

# The Connection

# **MARCH 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

6:30 PM Easter Choir

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# Saturday, March 30, at 10:00am

Central's Easter Eggsperience

Join us for continental brunch at 10:00am to be followed by Easter egg hunts for elementary age and below!

Sunday, March 31, at 9:00am

Easter Traditional Service

In our early service, we will worship with some of our favorite Easter hymns and you'll hear music from our Easter Choir!

Sunday, March 31, 11:00am

Easter Contemporary Service

Don't be late for second service! Our Easter Choir will kick off the morning followed by our band leading us in powerful anthems of praise!

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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 . . .

Easter takes place early this year on March 31. As always, we are looking forward to celebrating the resurrection. We have several special events planned for Easter at Central this year and we hope you make plans to attend. There are also plenty of opportunities to reach out to folks who don't have a home church and invite them to come to Central.

Easter is one of those special times of year when people are open to visiting a church. In keeping with our theme for the year, ENGAGE Bristol, please turn on your spiritual radar and be in tune with every chance to invite friends, family, acquaintances, or anyone you come in contact with. We have just ordered a new batch of invitation cards for you to use. Feel free to grab a hand full of them this week and get ready to start inviting.

On Palm Sunday, March 24, we will focus on Jesus going to the cross and the impact He made on the world because He was willing to do so. Through His death that day, He became the sacrificial lamb that died once for all the sins of the world. The Bible teaches us that all who truly put their faith in Him will be granted eternal life in Heaven and will spend eternity with God there.

On Saturday, March 30, we will host Central's Easter Eggsperience at 10:00am. We will start with brunch and giveaways in the fellowship hall followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for all kids in elementary school and below. We are also accepting candy donations from the congregation. Please make sure all of your donations are individually wrapped candies that can fit inside your typical plastic Easter egg. On March 14 at 6:30PM, we will hold an Easter Egg Stuffing Party for those who can help us get those eggs ready to go!

Easter Sunday, March 31, will be another big day. We will celebrate the resurrection of Christ. There will be powerful music selections in the 9:00am and 11:00am services. The message that day will center around the fact that Christ stepped out of the grave thus proving that He is who the Bible says He is. He is the Son of God and our Lord and Savior.

Please take time over the coming weeks to think about a list of folks you can invite to join us at church during this Easter season. Make a point to get in touch with these people and let them know you would love to have them join you. Also, be prepared for spontaneous moments when God may put someone in your path that He desires for you to invite.

As always, we look forward to the Easter Season. It is the most well-attended time of the year for the church. Let's strive to make it the best ever this year. Please begin by praying for our church. Pray for the music that the choir, the band, and individuals will bring. Pray for the services to be filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit, and pray for the messages that will be delivered. God bless you all and let's all work together to bring hope to our city this Easter season, because we know that *Hope Changes Everything!* 

Love, Grace, & Peace,

# Pastor Mark



It's pretty wild to think that Easter is THIS month isn't it? When we start the process of looking forward to the year ahead, identifying Easter Sunday is always one of our first objectives. While it seems a little early this year, I suppose we did get that one extra day in February!

With Easter just around the corner, that means it's time for our Easter Choir to get started back up. For those that may not be aware, each year we put together a choir made up of people in the church for Easter and Christmas. Since we have made this transition, we have had anywhere from 15 to 25 folks join our group and much of the time there are new faces of all ages.

Perhaps the best thing about these seasonal choirs is it only requires a commitment of a few weeks at a time. We rehearse on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm in the sanctuary beginning March 6. There will be a few weeks off in that time due to Spring Break as well as the gap between Easter and Mother's Day. The choir will sing on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday (both services), and Mother's Day (both services). Rehearsals are expected to take place on March 6, March 13 (following the congregational meeting), March 27, April 24, May 1, and May 8. Our selections this year include Wonderful Merciful Savior, Rise Again, and The Name of the Lord.

If you have any questions about the Easter Choir, please do not hesitate to reach out! We would love for you to join us this year!

Until next time,

Kris

# e congregational

#### **ELDERS**

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#### **MISSIONS CORNER**

Thanks to the Lord's blessing and your steadfast support, the CEF mission in Southern India has been very successful, with 82 churches planted and over 14,000 converts from Hinduism to become followers of Jesus Christ! In recent years, the CEF Leadership and mission has entered the next chapter in the life of the churches. The goal to release the churches to become self-supporting by the end of 2023 has been successful! In that effort, Valsa has released all of the churches to become self-supporting.

