



The Connection

JANUARY 2024

Worship Opportunities

Sundays

9:00 AM

Traditional Service

10:00 AM

*Sunday School**

*(Loyal Berean, The Way Café,
Young Adults, Students, and Kids)*

11:00 AM

*Contemporary Service**

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

Wednesdays

5:30 PM

Fellowship Meal

6:30 PM

*Adult Small Groups**

6:30 PM

Central Student Ministry

6:30 PM

Central Kids

**Nursery Provided
Wednesday Services Return
January 10*

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In January 2023, we announced our three-year plan titled, ENGAGE. Our three points of emphasis include discipleship, evangelism, and the next generation. As we approach Year 2 of our three-year plan, our primary focus is to Engage Bristol!

We want our community to experience the hope of Jesus. Each one of us should have at least one person in our life we are trying to reach for Jesus. Those who aren't connected to a local church are more likely to be receptive to the gospel when it's shared by someone they know and respect.

LOVE

God showed his LOVE to each of us through Jesus. Jesus commands his followers to love one another just as He has loved us (John 15). We want to love Bristol with our hearts, minds, and hands.

SERVE

Jesus came to SERVE, not to be served. Disciples follow Jesus' example by pouring their lives out in service for others. We will serve by going into the community to meet needs while also hosting lifechanging events.

SHARE

Each person has a story to SHARE. Jesus wants to use your story to make a difference in the life of someone around you. We want to equip every believer at Central to tell their story and share the impact God has made in their life.

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Mark's Minute . . .

We are kicking off another new year and I am excited! This is the second year of our ENGAGE Three-Year Plan. In the first year, we worked to implement Phase One of the plan to ENGAGE Jesus better. We did this by establishing more small group Bible Studies and getting more people involved. We hope to add some new groups this coming year. We also focused our Sunday sermons on Jesus and completed a Basics of the Faith series to make sure we have a firm foundation.

In 2024, we plan to move on to Phase Two of the plan and seek to ENGAGE Bristol more effectively. This means getting out into the community and making an impact on people. This will require us to show love to our city, serve the people of our city, and share Christ with the lost people of our city. In January, I will preach a series called ENGAGE Bristol. In this series, we will think through how Jesus demonstrated his concern for the city. We will learn how He set an example where He lived and how we can follow the example of Jesus and the Apostles today.

While our primary focus might change, we also want to continue our quest to ENGAGE Jesus. In December, you received a flyer in the bulletin that included our upcoming sermon series titles and texts along with a list of some daily devotions you can download on the YouVersion Bible app to help you become a more devoted disciple. I hope this is your year to step up and get involved in the life of the church if you haven't already. Let's work together to ENGAGE Jesus and Bristol to have an impact on the Lord's kingdom. God bless you all and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday. Remember our mission to get the Hope of Jesus out to the community and the world because we know that **HOPE CHANGES EVERYTHING**.

Love, Grace, & Peace,

Pastor Mark

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!



2024 Theme: Engage Bristol

New Sermon Series:

- Dec. 31 - "New Life" (Acts 5:20)
- Jan. 7 - "Our City" (Acts 1:8)
- Jan. 14 - "Weep For Our City" (Luke 19:41-44)
- Jan. 21 - "Understanding Our City" (1 Chr. 12:32)
- Jan. 28 - "Loving Our City" (Mark 12:28-34)
- Feb. 4 - "Serving Our City" (1 Peter 4:7-11)
- Feb. 11 - "Sharing With Our City" (1 Thess. 2:1-12)
- Feb. 18 - "Commitment to Our City" (1 Peter 4:12-19)

Kris' Corner

The Christmas season is admittedly bittersweet in our household. On one hand, it truly is the most wonderful time of the year. My wife, Cooper, is one of those "Christmas people". She truly brings the Christmas magic into our house for me and the boys. On the other hand, I would be lying to you if I didn't admit that Christmas is also the most stressful time of the year, specifically for those who work in churches around the world. With Christmas now behind us, there is certainly a bit of sadness but also a sense of relief!

In the month of December, we had all kinds of special services including the Christmas Choir program, Central's Got Talent, a Christmas Eve combined service, and our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service. It would be difficult to tally up just how many people played a part in each of these programs, but an educated guess is that over 50 of you participated and/or served in these events. I heard some great comments about each one of these programs. It's our hope that these events bring God glory and bring you joy and fellowship during the Christmas season.

So, where do we go from here? As we turn the calendar to 2024, you've likely already written down or thought about a few things you would like to change about your life this year. I, too, have made New Year's Resolutions in the past and failed pretty much every time. However, I encourage you to take a look at all areas of your life and determine what changes might be most effective. Some of you may have that big promotion circled or maybe you want to lose a few pounds. While these are admirable goals, don't forget to take a look at your relationship with God and determine a few ways you can draw closer to him this year!



