



# CENTRAL LIFE

Central Presbyterian Church  
October 20, 2021

## Reflections From a Rocking Chair

On the northeast side of Jamaica, there is a house that is crumbling into the ocean, called Folly's Ruin. Built in the early 1900s by a wealthy American for his bride-to-be. The home overlooked a beautiful cove with crystal blue waters. It was an expensive project in an isolated area of Jamaica. The legend is that corners were cut in its construction including adding saltwater to the concrete which may have led to the crumbling of the house in less than 12 years after completion. But it still stands there on Folly's Point near Port Antonio, crumbling into ruins.

As Christians, we seek to build upon solid foundations with strong structures for the future of the church. But our foundations are not made of stone and plaster and paint. Instead, our foundations are built upon Scripture and study, worship and praise, and service and caring for those in our midst. Our foundations are built upon the words and life of Jesus Christ, who is the cornerstone of our building.

At Central, we have a history of 146 years of ministry and mission here in Bristol, VA. But, really, our history goes back 2000 years to the early church of Jesus, and is built upon all those who have gone before us. This includes the many churches and individuals who have been mentioned in history books, those who lived by faith, and those who dared to step out in faith to do something new.

This year, our Stewardship theme is **Firm Foundations for the Future**. We are laying the foundations in 2021 for our ministry and mission over the next 20 years. Today, we are living in the decisions that were made in 2001. So when we think about foundations, we need to understand that we are working on the foundations for the future at Central.

Thank you to all who have continued to give faithfully to the mission of Central. With your faithfulness, our finances are stable, and that is because of you. You have also been flexible in this interesting time that we are living in. COVID has changed so much of our lives, especially our church life as we have had to pivot as needs changed. Yet, through this time, we have been able to reconcile the endowment fund and have been able to achieve a solid footing so that our investments are working to help us live into the mission that Christ calls us.

We want to pay off the loan we took from the Tynes Fund through the Presbytery to pay for the gutter campaign. Fixing the gutters stopped the leaks that were impacting the walls of the Sanctuary and the entry areas as well as adding wear and tear to the building. We ask that if you have made a pledge in this campaign, that you plan to pay off your pledge by December 31, 2021. Our next major project is to replace the windows in the education portion of the building. The glazing is chipping, some of the panes are broken, and the wood frames are rotting. But, because of faithfulness in giving, we see the opportunity to be able to have them repaired in Spring, 2022.

Central is a huge building and we are using it consistently. APPLE Academy is in the building Monday through Friday with classes for children up to 5 years old. We also have groups that use our building throughout the week for meetings and gatherings. Plus, our own church life is slowly returning to the building with youth group meetings, committee meetings, and classes gathering on Sundays. Our building is one of our firm foundations that allow us to meet the needs of our community.

The building is not our only foundation for our life here at Central. You, our members and friends, are our strongest foundation, and it is upon you that we seek to build as we move faithfully into the future. I ask that you begin praying as to how God is calling you to support the work and ministry of Central as we enter into 2022. Our commitment Sunday will be November 14, and we hope that you and your family will help to continue to build upon our firm foundations for the future.

Grace and peace,  
Ann Aichinger



*At Home:* Bob and Becky Ingram and Bessie Kitts.

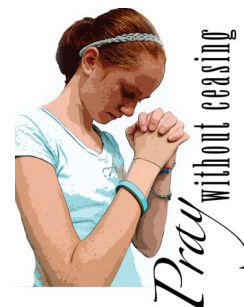
*At Brookdale Bristol:* Carol Duhaime, Jean Thomason, and Mary Kay English.

*At Dominion Senior Care:* Hugh and Linda Wise

*At Oakmont:* Allen Vance and Dora Webb

### Pastoral Concerns:

- ◆ Jean Thomason had a fall and was in the hospital for a few days and is back at Brookdale;
- ◆ Bill Dennison is in the hospital dealing with heart concerns and breathing issues;
- ◆ Doris Crabtree continues to recover from retina surgery as well as other health concerns;
- ◆ Joy Briggs had wrist surgery on October 12 and will be out of commission for a few weeks.



