



CENTRAL LIFE

Central Presbyterian Church
February 2, 2022

Reflections From a Rocking Chair

Here we are at the beginning of February, and we are reminded that **Love is in the Air**. Any store you go to has merchandise that is red and pink, a variety of cards, and lots of stuffed animals. All of this is to remind us that February is associated with Valentine's Day (Feb.14.) But, in fact, it is a month for the people of God, and disciples of Jesus Christ to spend 28 days practicing living love.

Through this season of Epiphany (which goes until March 2, Ash Wednesday), we have been looking at habits and practices in sharing Good News of Jesus Christ with the world. At the very heart of the Gospel is **Love**. The Love God has for God's creation and for us. The Love that God shows to us in the gift of Love in the flesh in Jesus Christ. The Love that we are challenged to live by, and to share with the world.

But, there is only one word for LOVE in the English language and yet there are so many meanings of Love. I can love chocolate, or travel; I can love my family; I can love my life; I can love my neighbors and friends; I can love God. All of these forms of love are different, yet we use only one word for them. I am not willing to lay my life down for the sake of chocolate, but I am willing to set aside my own agenda, and wants, to care for and love someone in need. I can love my life, but that love is secondary to my love for God in Jesus Christ.

As we are in a season of Love, and in the month to celebrate Love, I invite you to consider what is it that you love? What would you list as your priorities in your love life? Once you identify them, the next step is to consider how do you live to show them in your life? If God is a priority, what does that mean about being engaged in the life of the church and in the life of faith? If your family is a priority, what does that mean in how many hours you work at your job, or are you too busy to engage with family? If caring for those in need around you is a priority, what kinds of activities does that call you to be doing?

All throughout Scripture, God's love is seen in how God calls people to follow, to serve, to go, to share, to meet with others in this world. We must remember that God first loved us, and in that, we are called to love in return as well as to pass that love on to others around us. As we are in this month of February, how are you going to acknowledge and share that **Love is in the Air**? Will you seek to listen to how the spirit leads you to care for those around you? Will you be engaged in new opportunities to be with others? Will you add to your prayers the situations around the world and those in your own communities? What form will love take in your life as a follower of Jesus?

John, the beloved apostle, wrote so much about love, and in his first letter, he reminds us where love comes from: from God.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.
1 John 4:7-12

Dear friends, our love continues to grow as we learn to love more and more. Let us love God, and one another, and may our love be seen in how we live everyday.

*Grace and peace to you all,
Ann Aichinger*

At Home: Bob and Becky Ingram and Bessie Kitts.

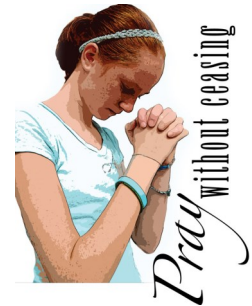
At Brookdale Bristol: Carol Duhaime, Jean Thomason, and Mary Kay English.

At Dominion Senior Care: Linda Wise

At Oakmont: Allen Vance

Pastoral Concerns:

- ♦ Danny McInnis has a torn rotator cuff and is having physical therapy;
- ♦ Betty Whitehead is recovering at home from surgery;
- ♦ Gale Thompson will have a stress test this week;
- ♦ Dora Webb has been in the hospital this week after having another stroke;
- ♦ Kevin Woods, an APPLE family relative, has severe COVID;
- ♦ Roger Thompson, father of Angel Anderson (friend of Allen Harris) is going through leukemia treatments.



Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Travis Campbell, Bob and Becky Ingram, Jim & Joan Keith, Darlene Litton, Mark McCord, Don Miller, Alice Owenby, Allen & Retta Vance, Dora Webb, Linda Wise, Mike Weller.

Prayers for Family members:

Beverly Bosch (Randy and Phyllis Morris' daughter); Orin Callison, III, son of Peggy Callison; Cathy White's father, Roy.

Please call the church office (276-669-3157) with any pastoral concerns, and please feel free to contact Ann Aichinger or any of the Elders through email, Facebook, or by phone.

Memorials...

To the Backpack Ministry Fund in Honor of Diane Abbey, given by Ed Updyke.

Upcoming Sermons...

February 6	<i>REvangelism: Worship, and the Expansive Table</i>	John 4:19-26
February 13	<i>REvangelism: Sacraments, Living Sacramentally</i>	Exodus 20:8-11; Acts 8:26-46
February 20	<i>REvangelism: Fellowship</i>	Luke 19:1-10
February 27	<i>REvangelism: Generosity</i>	Acts 5:1-6; Matthew 14:13-21



COVID Protocol Update...

We have a number of people in our church family who have tested positive for COVID and are quarantining. Please keep our church family in your prayers, and if you are not feeling well, please stay at home and get tested, if possible.

At this time, Central Presbyterian continues to require masks while in the building and we still ask that everyone continues to social distance as best as possible. Though we have had a few people test positive for COVID, they had been fully vaccinated and received their booster shots.

We are well aware that the wearing of masks is something we would all like to be done with, but at this time, and with the rise in case numbers in our local area, this will continue to be required. We appreciate your understanding and continued cooperation.

