

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

"No matter who you are or where you've been, you are welcome here!"

OCTOBER 2025

Dear church,

As we have continued together in our walk through the book of Mark as well as through the Psalms, I have marveled at God's kind wisdom to lead us by His word. We do not select passages from the Bible to "respond" to current events nor do we select topics from the newspaper to preach on. And yet the Lord in His wisdom has cared for us where we are and when we are through His Word. Our Lord, Who is present with us, Who delights to shape us into full, flourishing people in the likeness of Jesus, HE is guiding us.

Seeing the evidence of God's purposeful guidance in the life of our church is a source of blessing and assurance for us. Sometimes it's even in small glimpses of His presence — the way He made a certain portion of the Scripture we studied that morning stick in your mind then later to be reinforced by the hymn we sang together or through a word of encouragement from a brother or sister.

These blessings abound — let's commit to apprehend them! No, we're not turning over every rock to find some hidden meaning, we're taking notice of God's work among us through His Word and Spirit.

Let's increase our appetite for the blessings of the Lord together. In the same way that we all learned to enjoy a sport or a hobby, our desire is increased through practice. So when our morning prayers align with the preached Word — let's grab hold of that, rejoice before the Lord, and share it with our church family. When the hymns and the benediction speak to the needs and burdens of our hearts — let's apprehend that, rejoice before the Lord, and share it with our church family.

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing. 1 Th 5:9-11

This is but one of the ways we'll fulfill our calling to encourage one another and to spur one another on in our lives as sons and daughters of the One True King.

Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, according to Christ Jesus, so that you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with one mind and one voice. Rom 15:5-6

I'm praying that He would be continually shaping, maturing, refining, and growing us into a church:

- Established upon God's Word
- Indwelt by God's Spirit
- In glad Fellowship among God's Family
- Proclaiming the Good News of God's Son
- And Participating in God's Kingdom work.

May the Lord bless you, lead you, and remind you of His great love for you today, church,

-Luke



SPEAK UP FOR THE LORD

Have you ever said to yourself, "Every time I open my mouth, I say something wrong. So I'll just say nothing, I'll prevent myself from sinning."

But all you've accomplished by not speaking was a growing pain inside, you've let anger and sin fester inside your heart.

And because you even stopped speaking up for the good and stayed silent before your enemies, your distress grew worse.

**I said, " I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin;
I will put a muzzle on my mouth while in the presence of the wicked."**

**So I remained utterly silent, not even saying anything good.
But my anguish increased**

Psalm 39:1-2 NIV

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: People can't stop themselves from sinning, only God can help us. Don't be silent when God tells you to speak up for Him. He will lead you in the path you should go, so read your Bible to know God's will.

Submitted by Candee Varney





Serving
BREAKFAST

October 18th

7:30 - Prep

9:00 - Serve

Community Breakfast

ALL HELP APPRECIATED!



THE
SOUP KITCHEN

The Next Soup Kitchen
is

Wednesday, October 29th

Cooking begins at 2:00 pm

On the menu:

meatloaf, mashed potatoes and veggies

64 meals were served at the July 30th

dinner

In need of help with cooking,
packing and transporting the
meal to the Westfield Soup
Kitchen.

Many hands make light work



October
BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Jean Mochak, Alexis Madsen
- 5 Mia Shay
- 6 Mark Hawley
- 8 Tom Woodson, Lily & Gage Arnold
- 9 Aiden Balboni, Melanie Lubas
- 12 Betti Yefko
- 13 Michael Ingraham, Anna Mileskie
- 17 Jonathan Shay
- 18 Yixing Wang
- 23 Lauren Hawley
- 24 Jan Flaherty
- 29 Ross MacAdam
- 30 Kathy Larue
- 31 Alayna Mileskie



October
ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Dan & Nancy Rivers
- 9 Donald & Lilly Thieme
- 13 Bill & Lisa Kedzierski
- 15 Jake & Mary MacAdam
- 27 Robert & Tammy Czarnecki
- 28 Dave & Erika Burgess





Sarah the Fiddler

Sunday, October 12th

1:00 P.M.

Central Baptist Church

115 Elm Street, Westfield, Ma

Free concert

Love offering to be taken



Trustees

We are excited to share that we've made another payment toward the mortgage principal and our remaining balance is now around \$3500. Our goal is to have it completely paid off by the end of October—and we are so close! If you haven't yet had the opportunity to contribute toward the mortgage payoff, would you please consider doing so? Every gift, no matter the size, helps us take another step toward freedom from this financial burden. To those who have faithfully given, thank you. Your generosity has brought us this far, and we couldn't have done it without you.

You may place your contribution in the offering plate or mail it to the office. Please mark your envelope "Mortgage Payoff".



*The grass withers
and the flowers fall,
but the word of our
God endures forever.*

ISAIAH 40:8



The office will be closed on
Monday, October 13th for Columbus Day

For the months of September and October, we are collecting for International Ministries' World Mission Offering. WMO provides an opportunity for individuals and churches to participate in God's life-changing mission around the globe. Please donate and together we can respond to the needs around the world.

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Sunday, November 23rd
Elevator Dedication
Following service
More information to follow