

Discussion Questions

Prepare for Sunday, September 4: Read Luke 14:25-33. What in this passage grabs our attention? For the next month we are going to be sitting at Jesus' feet, listening to what he says. Some of the teachings are difficult, and some are familiar. What are you hearing today as you read the scripture? Looking at the selection, we can see Jesus saying something hard to hear (in verse 26 it is "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple"), spending time illustrating the meaning, and concluding with a "therefore." What is the big point Jesus is making? Parents, children, kings, armies, and architecture—what do they have to do with following Jesus?

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 31st Menu

Spaghetti, Naked Pasta, French Bread, 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



This evening there will be a **discernment** meeting at **6 pm** in the **fellowship hall**.

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 Tuesday, **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. Contact Lori Reed in the church office with any questions.

The church office will be **closed** for Labor Day, on Monday, Sept 5.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation is September 18, 10:30 service. Bible Class begins, October 2nd, taught by Pastor Miriam.

There will be a **church council** meeting on Sunday, **Sept 18**, at 5 pm in the fellowship hall.

August Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Aug 21	\$5,666
Needed for Aug	\$62,235
Received for Aug	\$44,131

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	186
Online:	61



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

Calendar

Sunday, August 28

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 Meeting-F.H.

Tuesday, August 30

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
2:00-6:00 PM, Red Cross Blood Drive, FH
2:30 PM Prayer Team

Wednesday, August 31

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
6:00-6:45 PM-Chancel Choir
6:45-7:30 PM-Voices of Praise

Thursday, September 1

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

Friday, September 2

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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August 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

Musical Gift "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Arr. P. Kaverin

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. AMEN.

*Opening Hymns "Across the Lands"

Getty/Townsend

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began;

Every star and every planet has been fashioned by Your hand.

All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.

Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

Chorus

You're the Author of creation,

You're the Lord of every man,

And your cry of love rings out

Across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of Heaven for the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea;

Yet how silently You suffered, that the guilty may go free.

Chorus

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave
And ascended into Heaven, leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home
Chorus 2x

Hymn “Great is the Lord”

Refrain
Great is the Lord, he is holy and just
By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;
By his mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

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Great are you Lord and worthy of praise.
Great are you Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord!

*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 “Open Our Eyes Lord”

Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch him,
And say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord,
And help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus.

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 “The Invitation”

McGrath

Come to Me, all you who are weary,
And I will give you rest.
Come to me, all you who are heavy laden,
And I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me,
For I am gentle and humble in heart;
And you will find rest for your souls.
For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

Bible Reading — Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

**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.**

Keep loving each other like family. Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it. Remember prisoners as if you were in prison with them, and people who are mistreated as if you were in their place. Marriage must be honored in every respect, with no cheating on the relationship, because God will judge the sexually immoral person

and the person who commits adultery. Your way of life should be free from the love of money, and you should be content with what you have. After all, he has said, I will never leave you or abandon you. This is why we can confidently say,
The Lord is my helper,
and I won't be afraid.

What can people do to me?

Remember your leaders who spoke God's word to you. Imitate their faith as you consider the way their lives turned out. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

So let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise through him, which is the fruit from our lips that confess his name. Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices. —

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

Message — Known by Love

Rev. Miriam Smith

*Closing Hymn 557 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift “Days of Elijah”

Robin Mark

Worship Director: Susan Thompson

Pianist: Kim Osborn

Scripture Reader: Wim Marchant

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