

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CENTRAL!

We welcome all visitors, as well as everyone else joining us today for worship!

- Please pick up a red bag at the table in the worship center to learn more about our church.
- Everyone fill out a visitor/member card located on the back of the seat in front of you. Please note any prayer requests on the back of the card.
- Pass your card to the right after the offering. Ushers will return to pick them up.
- Would you like to join Central? Come to the front either at the invitation time, after the service, or speak with any minister or elder.

SEATING

We encourage everyone to sit toward the center of the sections in order to leave outside seats for those who arrive later.

July 13, 2008

PERSPECTIVE

End-Time Expectations

In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you.

I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. – John 14:2-3

Jesus Christ is coming back! Throughout the centuries, Christians have taken great hope in the fact that Jesus Christ would be returning to earth for the purpose of taking Christians home to where He is! Numerous questions bombard our minds as we contemplate when this will take place, how it will occur, who will be included and who will not be included, and the sequence of events that will lead to his triumphant return. The phenomenal sales of the best selling series, *Left Behind*, attests to the interest and intrigue that both Christians and non-Christians alike have towards Christ and future events. Our current economic, political, and military crisis accelerates our sensitivity to Christ's words echoed several thousand of years before concerning His imminent return. In the midst of these tumultuous times Christ reminds us that we should not get caught up and obsessed with the actual date of His return, but that we should be ready and expectant for His return.

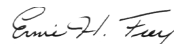
Every Christian should not only be prepared for Christ's return but should be wrestling with the question of how we should be living in light of His great return. Just like in Jesus' day, I believe there is great uncertainty surrounding what is going to take place in the future as well as how we should live in light of future realities. Today, I will begin a four-week series entitled **Future Features: A Preview of Things to Come**. This series will address four key future events that will take place and how we should live and prepare ourselves for these coming realities.

The four Future Feature events of this series include:

- Christ's Second Coming
- Christ's Severe Tribulation Judgment
- Christ's Millennial Reign on Earth
- Christ's Final Judgment

I encourage you to join me and the leadership of Central Church in praying and preparing our hearts to receive from God during this series. God is preparing His people for His plan and His purposes. In light of His mission we must be prepared to do our part!

From one who desires to see Jesus face to face,


Ernie Frey, Ph.D.

Senior Pastor

BIRTH

Walker Bryan Douglas was born on May 6, 2008. His parents are Chad and Rhea Douglas.

TRIUMPHANT QUARTET

The Triumphant Quartet will be in concert at Central on Thursday, September 25 Their exciting and worshipful style is the means to fulfill their mission to spread the Word of God through song and share the Good News of Christ. Tickets are now on sale at the worship center information desk. Artist Circle tickets are \$17 each and general admission tickets are \$14 each.

LIFE ISSUES VIDEO SERIES

This class meets on Sundays at 11 a.m. in Room 231. Come for one, some, or all topics.

Some of the upcoming topics are as follows:

7/13 - *Families in Crisis: Hopeless Parents and Angry/Defiant Children*

7/20 - *Distressed Couples - Anger, Conflict, and Disaffection in Marriage*

7/27 - *Blended Families: Helping Yours, Mine, and Ours Become a Family*

8/3 - *Coping With Depression: A Message of Hope For Those Held Captive*

8/10 - *Escaping the Guilt Trap: Freeing Yourself From Shame and Guilt*

8/17 - *The Power of Truth: Escaping and Overcoming Our Lies*

See the counseling webpage at www.centralchurch.com for more topics or contact Bill Bellican at counseling@centralchurch.com or 255-8115.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Wild River Country

As their last big event in Children's Ministries, sixth graders are invited to the largest water park in Arkansas - Wild River Country. On Thursday, July 31, we will be traveling to the water park for a day trip. This event costs \$25. Registration is available online and July 27 is the deadline. Information is available in Sunday School or on the web. Contact Kevin Gordon at 255-8190 for more information.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Jr. High Activity Day

Our next activity day for upcoming 7th graders and current 7th and 8th graders is Thursday, July 17 and we will eat pizza and go to a movie. We will meet at CiCi's pizza in Collierville at 11:30 a.m. and see a movie shortly thereafter.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Men's Fall Softball League

This Collierville Church League plays at Johnson Park. Game times are Mondays 6:30 p.m., 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. We will start the week of August 11 and ends the week of October 20 (including tournament). The fees \$60 per person. Registration forms are available at the men's table or online at the church website.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Football Camp

Men and women, we need your help July 31-August 3 as Central Church hosts the Westwood High School football here at the church for this four day, overnight camp.

