Central Church of Christ, Spartanburg SC

"Loving God and Loving Others We Will Reach Our World for Jesus"

WORSHIP ORDER – October 15, 2023

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer – JD Morris

Call to Worship & Songs of Praise – Chris Thompson
Psalm 78:23-25 "The Lord commanded the skies to open; He opened the doors of heaven. He rained down manna for them to eat; He gave them bread from heaven. They ate the food of angels!."

— 10,000 Reasons
— I Know that My Redeemer Lives
— There is a Redeemer
— It is Well with My Soul

-- **Communion – Mitchell Brannon, leading** – Anyone who is a follower of Jesus is invited to participate in this Lord's Supper.
John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

-- **Giving Back to the Lord – Mitchell Brannon, leading**
2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!!"

-- **Prayer & Scripture – Numbers 21:4–9**
– Brandon Smith, leading

-- **Sermon – "Snakes in the Wilderness"**
- 6th Lesson in the series, "Wilderness Wanderings
- Our Roundabout Journey to the Promised Land
– Ernie Thigpen, teaching

— Change My Heart, O God

-- **Elder Encouragement – Kent Whitworth**

Lesson Notes – "Snake in the Wilderness"

Numbers Can Be Confusing
- **Wilderness –** Numbers and the entire Bible call us to take the story of wilderness wondering in the desert to be a **PATTERN** by which we **UNDERSTAND** our **LIVES**; Life today is a **WILDERNESS**.
- **Manna = _ _** - Yet, it was miracle food with divine nourishment and usable in a **V**_____ of ways.

People Get Poisoned and Sick
- The center of our souls, if not **C**_____ on God, develop this sickness: insatiable **D**_____ and vast **D**_____.
- God's response to the people's complaint (**S**_____!!!) perfectly links what happens in their **B**_____ with what's happening in their **S**_____.
- With the poison of discontent in our hearts, even with the food of **A**_____ or the fruit of **P**_____, we will never be content.

People Get Ready
1) People seldom see what's truly wrong with them until they get into **D**_____ and **T**_____.
2) People rarely have life-changing encounters with God without **G**____-**H**_____ **F**_____ who can **I**_____ for us and also help us **S**_____ the burdens of sin and sorrow.
3) People never find healing through **B**_____-**S**_____: I sinned **B**____ …"

People Take Your Medicine
- God instructs Moses, "Make a huge image of the thing that's **K**_____ everybody: a huge, bronze serpent. Put it up on a pole and instruct the people to **L**_____ at it."
- **John 3:14** – Jesus says, "**J**____ **L**_____ Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, **J**____ **S**__ the Son of Man must be lifted up."
- As Israel looked, in obedient faith, at a **S**_____ lifted on a pole to be healed, we look in obedient faith to **C**_____ lifted on a cross to be healed.
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** – God made Christ who had no sin **T**_ **B**_ **S**__ **F**__ **U**__, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

People Be Healed! Live New!
- She asks, "Do you recognize me, Augustine? It's me." He says, "I know it's you, but it's **N**___ **L**_____ **M**____."
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** "When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new **P**_____. He is not the same anymore. A new **L**____ has begun!"

Central Church of Christ Prayer List

PRAISE & CONCERN	DATE
Cole Campbell's new seizure meds seem to be working but please continue to pray the determine the cause of them and he outgrows them. Also, pray for strength, comfort and peace for Joe and Katelyn.	**10/13/23**
Praise that *Dave Long's* **dad, Jack,** woke up but they still haven't determined what caused the seizures. Please continue to pray for complete healing. Dave and Beverly are visiting him so please pray for safe travel.	**10/12/23**
Please continue to pray for the **youth minister of Palmetto Church of Christ's daughter, Emmy Holton.** She was admitted to the hospital Wednesday, October 11 with Staph Scalded Skin Syndrome. Please pray for healing and strength, peace and comfort for Kyle, Rachel and Emmy.	**10/12/23**
Janet McIntyre's spinal injection procedure will be Wednesday, October 18. Please pray the procedure will be successful in restoring her mobility and for her mental health as she goes through this trying time.	**10/12/23**
Brian Mays' **dad, Dudley Mays,** has been diagnosed with cancer, adenocarcinoma with necrosis. They are not sure what stage the cancer is in. He may not be able to get radiation or chemotherapy due to the wounds on his legs and the constant infections he is getting. Please pray for healing, peace, strength and comfort.	**10/10/23**

Continued Prayers For: ***Imogene Schults, Shannon Woodroof, Pat Sabo, Janet Raker, Linda Kunkle, Courtney Allen, Ray Fletcher, Mike Wilson, William Hammond, Harrison Whitener***

Those Recently Baptized: ***Reese Silver, Tammy Giles, Shawna Collard, Doug Westbury, Teresa Westbury, Rayleigh Catoe, Asher Schuette, Brandon Smith, DJ Bryant, Malachi Blades, Elise Autry. Dakota Goodman, Courtney Allen, Ben Jurek, Gabriella Jennemann, Arabella Autry, Hattie Brooks***

Guests and Central Family: Thank you for praying for those on the list and their families. We appreciate your help in keeping us up to date with your prayer requests and concerns. God Bless You!

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UPCOMING EVENTS…

- **Oct 20-21 ReConnect Marriage Weekend – Meal & Childcare Provided**
- **Oct 27 Trunk or Treat 6:30pm-8:30pm**

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Megan Morris
2 Ashland Brown
5 Dan Bird
5 Abigail Jennemann
5 JD Morris
6 Doug Westbury
9 Wayne Plylar
9 Ian Thomas
9 Tim Wilson
10 Jason Pinkstaff
14 Jackson Ruppe
14 Connie Smith
15 Joanna Cooper
16 Kent Brown
22 Audrey Helvy
26 Andrea Pinkstaff
28 Cameron Peterson
28 Eli Blades
30 Philip Ruppe

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1 Tony & Janice Axsom
4 Ben & Ashley Remick
6 Brian & Shanda Mays
7 Kyle & Aerianna Buehner
8 Tim & Rose Fagan
12 Ken & Brenda Jones
13 Verdell & LaVerne Miller
15 Richie & Amanda Colquitt
17 Jerry & Ashleigh Millwood
20 Charles & Bonnie McNutt
24 Doug & Teresa Westbury
27 Jonathan & Kimmie Cooper