



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
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**Sunday, September 9, 2012**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**RALLY DAY SUNDAY**

**GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE** *Kein en hat Gott verlassen*

Bach

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Let us incline our ears and hear God's words, and apply our mind to God's teaching.

**People:** **It will be pleasant if we keep them within us, if all of them are ready on our lips.**

**Leader:** So that our trust may be in God, I have made them known to you today.

**People:** **The rich and poor have this in common: God is the maker of them all.**

**All:** **Let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #307** *Fight the Good Fight*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, Giver of mercy, in Christ's name hear us as we confess our sin. We speak when we should listen; we hesitate when we should act. Anger prevents us from working Your righteousness; selfishness inhibits our responding in faith. We are called to proclaim boldly the dawn of Your kingdom, but our shouts turn out to be mere whispers. Cleanse us of wickedness, and fill us with meekness. Redeem us in Christ, in whose name we pray. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** Remember that "As many of us were baptized into Christ have been clothed ourselves with Christ.

**People:** **There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female;**

**Leader:** for all of us are one in Christ Jesus". So live as free people, abounding in the hope of the gospel,

**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.*

**ANTHEM**

*A Promise for Strength*

Schoebel

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 7:24-37

**EPISTLE LESSON**

James 2:1-13

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Mercy Triumphs*

Dr. Dan Festa

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

**\*HYMN #457**

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Gott der Vater wohn' uns bei*

Bach

**\*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.)

**COMMISSIONING OF OUR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND**

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES**

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #220** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\***

*Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus*

**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: Amanda Chandler**

**Lay Readers: 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

**Guest Organist**

Donald Walker

**Nursery Attendant**

Laura Cosner

**Youth Sponsors**

Marty Shell

Suzy Von Tungeln

Rose Von Tungeln

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**The Session (Board of Elders)**

**Class of 2012**

Zac Cosner

Laura Festa

Mike Kelley

Jemmie Moseley

Bubba VonTungeln

**Class of 2013**

Lawrence Fikes (Clerk)

Steven Howsen

George Mosley

Dana Neal

Laura Pierce

**Standing Committee Moderators**

Mike Kelley

George Mosley

& Steven Howsen

Zac Cosner

Dana Neal

Laura Festa

Laura Pierce

Budget & Finance

Building & Grounds

Education

Fellowship & Nurture

Missions & Outreach

Worship & Music

*Announcements*

**Today is Rally Day.** We officially begin our  
new Christian Education Year this morning by  
recognizing all those who participate in the  
education and nurture of our members.

**Theology on Tap:** This evening and 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.

**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.

**Correction: The Weekend Circle Will Meet**  
Saturday, September 15, at 8 a.m., in the Perdue  
Library.

**The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be  
Held** next Sunday, September 16, following  
morning worship. All are invited to join in this  
time of fellowship. Please bring a dish to share.

*Announcements continued on insert*

**Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

- 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.
- 22:2 The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.
- 22:8 Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.
- 22:9 Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.
- 22:22 Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;
- 22:23 for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

**Mark 7:24-37**

- 7:24 From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,
- 7:25 but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.
- 7:26 Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.
- 7:27 He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."
- 7:28 But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."
- 7:29 Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter."
- 7:30 So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.
- 7:31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.
- 7:32 They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

- 7:33 He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.
- 7:34 Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."
- 7:35 And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.
- 7:36 Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.
- 7:37 They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

**James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17**

- 2:1 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?
- 2:2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,
- 2:3 and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet,"
- 2:4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?
- 2:5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?
- 2:6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court?
- 2:7 Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?
- 2:8 You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

2:9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

2:11 For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

2:12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

2:13 For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

2:14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?

2:15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,

2:16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

2:17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

A Promise For Strength

They that wait upon the Lord, Shall renew their strength. They that wait upon the Lord, Shall mount up with wings as eagles.	They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.
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PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

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

THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:  
**Central, Pine Bluff**

**First, Little Rock**

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD: <b>Keith Camferdam</b> , Air Force	<b>Chris Hill</b> , Army
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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.