



THE HAPPENINGS

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, JC

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2022

SUNDAYS - November 27, December 4, 11, 18

Advent Testimonies from church families about the HOPE, LOVE, PEACE, and JOY we find in Christ

8:30 and 11:00 AM Traditional Services

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM The Gathering Service, Fellowship Hall

The Gift

Friday, December 9, 7:00 PM

Saturday December 10, 7:00 PM

Sunday December 11, 4:00 PM

Science Hill and CBC Choir, Orchestra, Praise Band, Drama
New music and program *with* The Living Tree

The Puppet Tree

Saturday, December 10, 10:30 AM

Everyone Welcome - Best for children ages 3 to 3rd Grade
Crafts - Gift Shop - Hot Chocolate - Cookies

Candlelight Communion on Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 5:00 PM

Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25

11:00 AM One Worship Service in the Sanctuary
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

New Years Day Service

Sunday, January 1, 2023

11:00 AM One Worship Service in the Sanctuary
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH AND OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 23, 26, AND JANUARY 2



FROM YOUR PASTOR

Do you know any missionaries? I hope you know at least one: Jesus. Yes, Jesus was a missionary, sent into the world by God to share the good news of salvation by grace through faith in a Savior, who happens to be Jesus himself. I hope you know him as your personal Savior, because his mission in this world was to save you from your sins. And if you do know Jesus, then you also know at least one other missionary: you! Jesus has commissioned all of us who know him as our Savior and Lord to be missionaries on his behalf, carrying his message of salvation to others wherever we go (Matthew 28:19-20). If you're a believer, you're a missionary too.

You may not be accustomed to thinking that way. We've tended to reserve the title "missionary" for those who pull up stakes and move to some distant place to share the gospel with people who've never had an opportunity to hear it. But the work of missions is broader than that, and it includes all believers. We are all "on mission" together with Christ.

We need to give thought to what that means and how each of us can do his or her part. Of course, it means we need to be Christ's witnesses every day—in the workplace, at school, at home, wherever we go, because every place is a mission field. It also means we should support the mission work of others through our prayers and financial contributions. Our church gives significant financial support primarily through our regular

budget, but also through special missions offerings throughout the year. December is traditionally the season of our Christmas missions offering for international missions. All of these things are a part of being on mission together with Christ: witnessing wherever we are, praying for the mission efforts of others, and giving to support those efforts.

From time to time, however, we may have an opportunity to participate in "mission trips"—that is, trips to other places for the specific purpose of engaging in witnessing and ministry. Perhaps you've been on one. If so, you know how life-changing they can be. If you haven't, then I hope you'll pray about the possibility of taking one next year. Opportunities will come your way to participate in everything from no-cost, one-day service opportunities, to full-blown international mission trips to share God's love with people who may never have heard the gospel. This fall our church has participated in a house build for Habitat for Humanity just blocks from our campus, and we have plans to do it again next year. Central also has plans to send a team to Guatemala in 2023 for the first time since before the pandemic began. Start praying now about how you can get involved in efforts like these. After all we're on a mission from God.

Yours in Christ's Service,



CONGREGATIONAL CARE, OUTREACH, & SENIOR ADULTS

THE POWER OF HOPE FROM COMPASSIONARIES: UNLEASH THE POWER OF SERVING

HOPE is a stowaway that travels with serving, it may not be conceived or even imagined, but it's there working in concert with caring doing its therapeutic part (P.78) And here is the bonus – Hope lasts longer and offers to produce additional positive results. As we serve others, we give people help and hope. May God use **US** this Christmas and this coming year of 2023 to bring Hope.

Are you READY! To Unleash the POWER! Contact Gene at 423-232-2364 to volunteer or check the Connection Desk KIOSK in the Welcome Corridor.

VOLUNTEERS ON MISSION OPPORTUNITIES: SIGN UP NOW!

The Gift: December 9 at 7:00 PM, December 10 at 7:00 PM, December 11 at 4:00 PM - Volunteers are needed as greeters for this outreach event. Please call the church office or volunteer at the Connection Desk KIOSK in the Welcome Corridor. Share the Hope!

Puppet Tree, December 10, 10:30 AM - Volunteers are needed as a puppeteer, back stage helper, a greeter, or a refreshment host. A wonderful opportunity to be ON MISSION for our community and church kids as we share the **GIFT of Christmas**. To volunteer contact Tammy at 423-232-2363.

Current Missions Group, Thursday, December 15 at 2:30 PM in A108. Race Kao will speak and show slides on the Chinese Church of the Greater Tri-Cities.

VOLUNTEERS ON MISSION OPPORTUNITIES (cont.)

BUC Lunch at ETSU BCM, January 26 - Contact Brandon Salyer at 423-232-2365 to volunteer or make desserts.

Coalition 4 Kids Tutoring - Choose a day; 1-4 times a month. Join Brandon at Coalition 4 Kids or Tony and Gene at Mountain View Elementary. Contact Brandon Salyer at 423-232-2365 to volunteer.

Good Samaritan Ministries Food Collection
December - Bisquick
January - Canned Soup (Any Type)

VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: SIGN UP NOW!

Greeter Team - Provide a joyful smile and warm greeting to members and guests as they enter our building. Provide assistance as needed to worship or class room locations for guests.

Ushers Team - Greet and welcome members and guests to worship with a friendly smile, a worship guide and assist with seating as needed.

