

## Discussion Questions

Prepare for August 28: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 At the end of this letter, the author is wrapping up his instructions with some practical guidance. As we talked about back in the first week of August, faith does something in us and through us because of this. The author is reminding us, as well as the original audience, of the heart of faith in action: love. Other church members, strangers, prisoners, and people being mistreated are to have our love. He commends them to take care of their relationships, and to find satisfaction in what they have. Why do you think this is important for the church, at that time and now, to hear? What is there to be gained from holding onto these words? How might they help us live lives of faith today?

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.



### Wednesday Nite Café August 24th Menu

Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Cole Slaw, Salad, and Dessert

If you would like a To-go box for Wednesday Nite dinner, call Wim Marchant before Monday at noon so he can get an accurate count to order food.

#### Pricing

Adult/\$7  
Child/\$5  
Household/\$20



We will have a service of prayer and reflection as part of the church's process of discernment **this evening, in the sanctuary at 6 pm.**

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

Donate blood here at Central, in memory of **Courtney McCollum**, on **August 30**, in the fellowship hall, **from 2-6 pm.** A link was included in the efocus to sign-up online. Walk-ins are welcome but you may have to wait. The point of contact for questions is Lori Reed in the church office.

### August Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Aug 14	\$8,480
Needed for Aug	\$62,235
Received for Aug	\$36,990

### Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	178
Online:	0
(Internet Out)	



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

## Calendar

### Sunday, August 21

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)  
9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl, Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Young Adult (Rm 211)  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
5:00 - 7:00 PM, Youth, 3rd Fl  
5:30-7:00 PM, Children, 3rd Fl  
6:00 PM Discernment Service, Sanct

### Tuesday, August 23

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

### Wednesday, August 24

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
11:00 AM Lunch Bunch, FH  
5:30 PM Grief Group, Room 211  
5:00-7:00 PM Wed Nite Café  
6:00 PM-Chancel Choir  
6:45 PM-Voices of Praise

### Thursday, August 25

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

### Friday, August 26

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

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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Love others  
Serve the world

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# What Cannot Be Shaken?

Hebrews 12:18-29

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August 21, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

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

Musical Gift

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

We have not come to a frightening mountain or a scary place.

**We have no fear or trembling.**

This is a heavenly place where angels dwell.

**We have come to be the church.**

We have come to the mediator between God and humankind:

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**We come with reverence and awe.**

\*Opening Hymns "Awesome God"

Our God is an awesome God;

He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom, pow'r, and love.

Our God is an awesome God!

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave,

From the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

\*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 #171 "There's Something About That Name"

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!  
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:  
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,  
But there's something about that name!

Prayers of the People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Alicia Mullican

Special Music "Creation Sings"

*Arr. Koerts*

Creation sings the Father's song;  
He calls the sun to wake the dawn and run the course of day  
Till evening falls in crimson rays.

His fingerprints in flakes of snow,  
His breath upon this spinning globe, He charts the eagle's flight;  
Commands the newborn baby's cry.

**Refrain**

***Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, "Hallelujah!"  
Fill the earth with songs of worship;  
Tell the wonders of creation's King.***

Creation gazed upon His face;  
The ageless One in time's embrace unveiled the Father's plan  
Of reconciling God and Man.

A second Adam walked the earth,  
Whose blameless life would break the curse, whose death would set us  
free  
To live with Him eternally.

**Refrain**

Creation longs for His return,  
When Christ shall reign upon the earth; the bitter wars that rage  
Are birth pains of a coming age.

When He renews the land and sky,  
All heav'n will sing and earth reply with one resplendent theme:  
The glories of our God and King!

**Refrain**

Bible Reading — Hebrews 12:18-29

**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.**

You haven't drawn near to something that can be touched: a burning fire, dark-  
ness, shadow, a whirlwind, a blast of a trumpet, and a sound of words that made the  
ones who heard it beg that there wouldn't be one more word. They couldn't stand  
the command, If even a wild animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned. The  
sight was so frightening that Moses said, "I'm terrified and shaking!"

But you have drawn near to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, heavenly Jeru-  
salem, to countless angels in a festival gathering, to the assembly of God's firstborn  
children who are registered in heaven, to God the judge of all, to the spirits of the  
righteous who have been made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,  
and to the sprinkled blood that speaks better than Abel's blood.

See to it that you don't resist the one who is speaking. If the people didn't escape  
when they refused to listen to the one who warned them on earth, how will we es-  
cape if we reject the one who is warning from heaven? His voice shook the earth  
then, but now he has made a promise: Still once more I will shake not only the earth  
but heaven also. The words "still once more" reveal the removal of what is shak-  
en—the things that are part of this creation—so that what isn't shaken will remain.  
Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that can't be shaken, let's continue to

express our gratitude. With this gratitude, let's serve in a way that is pleasing to God with  
respect and awe, because our God really is a consuming fire ———

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — What Cannot be Shaken?

Rev. Miriam Smith

\*Closing Hymn 357 "Just As I Am" (v.1-3,6)

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown, hath broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

\*Sending Forth

Musical Gift

Worship Director: Susan Thompson

Pianist: Brenda Berryman

Scripture Reader: Mary Jo Landreth

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