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A View from the Front

There are three “C” statements from Jesus that we should pay attention to. The first one we call the Great Commandment. In our cultural understanding we think of this as the Golden Rule. Nearly every religion and social order holds to some version of “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Jesus put a different spin on this, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ (Luke 10.27) Christians need to love God and others. There is nothing more important than this.

The second “C” is the Great Commission. There are several versions of this assignment in the New Testament, several of them spoken by Jesus himself. The most famous is likely found in Matthew 28.19, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father

and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Christianity is a faith that is dependent on the members of the faith recruiting others to join.

The final “C” is what I like to call the Great Compassion. “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9.36) You see, Jesus was concerned about all people, even the ones who were not wealthy, or beautiful, or look like us, or speak like us, or even believe like us. Jesus had compassion on all people, and his will is for his followers- including you and I- to have compassion on everyone as well.

I think that we all know these things, at least intellectually. We understand that Jesus has asked us to do these things, and we believe that we should do them. The problem is in the implementation. We know we should love others and share the gospel with them, but we lack application. There are several reasons- we are uncomfortable sharing our faith, we don’t want others to be offended by us, we think we haven’t been adequately trained or prepared- why we fail at this. We should consider the implications of Jesus’ words though.

Jesus commanded us to do these things. That means that if we do not have compassion, love others and share the gospel we are guilty of sin.

People are valuable to God. Because of his love for us, and our commitment to him, those same people should be just as valuable to us. If Jesus died for all people, then we should take seriously our responsibility to have compassion.

If we love people, for example our family members, co-workers, neighbors, etc., we should tell them about God and his love for all of us. The Bible teaches us that faith in Christ is the only way we can be sure that we get to go to heaven. It follows, then, that those who do not have faith in Christ do not get to go to heaven. If you want your loved ones to spend eternity with Jesus -and you- tell them about your faith.

There are more reasons for us to be sure to share our faith, but this will suffice for now.

I called 2019 a year of spiritual growth. We spent the year reading the Bible, learning about prayer and trusting in God more than we had before. I am hoping that we will make 2020 the year of the Great Commission. Join me in sharing your faith with people around you. Tell a friend how God has helped you. Invite a co-worker to church. Help a neighbor in need.

For the rest of this year you will have some special opportunities to practice compassion. There will be training for anyone interested in sharing their faith. Look forward to special Sunday events that will give you the opportunity to bring your friends and neighbors to worship.

I’m excited! This is going to be a great year.

Pastor Dewey

Please join us for
Central Child Care's
Valentine's Day
Dinner, Dance & Auction
Fundraiser

Friday, February 7th

5:30pm - 7:30pm
Central Child Care - Gym

Tickets: \$7/adult; \$3/kids 6-12; kids 5 & under are free

Ticket price includes spaghetti dinner, music, photo booth, kids craft & 1 auction ticket

(additional auction tickets are available at the event)

All proceeds will be used to purchase classroom resources.



Child Care has started the year off with a bang! We held Parent Teacher Conferences for most classrooms in January. We also opened our doors for a meet and

greet for our 8 new infant families and the children that will move to a new classroom on Feb. 3rd. We are excited for our VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE fundraiser on February 7. It will be from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the FLC gym. Tickets are \$7 and our church family is invited to attend. Please check out our flyer for more information. Make plans to join us for a fun, family oriented evening! The children will exchange valentines on Feb. 14th and have a classroom party after their nap time.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The Ladies Bible study is moving along well. The only thing missing is you! This week we will be delving into the life of Joseph and Moses. Feel **free** to join us. All you need is a Bible. We hope to see you at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. If you (men included) would like to receive the study outline, with scriptures, to study on your own please contact Lisa Miner at 812-426-1007 or nanamarie1007@gmail.org.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26. We will be having a traditional service including imposition of ashes in the sanctuary at 7pm on that date. On Sundays during Lent- the six weeks immediately before Easter- we will be talking about the work of evangelism. Look for opportunities to learn about and practice sharing your faith. Lenten Sundays begin March 1.

Music Notes from Wayne

Dear Central Family, Thank you for adopting me. When I came to Central several years ago (I leave as "senior staffer") I felt strongly led that it was the right place and the right time. At my first meeting with the choir there were six souls. At our Festival of Hymns last November, we had 51 worship leaders. I told Ned Conder, the week before my first Sunday, "I think, I need you as much or more than you need me." He just smiled that smile. Thank you for your ministry to me. Two pastors, and three piano players (and more office staff than I can count) later, I feel strongly led that it is time to GET OUT OF THE WAY and let the next person God has for you join the Central family. I treasure my time here, and the fellowship with other believers. Your choir, OUR choir is made up of some of the most dedicated individuals you will find anywhere. Make sure you let them know how much you appreciate their hours of labor in song. I am NOT an easy taskmaster. I covet your prayers as I take my next step into retirement. Know that your are loved. Wayne,
p.s. Choir, when in doubt, the vowel is "Ahh" and Hand bells, always, ALWAYS subdivide the beat.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Allison Harp
- 2 Margie Singer
- 4 Nancy Reid
- 7 Alexander Herring
Danny Redd
- 8 Terry Raymond
- 10 Rebecca Morgan
Julie Reed
Diane Walker
Todd Crow
- 11 Wesley Lynch
- 12 Ray Brower
Elise Lynch
Megan Tribble
- 13 Julia Emsweller
Andrew O'Bryan
- 14 Kira Pusateri
- 15 Tim Boyd
Carly Frazier
Heather Morse
- 19 Remington Adams
Sue Halter
- 20 Mark Georges
- 22 Linda Henzman
- 25 Kristi Frazier
Landon Canniff
- 26 Deloris Gibson
Barbara Johnson
- 27 Kevin Reed
- 28 Eric Millay
Andrew O'Bryan Sr.

CENTRAL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 pm NA Meeting
2 Communion 8:45 am Choir 9:15 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Children's Church 10:30 am Daniel Plan Study Garden Room 10:30 am Sunday School 4:00 pm Youth Group	3 9:30 am Food Pantry 5:30 pm Basketball FLC	4 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Cheer-leading FLC	5 4:30 pm Basketball 812 -453-0802 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bells	6 9:30 am Food Pantry (Set-up for Valentine Dance FLC)	7 5:30 pm Children's Center Valentine Dinner, Dance and Raffle	8 11:00 am Birthday Party Indoor Play-ground 8:00 pm NA Meeting
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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Traditional Service 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Family & Life Group 10:30 a.m.