



JULY 11, 2021

Today @ Central Church

9:45–10:45 am **Classes Canceled Until September**

10:00-10:45 am **Worship Team Walkthrough**

10:45-11:00 am **Central Connections**

11:00 am–12:00 pm **Family Worship**

Prelude

Welcoming

Announcements and opening prayer

Offering of Praise and Worship

Cornerstone

Jesus Paid It All #241

Overcome

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name #31

Worship in the Word

Rev. Wellington Gorham, Jr.

Worship in Commitment

Make Room

Closing Prayer

Coming Events

Mid-week Bible Study

July 14th 11:00-11:30 am

Currently in the Book of Genesis

Deacon Ministry Team Meeting

July 25th 12:15-1:15 pm

Monthly meeting to discuss family group issues and church health

Advisory Board Meeting

July 26th 6:30-8:00 pm

Monthly meeting to review ministry reports and discuss future plans

District Missions Conference

September 4th 5:00-7:00 pm

Central will host the 2021 Greater Kansas City District Missions Conference, with Adam & Carol Duncan as the key speakers. We will also be serving a meal for those in attendance at this conference.

Prayer Requests

Spiritual Needs

Unspoken
Pray for our country!
Unsaved family/friends
Nadine Weldon & family
Donna Hobbs' friend, Marvella

Health Needs

Joy Machal
Paul Andrew
Margaret Starnes
Mavis Clark
Shirley & Edwin Bowden
Wynona Dodd
Kathy Yokley
Joyce Terry
Larry Taylor's sister-in-law
Nicole Breshears niece's baby
Nancy's granddaughter, Alex
Gary's friend's father, Ken

Material Needs

Facility needs

Our Armed Forces

Landon Koonce
Brock Koonce
Nancy's granddaughter, Alex
Tyler Machal

Prayer Family of the Week

Paul & Kay Andrew

For Prayer Chain requests please contact Pastor Alan at (816) 868-2080
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Advisory Board

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Facility Board

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Lessons

Over the past several months we have been studying the Book of Genesis for our mid-week Bible study. There have been several lessons that we can take from it.

One of the biggest lessons, to me personally, has been that it is a bad idea to 'plan' around God's plans. Abraham and Sarah had a promise from God that they would have offspring that would impact the entire world. When they felt like they had waited long enough for the expected pregnancy, they took matters into their own hands. The result was Abraham fathering a child with Hagar, and as a result an ongoing rift that eventually led to the expulsion of Hagar and the child born to her, Ishmael.

God made it clear to both Abraham and Sarah that Ishmael

was NOT the child of promise. The lesson was clear, when acting on God's promises we have to keep in mind God's timing. If we get in a hurry, get frustrated, and try to devise a 'plan' to accomplish God's plan it will end in a failure.

The other part of this lesson is also clear. When we make plans to fulfill God's plan, it *steals* His glory. It would be our plan that succeeded, in our power and our abilities. We would get the credit, and the glory of the success. To be honest, God does not share His glory. That is why we have to be very careful in trying to plan for the success of God's plans.

Another lesson I have taken from this study is just how faithful God is when He does make a promise. I have always believed in God's faithfulness to us and to His own promises. However, to see it play out through the decades in

the lives of some very real people has been an encouragement to me. As we have gone through Genesis we have seen a lot of faults and failures on display from the people included in the narrative. None of the people included in the Book of Genesis have shown themselves to be anything other than human; they have personalities and quirks, they have blind spots and they have certainly shown that they are capable of sinning.

Despite all this, God did something remarkable, He was faithful to His promises. I take great comfort in knowing that God will not go back on His promises even if I fail to always be the person He desires me to be. The other part of this lesson is that God doesn't seem to be quick to give up on us when we do fail. So, take comfort in these lessons!

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nursery Worker</u> Life Enrichment N/A Community Worship N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Toddler's Church</u> N/A</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Audio-Visual Technician</u> Brett Daire</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Security</u> Adrian Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Greeters/Hosts</u> Greg & Laura Griffie</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">OUR VISION IS TO LABOR IN THE GREATER KANSAS CITY AREA TO CONNECT PEOPLE TO ONE ANOTHER AND TO GOD, TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY, AND TO ENCOURAGE A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BIRTHDAYS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ANNIVERSARIES</u> Alan & Sharon Kinder ~ July 14th</p>

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