

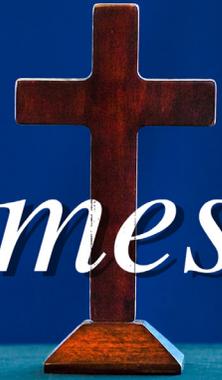
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## SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

### *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

**June 25, 2017  
8:30 & 11 a.m.**

Rev. David Shirey  
-- preaching

Rev. Elizabeth King & Elizabeth Sames  
-- leading worship

Lori Brewer (8:30)  
Steve Rice & Connie Hubbard (11)  
-- elders praying at the Table

Scripture: *Matthew 24:45-51*  
& *1 Corinthians 4:1-5*  
(*New Testament*, pp. 28 & 168)

Sermon: "God's Trustees"

Recent Worship Attendance

**June 4 (8:30) 47 (11) 278 = 325**  
**June 11 (8:30) 45 (11) 254 = 299**

**Average worship attendance in 2017: 364**



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## THE CAMPAIGN for A THIRD CENTURY OF MINISTRY & MISSION

Here's my last word on the *Third Century Campaign* before this Sunday's offering of our pledges. It is easy to think that Capital Campaigns rise or fall (or fail) based on the crunching of various and sundry *numbers*.

- How many brochures did we send out and are they worded and designed just right?
- How much do we need in order to retire the debt and have we made the need known?
- How many mailing labels have we printed, are they accurate, and will they reach everybody?
- Do we have enough food for the all-church lunch and enough tables and chairs?

Do you hear the language? How many? How much? Is there enough? Dollars. Cents. Brochures. Cards. Chairs. Tables. Cash. As if it's all about *numbers*.

Don't hear me wrong. Attention needs to be paid to accurate numbers, clear communication, careful planning and whatnot. I hope you see the efforts that the *Third Century* team and Central's staff have taken to get all the numbers right for this effort.

But this Capital Campaign will rise (I am not going to say fall or fail) due to the presence of more than adequate numbers. Todd Ball reminded me of that a little over two weeks ago the day after the campaign formally launched in worship on Sunday, June 4. As we were walking out of the church after a discussion of facts and figures and numbers pertinent to the campaign with a circle of Elders and Trustees, Todd said to me, "David, we need to remember we're not alone in this. The Lord is involved in this."

I needed to hear that. I, the Preacher, the student of Scripture, the one ordained to ground everything in the Word and Sacraments and Prayer and Praise of the Living God, needed to be reminded by a dear brother in Christ that we're not alone in this endeavor to cast off the shackles of debt, establish a firm financial foundation and enter a *Third Century of Ministry & Mission* poised to be A Great Commandment Congregation set on loving God and loving neighbor. The Lord is involved in this.

I believe that with all my heart, Todd.

I believe that with all my heart, my brothers and sisters.

I believe the Lord is involved in the "good and right spirit" that is blowing through Central these days, the Holy Spirit breath of the wind of Pentecost.

Join me in offering our pledges and ourselves— heart, soul and mind— at the altar this Sunday.

-- Pastor David Shirey

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## A MESSAGE TO OUR CONGREGATION

Rev. Jimmy Gawne, Minister of Faith Formation of Central Christian Church, submitted his letter of resignation and the church leadership has accepted. This is effective immediately. We have conveyed to Rev. Gawne our gratitude for his service and prayed with him for what lies ahead.

The resignation by Pastor Jimmy occurred after several performance reviews with action plans and many discussions among church leaders over the past months.

Effective immediately (6/18/17), the responsibilities of his position are being handled by the ministerial staff in direct consultation with leaders of the Faith Formation Ministry Area including Diane Ballard, outgoing Chair, and Dr. Jerry Sumney, incoming Chair. During the interim period, as we seek interim leadership and eventually a successor, all responsibilities related to Pastor Jimmy's position will be handled with minimal interruption including Summer Sunday School and the Chi Rho and CYF mission trips.

We respectfully ask for your understanding and patience during this period of transition and will keep you informed.

We invite your prayers of thanksgiving for Jimmy's ministry and for his new call.

