

The Connection

APRIL 2024

Worship Opportunities

<u>Sundays</u>

9:00 AM Traditional Service

10:00 AM

Sunday School* (Loyal Berean, The Way Café, Students, and Kids)

11:00 AM

Contemporary Service*

SLAM! Kids Church
(2 years - 5th grade)

Wednesdays

<u>5:30 PM</u> Fellowship Meal

6:30 PM Adult Small Groups*

6:30 PM

Central Student Ministry

6:30 PM Central Kids

*Nursery Provided

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HopeFull Project April 27 at 8:30am Various locations around Bristol

As Christians, we are HopeFull: full of the hope that is rooted in Christ alone. We desire to spread this hope through our words and actions.

You're invited to participate in our next HopeFull Project! This is a great opportunity for our entire church to serve together. We will meet at the church at 8:30am for a brief breakfast before sending teams of people to various locations around Bristol. Stay tuned for more information about how to sign-up to participate!

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Newsletter Submission Deadline

If you or your group would like to place an article, meeting time, thank you note, etc. in the newsletter, please submit to the office by the 20th of the prior month. Submissions received after the 20th may not be included in the upcoming month. Thank you!



Mark's Minute . . .

Hope Changes Everything is the vision statement we adopted as a church last year. When people don't have hope, they are hopeless. We want people to have the kind of hope that God wants to bring to their lives. That hope is found in Jesus Christ. Matthew quotes Isaiah in his Gospel account of Jesus saying "In his name the nations will put their hope." Hebrews 6:19 tells us that the hope we have in Jesus is an "Anchor for the soul, firm and secure....". Like a ship's anchor holding it firmly in place, Jesus is there to confirm our hope in God.

We want to be a church that spreads the hope of Jesus to the world. To do that, it requires us to talk about hope and demonstrate that same hope in our efforts. When we announced our new Vision Statement, we told you that we planned to have several church-wide HopeFull Projects where we go out, in the name of Jesus, to the community and do a project or perform a service that would engage Bristol. We also want small groups to come up with HopeFull Projects they can perform to show the hope of Jesus. Each of us can also do acts of kindness or perform a small service as we go about our lives that helps people come to know the hope and love of Jesus.

Our next HopeFull Project will take place on April 27, at 8:30am. We are currently in the process of finalizing our service projects for that day and will let you know more details as they become known. We want our entire church to participate in this project together so be sure to mark your calendars. This can make a dramatic impact on our community as we seek to show people that *Hope Changes Everything*.

You don't have to wait until then to show the hope of Jesus. Look around and see the needs of people you come in contact with every day. As I said in my Sunday message a few weeks ago, it may be as simple as putting flowers in an empty vase. While you're at it, grab a handful of CCC invitation cards at the Welcome Center and pass them out to folks along the way. Statistics continually show that many people would come to church if someone would invite them.

Please don't forget our theme this year to ENGAGE Bristol. See what creative ways you can come up with to do just that. Share your hopeful stories with us on our church app. We would love to hear from you. Please pray that we can be more effective in getting our vision of *Hope Changes Everything* out to the community.

Love, Grace, & Peace,

Pastor Mark



Just like that, Easter 2024 has come and gone. We had such a fantastic celebration this year. Many thanks go out to those who participated in Central's Easter Eggsperience on March 30. Several of you donated candy, others helped stuff eggs with candy, and some of you gave of your time on the day of the event! One of you was even willing to get inside a yellow Peeps outfit on a semi-warm day for a photo op with the kids (and maybe a few adults too)! See Page 8 for a photo collage!

On Easter Sunday, both services went extremely well outside of a few, minor technical difficulties. Our Easter Choir sang in both services and did a wonderful job. Thanks for all your hard work in learning a tough song! We also had other powerful music selections in both services. Our musicians and tech team put in loads of hard work to make Easter happen! There's a lot that goes into each Sunday service, but Easter is a brand new ballgame. You guys knocked it out of the park!

Our Easter Choir will take a few weeks off before resuming rehearsals on Wednesday, April 24. We will practice for a few weeks before singing in both services on Mother's Day on May 12. If you're interested in singing with us, feel free to join our rehearsals which begin at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

Thanks again for making Easter such a smashing success!

Until next time,

Kris



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MISSIONS CORNER

Haiti continues to be a leaderless country with a weak government and run mostly by gangs, especially in the Port Au Prince area. Kidnappings, shootings, and extortion have increased, making it impossible to safely travel. In Saint Louis Du Nord, where our School and Church are located, the conditions are not quite as bad. However, the existence of gangs, food shortages, and extremely high cost of goods makes for a volatile situation where possible outbreaks of violence always loom. Job and his family were attacked a couple of years ago.