We need volunteers to help serve meals and do general kitchen duty, as well as small groups and/or connecting point classes to adopt a meal, i.e., sponsor one meal for the athletes, their coaches, and trainers. For additional information, contact the Men's Ministries office at genesauls@centralchurch.com or 255-8175.

Father and Sons Summer Journey

Led by Ernie Frey and Gene Sauls, this six week interactive study for fathers and sons (ages 13 - 19) is at the half-way point. It's not too late to join. Come tonight to learn about what the Bible has to say about becoming a man. The study meets in the Senior High Room from 6:30 - 8 p.m. There is a \$10 workbook fee per house hold.

5th Annual Bring-A-Friend Golf Tournament

Join us on Monday, August 18 at Southwind for the 5th Annual Bring-A-Friend Golf Tournament. Each Central Church member is allowed to bring one guest. The cost is \$100 per person through July 31 and increases to \$120 per person after July 31. The cost includes lunch, trophies, cart, and green fees. Forms are available at the golf table near the chapel in the mall.

August Men's Prayer Breakfast

Join us on Saturday, August 16, to hear Dr. Ernie Frey speak on "Discipline to be Godly." Tickets will be available at the Men's Ministries table next Sunday and are \$5 per person in advance, \$8 at the door.

FISCAL YEAR INCOME

July Actual	July Budget	Oct. 1, 2007-June 30, 2008 Actual	Oct. 1, 2007-June 30, 2008 Budget	Under Budget
\$87,314*	\$454,00	\$4,595,635	\$4,864,440	\$-268,805

For more financial information, including The Great Investment capital fund information, please go to the Central Church website, centralchurch.com.

*Due to the holiday, final numbers for the week are incomplete

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Memory Keepers Circle

Bring your scrapbooking supplies and join us for a time of fellowship and fun on Tuesday, July 15, at 9 a.m. in Room 1261. Childcare is provided. For further information, call Sally Hudspeth at 861-3285.

Revival Prayer Meeting

Join us on Wednesday, July 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel for a time of prayer in preparation for the upcoming Multi-Cultural Revival with Priscilla Shirer scheduled for March 27-28, 2009. For more information, call Rhonda Tate at 854-5990.

Collierville Community Outreach

Central Church is pleased to join forces with New Direction Church (Collierville Campus) to provide backpacks to children in the inner city area of Collierville. Please fill a non-licensed character backpack with school supplies and drop them off at the worship center front desk by Sunday, July 27. For a list of supplies, stop by the Women's Ministries table. The Community Outreach is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, at 6 p.m. at Suggs Park. For further information or to volunteer at the Outreach, call Cindy Elliott at 351-6244.

Moms in Touch International

Moms in Touch International is an international ministry gathering moms together to intercede for their children in prayer. If you have a child in preschool to college, please join us to pray for your children and their schools on Monday, July 14 and Monday, August 4, from 10-11 a.m. in the Hospitality Room 1159 at Central Church. Childcare is available. For more information, call Tarin McLarnon at 399-0679.

Women's Golf League

The Women's Golf League will play the Cordova Club on Monday, July 14 with the usual tee times. The game for the day is to count all holes that you get on the green in 3 or less not counting the par 3's. Kat Marshall lives close to Cordova Club and has invited the golfers to her house for a light dinner after golf. Please let Jane Liddell at 229-2367 or Nancy Pool at 255-8139 know if you can come.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt Christian love and sympathy is extended to the family of:

Edgar Antonio Bran

Father of Rose McCahill (Mrs. Dennis McCahill)

MEMORIALS

Gifts have been given to the ministries of Central Church in memory of:

Mrs. Barbara Bingham

Mrs. Valerie Stafford

Mrs. Loretta Field

- Mr. and Mrs. Larry Douglas
- Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McElroy
- Dr. and Mrs. Shane Roy
- Mrs. Nellie Yelverton
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Green and Family
- Ms. Lisa Kennedy
- Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy and Families
- Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Prewitt
- Mr. and Mrs. Berlie Jones and Ms. Renee Sharp

HONORARIUMS

A gift has been given to the ministries of Central Church in honor of:

Dr. and Mrs. Bill Berry

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis