



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, September 2, 2012
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

People: **Let us welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save our souls.**

Leader: Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers, so we may be blessed in all that we do.

People: **Pure religion is to care for orphans and widows and not to be stained by the world.**

All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #276** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of strength and might, we confess our neglect of salvation's armor. We have not girded our loins with truth. The breastplate of righteousness is tarnished by our lax behavior. Our feet are caked with mud from battles fought unshod by the gospel of peace. We have laid aside the shield of faith, and weakened our defense in a hostile world. Help us once again to don the helmet of salvation and to raise the sword of the word against the powers that oppose us, so that in all our struggles we may rely solely on your strength. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord, Have Mercy") *Hymnal #572*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear for your comfort the words of Paul: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, not things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord"

People: **Let us accept our forgiveness and rejoice in a love stronger than our sin.**

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***GLORIA PATRI** ("Glory be to the Father") *Hymnal #579*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG ONES

Preschool-aged children may go to the nursery after the children's message. Children of kindergarten age and above may remain in worship.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

EPISTLE LESSON

James 1:17-27

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pure and Undefined

Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #288**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal #592*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS (You are each encouraged to give voice to your concerns or to name those for whom you Love and pray.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (We use debts and debtors.)

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #473** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE**

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Go forth into the world with rejoicing to love and serve the Lord.

*** Those who are able, please stand.**

**** Please be seated and remain for the postlude if you can.**

Usher: To Be Announced Lay Reader: Bubba VonTungeln and George Moseley

Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church where we come together **to celebrate God’s love, nurture growth, share our faith and serve the needs of others.** This Congregation opens wide its doors and our hearts and offers welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Pastor
Dr. Dan Festa

Secretary
Erin Shaw

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The Session (Board of Elders)

<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>
Zac Cosner	Lawrence Fikes (Clerk)
Laura Festa	Steven Howsen
Mike Kelley	George Mosley
Jemmie Moseley	Dana Neal
Bubba VonTungeln	Laura Pierce

Standing Committee Moderators

Mike Kelley	Budget & Finance
George Mosley	
& Steven Howsen	Building & Grounds
Zac Cosner	Education
Dana Neal	Fellowship & Nurture
Laura Festa	Missions & Outreach
Laura Pierce	Worship & Music

Announcements

A Presbyterian Women’s General Meeting Will Be Held this afternoon in the Perdue Library, following morning worship.

The Church Office Will Be Closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.

The Weekend Circle Will Meet Saturday, September 8, at 8 a.m., in the Perdue Library.

The Men of the Church Will Have a Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, September 8, at 8 a.m., in McElyea Hall. Members and friends of Central are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Theology on Tap: Every second Sunday, Laura and Dan will host at their home a time to gather for discussions about our faith. This is an informal time to talk about all of the issues we encounter in studying God’s word. You are encouraged to bring your favorite libation, whatever that may be, along with all of your questions about the faith. We will meet from 7-9 p.m. and hope that many of you will chose to engage the challenges of being Christian in a modern world.

Rally Day is Next Sunday, September 9. Join us that morning as we officially begin our new Christian Education Year. During worship we will recognize all those who participate in the education and nurture of our members.

The Evening Circle Will Meet Monday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

The Morning Circle Will Meet Tuesday, September 11, at 10:00 a.m., in the Perdue Library.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7:1 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him,

7:2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

7:3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders;

7:4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

7:5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

7:6 He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

7:7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

7:8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

7:14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand:

7:15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

7:21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,

7:22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

7:23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

2:8 The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

2:9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

2:10 My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;

2:11 for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

2:12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

2:13 The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

James 1:17-27

1:17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

1:18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

1:19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger;

1:20 for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

1:21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

1:22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

1:23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;

1:24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

1:25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

1:26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

1:27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

MEMBERS:

<i>The family of James “Red” Bennett</i>	<i>Mary Wooten</i>
<i>Bud Elam</i>	<i>Agnes Hughes</i>
<i>Bettie Joe Isbell</i>	<i>Nell Horne</i>
<i>Bea and Grady Magee</i>	<i>Bernice and Gene Lackey</i>
<i>Jo Weaver</i>	<i>Mildred Gaunt</i>

THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

<i>Brad Morris, nephew of Bernice Lackey</i>	<i>Mary Light, grandmother of Kodee & Jacob Vick and Brianna Rodriguez</i>
<i>Jacki Drewett, Pat Drewett’s mother-in-law</i>	<i>Lauren Anderson, sister of Amber Poss</i>
<i>Loy Horne, sister-in-law of Lynda Vick</i>	<i>Verlon Wright, friend of the Cosner family</i>
<i>Anita Rodriguez, mother of Brianna Rodriguez and Kodee & Jacob Vick</i>	<i>Jane Dean, friend of Mildred Gaunt</i>
<i>Kelly Robinson, friend of Karen & David Perdue</i>	<i>Tracy Robinson, friend of Karen & David Perdue</i>
<i>Evelyn Crow, friend of Laura Cosner</i>	<i>Wayne Benson, friend of the Vick Family</i>
<i>Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell</i>	<i>Carla Fenessee, friends of Laura & Rick Pierce</i>
<i>Helen Knoll, grandmother of Amber Poss</i>	<i>Brooke Wells, granddaughter of Connie & Bill Detmers</i>
<i>The family of Cleashindra Hall, cousin of Ryan Shaw</i>	<i>Son of Mary and Phil McBee, friends of Grady & Bea Magee.</i>
<i>Marian Parks, aunt of Bill Detmers</i>	<i>Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt</i>
<i>Cissy Bailey, sister-in-law of Betty Coles</i>	<i>Sheila Black Yarbrow, former member</i>
<i>Anne Logan, friend of Jo Weaver</i>	<i>(Leah) Pud Harris</i>
<i>Lori Partridge, friend of Rose VonTungeln</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

<i>Faith, Pine Bluff</i>	<i>First, Beebe</i>
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OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:

<i>Keith Camferdam, Air Force</i>	<i>Chris Hill, Army</i>
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To share your joys and concerns or to update the information listed in this week’s Joys & Concerns, contact the church office at 879-9074, fax 879-9076, or email the church at CentralPC@cablelynx.com.