Job is in the States getting his family settled and raising funds for HACCM. Because of the dangers and threats received a couple of years ago, it was necessary to have Genie and the boys leave Haiti and apply for asylum in the United States. This has been a long and stressful ordeal. Both J.J. and Bervey are doing very well in school and Juvey intends to graduate from college in the next few months. Genie was able to obtain employment after many months of waiting for authorization to do so.

Concerning HACCM and the Primitive Christian Church and the Primitive Christian Academy in Saint Louis Du Nord, last June we had our first graduating class, and in September we established our first pre-school class. On December 25, we celebrated our 18th year in existence which included a community-wide lunch that is always a festive time. We currently have 228 children enrolled in the school and an average weekly Church attendance of 300+. The Church takes a weekly offering that helps defray the costs of running the Church and is used to assist families in the community. Attendance at the Trade School is down due to the exorbitant increase in the cost of living. Immediate needs for 2024 are more monthly supporters, funds for folding chairs, and funds to assist with tuition for those that want to attend the Trade School. We also have weather events every year where we provide support for the community.

Please Pray for Our Missions

Valsa Abraham - Christian Evangelical Fellowship - India Alex & Diana Aburto - Mexico Agape Christian Mission - Haiti Tim & Tammy Aho - Great Britain Appalachian Christian Camp Biblical Institute - Croatia **Bookworm Blessings** Steve, Kimberly, & Anna Bradley - Malawi **Bristol Emergency Food Pantry** Bristol Faith in Action Christian Holyland Foundation - Israel **ETSU Campus Ministries** East TN Christian Home & Academy Fellowship of Christian Athletes Grace Resha - GoTEN Haitian American Christian Ministry Haven of Rest Healing Hands Health Center Blanche Hunefeld - Brazil Kulpahar Children's Home - India Meals on Wheels Mango Tree Ministries - Ghanda



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Looking Ahead

Adult Bible Study

Each Monday at 12:30pm (f. hall)

Ladies Bible Study

Each Tuesday at 10:00am (conf. room)

Tour Israel Bible Study

Each Thursday at 6:00pm

Mens Bible Study

Each Friday at 6:30am

• Friendship Circle

Tuesday, April 2nd, 12:00pm (f. hall)

• Moms Group

Tuesday, April 9th and 23rd, 6:30pm (Willing Workers)

Women's Retreat

Friday, April 12th - Sunday, April 14th (Gatlinburg)

Leadership Meetings

Board - Monday, April 15th, 6:00pm **Elders** - Thursday, April 25th, 6:00pm

Sisters in Christ

Tuesday, April 16th, 7:00pm (f. hall)

Card Ministry

Monday, April 22nd, 6:00pm (conf. room)

Emergency Food Pantry Volunteer Day

Wednesday, April 24

Loyal Bereans

Thursday, April 25th, 6:00pm (f. hall)

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 27th, 8:30am (f. hall)

Join us on Wednesday Nights!

Enjoy dinner, fellowship, and programming.

5:30pm Fellowship Meal 6:30pm Adult Small Groups* 6:30pm Central Student Ministry

6:30pm Central Kids

6:30pm Easter Choir Rehearsal

*Nursery Provided

Cost for meals: \$6 donation per adult, \$3 per youth/child, or \$15 donation for families of four or more. (new pricing)

April Menu

April 3 - Hamburger Steak and Gravy w/Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, and Rolls

April 10 - Sub Sandwiches and Chips

April 17 - Cheesy Chicken and Rice w/Mixed Vegetables, Applesauce, and Rolls

April 24 - Chicken Salad Croissants w/chips

All meals will include Salad, Dessert, and Drink. Need a kid's meal? Visit our church app to pre-register.

Sympathy



To the:

Jean Owens Family

Brandon Gibson Family

Florence Moore Family

Memorials

A memorial donation has been received in loving memory of:

Tonny Stacy

by:

Friendship Circle (Longbrake Scholarship)

Larry Lilley

by:

Mildred Allison Libby Underwood

Christy Perkins

by:

Liz Sumpter (Women's Retreat)

Just a note to say...

Jean certainly appreciated all the cards sent to her over the years. Thank you.

Linda B. Uzzell, sister of Jean Owens

CKM CENTRAL KIDS' MINISTRY



Cooper's Connection

Cooper Mangrum, Children's Ministry Interim

Cell: 423-383-4564 E-mail: laurelcooperm@gmail.com



Bryson Snyder Charis Mosher Emelie Renfroe Holly Huntsman Emmi Sumpter Harrison Worthy Emery Kate Barnett

BARRY STREET

VIVID - June 17-21

VIVID Registrations are now open!

Sign-up today to get your choice of classes! All classes are on a first come, first serve basis. Registration closes June 2.



Wednesday April Service Projects

First Responders

Thank you to everyone who helped make Central's Easter
Eggsperience a huge success! From donating candy, to stuffing eggs, to volunteering the day of... We couldn't do it without you all!

