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Call to Worship Courtesy of Ministry Matters

Discussion Questions

Prepare for Sunday, July 31: This week we are going to look at Luke 12: 13-21. There is a lot going on in this passage, but the last verse seems to hold the key to understanding what action we are being called to take. What do you think it means to be "rich towards God" (Luke 12:21)? How do we find ourselves in hearing Jesus' words? Are we paying attention to what Jesus says is most important? What are the practical challenges to following Jesus' directions in this passage? How do we navigate this in our own lives? What might God be calling us to do in response to this teaching?

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



August 14th - 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Where do you fit?

Where are your talents needed?

Come visit the different ministry booths and find where you can serve.

You are invited to a Loaves and Fishes special kitchen clean-up **Saturday, July 30** at 9 AM.

Lunch Bunch is every Wednesday at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$3 to help with the lunch costs.

Enjoy **casual dress** for the month of **July** at church.

The **Blessing of the Backpacks** will be on **August 7th** at 10:30 service.

There will be a **Ministry Fair** on **August 14th** during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. Representatives from every ministry at Central will be set up for an opportunity for members to find out what is going on at Central and get involved. There will be breakfast, fellowship and a little competition!

Junior High Parent Meeting: August 14, from 5 to 7, in the Fellowship Hall.

July Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received July 17	\$15,835
Needed for July	\$62,235
Received for July	\$40,450

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	142
Online:	48



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

Calendar

Sunday, July 24

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213)
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00 - 8:00 PM, Youth, 3rd Fl

Tuesday, July 26

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
2:30 PM Prayer Team

Wednesday, July 27

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
11:00 AM Lunch Bunch, FH
5:30 PM Grief Group, Room 211

Thursday, July 28

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

Friday, July 29

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

Saturday, July 30

9:00 AM Loaves & Fishes Kitchen clean-up, Kitchen

CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall
L - Library S- Sanctuary G- Gym

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.
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Central's mission:

Love God
Love others
Serve the world

Action Required: Persist in Prayer



Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

July 24, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.

Musical Gift "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Smith

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Welcome to worship this day.

We have come seeking peace and hope.

This is the house of the Lord. In it you will find what you seek.

Help us to open our hearts to God's words and will for us.

Ask for God's help— it will be given to you.

Praise be to God who loves and cares for u s. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn #526 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal*

*Greeting

Hymn “You Are My All in All”

You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

Refrain

***Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.***

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless your name,
You are my all in all.
When I fall down you pick me up.
When I am dry you fill my cup.
You are my all in all.

Refrain 2X

Prayers of Intercession

God knows us better than we know ourselves.
Relying on the Spirit, let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For your whole, hurting, hating world:
[silence]
Lead us in the ways of peace,
especially in places where tyrants reign
and people eat the bread of conflict every day.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For your church, whose body is strong in some places,
and frail in others:

[silence]

Nourish your church in the world, O Lord,
that those who are flourishing might proclaim your word with power,
and those who are weak might be strengthened to do your work.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For your earth, that suffers at the hands of your own people:

[silence]

Pour out your healing mercy on this planet you have made,
and prod us to be worthy stewards of its beauty and its gifts,
that in honoring the earth we may also honor you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer because of disease or injury,
the addicted, the abused, the feeble, and the ill:

[silence]

Soothe our suffering and heal our wounds.

Protect us from evil and calm our anxious hearts.

Make us whole in you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are dying and the ones who care for them:

[silence]

Receive them into your arms of mercy

and welcome them into the company of the saints in light.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all those whose burdens we carry in our hearts,
and those known only to you:

[silence]

Bestow your good gifts as you see fit,
supplying every need by the power of your Spirit.

Accept all these prayers we offer in faith,
even as you continue to teach us to pray
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Message

Alicia Mullican

Special Music “The Lord's Prayer”

Arr. Carl Weinrich

Bible Reading — Luke 11:1-13

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, “Lord,
teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Jesus told them, “When you pray, say:

‘Father, uphold the holiness of your name.

Bring in your kingdom.

Give us the bread we need for today.

Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.

And don't lead us into temptation.”

He also said to them, “Imagine that one of you has a friend and you go to that friend
in the middle of the night. Imagine saying, ‘Friend, loan me three loaves of bread be-
cause a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set before him.’
Imagine further that he answers from within the house, ‘Don't bother me. The door is
already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up to give you anything.’ I
assure you, even if he wouldn't get up and help because of his friendship, he will get up
and give his friend whatever he needs because of his friend's brashness. And I tell you:
Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to
you. Everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the
door is opened.

“Which father among you would give a snake to your child if the child asked for a
fish? If a child asked for an egg, what father would give the child a scorpion? If you
who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the
heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

—
The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message — Persist in Prayer

Rev. Miriam Smith

*Closing Hymn 399 “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift “Honor and Majesty”

Kendall