This is a great blessing! Churches planted are continuing to meet, worship, and win souls to Christ! One congregation in the south has planted an additional church. As Abraham used to say, "Praise the Lord!" At the present time, Valsa is overseeing the mission 'long distance', living in Louisville with her daughter Stephie, awaiting knee surgery in March. If all goes well, she is planning to return to India at the end of May.

Through the CEF mission, Valsa and the team are continuing to aid the churches with supplies for VBS, the sewing school ministry locations, school supplies for the children, as well as special events such as revival meetings and food distribution

for the poor. Please continue to pray for the churches and the ongoing gospel work in Southern India. Thank you, Central Christian, for your continuing prayers and support of this important mission in Southern India.



#### **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

Birthdays of the Month

Diane Artrip Judy Boothe Julia Flannagan Mary Johnson Shawn Mann Tyler Michelangelo Eric Reecher Ranny Rutherford Tommy Sharrett Jim Stump Bradley Tallman Gabby Trice Shawna Walker Parker White

Mango Tree Ministries - Ghanda

# 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
- Central Connect Sunday, March 3rd, 10:00am
- Friendship Circle Tuesday, March 5th, 12:00pm (f. hall)
- Easter Choir Begins Wednesday, March 6th
- Yard Sale Drop-Off Dates Saturday, March 9 and 16, 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 10th
- Missions Committee Sunday, March 10th, 12:15pm (conf. room)
- Widows Ministry Monday, March 11th, 12:00pm (f. hall)
- Moms Group Tuesday, March 12th and 26th, 6:30pm (connect room)
- Soup Cook-Off Wednesday, March 13th, 5:30pm
- Stuff Easter Eggs Thursday, March 14th, 6:30pm
- Leadership Meetings **Board** - Monday, March 18th, 6:00pm **Elders** - Thursday, March 21st, 6:00pm
- Sisters in Christ Tuesday, March 19th, 7:00pm (f. hall)
- No Wednesday Programs Wednesday, March 20th (Spring Break)
- CSM Yard Sale Friday, March 22 & Saturday, March 23, 8:00am - 2:00pm
- Serve Central Sunday, March 24th, 10:00am (W.W. room)
- Card Ministry Monday, March 25th, 6:00pm (conf. room)
- Loval Bereans Thursday, March 28th, 6:00pm (f. hall)
- **Central's Easter Eggsperience** Saturday, March 30th, 10:00am - 12:00pm
- **Easter Sunday** Sunday, March 31st

# Just a note to say...

Thank you for your support of the Student Ministry this year with Meal at Melrose! Thank you to all who helped put the event on! With everyone's help, we were able to raise \$1,800 for student's upcoming trips and conferences.

- Matt Mosher, Minister of Youth and Connection

# Sympathy



To the:

#### **Larry Lilley Family**

## Memorials

A memorial donation has been received in loving memory of:

#### **Tonny Stacy**

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Pat Sorah (Outreach) Jimmie and Caffie West (Bookworm Blessings)

#### Sam Morton

bv:

Joseph and Nell Meredith Charles Sams (Meals on Wheels)

#### **Billy Shepperd**

Teresa Hagy (Bookworm Blessings) Ranny and Sandra Rutherford

#### Larry Lilley

by:

CCC Adult Choir (Longbrake Scholarship) Chris and Donna Allen Rob and Jamie Greeson Teresa Hagy (Bookworm Blessings) Ranny and Sandra Rutherford Charles Sams (Meals on Wheels) Lenville and Charlotte Sams Pat Sorah (Outreach) Jimmie and Caffie West (Bookworm Blessings)

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

#### March Menu

March 6 - Teriyaki Chicken Casserole w/ Egg Rolls March 13 - Soup Cook-Off March 20 - No Programs/Yard Sale Pre-Sale (BTCS Spring Break) March 27 - Chicken and Noodles w/ Green Beans and Rolls

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

# CKM CENTRAL KIDS' MINISTRY



# **Cooper's Connection**

Cooper Mangrum, Children's Ministry Interim

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Thank you for all the generous Animal Shelter Donations!

# Central's Easter Eggsperience

Saturday, March 30, 10:00 am

Join us for a fun-filled morning of brunch, door prizes, and Easter egg hunting! The festivities will kick-off with a continental brunch, followed by a door prize drawing, and ending with our epic Easter Egg Hunt! We hope you can come out and enjoy!



**Gabby Trice** 

**Parker White** 

Draw 3 pictures representing the Easter story and write the name of the book of the Bible that the story is told in. Bonus points: Decorate an Easter egg (get the paper cutout from Mrs. Cooper) and turn it in before Easter.