Welcome New Member...



We welcome Lee Budd into the membership of Central by Reaffirmation of Faith. Lee has been a part of Central for about 2 years, and he has enjoyed getting to know everyone. He has two cats, Black Jack and Fur Ball. Lee is now a part of the Technology group, and helps to record the Sunday worship services. Be sure to welcome him into our church family.

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Farewell to Tom Neel...

Tom has been a part of our church family since November 28, when he came to worship with the group from Brookdale Senior Care Facility. Tom has family roots here in SW Virginia, and his sister is a Certified Lay Pastor in our Presbytery. Tom recently completed his rehab after having surgery and will be moving with his daughter to Seattle.

One interesting note; Tom told Ann Aichinger more about his involvement in the Nestle Boycott of 1974-1985. As he was at Harvard Business School, a group went to meet with the Nestle Board of Directors and when it was clear that the issue of baby formula being sent to countries in need (see the sermon from January 23, 2022), the leader of the group from Harvard said to the CEO, "You are simply wrong in this matter." Then, the group from Harvard left the room. Tom said that the meeting was in 1984, and by the next year, Nestle had stopped sending baby formula to third world countries!

Farewell, Tom, and blessings to you as you move. We hope you will keep in touch!

Tom's new address is: 2710 Beacon Ave S.
 #E607
 Seattle, WA 98104.



"A Place where Questions Matter"...

Are you looking to get to know and meet new people around you and in your community? Would you like to meet others through thought provoking questions? If so, come join us on Zoom on the third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. for open discussion and the opportunity to get to know one another better. For additional details and questions, please contact either Laurel Broadfoot or Marguerite Buckley (704-281-3319.) Brought to you by Central Presbyterian.



Thursday, February 17, 7:00 p.m. by Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82509465310?
pwd=d3JxNUZtaDJ1dUF1K3lwWkhrVHdvUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82509465310?pwd=d3JxNUZtaDJ1dUF1K3lwWkhrVHdvUT09)

Meeting ID: 825 0946 5310 Passcode: 998111



Calendar for February 2 - 16, 2022

Wednesday, February 2	12:00 Noon	Central Life
	5:30-6:00 p.m.	M.S. Youth - Zoom
	6:00-6:30 p.m.	H.S. Zoom Youth - Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Zoom
Thursday, February 3	9:00 a.m.	Backpacks
	10:30 a.m.	Meals on Wheels Delivery
	4:00 p.m.	Care and Concern
Sunday, February 6	9:00 a.m.	Worship - Central Hall (Communion)
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship -Sanctuary (Communion)
		ONLINE Worship
		Middle School Youth - In-person
Monday, February 7	4:30-6:30 p.m.	High School Youth - In-person
	7:00 p.m.	King College Lecture - Dr. Bill Turner at Central
Tuesday, February 8	11:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Women - Hybrid
	6:00 p.m.	APPLE Committee
Wednesday, February 9	5:30 p.m.	M.S. and H.S. Youth - Dinner In-person
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study- Zoom
Sunday, February 13	9:00 a.m.	Worship - Central Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship -Sanctuary
		ONLINE Worship
		Youth Service Project - Bristol Food Pantry
Monday, January 31	12:00 Noon	Central Life Articles Due
Tuesday, February 15	12:00 Noon	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday, February 16	12:00 Noon	Central Life
	5:30-6:00 p.m.	M.S. Youth - Zoom
	6:00-6:30 p.m.	H.S. Zoom - Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Zoom



Presbyterian Women...

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Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, February 8, at 11:00 a.m. in the Small Dining room as well as on Zoom. Ann Aichinger will be leading the study, and we will look at **Lesson #6: Bathsheba**, whose story is found in 2 Samuel 11-12.

We will spend some time looking at the artwork associated with the lesson and then discuss what it is we learn from Bathsheba in our own journeys of faith. We hope to see all women on Tuesday. There will also be a recording of the study and it will be available on the church website (CentralPresBristol.org.)

Mary Ann Blevins and Thais Sikora, Co-Moderators

Happy Birthday Central...

Happy Birthday to Central Presbyterian Church on January 26, 2022...147 years of ministry to the members of the Church and the greater Bristol Community!! I have been remembering all the Saints who came before our years. We hold dear to our hearts all the Saints whom we have known and loved in our lifetime, now still with us, and those who have gone on before us. May God continue to bless Central in ways we yet do not know, knowing his Grace continues to be with us.

Happy Birthday!! Ed and Betty Whitehead

Recycling News...

The church collects aluminum cans which are picked up each week by our friend, Lee Rutherford. He sends the money from the sale of the cans to several charities, both locally and nationally. Lee has asked us to please include **only** the following items:

- ◆ Aluminum cans - **Any aluminum, other than beverage cans, should be bagged separately,**
- ◆ Other aluminum scrap, including **clean** aluminum foil,
- ◆ Copper items, no matter how small,
- ◆ Insulated copper wire, any lengths.



Thanks to everyone who helps with this cause!

PLEASE...NO TRASH, PLASTICS, OR PAPER!!

