

**Central Presbyterian Church**  
**September 7, 2022**

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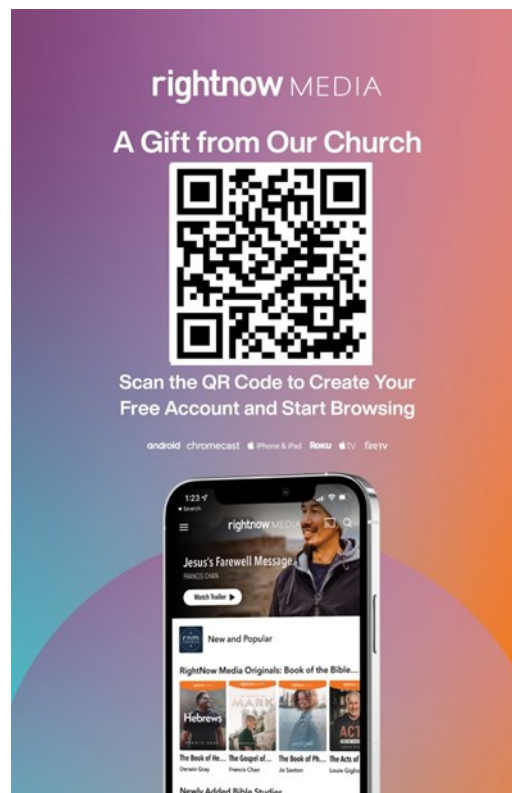
Right Now Media is a gift to our church family from someone in our church. This resource has videos for every age and every stage of the Christian journey. There are lots of children's videos as well as family discussion videos. There are Bible studies and overviews of the Bible. You can search for topics as well as interests you might have in learning more about following Jesus. All you have to do to join is scan the code below and sign up today! Yes, it is a GIFT to you!!



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If you're looking for opportunities to talk with your kids about Jesus, here's a series of 5-minute devotionals that you can watch and discuss together over breakfast or supper with your children. Here is the website also for you to connect to have this time together as a family. We love being able to equip you with resources to help you disciple your children. (<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/235147>)



## Sabbatical Update and Timeline

from Ann Aichinger

There have been several questions about the timeline of the Sabbatical and what is all involved. So here is some clarification about this process and what is involved and several comments from members of the “dream team” who is working on writing the grant.

In April, 2022, I requested that the Session consider a Sabbatical time for me in 2024. This was approved and a design team was formed and the members are: Ann Aichinger, John Barker, Marguerite Buckley, John Dodge, Sheree Taylor, Briggs Allen, Donnie Spurell, and Tim Landis. This team has been meeting monthly for about 5 months and is working on ideas about what this time will look like for Central Presbyterian Church. I will be working on designing my time of being away. It is a time for me to be refreshed to continue my work and ministry here at Central for no less than two additional years. This sabbatical time is NOT for me to seek another call or to work on church work and planning. It is all about personal renewal and refreshment.

The Sabbatical is a time of renewal, refreshment, and refocus for a pastor of a local church (who has served a particular church at least 7 years) and for the local congregation. It is a three month time of being apart. The congregation will be involved in a variety of events as designed by and funded in the grant. The pastor will have plans for time of renewal and refreshment, which often involves some travel, study, and things that are enjoyable. The grant we are applying for is from the Lilly Foundation and is for a maximum of \$50,000. This will cover the pastor’s plans as well as up to \$15,000 for the congregation to use for pastoral leadership and program materials as needed.

The deadline for the grant is April 18, 2023, but we hope to have it completed by April 1. This grant proposal will be presented to the congregation at our Annual Meeting, and we hope it will be approved to be submitted. The grant is also acknowledged by the Presbytery, and given a recommendation for its submission. Then we wait. And we pray. The grants are awarded in August of 2023, at which time those requesting grants are informed. The grant is written for 2024, so if it is awarded, the money then comes to the church in January, 2024. At this point, the Sabbatical is planned for August, September, and October of 2024. But that is still in the design aspect. At that same time, the Session will secure pastoral leadership (usually a PCUSA ordained pastor), who will preach weekly, moderate Session, lead and guide the congregation through the three months as designed by the grant.

The specifics will be clarified if the grant is awarded and leadership will be selected as we enter 2024. The hope is that we all are renewed for our journey ahead together as we commit to serving Christ in this place for a few more years.

