



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

Today @ Central Church

February 25, 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*
Forever
- Welcoming*
- Worship in Prayer*
How Can I Keep From Singing
- Worship in Song*
This World Is Not My Home #656
The Power of the Cross
- Worship in Giving*
Father I Adore You #216
- Worship in the Word*
Be Generous: An Act of Grace
2 Corinthians 8:1-7
- Worship in Commitment*
I'd Rather Have Jesus #400
- Closing Prayer*

Coming Events

Advisory Board Meeting
March 15th 6:30-8:30 pm

Deacon Ministry Team Meeting
March 18th 12:30-1:00 pm

Mauddy Thursday Service
March 29th 7:00-8:00 pm
We will celebrate a time of prayer and singing, along with an observance of the gospel ordinance of washing feet.

Watoto is coming back!
April 26th 7:00-9:00 pm
Central will be hosting the Watoto Children's Choir on Thursday, April 26th. If you can provide a "host home" for one evening for 1-3 children plus an adult chaperone, please let Pastor Alan know ASAP.



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Prayer Requests

Spiritual Needs

Unspoken

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

Sharon & Alan's friend, Nikki's sister

Janet Rule

Health Needs

Rod Rule

Joyce Noah

Laura Griffie

Greg Griffie

Nancy's cousin, Johnny

Margaret Starnes

Greg Griffie's dad, William

Mark McMinn's nephew, Chase

Mike & Wynona Dodd

Tim Smith's brother, Chris

Brian Machal, Tom's son

Shirley Bowden's sister, Barbara

Rhonda Smith's brother-in-law, Bob

Prayer Families of the Week

Dinah Hobbs & Brian Hughes

Brian & Jennifer Machal, Abby

Advisory Board

Amy Smith ~ Chairman

Gary Breshears ~ Treasurer

Bill Weeks ~ Secretary

Brett Daire

Luis Guzman

Deacon Ministry Team

Larry Starnes ~ 872-6838

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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
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Be Generous: An Act of Grace

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

At the end of last year, the last message of the year, spoke about three things we needed to focus on during this year. They were: sharing, doing good and being generous. We've looked at sharing and doing good. Now, it's time to look at being generous. The first thing we need to understand is that giving is supposed to an act of grace.

Giving—An Act of Grace

An act of grace:

- When we are afflicted—

- When we are in poverty—

- Abundance of joy—

- Wealth of generosity—

Giving—Attitudes of Grace

Three attitudes:

- Minimum—

- Extra—

- Final—

Giving—My Attitudes

Giving starts with:

- Give myself to the Lord—

- Give myself to ministry—

- Seek opportunities—

A Closing Thought

No mention of tithing—instead, it is to be _____

Being generous requires us to give ourselves to God, and then seek opportunities to give. It isn't solely about money, it is primarily about our hearts.

When we start talking about giving, it makes us uncomfortable. There are many people outside our fellowship who point to giving to the church as a form of slavery. They make it sound like the church tells you that you have to give or else you won't go to heaven. Nothing could be further from the truth.

That being said, giving as an act of grace, is meant to be a part of the normal experience for Christians. Paul related it to our love, knowledge, sincerity, speech and even our faith. It isn't "the church" that expects this, it is the Lord.

So, our challenge is to first give ourselves to the Lord, and then seek opportunities to give—as an act of grace!

Not by its size is my gift judged, but by how much of me there is in it. No man gives at all until he has given all. No man gives anything acceptable to God until he has first given himself in love and sacrifice.

A.W. TOZER

Nursery Worker

Service _____ *Worker*

Life Enrichment Gary Breshears

Community Worship Nicole Breshears

Audio-Visual Technician

Brett Daire

Security

Adrian Smith

Greeters/Hosts

Tim & Amy Smith

Central's Statistics

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Yearly Average</u>
Life Enrichment	17	23
Community Worship	32	40

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Rosalind Harrington

ANNIVERSARIES

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.

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