Until next time,
Kris

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MISSIONS CORNER

New Mission Announcement: Mango Tree Ministry, Ghana, West Africa

We are very grateful to be able to provide multiple gifts to several people and families this Christmas. We have several families that live well below the poverty level, and we are excited to share God's love for them by providing them with a gift of rice, cooking oil, noodles, salt, soap, and most of all, audio-bibles in their languages. We also distributed meals on Christmas Day to about 30 to 40 homeless, handicapped women and men we have become friends with over the years. We are also sending gifts of food and medical assistance to some villages in Niger. We are excited that as God allows us to provide needs for life, it brings opportunities to share His Gospel that many may receive Salvation through faith in His Word. Thank you all greatly.

- In Christ, Gomer Williams



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 - Ghana



Leina Argenbright
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Peggy Harr
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Gail Poole
Bryant Rife

Linda Shepperd
D. Simerly
Ginny Simms
Caffie West
Anthony Winterrowd
Kay Winterrowd

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
- **Church Office Closed**
Monday, January 1st
- **Friendship Circle**
Tuesday, January 2nd, 12:00pm (f. hall)
- **No Wednesday Programs**
Wednesday, January 3rd
- **Tennessee Christian Teen Convention (TCTC)**
Friday, January 5th - January 7th
- **Card Ministry**
Monday, January 8th and 29th, 7:00pm (conf. room)
- **Moms Group**
Tuesday, January 9th and 23rd, 6:30pm (connect room)
- **Wednesday Programs Resume**
Wednesday, January 10th
- **Missions Committee**
Sunday, January 14th, 12:15 (Willing Workers room)
- **Sisters in Christ**
Tuesday, January 16th, 7:00pm (f. hall)
- **Widows Ministry**
Tuesday, January 23rd, 5:30pm (Texas Roadhouse)
- **Loyal Bereans**
Thursday, January 25th, 6:00pm (f. hall)
- **Men's Breakfast**
Saturday, January 27th, 8:30am (f. hall)

Sympathy



To the:
Carl Lewis Family
(Jane Culp's father)

Memorials

*A memorial donation has been received
in loving memory of:*

Carl Lewis

by:

Charles Sams (Meals on Wheels)
Teresa Hagy (Longbrake Scholarship)

Don Miller

by:

Eva Hill

Maxine Sams

by:

Charles Sams (Meals on Wheels)

Florence Ringley

By:

William & Sara Jane Ringley

Just a note to say...

We want to thank CCC for all the prayers, cards, and letters. They were very appreciated!

- The Family of Herb Reach

On behalf of all the staff at Central, we would like to thank you for the many cards, gifts, and presents we received this Christmas season. Central is truly a special place and we are blessed to serve with such a generous and loving congregation.

- Central Christian Church Staff

Join us on Wednesday Nights!

Enjoy dinner, fellowship, and programming.

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

*Nursery Provided

Cost for meals: **\$5 donation per adult, \$2 per youth/child, or \$12 donation for families of four or more.**

January Menu

January 3 - No Services

January 10 - Cheeseburger Sliders w/ Applesauce and Chips

January 17 - Sausage w/ Potatoes and Onions, Green Beans, and Cornbread

January 24 - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Salad and Garlic Bread

January 31 - Chicken Noodle Soup w/ Salad and Rolls

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

Welcome New Arrival!

Zephaniah Ephraim Greenwood

November 3, 2023

8 lbs. 6 oz. 20 1/2 in.

Proud Parents: Tim & Aubree Greenwood

Proud Grandparents: Luzena Greenwood, Tamera
& Bruce Wheeler, Sonny & Michelle Thompson

Welcome New Arrival!

Paul Jones Huntsman

December 5, 2023

8 lbs. 9 oz.

Proud Parents: Dakota & Rebekah Huntsman

Proud Grandparents: Glen Ray & Leigh Huntsman
Paul & Jennifer Gruner, Karen Ellis



Cooper's Connection

Cooper Mangrum, Children's Ministry Interim

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

Volunteers Needed!

Sunday Morning

- 2nd Sunday "Littles" craft teacher 11am
- 2nd Sunday "Littles" Sunday School assistant
- Fill-in teachers and assistants for 11am

Wednesday Nights - 6:30pm

- "Littles" teachers for an alternating schedule
- "Littles" assistants for an alternating schedule

Wednesday and Sunday

- Fill in teachers and assistants for elementary age group



Cooper's CHALLENGE

Think about and pray over a word that you want to work on throughout this year (Example: Gratitude- Be more thankful, Courage- Try new things, Kindness- Show more kindness, Prayerful- Grow prayer life, etc.) Write the word down in a creative picture, explain why that is your word, and tell me how I can help you work on your word throughout the year.

