

DATES TO REMEMBER - Looking Ahead

<i>Pumpkin Carving and Chili Cookoff</i>	<i>Sunday, October 23, 12 Noon</i>
<i>Wednesday Night Bible Study</i>	<i>Wednesday, October 26, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Fall Festival—Trunk or Treat, Brunswick Stew, Hot Dogs, Bouncy House, Games and More</i>	<i>Saturday, October 29, 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Youth Parent Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, October 30, After 11:00 a.m. Worship</i>
<i>Wednesday Night Bible Study</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 2, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Child Parent Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, November 6, After 11:00 a.m. Worship</i>
<i>CCHASM Thanksgiving Bags—Donation Deadline</i>	<i>Sunday, November 6</i>
<i>Service of Gratitude</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 16, 5:15 p.m. (dinner); 6:30 p.m. (service)</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 23</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>Thursday, November 24</i>
<i>Family Advent Lunch</i>	<i>Sunday, December 4, Noon</i>
<i>Youth Christmas Party</i>	<i>Sunday, December 11, 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Christmas Cantata*</i>	<i>Sunday, December 18, 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Worship Service</i>	<i>Saturday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Christmas Worship Service (No Sunday School)</i>	<i>Sunday, December 25, 11:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>Monday, December 26</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>Tuesday, December 27</i>

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CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

MINISTRY NEWS

The Messenger

Central Baptist's Fall Festival

Where: Central Baptist Church
1500 Courthouse Road

When: Saturday, October 29, 2022

Time: 1:00 – 3:00



CCHASM Thanksgiving Bags

2022 Meal Gift Package Contents

- 1 - 40 oz. Can of Yams or Sweet Potatoes
 - 1 - 13 oz. Box of Mashed Potatoes
 - 1 - 14 oz. Can of Cranberry Sauce
 - 2 - 15 oz. Cans of Corn
 - 2 - 15 oz. Cans of Green Vegetables
 - 2 - Boxes of "Stove Top" (no bags)
- 2 - Cans or Pkgs. of Gravy (no glass jars)
 - 1 - Box of Hot Chocolate
- 1 - Box of Regular Flavor Tea Bags
- 1 - Large Box or Bag of Cookies
- \$15 - Grocery Store Gift Card

**Collection Deadline Date:
Sunday, November 6**

We are collecting CCHASM Thanksgiving Bags again this year. Central has pledged to donate 25 bags. Please visit the table in the Welcome Center for a copy of the list of items to go into each donated bag. Please drop your donation off in the designated area in the Welcome Center by Sunday, November 6.

CHILD PARENT MEETING

Sunday, November 6
following worship

YOUTH PARENT MEETING

**Sunday, October 30
following worship**

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Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends,



God is good. I am reminded repeatedly that OUR GOD CAN DO ANYTHING. In the midst of transformation, Central has continued to demonstrate God’s love and grace. We have also shown repeatedly that the church is not a building. WE ARE THE CHURCH. YOU ARE THE CHURCH. And we are reminded that no building can, or should, contain us. I have challenged you before “to let the love of Christ spill over, and spill out, that all of Chesterfield County and all of Richmond and all the world know we are Christians because of the way we live our lives and by the love we so freely express.”

It is wonderful to welcome, into our loving church family, Dr. John White as Associate Pastor for Worship and Pastoral Care and Rev. Justin Pierson as Associate Pastor for Family Ministry and Missions. I am also pleased to welcome Rev. Julie Marshall, who has agreed to succeed Dr. Stephen Richerson as our volunteer Minister for Visitation. Julie is a long-time member here at Central, a graduate of BTSR, and currently serves as a chaplain at McGuire Veterans Hospital.

I would be remiss if I didn’t say again how grateful I am to Stephen Richerson for his gift of ministry to us. I also am forever grateful to Rev. Mary Richerson and Ms. Leslie Hepburn for the work they did in their ministries amongst us to help me, and us, lay a foundation of love and grace that acknowledges the wideness of God’s Table. And God’s table is wide enough and long enough to welcome all of God’s children, including you and me. We don’t have to agree on all the “issues of the day” to be a community united by our love for Jesus Christ. In fact, if we look carefully, I think we can see “God’s overflowing goodness hidden, and yet revealed, in the marvelous diversity of creation…” as made known in each one of us, as we give ourselves over the way of Jesus. (That quote is from a Franciscan prayer.)

I am encouraged by the continued work of Central’s Congregational Transformation Team. You should have received a handout this past week detailing our “PATH TO CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION.” The team will soon be introducing a church-wide prayer emphasis. Don’t wait for that emphasis to begin to pray for God’s overflowing goodness to be made known in and through us.

In Christ’s Love,

David Turner

Letter from the Associate Pastor for Family Ministry and Missions

Hey friends!



My name is Justin Pierson and I’m so glad to be here serving as the Associate Pastor for Family Ministry and Missions at Central! Thank you for your warm welcome and trusting me to help lead your family ministries.

Since I just started, I’m not sure what CBC has offered in the past or what the congregation desires moving forward. I would welcome your assistance and ideas. You, after all, are the life of the church and I only want to do what is beneficial for you and your family. We will be having a youth/parent meeting and a child/parent meeting on a Sunday afternoon in the near future; watch out for the time and place. I don’t want to make any changes too quickly, but I do want to begin offering some consistent opportunities for community and formation for your children. Be on the lookout for those announcements soon.

At the end of the day, I want to be a resource for your child, for you, and for your whole family. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me. I’d love to grab coffee or meetup somewhere to hear about your family and how CBC can best serve your family’s needs. Email me at justinpierson@cbrichmond.org or call the church office to connect with me. I look forward to getting to know you in the upcoming months. Please introduce yourself to me at Sunday Worship Service.

Sincerely,

Justin Pierson

Music in Ministry

Christmas Cantata

Our Choir will be combining with the Choir from Huguenot Road Baptist to present a joint Christmas Cantata, “Carols by Candlelight”. This will be complete with orchestra, Children's choir, multimedia presentation and a petting zoo of manger animals for the children! It will take place on Dec. 18, at 6:00 p.m. at Huguenot Road Baptist Church. Feel free to give me a call if you have any interest in participating.

-John White

Service of Gratitude

Wednesday, November 16

Dinner - 5:15 PM
Service - 6:30 PM

On Wednesday, November 16 you are invited to Central's annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Service of Gratitude. We will gather for a potluck meal (5:15 p.m.) and worship (6:30 p.m.). We will reflect on and share what we are most thankful for this year.

Please bring a dish to share with everyone.

YOUTH TABLE TALK

Sunday's 5-7 PM



Wednesday Nights
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Session	Date
The Danger of Distractions	October 12
A Community to Check Our Vision	October 19
Seeing Jesus; Claiming Jesus’ Mission	October 26
Seeing Jesus; Transforming Me	November 2
Seeing Jesus; Transforming Congregations	November 9

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