



# CENTRAL LIFE

**Central Presbyterian Church**

**January 20, 2021**

## **Reflections From a Rocking Chair**

One of the lessons that I teach to the children in Apple Chapel on Monday mornings is to make your words and your actions match. I read a Bible verse, or tell a Bible story, and then ask the children to help me imagine what love, or kindness, or compassion or grace might look like in their own lives. I give examples and ask them, "Is this how Jesus would want us to live?" And for the most part, they know the difference from right and wrong, what loving and unloving actions are, and what is kindness and not being mean.

It is hard for our words and actions to match. That is part of the human dilemma with the presence of sin. Yet, we are to continue to seek to live in a way where our actions match our words. Even the Apostle Paul knew that he was trapped in knowing what was right and then doing the opposite. In Romans 7:15, Paul writes:

*"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate."*

Throughout our lives there are those individuals who have shown us what it means to live faithful, dedicated lives, and working to make their words and actions match. We often times hold up these individuals while recognizing their faults. We lift up significant teachers and scout troop leaders, relatives and friends, people in our church family, and those in our community. We also look to athletes, and possibly politicians, and those who do not get the recognition for their accomplishments. It is interesting though that many of these people, when told about the difference they make in our lives, are surprised at what others have observed. Many times they say, "I was just living the life I am called to live."

Now when working with youth and young adults, basically you are managing chaos. In many ways it is like herding cats; trying to get everyone to the same place while enduring distractions along the way. Often I failed miserably in showing love and compassion to the youth, especially when they got too raucous and loud or when they chose not to engage. But in turn, I would apologize for getting upset with them, and they too would apologize for their behavior. Our children and youth watch us as adults to see how we will deal with situations, and they need to know that we mess up too. But we seek to learn from our mistakes and get back on the path to seek to live in a new way.

Recently, I received a note from a young adult who was in our youth group...long ago and far away. This note simply said that, "she appreciated that Frank and I had always made her feel at home and loved." That she could (and oftentimes did) tell us anything, and we did not judge her but enabled her to make the best decision for the situation. I look back on those days with that youth group and remember the highlights. I pray, as I did then, for God to help me to live my life in such a way that my words and actions will match.

As a church, we have many children and youth in our church family. It is important that they see us as people who live out our words of faith, hope, and love. It is important to remember that we are being watched, and in turn, imitated by how we choose to live our life. So, I encourage you that even in this unique and entrusting time of our lives, that we allow our faith to guide us in living with hope for the future, in love with one another, and with peace as we seek to work with each other in doing the things God is calling us to do.

So let us in this new year live the life we are called to live, with all hope, love, and peace as we follow the words of Christ in our living.

*Grace and peace,  
Ann Aichinger*

*At Home:* Bob and Becky Ingram, Mary Kay and Bill English, Bob Stuart, Bessie Kitts, Jean Bane, Allen Vance.

*At Brookdale Bristol:* Carol Duhaime and Jean Thomason

*At Dominion Senior Care:* Hugh and Linda Wise

*At Elmcroft:* Jackie Phillips, Patsy Wampler

Randy Morris as he will be having a pacemaker put in on Friday, January 22;

Jean Thomason is at Brookdale (temporary) for rehab and extra care;

Patsy Wampler has been in the hospital this last week after developing blood clots in her lungs and dealing with Covid;

Robert Campbelle as he received the report that there is no cancer, and he will have one more procedure on Tuesday, February 16 in Winston-Salem;

Gale Thompson will be having Mohs Surgery for a cancer spot on his ear, February 2;

Doris Crabtree as she is struggling with her health, especially her arthritis;

Mary Kay English fell and broke several ribs and was in the hospital and is now home;

Bill English as he is at home;

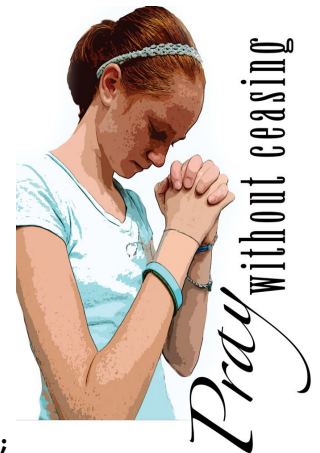
Courtney Reese as she continues to seek help with her MS;

Becky and Bob Ingram as they are dealing with health issues;

Joy Briggs and her husband, Guy, is he dealing with health concerns and she is caring for him at home;

Don Miller, as he continues to deal with health concerns;

Sam Wagner, brother of Jack Wagner and Terri Surber, is starting a second round of chemo treatments.