Turn this 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

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#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

March 1 - Clara Longbrake Scholarship Application Due

March 9 - 16 - Yard Sale Donation Drop-off Workdays We will begin accepting yard sale donations March 9.

March 22 - 23 - Yard Sale!

March 30 - Serve at the Eggsperience Egg Hunt!

#### Yard Sale - March 22 & 23

We begin accepting Yard Sale donations on our first student workday: Saturday March 91

Our second yard sale donation drop off workday will be Saturday, March 16!

Both drop off days will take place from 10:00am to 12:00pm. There will be more opportunities to help organize the week leading up to the yard sale.

If you are willing to help with the yard sale by organizing, please let Matt

Mosher knowl



#### Scholarship Announcement

The Clara Longbrake Memorial Scholarship was created to invest in the future of graduating seniors who have been active in the work and worship of CCC. The deadline is March 1st. Join us for Graduation Sunday on May 5th to find out who will be awarded a scholarship in honor of Clara Longbrake.

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# **MARCH 2024**

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# **WEDNESDAYS**

MARCH 6	MARCH 13	MARCH 20	MARCH 27	
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KORI MOSHER	KORI MOSHER		MARY ARGENBRIGHT	
REGINA BOWMAN	REGINA BOWMAN	SPRING BREAK	BROOKE PENNINGS	

# **March 2024**

Saturday	2	9 10:00am - 12:00pm Yard Sale Drop-Off	16 10:00am - 12:00pm Yard Sale Drop-Off	Bible CSM YARD SALE	30 10:00am Central's Easter Eggsperience	
Friday	1 6:30am Men's Bible Study	8 6:30am Men's Bible Study	15 6:30am Men's Bible Study Meals on Wheels	22 6:30am Men's Bible Study	29 6:30am Men's Bible Study Good Fríday	
Thursday		7 6:00pm Tour Israel Bible Study	14 6:00pm Tour Israel Bible Study 6:30pm Stuff Easter Eggs	21 6:00pm Tour Israel Bible Study 6:00pm Elder Meeting	28 6:00pm Tour Israel Bible Study 6:00pm Loyal Bereans	
Wednesday		6 5:30pm Wednesday Evening Programs Easter Choir Begins	13 5:30pm Wednesday Evening Programs Soup Cook-Off	20 No Wednesday Programs (Spring Break)	Emergency Food Pantry Volunteer Day 5:30pm Wednesday Evening Programs	
Tuesday		5 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 12:00pm Friendship Circle	12 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Moms Group	19 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Sisters in Christ	26 10:00am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Moms Group	
Monday		4 12:30pm Adult Bible Study	11 12:00pm Widows Ministry 12:30pm Adult Bible Study	18 12:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:00pm Board Meeting	25 12:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:00pm Card Ministry	
Sunday	+	3 10:00am Central Connect	10 12:15pm Missions Committee Daylight Saving Time Begins	17	24 10:00am Serve Central Palm Sunday	31 SCOL

# YARD SALE

March 22 & 23 8:00am - 2:00pm It's almost time for our Student Yard Sale! This annual fundraiser helps our middle and high school students earn funds towards various trips throughout the year.

#### Here's how you can participate:

- Have items you would like to donate? Students and volunteers will help unload your items on March 9 and March 16 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the church.
- Want to volunteer? We are looking for students and adults to help us organize and sort items. Contact Matt Mosher for more information.

# **Easter Lilies**



If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete an envelope (available at the Welcome Center) and submit your payment. Sign-ups begin March 3. The last day to order is March 17. Cost is \$12.00.

## **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.

### **Annual Soup Cook-Off**

Join us on Wednesday, March 13, at 5:30pm for our Annual Soup Cook-Off! Proceeds will help fund Central's Easter Eggsperience on March 30. Prizes will be awarded for the Top 3. Stick around for a brief congregational meeting. Sign-up in the narthex today!



# **Central Connect**

March 3 at 10:00am

Interested in learning more about membership? Sign-up at the Welcome Center! (Willing Workers Room)

### **Serve** Central

March 24 at 10:00am

Want to learn more about your God-given spiritual gifts? Join us for Serve Central! (Willing Workers Room)

## **Klondike Derby**



Scout Troop 121 participated in their first Klondike Derby on February 10, 2024. They got 1st place in First Class and Under. Also, they placed 3rd in Best Sled. Congratulations!



## **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!