### Continued Prayers for:

Beverly Bosch (Randy and Phyllis Morris' daughter), Randy Broyles, Marguerite Buckley, Travis Campbell, Maxine Howell, Bob and Becky Ingram, Jim and Joan Keith, Dr. Darlene Litton, Mark McCord, Don Miller, Fred Osborne, Alice Owenby, Allen and Retta Vance, Dora Webb, and Rev. Mike Weller.

### Prayers for Family Members:

- ◆ Barbara Mann's brother, Ken in Indiana, is having radiation treatments.
- ◆ Niki McGrew's aunt who is at home dealing with COVID symptoms.

### We Rejoice with:

- ◆ Deb and Jack Wagner, and their family in the birth of Samuel Wallace Wagner on October 14, 2021. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is the son of Jessee and Jenny Wagner who live in the Charleston, SC area.
- ◆ Sheree Taylor in the marriage of Jonathan and Katelin Taylor on Saturday, October 9, 2021. Their daughter Daphne was a part of the bridal party.

### We Extend Our 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*

**Archer Parsons**, in the death of her cousin, Susan Frances Boswell Willis, who passed away on September 30, 2021 in Longwood, FL.

**Caroline Jones** in the death of her son, Robert Jones, who passed away on Saturday, October 16, 2021 in Ohio.

**Jim and Joan Keith** in the death of Jim's sister-in-law, Betty Keith, who passed away on Sunday, October 17, 2021 in Gray, TN.

**Jim and Joan Keith** for Jim's sister, Joyce, in the death of her father-in-law on October 15, 2021.

### Upcoming Sermons...

October 24

Forward in Faith

Mark 10:46-52

October 31

Firm Foundations for Growth

Mark 12:28-34 (Reformation Sunday)

November 7

Faithfully Generous

Mark 12:38-44

November 14:

Finishing Strong in Christ

2 Timothy 4:1-8 (Commitment Sunday)



## Advent Devotional 2021: The Gift I Received

One of the Annual events at Central is the creation of our own Advent devotional. Over the years, many of you have submitted devotionals, poems, and drawings to be included. And it is again time to begin working on our 2021 Advent Devotional.

We are needing 28 submissions from you. The theme this year is **The Gift I Received**, and you are invited to share a story about a memorable gift you received. If you are interested in writing a brief devotional (about 250 words), please send your submissions to Lynn Gilbert at [office.cpc@bvu.net](mailto:office.cpc@bvu.net). Thank you for being a part of this project.

**We MUST receive your devotionals no later than Monday, November 1.**

### Pastor Appreciation Month...

“The month of October brings many great things to us. We begin to see the beauty of fall and feel the crisp temperatures in the air. October is also a month of celebration and a time to honor our Pastor. Central Presbyterian Church is so lucky to have such a wonderful Pastor. Pastor Ann Aichinger is so many things to so many people. There are many things she does that most have no idea about; from her work with the Presbytery to work in the community, and beyond. Many folks only see a small part of Ann and her larger than life personality! For those of us on Session, and others who work more closely with the day-to-day operations and missions of the Church, we know, and see, the tremendous dedication she puts forth. She is always giving above and beyond the one-hundred percent.

There are some members of our congregation who have had the privilege of knowing Ann since she was a child of Central, when her father George was the Pastor. Ann followed along the footsteps and joined the family business and for that, I am grateful.”

*Niki McGrew*

### Angel Tree...

Central will be a participating partner in the Angel Tree project this year. The program benefits the children of incarcerated inmates. There is no contact with the inmates, and the children are cared for by caregivers who will receive the gifts from your generous donations. There are 20 children this year who are in need of your support. Please call or text Carolynn Anderson at 423-723-4100 if you are interested in participating or have any questions.