## We Extend Our Deepest Christian Sympathy to...

*"Blessed are those who die in the Lord; they will rest from their labors and their deeds will follow them."*

*Revelation 14:13*

**Cathy White, and family, in the loss of her step-father, Charlie Thomas on January 11, 2021, Pawley's Island, SC.**

**Paige Thompson, and family, in the loss of her mother, Doris Southerlin on January 13, 2021 at home.**

**APPLE teacher Audrey Dalton, and family, in the death of her husband, Randall on January 13, 2021.**

**Allen Harris and his family in the death of his aunt, Mattie Burney from Ayden, NC on January 17, 2021.**

## Continue in Prayer for renewed health and strength for...

John and Linda Barker and their family, Bobby Davis, Alice Owenby, Coleen Wheeler, Randy Broyles, and Jim Matson.

## Memorials...

To the General Fund in Memory of Casey McComish, given by Tom and Donna Fowlkes.

To the General Fund in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by David and Patty Browning, Nancy Arnold, Tom and Donna Fowlkes, Glenn and Grace Himstedt, George and Beth Parks, and Jean Thomason.

To the General Fund in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by Nancy Arnold, Tom and Donna Fowlkes, Carl and Marian Galliher, Marvin and Marcia Gilliam, Glenn and Grace Himstedt, and Jean Thomason.

To Meals-on-Wheels in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by Caroline Jones.

To the Music Fund in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by Caroline Jones.

To the Service Fund in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by Joe and Janis Davis.

To the Service Fund in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by Joe and Janis Davis.

To the General Fund in Memory of Candy Ellis, given by Nancy Kiser, Ann Aichinger, and Scott and Connie Bullock.

To the General Fund in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by George and Stella Fitzgerald, Nancy Kiser, Nancy Norman, Ann Aichinger, Robert Smith, George and Beth Parks, and Jeffrey Cornelius.

To the Music Fund in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by Scott and Connie Bullock and Judith Conn.

To the Presbyterian Women in Memory of Daphne McCord, given by Judith Conn.

## Thank You...

"Thank you for your gift to Crossroads Medical Mission! We count you among the bountiful blessings God has bestowed upon us. Your gift allows our mobile medical clinic and Christian mission to continue to provide free healthcare to the uninsured and underserved, offering hope and improved healthcare for many.

From the patients, Crossroad's Board of Directors, and the staff... Thank you. May God make His face to shine upon you and give you peace."

Sincerely, Cindy and Erin

"Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$480 to the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry during this virus crisis. It will be especially helpful for feeding the hungry during this difficult time. Thanks again!"

Bristol Emergency Food Pantry

## Pastoral Note...

For the past 5 years, this church family has prayerfully supported a woman named Tammy Morris, who was sent to State prison for embezzlement. Over these five years, she has been enrolled in pastoral care and work classes from Lipscomb University, and has almost completed her degree. About a year ago she was moved to the Transition Center in Nashville, which is a step towards parole.

Tammy received the news on January 11 that she will be going before the Parole Board with the recommendation for parole. If this happens, Tammy will be returning to the Tri-Cities area to live, and she looks forward to being back in community with us here at Central Presbyterian. As this time gets closer, continue your prayers for her and her family (as they will be welcoming her home), and for opportunities for work.

Ann Aichinger

**The Session** met on Tuesday, January 19 at 7 p.m. by Zoom. The following are actions that were taken and approved.

- Administration and Staff continues to work on updating the church manual of operations
- 2021 Budget for approval
- Request to approve up to \$65,000 be made available from Endowment Fund to cover expenses in 2021 as needed. (This was the first vote; there will be a second vote in February on this issue)
- The financial review for 2020 will be performed by Glenn Myers.
- Have applied for Payroll Protection Plan monies (2<sup>nd</sup> round) in the amount of \$90,000.
- The \$120,000 of the Payroll Protection Plan monies received in 2020 have been forgiven in full.
- To have Ash Wednesday imposition of ashes as a drive-thru experience on Wednesday, February 17 from 12:00-1:30 p.m. and again from 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- John Barker reported on the Jan 14 stated meeting of Abingdon Presbytery.

**Finance Report:**

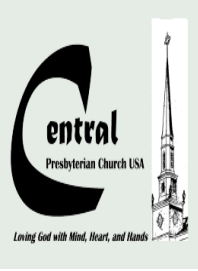
The 2020 financial year was an interesting one with the Covid crisis, and we are very thankful for everyone’s faithfulness to support the work and ministry of Central. As we go into 2021, we have decreased the income line item and yet, the expenses are still near the 2020 levels. This is because committees have cut their budgets so there is not any extra spending. We do give to a number of agencies and groups who work in mission and ministry. Also, we have a sizeable and yet very capable staff who have continued to lead and work through this last year of the pandemic. Our hope is that we will be able to return to in-person worship and events this year, and to be able to reconnect and continue with the work ahead of us.

