

Welcome to First Central Bible Church

Building a community to change the world

Dr. Mark Wheeler, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jack Gilbert, Minister of Adults and Outreach

March 11, 2018 ~ 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Welcome! First Central Bible Church is a church with a big vision: "Building a Community to Change the World." Throughout the week people join together in a variety of ministries designed both to help us grow in our Christian walk and to reach out to our community. We are a great place for children. We invite you to visit our KidConnect space on the first floor to find out more. We also offer a loving and safe environment for your little ones in our nursery. Whatever your circumstances – single, married, single again, with or without children – and no matter where you've been or what's happened in your life, you are welcome here.

Pastor Mark Wheeler

If you have children, we hope that you will take advantage of our nursery facilities for infants and toddlers up to age 3. We also provide Junior Church during our 11 o'clock worship service for children age 4 through grade 3. Children are dismissed after the music portion of the service. They meet on the second floor in Room 211 where they may be picked up following the service. Thanks for being here today.

Once again, we'll be participating in the Chicopee Easter Egg Hunt (March 31).

We need the following items:

- Pre-packaged Rice Krispies Treats
- Little Bites Mini- Muffins
- 8 oz. bottles of water

Items can be dropped off in the foyer or the Resource Room. Contact Robin Dolbow (413- 218-4784 or dolbows11@charter.net) with any questions.

In conjunction with this outreach event, we are offering Evangelism Training next Sunday, March 18th immediately following our 11 am worship service. We'll teach you the basics of sharing your faith by sharing your story. Everybody has one. ☺ Light lunch will be provided.



Please note: Our Spring parking lot clean-up, is scheduled for March 24 at 8 AM. All Trustees and anyone else who can help is welcome. We are usually done well before noon.

Check out the insert to see those who were baptized and/or became members last Sunday evening. We welcome them to the family of God and the family at First Central!

This Week

Listed below are events taking place in our church this week. If you have any questions please call the church office at 413-592-5353.

Sunday

Worship – 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Sunday School – 9:45 AM

Nursing Home Ministry – 3 PM

Monday

Ladies' Bible study – 10:15 AM

Tuesday

Lord's Pantry – 6 PM – Note new location – 3rd floor

Wednesday

Seniors Alive – 1 PM

Awana & Youth Group – 6:30 PM

Prayer group, Women's Bible study, Adult Bible study—6:30 PM

Thursday

Ladies' Bible study – 9:30 AM

Trustees' meeting – 7 PM

Women's Bible Study—Entrusted –7 PM

Saturday

Senior Saints – 11:45 AM

Upcoming Events

March

22 Elders' Bible study – 6:30 PM

22 Deacons & Deaconess meeting – 7 PM

24 Spring Clean-up – 8 AM

29 Women's Bible Study—Entrusted –7 PM

30 Good Friday Communion Service – 7 PM

31 Chicopee Easter Egg Hunt – 11 AM

April

1 Easter Worship Celebration – 8:30 & 11:00 AM

5 Men's Prayer Meeting – 7:30 PM



Our Senior Saints Luncheon this Saturday features a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, which includes potatoes and carrots. (Chicken will be provided as well.)

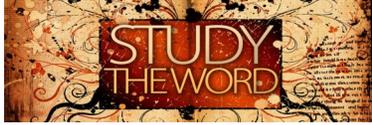
Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Everyone over 50 is invited, but anyone can join us. (We won't check your I.D. at the door.) ☺

For those who like to plan ahead, here are some dates that are already on our calendar:

- June 24 – Church picnic at Buttery Brook Park
- June 26-29 – Awana Camp
- July 9-13 – KidConnect Summer (VBS)

Giving back to God:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>GIVING</u>
March 4	\$9,606	\$9,112
Year-to-date:	\$86,454	\$72,672



Ongoing classes for adults:

- ◆ Story Thru the Bible (Sojourners) — Pastor Mark's Office (204)
- ◆ Casket Empty — Old Testament Survey — Gym
- ◆ The Basics of Christianity — Lower Tower Room
- ◆ The Book of Philippians — Lower Fellowship Hall
- ◆ The Book of Matthew — Room 201
- ◆ The Book of Ephesians — Room 202 (Library)
- ◆ The Book of Deuteronomy (Women) — 3rd Floor

See the signs around the building for more information, including teachers.

Would you like a copy of a recent sermon? They are available through several sources:

- ◆ CDs of the sermons can be found on the table in the foyer.
 - ◆ The messages are also uploaded to our website. Go to firstcentral.church, click on "Sermons" then navigate to the series and message you want to listen to.
 - ◆ Pastor Mark also publishes the sermon notes on his blog every Sunday, so you can go to wheelsms.wordpress.com to find those.
 - ◆ And did you know we're on the radio? Past sermons are broadcast weekly. WVNE, 760 AM every Saturday at 8:30 AM.
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A scientific-style pocket calculator was found in the sanctuary this week. If this is yours, contact the church office to retrieve it. You'll need to describe it in detail in order to claim it.