Turn this in to Mrs. Cooper by the end of the month and get a prize!

VIVID Volunteers Needed!



Talk to Cooper if you would like to lead a class or volunteer with our VIVID camp this summer on June 17-21 (8:30am-12:00pm)!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Emmitt Carrier
Leina Argenbright

Georgia Emery
Victoria Booher



The Mosher Family

Matt's Moment

Matt Mosher, Minister of Youth & Connection

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



TCTC 2024

Jan 5-7, 2024 we will be in Gatlinburg for TCTC, our biggest youth event each year! This awesome winter retreat for middle and high schoolers is full of engaging worship, challenging speakers, and fun together! If interested, contact Matt Mosher! Please, pray for our students and adults at TCTC!

CSM Wednesday Night Kickoff!

Our weekly Wednesday night programming for youth is STARTING BACK on January 10th. We would love to see you there!

CSM PARTY!



SAVE THE DATE!

Jan 5-7 - TCTC 2024!

Jan 10 - Wednesday Youth Starts Back!

Feb 16 - Meal at Melrose

March 22/23 - CSM Yard Sale

www.ccbristol.com/csm






JANUARY 2024

JANUARY 7	JANUARY 14	JANUARY 21	JANUARY 28
ELDER 1 - COMMUNION JOHN CULP	ELDER 1 - COMMUNION DAVID HACKER	ELDER 1 - COMMUNION DAVID HICKS	ELDER 1 - COMMUNION DENNIS HOLBROOK
ELDER 2 - OFFERING, SICK & SHUT-IN BILL PARKER	ELDER 2 - OFFERING, SICK & SHUT-IN ERIC REECHER	ELDER 2 - OFFERING, SICK & SHUT-IN D SIMERLY	ELDER 2 - OFFERING, SICK & SHUT-IN RICK TALLMAN
SERVING/SAFETY TEAM LEADER 8:30 - EUGENE WOODBY 10:30 - JOEL POWERS	SERVING/SAFETY TEAM LEADER 8:30 - TIM ARGENBRIGHT 10:30 - BRANDON MANN	SERVING/SAFETY TEAM LEADER 8:30 - DON SHELLEY 10:30 - ZACH SUMPTER	SERVING/SAFETY TEAM LEADER 8:30 - BOBBY MOSER 10:30 - JEREMY SAPP
COMMUNION THE HOLBROOKS	COMMUNION THE HOLBROOKS	COMMUNION THE MULLINS	COMMUNION THE MULLINS
GREETERS 9:00 - BILL GALLIHER 11:00 - LIZ SUMPTER	GREETERS 9:00 - BILL GALLIHER 11:00 - JUDY BOOTHE	GREETERS 9:00 - BILL GALLIHER 11:00 - MELISSA SAPP	GREETERS 9:00 - BILL GALLIHER 11:00 - TIM BOWMAN
WELCOME CENTER 9:00 - THE PENNINGS 11:00 - KITTY BARKER	WELCOME CENTER 9:00 - ROSIE MORRELL 11:00 - MARY JOHNSON	WELCOME CENTER 9:00 - THE BLACKBURNS 11:00 - MARTY SIMCOX	WELCOME CENTER 9:00 - CATHY CREGER 11:00 - LIZ SUMPTER
GOLF CART BOBBY MOSER TAMARA MICKELSON	GOLF CART JOEL POWERS	GOLF CART DANIEL POWERS	GOLF CART RAYMOND PATRICK
CHILDREN'S DEPT.			
KIDS CHURCH 11:00 LEAD - COOPER MANGRUM HELPER - COURTNEY WORTHY	KIDS CHURCH 11:00 LEAD - COOPER MANGRUM HELPER - COURTNEY WORTHY	KIDS CHURCH 9:00 LEAD - COOPER MANGRUM HELPER - COURTNEY WORTHY	KIDS CHURCH 11:00 LEAD - COOPER MANGRUM HELPER - COURTNEY WORTHY
PRESCHOOL 11:00-12:00 2'S & 3'S - MELISSA SAPP 4'S & 5'S - COLLEEN BELEW TEACHER - KATELYN OVERTON CRAFTS - MORGAN FORAN	PRESCHOOL 11:00-12:00 2'S & 3'S - JAMIE ALVARADO 4'S & 5'S - DON SHELLEY TEACHER - VICKIE VAN HALL CRAFTS - TBD	PRESCHOOL 11:00-12:00 2'S & 3'S - ELLA SUMPTER 4'S & 5'S - CONNIE AZURE TEACHER - MORGAN FORAN CRAFTS - KATELYN OVERTON	PRESCHOOL 11:00-12:00 2'S & 3'S - JAMIE ALVARADO 4'S & 5'S - DON SHELLEY TEACHER - VICKIE VAN HALL CRAFTS - VICKY HOLBROOK
FLOATER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY	FLOATER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY	FLOATER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY	FLOATER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY
NURSERY 9:45 - 12:15 (0 THRU 1 YR) BROOKE PENNINGS KORI MOSHER	NURSERY 9:45 - 12:15 (0 THRU 1 YR) REGINA BOWMAN BROOKE PENNINGS	NURSERY 8:45 - 11:15 (0 THRU 1 YR) KORI MOSHER REGINA BOWMAN	NURSERY 9:45 - 12:15 (0 THRU 1 YR) KORI MOSHER BROOKE PENNINGS
10:00 - 11:00 (2 THRU 4 YRS) CAROLEE HACKER CYRINDA CRAWFORD	10:00 - 11:00 (2 THRU 4 YRS) CAROLEE HACKER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY	10:00 - 11:00 (2 THRU 4 YRS) CATHERINE POWERS DANIEL POWERS	10:00 - 11:00 (2 THRU 4 YRS) CAROLEE HACKER CYRINDA CRAWFORD