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>
REVENUE	\$418,655.83	\$417,542.00	\$354,840.00
EXPENSES	\$400,196.26	\$478,192.00	\$412,018.71
NET	\$18,459.57	(\$60,650.00)	(\$57,178.71)

If you have not returned your 2021 pledge or would like to make a regular contribution to Central Presbyterian or have any questions about your giving statement, please speak with Mary Moffatt.

**Reminder...**

Do not file your federal income tax return before you have received your contribution summary from the church. Donors may not be able to deduct individual contributions of \$250 or more if they file a tax return before receiving a qualified contribution receipt from their church.



Online Worship and DVDs are available as we seek to continue to worship as a faith community. Each Sunday morning you can engage in worship on [CentralPresBristol.org](http://CentralPresBristol.org) under the "Sermon" tab. If you do not have access to online worship, there are DVDs of the worship services in the box in the church portico for you to take home.

We are continuing to work through the Common Lectionary, Year B, which focuses mainly on the Gospel of Mark.

Sermons...

January 24	Calling Disciples	Mark 1:14-20
January 31	A New Teaching with Power	Mark 1:21-28
February 7	Compassion, Healing, and Prayer	Mark 1:29-39
February 14	Transfiguration Sunday	Mark 9:2-9



Congratulations to Katherine Campbell on being certified by the Abingdon Presbytery as ready to receive a call. Katherine met with the Presbytery on January 14, 2021. She preached for worship, and then answered questions about her faith, her call, her theology, and other aspects of her preparation for ministry. Katherine was then certified, by a unanimous vote, as ready to receive a call in the PCUSA to ordained ministry.

Katherine has been in this process for 6 years. She has spent time in discernment about the call from God, while attending classes for her Master of Divinity at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, NC. After three years of making that trip weekly, she transferred to Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan in Johnson City, TN to complete her degree. She passed all 5 of the ordination exams, which cover the areas of Bible Content, Exegesis, Worship and Sacraments, Reformed Theology, and Presbyterian Polity. Katherine has been able to preach and lead worship and workshops in several different churches in the Abingdon Presbytery. She is now in the process of finishing up her Clinical Pastoral Education at the VA Hospital in Johnson City, and will graduate in May, 2021.

Please keep Katherine in your prayers as she and her family seek for where God is calling her to serve and in what kind of setting. Katherine has done a wonderful job in this process, and we wish her all of God's blessings as she pursues her ministry in the PCUSA.

Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays in January on ZOOM. We will have time to chat and catch up on life, spend time in prayer, and have time for discussion and study.



On January 13, we began Bob Goff's video study on **Everybody, Always**.

Invitation and access for each of the Wednesday gatherings on Zoom is: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89657603909?pwd=ZXcyakYrYUYxcm84aGxKTWJ4SGhrQT09>

Meeting ID: 896 5760 3909      Passcode: 252722

(If you have trouble getting into the meeting each week, please text Pastor Ann.)

# February Birthdays



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Todd Pruett	2	Barbara Mann	15
Phebe Campbell	2	Dick Gordon	16
Diane Abbey	3	Judith Conn	18
Jerry Otis	4	Sandy Williams	18
Eileen Long	7	Vivian Wycoff	18
Leo Bonfiglio	8	Josh Kite	18
Evan Moore	9	Kane Mathes	20
Cathy White	9	Lauren Eckley	20
Jack Wagner	9	Will Wade	21
Cole Lewis	9	Wayne Estes	22
Lynn Butcher	10	Rosa Van Zyl	25
Caitlyn Otis	10	Vicki Myers	26
Scott Mercer	10	Peyton Boyd	28
Bob Smith	10	Chris Brown	28
Kim Pruett	12	Kim Sorenson	28
Andrew Clark	12		

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[www.facebook.com/CPCBristol](https://www.facebook.com/CPCBristol): You do not have to sign-in or log on. Just click “not now” and the site will pop up. Scroll down to find the latest message.

[www.CentralPresBristol.org](http://www.CentralPresBristol.org): Click on “View Sermons” then scroll down to see Pastor Ann’s videos for each day.

## Options for giving to the work and ministry of Central Presbyterian:

- \* You can give in a check, or cash, in the offering plate, dropped by the office, or mailed to:  

Central Presbyterian Church  
301 Euclid Avenue  
Bristol, VA 24201-4013
- \* You can give through your online banking to Central.
- \* You can set up an automatic deposit from your account; please talk with the Finance Director on how to do this.
- \* You can TEXT to **CentralPres** (no spaces and Capital C and P) to **73256**. You will be directed to make your donation through Realm.
- \* You can give one time, or regularly, through your **Realm Connect** profile.



**Reminder:** Please continue to send in your pledges and financial support for Central Presbyterian. Although the church building may not be fully operational, the work and ministry is still happening.

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## Office Hours:

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