

Discussion Questions

Prepare for Sunday, September 11—Read Luke 15:1-10. What is something you can think of that would motivate you to stop everything to find, were it lost? Sometimes we have heard it mentioned that the practice of leaving 99 sheep to find the 1 that is missing is not great shepherding street-smarts. What does this parable tell us about God? His relationship to his people? What do we value, in our flock? What does the Good Shepherd value?

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 Sept 7 Menu

Ham, Baby Limas, Creamed Corn, Rolls, Salad, 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 no youth, children or discernment meetings due to the Labor Day Holiday.

The church office is **closed** Monday, **Sept 5** for Labor Day.

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

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 28	\$14,565
Needed for Aug	\$62,235
Received for Aug	\$58,696

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	136
Online:	46

Calendar

Sunday, September 4

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

Monday, September 5

Church Office Closed-Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6

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

Wednesday, September 7

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 8

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

Friday, September 9

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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Luke 14:25-33

Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

September 4, 2022

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

Musical Gift "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Benjamin

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.

We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.

Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service into a meaningful whole.

We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.

Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves, your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys.

We respond to the Spirit's leading and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts.

*Opening Hymns "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me. . . .
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow. . . .
No turning back, no turning back.

*Affirmation of Faith



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

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 #382 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Savior today! Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now, As in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray! Power, all power, surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

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 "Be Thou My Vision"

Arr. Douglas Wagner

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Still be my vision, O Lord of my heart.

Bible Reading — Luke 14:25-33

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.

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. Turning to them, he said, "Whoever comes to me and doesn't hate father and mother, spouse and children, and brothers and sisters—yes, even one's own life—cannot be my disciple. Whoever doesn't carry their own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

"If one of you wanted to build a tower, wouldn't you first sit down and calculate the cost, to determine whether you have enough money to complete it? Otherwise, when you have laid the foundation but couldn't finish the tower, all who see it will begin to belittle you. They will say, 'Here's the person who began construction and couldn't complete it!' Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down to consider whether his ten thousand soldiers could go up against the twenty thousand coming against him? And if he didn't think he could win, he would send a representative to discuss terms of peace while his enemy was still a long way off. In the same way, none of you who are unwilling to give up all of your possessions can be my disciple. —"

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

*Closing Hymn #338 "Where He Leads Me" (v:1,4)

I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

Refrain Where he leads me I will follow, Where he leads me I will follow, Where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.

He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory, And go with me, with me all the way.

Refrain

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Hughes

Worship Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

Scripture Reader: Joan Addison

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