

with Sympathy

Pastor Matt and the church family express their deepest sympathies to: The family of Mrs. Finley.



Thank you notes received from Debra Glass (Daughter of Martha Cooper, as well as notes from Max & Betty Sledd, and Jewell McCulloch to the Encouragers for their lovely Easter baskets.

Online Church Directory

A new church directory has been set up which may be used online or on your smartphone. You may logon with your email address which we must have on file. On your smartphone download the free **Instant Church Directory App**. If you can't sign in then we do not have your current email address on file. We also need pictures (selfies are fine). Please email pictures and information updates to CPBCdirectory@gmail.com or whitley@centralparkbaptist.org or text to 256-466-6886. Thank you!

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION REPORT (As of 4/21):

Apr S.S. Average	227
Apr Worship Average	293
Budget Offering Rec'd	\$249,326.13
Budget Needs	\$261,792.00
Harvest	\$70,775.51
Harvest 2018-19 Pledged & Given	\$104,065.00

Welcome new members:
Pam Leech and Jessica Horta

Baby Shower for Maegan Wingo
DAUGHTER OF TOM AND MELINDA LANCASTER
Sunday, May 5th 1:30-3
CPBC Parlor
MAEGAN IS REGISTERED AT TARGET AND AMAZON

CHURCH STAFF

Every Central Park Member.....Missionary
 Matt Haines.....Senior Pastor
 David Holmes.....Music Minister
 Ken Bush.....Min. of Education & Outreach
 Jaime Early Pastor to Youth/Young Adults
 Debbie Pirkle.....Minister to Children
 Karen Florence Childcare Center Dir.
 Teresa SmyserSecretary
 Whitley Fleming..... Secretary
 Esther Oettle.....Custodian
 Marie HammonSecretary Emeritus
 Church Office.....256-355-4628
www.CentralParkBaptist.org

Mark Your Calendars!



June 24-29

For completed grades K-8th
Early Registration begins Mar. 3rd



Student Summer Camp

July 15-19

For completed grades 7th-12th
\$75 deposit due MAY 1st

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A PAUL TRIPP
PARENTING CONFERENCE
FOUNDATIONS OF A GODLY HOME

CPBC PARENTING CONFERENCE
MAY 3RD 6:30PM -9:30PM
MAY 4TH 9:00AM-12:00PM
Childcare provided if you sign up by April 28th. Contact church office for more info.

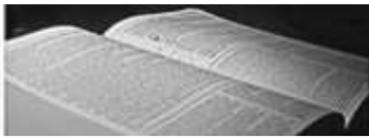
BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, May 22nd @ 6pm

CPBC STUDENT MINISTRY
PARENT INFO MEETING
May 5th 4:30-5:30
in the Outback

Graduating?
We need a photo, graduation/future info & T Shirt size.
Email this to Jaime by May 5th for Senior Recognition Service May 19th.

Senior Recognition AM Service
May 19th





Word from the Pastor

We just wrapped up an awesome April here at CPBC and are looking forward to an outstanding May as well. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who participated in and those who helped to plan our Easter week events! Our Holy Week Luncheon and Good Friday Prayer events were huge successes. Over 120 children, along with their families, participated in our Easter Egg Hunt, despite adverse weather conditions the night before. It was a tremendous blessing for me as a pastor to walk around our gym and connect with families from our community and see their children having a good time. Let's commit to be a church that invests in families and give every child a chance to hear the gospel. Let's also commit to prayerfully discover ways to partner with parents and equip them to be the primary influencers of the gospel that God has called them to be.

May is also shaping up to be a very busy month. First, we will be providing the Paul Tripp Parenting Conference on May 3-4. In this livestream event, Dr. Tripp will be speaking on the topic of "Foundations of a Godly Home". It's a free event for anyone who wants to participate. In addition, we will honor the women of CPBC on Mother's Day on May 12 and recognize our high school and college graduates on May 19. If you know of someone who is graduating from high school or college, please call our student pastor, Jaime, and let him know.