WEDNESDAYS

JANUARY 3	JANUARY 10	JANUARY 17	JANUARY 24	JANUARY 31
SECURITY NO SERVICES	SECURITY JEREMY SAPP	SECURITY DON SHELLEY	SECURITY ZACH SUMPTER	SECURITY TIM ARGENBRIGHT
NURSERY NO SERVICES	NURSERY KORI MOSHER REGINA BOWMAN	NURSERY REGINA BOWMAN BROOKE PENNINGS	NURSERY REGINA BOWMAN BROOKE PENNINGS	NURSERY KORI MOSHER BROOKE PENNINGS

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Church Office Closed	2 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 12:00pm Friendship Circle	3 No Wednesday Programs	4 6:00pm Tour Israel Bible Study	5 6:30am Men's Bible Study 	6
7 	8 12:30pm Adult Bible Study 7:00pm Card Ministry	9 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Moms Group	10 5:30pm Wednesday Evening Programs	11 6:00pm Tour Israel Bible Study	12 6:30am Men's Bible Study	13
14 12:15pm Missions Committee	15 12:30pm Adult Bible Study	16 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Sisters in Christ	17 5:30pm Wednesday Evening Programs	18 6:00pm Tour Israel Bible Study	19 Meals on Wheels 6:30am Men's Bible Study	20
21	22 12:30pm Adult Bible Study	23 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 5:30pm Widows Ministry 6:30pm Moms Group	24 5:30pm Wednesday Evening Programs	25 6:00pm Loyal Berean Class 6:00pm Tour Israel Bible Study	26 6:30am Men's Bible Study	27 8:30am Men's Breakfast
28 12:15pm Central Q&A	29 12:30pm Adult Bible Study 7:00pm Card Ministry	30 10:00am Ladies Bible Study	31 5:30pm Wednesday Evening Programs			

Inclement Weather Policy

As we approach the colder months, please review the following guidelines which have been established to help everyone be as informed as possible regarding schedule changes. The safety of our members and visitors is a top priority and we ask that you use your best judgment when venturing out in hazardous weather conditions.

Wednesday

If Bristol TN City Schools are Closed or Dismissed Early due to weather/road conditions - No Programming

If road conditions become poor after a normal school dismissal, a decision regarding programming will be made and reported via the various methods listed below.

Sunday

If road conditions are poor, a decision will be made by **7:00am** to cancel or operate on a delayed schedule. The decision will be reported via the various methods below.

All Schedule Changes will be posted on our website, Facebook page, and www.wcyb.com. We will also send a Remind text to those who are subscribed.



January Schedule Changes

There are no Wednesday night programs on January 3. Wednesday programs resume on January 10. Also, the church office will be closed on January 1.

Text Updates Switch January 1

Beginning January 1, we will switch to a new text messaging service. If you would like to receive church text updates, you may sign-up by texting ccc updates to 844-226-0674.



2024 Calendar on Church Center

Have you downloaded the Church Center app? If so, you can find the 2024 Church Calendar on your app!



Central Q&A

January 29 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!

2023 Contributions and Statements

As a reminder, contributions intended for 2023 must be received by the church office on or before December 31, 2023. If you would like a giving statement, please contact the office.

2024 Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes are available in the library. Please be sure to sign on the line that coordinates with the number on the envelope box. Envelopes are first come, first serve.