CHARLIE CRAWFORD DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Second Sunday, 3:00 PM, Room A101
Shine On,



ADMINISTRATION & EDUCATION

“Nothing can be more cruel than the leniency which abandons others to their sin. Nothing can be more compassionate than the severe reprimand which calls another Christian in one’s community back from the path of sin.” — **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

One of the struggles of being a Christ-follower, even more than the call to serve God as a minister of the gospel, is learning to balance our responses to those in need of the glorious grace of the gospel. At times, it seems we err on the side of tolerance or, we come across as being legalistic and harsh. Only Jesus was able to find the sweet spot of these two.

Christian education is a tool used by the Holy Spirit to equip us to become what God intends for us to be...like Jesus! If you are not investing in your spiritual growth through some kind of small group, it is doubtful that you will accomplish God’s intent on your own.

I want to invite you to join me, the Family Ministry Team, and other believers in a small group beginning in January. Groups allow us to grow spiritually. Invest yourself in a Sunday

morning small group (Sunday School class), a weekly discipleship group (Wednesday nights), and/or a DNA group. In 2023 we will birth **DNA 2.0**. These will be co-ed DNA groups designed with couples (particularly) in mind. We will be forming these groups during January with the goal of launching in February.

Central Hospitality Groups will also launch in January. You may complete a form at one of our kiosks indicating that you would be interested in having 3-5 Central members with whom you are not already acquainted in your home for dinner OR you are open to enjoying time in the home of another Central member. You may complete a form as many times as you would like. Each time we will pair you with someone different. This is a great way to meet more members in a shorter amount of time! Once you fill this form out, a member of our staff will be in touch with you in one to two weeks.

Carry on!



PRESCHOOL & KIDS MINISTRY

Do you have a favorite Christmas memory or tradition? What about a favorite gift? Growing up, my parents always gave us new Christmas PJs on Christmas Eve, and usually a book to go with it. After we read the Christmas story, we were sent to bed in matching PJs, with the strict instruction that no one was allowed downstairs until all the siblings were sitting on the top step and dad was downstairs with the video camera rolling. Looking back, I’m so grateful for those cheesy moments captured with my younger sister and brother. It’s amazing how fast time flies, isn’t it?

This year, we hope you and your family find time to make memories together, and cherish those moments. It’s easy to get caught up in this busy season - to the point that we miss the precious (and limited) time we have together. This year, Christmas is on a Sunday, which gives an important opportunity to reflect on why we celebrate in the first place. Whether your family traditions include being at church on Sunday, December 25 this year, we hope you’ll pause on Christmas morning and remember the greatest gift we could ever receive - the gift of Christ.



STUDENT & COLLEGE NEWS

STUDENT THANKSGIVING

What an incredible time we had gathering together for our Student Thanksgiving Meal! We are so thankful to all the families that provided our food and to the Keys for smoking our turkey. Thanks to all the students that brought friends to fill our Student Center with joy, laughter and fellowship! As we close out 2022 and look ahead to all that God will do in the New Year, we prayerfully anticipate new opportunities to spread God’s message by sharing His love across our schools, neighborhoods and communities! Join me in making 2023 a year of praying for God to do miraculous things right here in Johnson City!



YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIVING REMINDER

As 2022 draws to a close, we naturally reflect on our priorities and accomplishments of the year. We want to say "thank you" to those who continue to be faithful in giving to CBC ministries through our Ministry Plan and/or other gifts.

In this busy time of year, we would like to remind you of the tax rules for year-end charitable giving. You may give cash, appreciated stocks or other securities, real estate, life insurance, or a charitable remainder trust. Tax code requires the transfer of ownership to be done prior to midnight, December 31.

If giving cash, you may bring a check by the church office as late as 5:00 PM, on Friday, December 30. If mailing a year-end cash donation, tax code allows a postmark of no later than midnight, December 31. Please remember, funds which are received or converted to cash after December 31 will be posted to the church's financials in 2023.

For those who want to give but prefer not to use cash or checks, you can give to the church through Nucleus by visiting our website at cbcjc.org and clicking on the Blue Circle GIVE button on the home page. You may also complete an EFT (electronic fund transfer) from your bank. This can be done online with your computer, just as you would pay your bills through your bank's online bill-pay or you can go to your bank and set it up in person. (Note: most banks do not charge for online transfers, but please check with your bank first to be sure.) After this is set up, your bank will mail a check to the church and it will be processed and credited to your account. If you have any questions, please call the financial office at 423-232-2361.

An additional year-end gift to your church reveals your belief in our mission as a congregation. Thank you, for your support through tithes and offerings to the church Ministry Plan. May the Lord continue to richly bless you and yours in the coming year!

NATIVITIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

**Monday - Friday
November 27 - December 30
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Missions Center**

This is a self guided viewing for you to enjoy this Christmas season. If you would like to schedule a guided tour with your group please call the church office at 423-926-7121 to schedule an appointment.



SNOW POLICY

Schedules may occasionally be affected by wintry conditions. In the event of snow, a decision to cancel or postpone scheduled activities will be made at least 2 hours before the activity. Alerts will be sent via churchwide email and posted at cbcjc.org.



OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFO

**Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
CLOSED FOR LUNCH EVERY FRIDAY, 12:00 - 1:30 PM**

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PASTORS

**Dr. Tommy Hood, Senior Pastor
Tony Martin, Worship Pastor
Gene Elliott, Congregational Care, Outreach, & Senior Adult Pastor
Dr. Michael Davis, Administration & Education Pastor
Brandon Salyer, Student & College Pastor
Helen Kern, Preschool & Kids Pastor**

ON CALL ASSISTANCE

If you have an emergency on the weekend or after hours during the week, call the church number 423-926-7121 and select 8 to contact the on-call pastor.



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