### Operation Shoebox...



Operation Shoebox project is underway. Carolynn Anderson is the church coordinator this year and she has shoe boxes available here at the church for pickup. If you are unable to pickup a shoebox at the church, please call or text Carolynn at 423-723-4100 to make other arrangements to get a shoebox. A \$9.00 suggested donation to help defray postage costs for the shoeboxes is greatly appreciated.

The session met on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 by Zoom. The following were actions taken:

- ◆ Christmas bonuses for the staff, as well as a proposed salary increase of 2.5% for 2022;
- ◆ The APPLE Staff to have a Friends-Giving dinner and fellowship time on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at the church from 6:15-7:30 p.m.;
- ◆ APPLE Preschool will have a Food Drive November 1-17 as a part of their emphasis on thanksgiving, and helping to connect the children with those in need in our community. The food will be donated to Bristol Emergency Food pantry;
- ◆ We host a Trick-or-Treat event on Sunday, October 31, 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Euclid Ave;
- ◆ There will be a Parents Night Out on Friday, December 3 as a fundraiser for the youth;
- ◆ There will be an Advent activity day on Sunday, November 28 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.;
- ◆ The High School Youth are registered for Youth 1, June 1-5, 2022 at Montreat, and several of our college students are going to the Montreat Collegiate Conference January 2-5, 2022. Ann Aichinger and Josie Russell will be chaperoning these events;
- ◆ There will be posters for the holiday and seasonal events. Also, approved was a fundraiser for selling of the miniature Nativities with a variety of styles available;
- ◆ Evangelism Committee will host an after-worship lunch “meet up” at a local restaurant monthly;
- ◆ It was approved that our church would be a partner to support the Wild Goose Worshiping Community (in Floyd County) with \$100/month in 2022 as a part of our benevolences. Also, individuals (especially those who have been a part of this ministry since 2012) are invited and encouraged to consider being partners with a sponsorship of \$20/month or more;
- ◆ Worship committee recommended that we resume in-person worship on Sunday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m. in Central Hall and alternating between Central Hall and Sanctuary. All of the COVID guidelines of wearing masks and social distancing will be observed.

## Bristol Clothes Closet...

The Bristol Clothes Closet, which gives away donated clothing and household items, is in need of **good used sheet sets and towels of all sizes. Please include the size of the sheet sets (king, queen, full, twin.)** The Closet is located in the same building as the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry and is part of the Ministry Mall there. You may leave any donations at the church, placing them in or beside the Food Pantry barrels near the office. Thank you!

## Halloween Candy Give Away on Sunday, October 31, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Everyone dress up in costume and join us as we greet our neighbors and children who are out trick-or-treating on Halloween. We will set up our table at the end of the alley on Euclid Avenue starting at 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. We do ask that if you would like to contribute candy and other Halloween goodies, to please bring those by the church and put them in the box outside the office door or in the entry area. Let's gather for some holiday fun and to meet our neighbors! (Families are encouraged to park in the church lot and then wander in the neighborhood.)





**Calendar for October 20-November 3, 2021**

Wednesday, October 20	12:00 Noon	Central Life
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Zoom
Thursday, October 21	9:00 a.m.	Backpacks - Central Hall
Saturday, October 23	9:00-10:30 a.m.	Gardening Group
Sunday, October 24	10:00 a.m.	Worship - In-Person in Central Hall
	3:00-4:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth - In-person
	4:30-6:00 p.m.	High School Youth - In-person
Wednesday, October 27	5:30-6:00 p.m.	M.S. Zoom
	6:00-6:30 p.m.	H.S. Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Zoom
	7:00-7:45 p.m.	Choir
Thursday, October 28	9:00 a.m.	Backpacks - Central Hall
Sunday, October 31	10:00 a.m.	Worship - In-person in Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study - Parlor & Session Rooms
	4:00-7:00 p.m.	Trick-or-Treat event -Youth to hand out candy
<b>Monday, November 1</b>	<b>ADVENT DEVOTIONALS DUE TO OFFICE</b>	
Wednesday, November 3	12:00 Noon	Central Life
	5:30-6:00 p.m.	M.S. Zoom
	6:00-6:30 p.m.	H.S. Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Zoom

