giving
Seek Ye First #601

Worship in the Word
Share This: Comfort **2 Corinthians 1:3-11**

Worship in Commitment
Knowing You

Closing Prayer

Coming Events

Special Business Meeting
January 7th 12:30-1:30 pm
This meeting is being called to address our security protocols. Pizza lunch will be provided for all who will be staying after service for this meeting.

Deacon Ministry Team Meeting
January 21st 12:30-1:00 pm
The Deacon Ministry Team will meet to review family groups.

Advisory Board Meeting
January 25th 6:30-8:30 pm
Election of board officers and reception of ministry reports.

District Annual Meeting
February 3rd 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Come and hear Rev. Jimmy Holbrook, author of the book *Shelter: Being an Intentional Parent in a Random World*. Lunch will be served following the meeting! Beacon FWB Church in Raytown, MO.



Scan this QR Code to access the online sermon audio podcast via iTunes.

Prayer Requests

Spiritual Needs

Unspoken
Laura Griffie's niece and nephew
Nancy's grandson, Andy

Material Needs

Those traveling

Our Armed Forces

Brandon Koonce
Landon Koonce

Health Needs

Gwen Smith
Laura Griffie's dad, Tom
Kathy Yokely
Edwin Bowden
Karin Tucker—ongoing health issues

Health Needs

Bruce Noah
Rosalind Harrington
Greg Griffie's dad, William
Mark McMinn's nephew, Chase
Anne Rule's brother, Bill
Rod Rule
Alan's brother, Elmer
Mike & Wynona Dodd
Tim Smith's brother, Chris
Brian Machal, Tom's son
Shirley Bowden's sister, Barbara

Prayer Families of the Week

Wynona Dodd
Janet Rule

Advisory Board

Amy Smith ~ Chairman
Gary Breshears ~ Treasurer
Bill Weeks ~ Secretary
Brett Daire
Luis Guzman

Deacon Ministry Team

Larry Starnes ~ 872-6838
Lyndell Harrington ~ 366-0077
Max Breshears ~ (913) 948-0010
Tim Smith ~ 806-1992
Gary Breshears ~ 518-8691
Brett Daire ~ 778-1786

Facility Board

Tim Smith
Max Breshears
Mathew Williams
Lyndell Harrington
Nancy Branham

For Prayer Chain requests please contact Pastor Alan at (816) 868-2080
or Nancy Branham at (816) 588-5418

Share This: Comfort
2 Corinthians 1:3-11

As we enter 2018, I want us to focus on the three things I mentioned last week; doing good, being generous, and being ready to share. Sometimes, we don't know what we ought to be sharing. Well, I have an idea from Paul's letter to the Corinthian church, let's share the comfort that Christ brings to us in our suffering!

The God of Encouragement

We must look for the right God:

- Jesus is the conduit for _____
- Jesus is the conduit for knowing the _____

He brings mercy and all comfort:

- Mercy— _____
- Comfort— _____

Putting Suffering to Use

Comfort as abundant as needed:

- Abundant—implies that the supply is _____

Abundance is meant to be shared!

- We are to _____
- We are to _____
- We are to _____

Paul's Illustration

Afflictions come to everyone:

- Respond by trusting God— _____
- Respond by hoping in Christ— _____

To consider persons and events and situations only in the light of their effect upon myself is to live on the doorstep of hell.

THOMAS MERTON

A Closing Thought

What should we do?

- Use our suffering for _____
- Always _____

If we don't follow Paul's prescription, our own suffering becomes useless. It is merely suffering for the sake of suffering. If we follow Paul's prescription, we can turn our suffering into great glory for God and make it useful and meaningful.

The difference comes from our response; we either respond in faith to God as we suffer, and allow His comfort to fill us, or we risk becoming bitter.

<p><u>Nursery Worker</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Service</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Worker</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Life Enrichment</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Gary Breshears</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Community Worship</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Nicole Breshears</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Worker</u>	Life Enrichment	Gary Breshears	Community Worship	Nicole Breshears	<p><u>Audio-Visual Technician</u> Brett Daire</p> <p><u>Security</u> TBD</p> <p><u>Greeters/Hosts</u> Brett & Beth Daire</p>
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<p><u>Central's Statistics</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Attendance</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Last Week</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Yearly Average</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Life Enrichment</td> <td style="text-align: center;">23</td> <td style="text-align: center;">28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Worship</td> <td style="text-align: center;">31</td> <td style="text-align: center;">53</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Our mission is to glorify God by bringing others to faith in Jesus Christ and seeing lives changed by teaching and living God's truth.</p>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Yearly Average</u>	Life Enrichment	23	28	Community Worship	31	53	<p><u>Birthdays & Anniversaries</u></p> <p><u>BIRTHDAYS</u> Margaret Starnes ~ January 7th Kay Andrew ~ January 13th</p> <p><u>ANNIVERSARIES</u></p>
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