John Dodge

*A sabbatical is much like a Sabbath day, except is it longer in length. Professionals (especially teachers and professors) take them in order to get extended rest and possibly to learn something new to add to their professional skills. The employers gain by getting back refreshed teachers who are excited to teach new ideas or in a new manner. A sabbatical is a method to leave the lion’s den of the classroom in order to go back into it with more energy and enthusiasm. What a gift to our pastor and our congregation!!!!*

Sheree Taylor

*Sabbatical Renewal is a shared endeavor between the pastor AND the congregation. This is a time of discovery for each of us. I’m looking forward to joining hands with you and seeking ways to improve and deepen our relationship with God and each other. I want Central to be as vital to you as it is to me. Come, let us walk together and experience what the Lord has in store for us.*

### Welcome New Members:

We welcome into our membership Frances and Glen Van Dyke and Terry Graybeal. They come to us from Windsor Avenue Presbyterian Church, which closed in 2021. All three of them are Ruling elders in the PCUSA. Remember that as new people to our church family, they are still getting to know us. Please introduce yourselves to them several times.

Frances Van Dyke is retired from teaching and working in the Washington County (VA) public school. She taught with Betty Whitehead and others connected to our church. She enjoys reading, cooking, and being a grandmother.

Glen Van Dyke is a retired teacher from the Bristol Tennessee Schools, and he enjoys cooking.

Glen and Frances' son, Jamie and his wife, Courtney, and their grandson, Ethan, have also been attending Central. Be sure to welcome them too.



Terry Graybeal is retired from the Bristol Tennessee School District as the Payroll Clerk for many years. She enjoys reading and being with her cats, Meatball and Sniffer (you can see their pictures on Facebook).

Frances & Glen and Terry are already listed in the Church Directory.

## To: All Women Of Central Presbyterian Church

Subject: Bible Study - *Celebrating The Sabbath*

When: the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM

Where: Small Dining Room



Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 13, where we will introduce this year's study; "Celebrating the Sabbath." Please pick up a study book in the Church Office if you do not already have one, they are \$10.00 each. This will be In-Person Only this month, not via Zoom over the Internet. We look forward to seeing you there.

Your Co-Moderators: Mary Ann Blevins and Thais Sikora

## Grief Support Group for Widows

Our new group for those who are grieving widows will have its first meeting on **Wednesday, September 7, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in room 100 and the next one on September 21**. This is an open group for those who are widows and want to support and care for one another. Those from our community as well as church are invited to participate. This group will regularly meet on the first and third Wednesdays at 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Central. Hopefully we will have outside speakers who can share about how to navigate this journey of loss.



## Wednesday Night dinner and program

We have begun our Wednesday night dinners and programs. This week, we will have Game Night. You are invited to bring a board game or card game (remember we only have about 40 minutes), and let's have a good time together. This week our youth and children will be invited to participate or can go to the nursery for some time there.

### Up-coming programs:

September 7: Game Night

**Menu:** Chicken casserole, green beans, rolls, salad bar, and dessert

September 14: Table Bible Study

September 21: Ann Aichinger will share highlights of her Europe trip

September 28: Making Blessing and Hygiene Kits

## Let's go to Lunch Together: Sunday, September 25

Everyone is welcome to join your church friends at Red Pepper Indian Cuisine for lunch on **Sunday, September 25**, after worship. This is a new Indian restaurant at 215 Gate City Hwy, but has items on the menu that are not spicy. This is a great time for fellowship, conversation, and a time to invite friends to join us. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us.



## Youth Group

The Youth Group will resume regular Sunday afternoon meetings **THIS Sunday** (September 11th). We will meet at the church from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. The High School and Middle School groups will meet together. This Sunday, we will be packaging baggies of dog food to donate to the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry to give out when clients come in who also have a need for pet food. We will also discuss and plan lessons, fun outings, and future service projects for the fall!

We will also meet each Wednesday night during our church-wide Wednesday night gatherings. We will eat dinner at 5:30 p.m., and the evening concludes at 7:00 p.m. Some Wednesday nights we will stay in Central Hall and participate in whatever activity is happening, some Wednesday nights we will help with the younger kids, and some Wednesday nights we will just meet as a group separate from other activities.





*Thank you to everyone at Central Presbyterian for your prayers and cards while I have been dealing with my health concerns. Continue to pray for me as I deal with the healing of my toe and my heart condition. I love you all and keep you in my prayers.*

Mark McCord

To our Central family:

*Thank you for your concerns and prayers for our daughter, Beverly Bosch. She is now cancer free and working towards building her strength back. We also wish to thank everyone for their prayers for our health issues and move to a new home.*

*We love our church family and will attend services at Central again as soon as we can.*

Randy & Phyllis Morris

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### Have you seen the updated church Website?

www.CentralPresBristol.org has been updated and continues to be worked on. This is a great place to find out what is happening, to get a worship bulletin for the Sunday live-streamed service, as well as the pre-recorded service, and to get the current newsletter. **Thank you to Josie Russell for working on this and updating the pictures and information.**

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### Church Security...