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**In-person Worship will resume  
on Sunday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m.  
This service will be in Central Hall.**

**October 31, we will have worship in the Sanctuary with the Chancel choir leading the music as we celebrate Reformation Sunday.**

**Everyone must wear face masks and social distance while in the building as we seek to care for one another and those who might join our fellowship.**



### Wednesday Night Bible Study: Beginning October 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m. by Zoom

As we continue to deal with the impact of the pandemic, we still want to have time of Bible study and discussion as well as some prayer time together. So join us by Zoom on Wednesdays for an in-depth look at Psalm 23. Most of us are familiar with this Psalm, but do we really know what it means by “his rod and his staff will comfort me?” Or what is the purpose of the oil anointing my head?

Because we all know this Psalm so well, we often breeze through the psalm without slowing down long enough to rest in the assurance it offers. In this 5-part series on Psalm 23, pastor Matt Chandler introduces us to the great shepherd, the Lord, who promises to provide for every need of his flock. Though only six verses long, this psalm teaches us profound truths about our loving and protective God. By studying Psalm 23, we’ll encounter a life-transforming question: Do you trust the Lord to care for your needs?

**Zoom invite: (Used for the 5 weeks of this Study)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83868128830?pwd=bnVaeHRVVjFUaCtUaEswa2toRGtvZz09>

**Meeting ID: 838 6812 8830    Passcode: 579023**

### Help us earn money for **APPLE Academy!**

This year, Food City is making \$700,000 available to participating schools to invest in classrooms, equipment and essential supplies. For every dollar spent at Food City\* using your ValuCard, one point will be earned for your APPLE Academy. The more points earned the larger share of the cash our school will receive. All you have to do is link your ValuCard to APPLE and you'll automatically earn points every time you shop! Linking online is easy - log into your Food City account, and select our preschool. Use the information below to link your value card and help us start raising money for APPLE!

#### How Can I Link My School Online?

- ◆ Visit <http://www.foodcity.com/schoolbucks>
- ◆ Click the blue “Login” button under *Customer Login*
- ◆ Enter your username and password for your Food City online account.
- ◆ At the top of the page click, “My Account.” This will load the customer dashboard page.
- ◆ Below the *Fuel Bucks* section, you will find “My School Bucks” section. (The total school bucks earned will show here as well.)
- ◆ Click the “Update School” link listed below. Select the school and click, “Save”.

**APPLE ACADEMY  
CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN  
School PLU # 40852**



# November Birthdays



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Nancy Kiser	1	Christa Anderson	18
Verle Sutphin	1	Nicholas Fuller	18
Tyler Wycoff	4	Terry Stone	19
Danny Clark	7	Josie Russell	19
Phyllis Morris	8	Nancy Arnold	21
Rob Blanton	10	Finley Sims	21
Terri Surber	15	Terri Davis	22
Connie Addison	15	Debbie Wagner	22
Joseph Timp	15	Harper Ellis	24
Clayton Kiser	16	John Dodge	25
Mark McCord	17	Vickie Clark	28
Avery Herold	18	Kelly McBride	30

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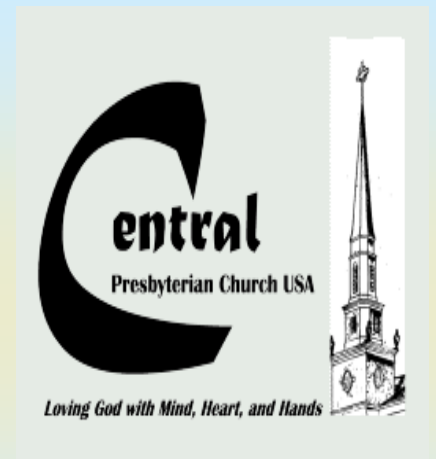
[www.facebook.com/CPCBristol](https://www.facebook.com/CPCBristol): You do not have to sign-in or log on. Just click “not now” and the site will pop up. Scroll down to find the latest message.

[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  
331 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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