Central Church of Christ, Spartanburg SC

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

WORSHIP CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, SPARTANBURG, SC – January 7, 2024

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer – Jon Gaminde

Call to Worship & Songs of Praise – Chris Thompson

-- **Ephesians 3:20 (TLB)** "God is able to do far more than we would dare to ask or even dream of—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes."

-- Hallelujah! Thine The Glory (Revive Us Again)
-- The Battle Belongs to the Lord
-- Great Is Thy Faithfulness
-- He Arose! (Low in the Grave He Lay)

-- **Communion – Brad Brooks, leading** – Anyone who is a follower of Jesus is invited to participate in this Communion.
Colossians 2:13-15 "When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

-- **Giving Back to the Lord – Brad Brooks, leading**
Hebrews 11:4 "By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings."

-- **Prayer & Scripture – Matthew 17:20 – Ben Jurek, leading**

-- Sermon – Dreaming – How God Will Build Your Faith
Sermon 1 in the Series "Dare to Dream – Sermons for a New Season" – Ernie Thigpen, teaching.

— On Bended Knee

-- Elder Encouragement – Tom Hokanson

Lesson Notes – Dreaming – How God Will Build Your Faith

1. **How is Your Faith?** _____
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2. What Can Faith Do?
- Faith brings God's **B**_____, **R**_____, and helps us **P**_____ Him (Galatians 3:9; Hebrews 11:6).

3. How Do I Get Faith?
- The Bible says that we get faith through **L**_____ to the **W**_____ of God. (Romans 10:17).
- Faith is like a **M**_____. It needs to be **E**_____ (James 2:17).

4. Six Phases of Faith – How God Will Build Your Faith
- Idea from "*Created to Dream*" by Rick Warren, Zondervan (April 11, 2023)
- God appears to employ a predictable **P**_____ and **P**_____ to build your faith based on the progression He regularly takes His people through in the Bible.
- **The First Phase Of Faith: "D_____" God's Dream for Your Life**
  - **G**_____ can happen in your faith when first you start **D**_____.
  - Is my dream from God?
    - God's dream for your life will always require **F**_____. It's something **B**_____ than you could ever do for God on your **O**____.
    - God's dream for your life will never **C**_____ His **W**_____.
- **The Second Phase of Faith: "D_____" (Move from Dreamer to Doer)**
  - First, you have to decide to **I**_____ your time, money, your reputation, your energy toward accomplishing your God-given dream.
  - Second, you must **L**____ **G**_____of your grip on **C**_____.
- **The Third Phase of Faith: "D_____".**
  - The Lord will rarely fulfill a dream quickly because that wouldn't require any **T**_____ from us or **G**_____ our faith (Habakkuk 2:3 TLB).
  - A delay **N**_____ **D**_____ God's purpose for your life.
- **The Fourth Phase of Faith: "D_____".**
  - Difficulty 1: **C**_____; Difficulty 2: **C**_____
    - These trials are only to **T**_____ your faith, to see whether or not it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests gold and **P**_____ it—and your faith is far more **P**_____ to God than mere gold. (1 Peter 1:7)
- **The Fifth Phase of Faith: "D____E___".** (See Exodus 14:12; 2 Corinthians 1:10)
  - People can prefer living in the dead end of **F**____ and even **S**_____ (**A**_____) rather than trusting God's **D**_____ and His **P**_____
- **The Sixth Phase of Faith: "D_____".** (Faith **I**____ the Victory!)

Central Church of Christ Prayer List

PRAISE & CONCERN	DATE
Praise God **Braden Morris** was released from the hospital on Friday, January 5 and he, Megan and JD arrived home safely Friday night. Please continue to pray for complete healing and peace, comfort and strength as they navigate a new normal for Braden and their family.	**1/5/24**
Glenna Fletcher fell and broke her hip on Friday, December 29. She had successful surgery and they put in a steel rod and bolt. She has been moved to White Oak Rehab at North Grove, room 101a. Please continue to pray for complete healing and peace, comfort and strength for **Jackie** and her family as they care for her mom and dad.	**1/5/24**
Ashleigh Millwood requests prayers for her **Uncle Greg** who is very ill in the hospital in Alabama. There have small improvements but please pray for complete healing and peace, comfort and strength for her **Aunt Jeanette and all her family** during this difficult time.	**1/4/24**
Jackie Forrester updates that her daughter, **Kourtney Schuette**, is home from the hospital. She thanks everyone for their prayers and requests we continue to pray that for the next 12 weeks baby boy continues to grow and get stronger, and Kourtney's colon cooperates to meet this goal.	**1/4/24**
Glenn Housand's surgery went well on Wednesday, January 3. He'll be in the hospital for 3-5 more days to recover. Please continue to pray for complete healing and little discomfort.	**1/3/24**
Please pray for *Donna Thigpen's* **mom, Marie Goodman.** She fell Thursday night, December 29. She didn't break anything but pray for healing from soreness. Donna and her brother are giving Marie around the clock care so please pray for their strength.	**1/3/24**
We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to **Jo Medina** on the death of her **mother, Janet Elinski.** She passed away on Sunday, December 24 in Anaheim, CA. Please pray for peace, comfort and strength during their time of loss.	**12/25/23**
Continued Prayers For: ***Imogene Schults, Shannon Woodroof, Pat Sabo, Janet Raker, Linda Kunkle, Courtney Allen, Ray Fletcher, Mike Wilson, Phyllis Hyden, Dudley Mays, Aaron King***	
Those Recently Baptized: ***Reese Silver, 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, Leith Murph, Glenn Housand, Amanda Housand, Aubrey Housand***	
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! *Printed on January 6, 2024*	

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January Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Idara Ekanem
1 Melissa Tutterrow
3 Abigail Blades
4 Amber Adams
5 Denise Hite
5 Sina Sims
6 Shelley Rippy
11 Bonnie McNutt
12 Sarah Shearer
13 James Drake
13 Tracy Murphree
14 BrianTutterrow
15 Allison Jurek
19 Jon Adams
19 Trish Perison
22 Clay Ball
25 Autumn Millwood
25 Adalyn Tutterrow
27 John Woodruff
28 Blair Rice
28 Mary Thigpen
28 Ewan Tutterrow
29 Tony Axsom
29 Travis Blair
29 Hannah Peterson
30 Gates Shearer

27 Clay & Tabitha Ball

29 Travis & Cassidy Tezeno