Over the last few months, doors have been found to be either left open or unlocked. We ask that everyone help us with this issue, and make sure that doors close and latch behind you and that you keep an eye out for anyone and anything that seems suspicious to you. The main church alarm will be re-engaged after worship on Sunday afternoons and over the weekend, as well as turned on earlier in the evenings after groups have left the building. So, please be aware that you need to check the alarm if there are no cars in the parking lot.

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### To Mask or not to Mask? That is the question!

The policy still stands that those who want to wear masks while in worship, or in the building, are encouraged to do so. It is not required, but with the rise in numbers of COVID cases in our area, as well as the presence of the very contagious BA-5 variant, masks or face coverings are encouraged. This is out of concern for each individual as well as for the community. We are continuing with our live-streaming option on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. as well as the pre-recorded service (none on 9-11 or 18) which is posted on Saturday evening.



## Pastor's Vacation and Continuing Education

## Central Life



Ann Aichinger will be out of town on a combination trip of vacation and continuing Education from September 2 to 19. She is going on an Educational Opportunities Tour to Austria, Southern Germany, and Eastern Switzerland, including attending the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany. She will be posting her daily videos while traveling, so you can keep up with her on her trip. On Wednesday, September 21, she will be sharing highlights of her trip as a part of the Wednesday evening dinner and program at 5:30-7 p.m.



### Upcoming Sermons...

September 11: Dr. Martin Dotterweich, King Univ., guest preacher

Sanctuary

September 18: Dr. Martin Dotterweich, King Univ., guest preacher

Central Hall

## Calendar for September 7-25, 2022

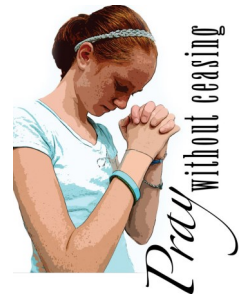


Wednesday, September 7	12:00 Noon 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Central Life published Grief Group meets, Room 100 Wednesday Night Supper and Game Night Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 11	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Adult Sunday School Worship - Sanctuary (live-streamed available) Youth Groups
Tuesday, September 13	11:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Women Bible Study
Wednesday, September 14	4:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Wednesday Night Supper and Table Bible Study Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 18	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Adult Sunday School Worship - Central Hall (live-streamed available) Youth Groups
Monday, September 19	7:30 p.m.	Admin & Staff Committee (via Zoom)
Tuesday, September 20	12:00 Noon 7:00 p.m.	Staff meeting Session
Wednesday, September 21	12:00 Noon 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Central Life published Grief Group meets, Room 100 Wednesday Night Supper and Ann's Trip Recap Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 25	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Adult Sunday School Worship - Sanctuary (live-streamed available) Youth Groups

*Note: Names will be on the prayer list for one month, unless otherwise requested. Please help us keep this list up to date and accurate by contacting the church office to add or remove names from this list. Thank you!*

### Pastoral Concerns:

- ♦ Bob Ingram broke his leg and is at home;
- ♦ Ken Moss is waiting for word on treatment and/or surgery;
- ♦ Mark McCord remains in the hospital after his heart surgery;
- ♦ Robert Campbelle continues radiation treatments;
- ♦ Niki McGrew continues to deal with her health concerns;



### Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Bob & Becky Ingram, Bessie Kitts, Alice Owenby, Ed Updyke, Allen & Retta Vance, Linda Wise.

### Prayers for Family Members and Friends:

Jane Davis Copenhaver, (Bobby Davis' sister) after knee surgery; Roy Smith (Cathy White's father); Roger McGhee (Christy Blevins' father) as he deals with some health concerns; Glenda Leonard (friend of Missy McCord); Kellen Napier Napier (7 month old with cancer); Connie Perry, (Sandy Wilson's aunt, who has cancer); Jamie Butcher and family (dealing with restoring their home after a fire); Orion Callison, III (son of Peggy Callison); Jean Bowman (Kevin Lyons' grandmother), who had a stroke.

**Please call the church office (276-669-3157) with any pastoral concerns.**



Thank you to those who brought in cards for Barbara Mann and Thais Sikora to send out throughout the month to those on the prayer list. They still need blank cards (and envelopes) and those with a "Thinking of You" or "Sending you a hello" type of greeting (also with envelopes). If you have cards and are willing to share them, drop them off at the church office.

## Sympathy to...

Randy Broyles and family on the death of his mother, Marie Broyles, on Aug. 21, 2022 in Bristol, TN.

## Memorials...

To the General Fund for Marie Broyles by Ann Aichinger;  
To the Music Memorial Fund for Marie Broyles by Randy Broyles.

## New Directories:

We have a new updated directory. You can pick up a copy for your household in the entry area or in the church office. If any information has changed, please let the church office know ([office.cpc@bvu.net](mailto:office.cpc@bvu.net)).



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## How to Keep in Touch:

**[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.



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## Office Hours:

The current office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Please call 276-669-3157 for office hour changes and updates.