In Christ,

David Shirey, Senior Minister

Dan Ballard, Board Chair

Jan Ehrmantraut, Board Vice-Chair

Rod Brewer, Moderator

Nancy Albright, Personnel Chair

Connie Hubbard, Elders Chair

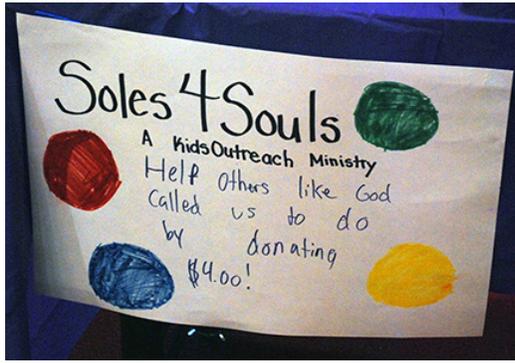
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## THIRD CENTURY CELEBRATION Sunday, June 25

Our *Third Century of Ministry & Mission* Capital Campaign culminates this Sunday, June 25, with Celebration Sunday. David Shirey's sermon will be titled "God's Trustees" and will be rooted in *Matthew 24:45-51* and *1 Corinthians 4:1-5*. Elders and Deacons will be consecrated for service for a new church year (2017-2018). We will receive our pledges as part of the offering, the deacons will bring them to the altar as we sing the Doxology, and then we will enjoy an all-church dinner in Fellowship Hall after the 11 a.m. service.

The *Third Century Campaign* is a three year (2017-2020) \$1,500,000 capital campaign which, in conjunction with the sale of the Wombwell, Little and Windstream buildings and court approval to draw funds from the Central Foundation that will be replenished by incoming Capital Campaign pledges, will retire Central's remaining indebtedness by the end of 2018. Its successful completion will result in our being debt-free.

If you have not yet received the informative *Third Century* brochure and a pledge card, please notify the church office at (859) 233-1551. Pledge cards will also be available in the pews on Sunday. *Third Century* pledges may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office before (or after) June 25: Central Christian Church, 219 E. Short St., Lexington, KY 40507, Attn: Mollie Sawyer.



## KidsOutreach IN ACTION!

KidsOutreach would like to extend an enormous thank you to the congregation for helping them to exceed their *Soles4Souls* fundraising goal! With your help, KidsOutreach raised \$2277 to provide warm and waterproof boots, socks and insoles for the men at Room in the Inn this winter.

KidsOutreach was started as a means of nurturing the faith formation of children in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades and connecting them with their community. Once a month, this age group is pulled from worship to participate in outreach projects that partner with local, regional and national agencies. KidsOutreach has participated in projects that help Room in the Inn, St. James Place, Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Church World Service and many more. In February of this year, the focus of KidsOutreach shifted to a project-based learning approach in which the children designed and implemented their own project rather than merely assisting another organization. Given the opportunity to innovate and create their own cause, the children of KidsOutreach identified a group in need, the homeless of Lexington, and then listed the profound needs of the group. Together, Central's children made a plan to help ease the commutes of the homeless men of Room in the Inn by purchasing boots, socks and insoles that can withstand the elements and prevent common ailments. In May, KidsOutreach launched their fundraising campaign to raise at least \$1000 to buy shoes and other materials. This summer, they will work with community partners to buy shoes at cost and to get some publicity for their project. In the winter, KidsOutreach will attend Room in the Inn to offer different sizes and styles of shoes to the men.

Kids have raised \$2,277. The current balance is \$2,792. *Thank you* for your continued support of KidsOutreach!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Central's newest members. David and Karen Royse, Buzzy and Joyce Tenney, Amy Young, Patrick and Crystal McDaniel, and their daughter Rinoa, and Anthony Rothschild all have joined our congregation during the month of June by Reaffirmation of Faith. We welcome them all into our growing Central Christian Church family.



## SERVE AND GROW Sunday, August 20 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m

Mark your calendars for a Serve and Grow Fair Sunday, August 20, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the gathering space and Fellowship Hall. Explore opportunities for service and small group fellowship and sign up to serve and grow through Central's ministries.

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### As a congregation, we express sympathy to the following:

Lindsey Burke and Bill Burke, and their family, in the death of her grandfather and his father, William T. Burke, Sr.

Steve and Rhonda Burke, and family, in the death of his mother, Paula Burke.

Dave and Dana Mahan, and family, in the death of his father, J.D. Wells.

Jerry and Diane Sumney, and family, in the death of his father, Paul Sumney.

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