Winter Weather Reminder

When we have snow or ice on a Saturday night, or a Sunday morning, the church family is reminded to **please** check emails, Facebook, texts, and WCYB for updates concerning Sunday activities. We want everyone to be safe this winter! We will also do our best to have winter weather reports as a part of WCYB's reporting on school and church closings when needed.



**King University Institute for Faith and Culture Presents:
Dr. William H. "Bill" Turner**

Central Presbyterian will host the Institute for Faith and Culture Lecture series on **Monday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. in Central Hall**. Our speaker is Dr. William H. "Bill" Turner, Ph.D., who is a prominent scholar on the African-American experience in Appalachia.

Born in 1946 in the coal town of Lynch, Kentucky, he is the fifth of 10 children. His grandfathers, father, four uncles, and older brother were all coal miners. Turner has spent his professional career studying and working on behalf of marginalized communities, helping them create opportunities in the larger world while not abandoning important cultural ties.

Although his work applies to communities across the country, he is best known for his groundbreaking research on African-American communities in Appalachia. As an academic and consultant, Turner has studied economic systems and social structures in the urban South and burgeoning Latino communities in the Southwest. He is the author of "The Harlan Renaissance," which offers deeply personal reminiscences of his youth. He also co-edited the path-breaking textbook, "Blacks in Appalachia," and his essay on Black Appalachians was published in the Encyclopedia of Southern Culture.

Additionally, he served as a research assistant to "Roots" author Alex Haley for a decade. Prior to his retirement, Turner served as the Dean of Arts and Sciences, Interim President at Kentucky State University, the Vice President for Multicultural Affairs at the University of Kentucky, and the Distinguished Professor of Appalachian Studies and Regional Ambassador at Berea College. Turner and his wife, Vivian, the retired president of the R.J. Reynolds Foundation in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, live near their children and grandchildren in Houston, Texas. His February 2022 visit to the King Institute for Faith and Culture will be his third, which is a record for the Institute.

For more information about Dr. Turner, please visit <https://whturnerphd.com/>

Central's New Social Media Coordinator...

Josie Russell is one busy lady here at Central! Josie is our Youth and Young Adult Director as well as a singer on Sunday mornings with the Praise Band. Now, she is taking on another position at Central.

Josie is Central's new Social Media Coordinator, and will be working to update our church website, managing both Facebook and Instagram posts, as well as working toward having our worship services and other media opportunities live-streamed.

Josie has a degree in Marketing and Social Media, and does similar work for another organization. She does ask that if you are at a church event, please take pictures and then send them to her so she can get them out on the web to let our community know how Central is sharing the Good News of Jesus. Please email or text pictures to her. Welcome, Josie!!



Souper Bowl of Caring Food Collection Challenge



We are coming in to the last few weeks of our Food Challenge and we hope to meet the goal of 5,000 food items and/or dollars. Each food item counts as \$1 toward the goal. You can drop off your food contributions and your financial donations in the entry area of the church. We hope that this food collection challenge will encourage us all to continue to contribute to the Food Pantry as they help so many in our local area who have food insecurity issues.

Though our efforts will be within our church family, the real winner will be **Bristol Emergency Food Pantry**. This is something every one of every age and ability can participate in. Let's make a difference, and continue to be about the work of Christmas (caring for the needy, feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger and unwanted child.) Let's work together to meet the GOAL!!!

Current Food Total: 524

Money Total: \$780

Items needed (no glass jars or containers)

Meal kits that **don't** require extra ingredients (ie. hamburger helper)

Pancake and muffin mix that only require **water**

Canned soups

Canned pasta meals (ravioli, spaghetti,

Canned meat (tuna, ham, chicken, beef stew, spam)

Canned vegetables and fruits

Canned pork and beans

Dry Rice or Pasta

Instant mashed potatoes (plain or flavored)

Spaghetti sauce (no glass jars)

Cereal (hot and cold)

Jelly and Peanut butter

Breakfast bars/granola bars

Macaroni and cheese (preferably not needing milk or butter)

Pantry staples (small containers of flour, salt and pepper, sugar, catsup, oil, etc.)



For more information about the Souper Bowl of Caring, see www.souperbowl.org

Wednesday Night Dinner Program...

Are you willing to come out and eat a meal together in Central Hall and participate in a program? Or would you rather have a pick-up dinner and join us by Zoom or Live streaming?

The Fellowship and Dining Committee is looking to begin having Wednesday evening dinners from 5:30-6:15 p.m. starting March 2, 2022 for the season of Lent. Programs for children, youth, and adults will follow until 7:00 p.m. We are also planning to offer the Adult program either by Zoom or Live-streaming, and a dinner pick-up if you would rather not attend in person.

During the Lenten season, the menu will be a soup, salad, and a dessert. Dinner cost will be \$5 per person with a maximum of \$20 for a family.

If you are interested in participating and helping, please call the church office at 276-669-3157 and let Lynn Gilbert know so that we can make plans for our Lenten season together. You can also email the church office at office.cpc@bvu.net or use the sign-up sheets.

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How to Keep in Touch:

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: 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:

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- * 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.



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