Cooper's Challenge

Talk to a first responder (Law enforcement officer, Firefighter, Medical Personnel, Health Professional) and ask them three questions you would like to know about their job and ask them how you can pray for them.

Write this down and turn it in to Mrs.
Cooper by the end of the month and get a prize!



The Mosher Family

Matt's Moment

Matt Mosher, Minister of Youth & Connection

E-mail: mosherccc@gmail.com Cell: 423-742-6420



Yard Sale - Thank You!

Thank you to our church family and community friends for the many items donated, service hours organizing, and the many purchases and donations! We estimate the yard sale raised

over \$5,750 for the student ministry!

Thank you so much for all the love and support!

We couldn't put on a successful yard sale without you!





GRADUATE SUNDAY

On May 5th, we will recognize CCC
High School & College Graduates.
Please sign up at the Welcome
Center, on the app, or by e-mailing
Matt Mosher.

SAVE THE DATE!

April - Youth Outing—Keep an eve out for details to come!

May 5 - Graduate Sunday

May 5 - Clara Longbrake Scholarship Recipients Announced on Grad Sunday

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8:30 - TIM ARGENBRIGHT	8:30 - DON SHELLEY	8:30 - BOBBY MOSER	8:30 - TIM GREENWOOD
10:30 - TIM ARGENDRIGHT	10:30 - JEREMY SAPP	10:30 - GABE HERNANDEZ	10:30 - KELCEY RENFROE
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8:45 - CATHERINE POWERS	8:45 - THE PENNINGS	8:45 - ROSIE MORRELL	8:45 - THE BLACKBURNS
10:45 - MARTY SIMCOX	10:45 - THE MEYERS	10:45 - MARY JOHNSON	10:45 - LIZ SUMPTER
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BOBBY MOSER			
TAMARA MICKELSON	DANIEL POWERS	RAYMOND PATRICK	TBD
CHILDREN'S DEPT.			
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4'S & 5'S - COLLEEN BELEW	4'S & 5'S - DON SHELLEY	4'S & 5'S - ELLA SUMPTER	4'S & 5'S - DON SHELLEY
TEACHER - KATELYN OVERTON	TEACHER - VICKIE VAN HALL	TEACHER - MORGAN FORAN	TEACHER - VICKIE VAN HALL
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CYRINDA CRAWFORD	HOLDEN BLANKENSHIP	DANIEL POWERS	CYRINDA CRAWFORD

WEDNESDAYS

APRIL 3	APRIL 10	APRIL 17	APRL 24
SECURITY	SECURITY	SECURITY	SECURITY
JEREMY SAPP	DON SHELLEY	ZACH SUMPTER	TIM ARGENBRIGHT
NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY
KORI MOSHER	MARY ARGENBRIGHT	REGINA BOWMAN	MARY ARGENBRIGHT
MARY ARGENBRIGHT	REGINA BOWMAN	MARY ARGENBRIGHT	BROOKE PENNINGS

April 2024

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22 12:30p Study	22 12:30pm Adult Bible Study	23 10:00am Ladies Bible Study	24 5:30pm Wednesday Evening Programs	25 6:00pm Tour Israel Bible Study	26 6:30am Men's Bible Study	27 8:30am HopeFull Project
6:00p	6:00pm Card Ministry	6:30pm Moms Group	Emergency Food Pantry Volunteer Day	6:00pm Loyal Berean Class Meeting 6:00pm Elder Meeting		HopeFull
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Retreat Room

Our Retreat Room is now fully operational for families! Whether it's changing a diaper, nursing, or taking care of your child, this room is for you! Located just behind the Welcome Center, it has a private bathroom and livestream of the service so you can still participate in worship. Thanks to all who made this project possible!

Church Updates

Want to stay in the loop? Receive church text updates by texting ccc updates to 844-226-0674.

If you would like to receive digital versions of the bulletin and newsletter, contact the church office at office@cccbristol.com.



Congratulations to our Annual Soup Cook-Off winners:

1st place: John Culp
2nd place: Kitty Barker
3rd place: Kasey Overton
(accepted by Hazel Hackworth)

Central **Q&A**

April 28 at 12:15pm (fellowship hall)

If you've recently started attending Central, Central Q&A is for you! You'll have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the church! Stay tuned to the bulletin for sign-up information!





If you did not pre-order your ENGAGE Bristol shirt, we do have a few shirts remaining for \$10. Last year's ENGAGE shirt is now available for \$5 with the purchase of an ENGAGE Bristol shirt! Supplies limited!

Women's Retreat

Women of the church are invited on our churchwide Women's Retreat in Gatlinburg from April 12 - 14.

Total cost is \$150 per person. Sign-up in the narthex, on the church app, or on the website. See Janet Hernandez or Melissa Sapp with guestions!



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