Finally, let me tell you about another very unique opportunity that is coming up soon. The Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting is coming to Birmingham on June 11-12. This is the first time the annual meeting has been in Alabama since 1931. The Southern Baptist Convention is a convention of 46,000 churches who cooperate together to accomplish the Great Commission. Our Annual Meeting is a time to come together to hear encouraging reports from our SBC entities and vote on important matters regarding the direction of the convention. One great truth about the SBC is that every messenger of a Southern Baptist Convention church has equal influence on the direction and policy matters of our convention. Our church is allotted up to 12 messengers because of our support of the Cooperative Program. So, I would love to see as many members as possible take advantage of being a messenger to this year's annual meeting. You can be a messenger of CPBC to this year's annual meeting. If you would like more info or to represent CPBC as a messenger, please call the church office and let us know by May 19 so we can vote on them in our May business meeting.

Till All The Nations Hear,
Pastor Matt

Childcare Chatter

The school year is coming to a close.

Preschool graduation for the four year old program will be May 16 at 6:30.

We will begin our summer program on May 28th. Our theme for the summer is *All Sports Camp*. Most of our classes are full but if you are interested in coming this summer, please contact us and we will see if there is availability for the age group you are looking for.

God has blessed us with a great year. Thank you for all of your donations and support. It is exciting to be a part of such a great church and be able to minister to these young families.

Have a great summer!

Karen

MUSIC

If you have ever thought about joining the choir, now is the time. Rehearsals are a little shorter and we are working on the anthems we will be sharing each week. We would love to have you join us and help us lead worship. We rehearse each Wednesday night at 6:50pm in the Sanctuary. Come join us this week!

Buildings & Grounds

The warmer weather brings many requests from folks to borrow tables, chairs and other equipment from the church. Please be reminded that request forms are posted at Central Station and need to be submitted to the church office for all equipment borrowed. It is important for everyone to use these forms so that the items you need will be available when you want them.

He Keeps Me Singing,
David Holmes

KEN'S KOMMENTS

Summer 2019 Mission Trip Deadline . . . I hope you have been thinking and praying about joining us for the mission trip to Westernport, Maryland, June 15-22. The deadline for signing up is May 31. We have to have a deadline because we must let go of unneeded motel reservations. We are in need of people who can help love on kids, are willing to prayer walk around this very small town, be a part of a Backyard Bible Club team (all kinds of skills and personalities needed for this), or are able to do or help with various kinds of restoration projects in an old school building that houses the Bruce Outreach Center. In other words, just about anybody could go and contribute to the work! If you are interested, please contact me at ken@centralparkbaptist.org or (256)345-9498.

Grateful for Mission-Hearted People . . . In October of this year I will have been on staff here at Central Park for 18 years. It hardly seems possible! Time has passed quickly and much has been done throughout these years. Recently, I thought back to when I first came to CPBC and remembered that missions work here primarily was limited to a youth service project trip, a few classes supporting some local ministry in some way, and little more. We could not be considered really mission-minded back in those days.

Then, the Lord did a work in our hearts through a church-wide study of Rick Warren's *Purpose Driven Life* in January/February 2004, and a fundamental change took place. Almost immediately we were presented with two opportunities to step outside our comfort zone: a group from the church went to Mexico to work at an orphanage May 24-30, and soon after that a large group of our folks went to Vermont, August 23-31, to help three churches with VBS, Backyard Bible Clubs, and plenty of renovation/construction projects.

That was 15 years ago! And look at what God is blessing us with the privilege and opportunity to do in 2019 . . . international trips to Guatemala and Uganda; a new partnership ministry with the Bruce Outreach Center in Westernport, Maryland; a likely trip to one of our Alabama Baptist Children's Home campuses to make renovations; a prayer breakfast ministry to the football and basketball teams and cheerleaders from Austin High School; provide school supplies to the children of a school that has a nearly 99% poverty level; a great Operation Christmas Child ministry; and so much more. I haven't confirmed this with our Church Treasurer, but I would venture to estimate that we have supported our church's mission efforts, and given to SBC missions (Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, Children's Home, World Hunger, etc.) an amount nearing \$1 million during this time.

Now, let's be sure that when we say this we are not bragging on ourselves – that is not at all what I'm trying to do! The One I am bragging on is the Lord Jesus who gives us the honor to join Him in His ministry of reconciliation around the world. And what truly excites me is that we are only seeing the tip of the iceberg! I look into the future and wonder . . . Lord, if You have led us to do this the past 15 years, what great opportunities do you have in store for Central Park the next 15 years and beyond? I pray that we would continue to grow in our mission involvement and support so that we will determine to share the gospel and make disciples until every nation hears!

UGANDA MISSION TRIP
SEPTEMBER 4-15



Mission Trip
Westernport, Maryland
June 15-22

Sign Up @ Central Station