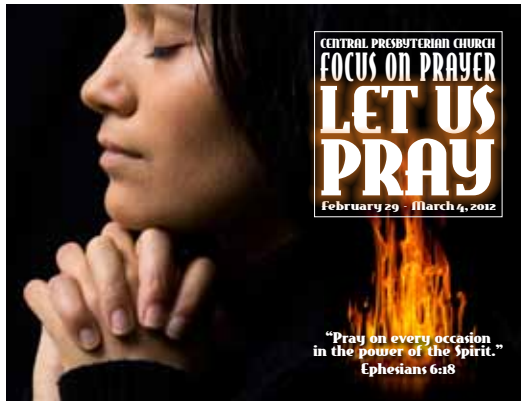




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GLORIFYING GOD



In this season of gray skies and cold days, it is appropriate to set aside time for spiritual reflection and personal renewal. As followers of Christ, we desire to be molded more and more into His likeness. And no vehicle for such growth is more

potent than prayer. Communion between God and us, Calvin writes, is an experience "whereby we expound to Him our desires, our joys, our sighs, in a word, all the thoughts of our hearts."

Prayer, then, is intimate. It is, Calvin continues, both "holy and familiar conversation with God, our Heavenly Father." We are "permitted to pour into God's bosom the difficulties which torment us in order that He may loosen the knots which we cannot untie." Clearly, prayer helps to relieve

us of our burdens, and it reminds us that God is omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient. In sum, Calvin says that prayer is "the outpouring of the soul, the deepest root of piety and the bedrock of assurance. It is the most important part of the Christian life, the lifeblood of every true believer."

Further your commitment to a fervent prayer life and plan to participate in Central's Focus on Prayer: Let Us Pray. Beginning after EquipCentral's dinner on Wednesday February 29, the event will continue on Friday March 2, 7-8:30 p.m., in the sanctuary with worship, prayer and communion. The event will also offer prayer on Saturday March 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in homes with community groups or at Central. Sunday March 4, after a sermon featuring prayer, there will be small group prayer at 11 a.m. at the church. Sunday school classes will also be involved. Childcare will be available on Saturday morning. Contact Christine Vandervoort (cvandervoort@centralpres.com) with number and ages of children.

The Prayer Committee - Jim Conzelman; Martha Delmez, chairwoman; Charles Fay; Jared Gilbert; Andy Gunn; Liz Meeks; Allison Saunders; Pastor Philip Rowland; Dale Schaefer and Pastor Eric Stiller

Mission Trip to Haiti



In December I had the opportunity to travel to the island of La Gonave, Haiti. I was one of six people on the team and was thankful to be part of this neat opportunity. If I had any personal goals for this trip, they were to observe and learn and, in so doing, to be changed.

The sights of this little island were not surprising to me. It looked very much like the video clips we see on TV or in the news, and there is no doubt that Haiti is a country of great need. Their challenges are very complicated with no easy answers, and our American-minded solutions can be very ineffective and possibly damaging to their people. At times I felt overwhelmed by the obstacles the people face and the challenges before them, and also very incapable of helping at all.

But even in the midst of the great challenges I walked away from the trip with two things I know now more than before. First, the people of Haiti have something great to offer the world. I realized this during one of the Vacation Bible Schools our team led in a slum. It was a group of boys varying in ages, and as a parent of three boys I couldn't help but sense a fondness for them. They were talking and joking with each other just as boys do. Many of them probably didn't know where their next meal would come from, but when they opened their mouths to sing it was like nothing I have ever heard. Their voices were soulful and strong, and I don't think I have heard a sound like that before in my life. I wished I could have listened for hours, and I couldn't help but wonder if these boys in the slum knew what a valuable gift they had to offer to God and the rest of the world.

The second thing I walked away with was that the body of Christ working together in the unity of the Spirit is a beautiful thing. On our team from Central and the missionaries we stayed with, there were also two dentists who worked in a dental clinic for the week. In all, we made up a group of about fifteen people from different walks of life. We ate each meal together every day. There was never complaining or grumbling. There were no disputes about church differences or denominational issues. There was an overwhelming sense of purpose and vision — to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the people of Haiti. Everyone would go out and work each day, and at dinner we would come back and share with each other what had happened. We encouraged each other, laughed with each other and grieved with each other. I was changed when I experienced God bringing a large diverse group of people together, who did not know each other the week before, to the tiny little island of La Gonave for His kingdom. I was humbled to be a part.

I would encourage you to pray and ask the Lord to show you what His place is for you in His kingdom and how He wants to use you for His greater purposes, whether it be local in St. Louis, domestic, or international. You will be changed, too.

Sherdonna Denholm

Welcome Visitors

Welcome to Central! We're glad you're here. Do you have questions about membership? For more information, please contact Robbie Griggs, Senior Associate Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship, at 314-727-2777 or at rgriggs@centralpres.com.

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Junior High

- Join us this morning for Breakfast Club at 9:45 a.m. in the Central Christian School (CCS) youth room. We'll have pancakes, donuts, juice, great fellowship and a time of teaching.
- This Wednesday evening we again have the privilege of helping serve meals at the Grace and Peace winter shelter. We will be leaving at 5:45 p.m. from the youth house (824 Biltmore Drive) and plan to be back by 7:45 p.m. Due to the size of the shelter, we may not be able to take all of the students each week. Students who don't go to the shelter will stay for activities in the youth house.
- Please note: Due to scheduling conflicts, Destination X on February 11 has been cancelled.

If you have any questions about what's going on with junior high, please contact Todd Denholm at 314-854-0193 or tdenholm@centralpres.com.

Senior High

- Greenhouse will be at 7 p.m. tonight in Fellowship Hall. Join us for great fellowship and student-led worship!
- Discipleship groups are in full swing on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Tower (835 South Hanley duplex). Each group is going through Tim Keller's *The Prodigal God*, and our seniors are helping co-lead them. If you're interested in joining us, come to the Tower and we'll get you in the right group.
- If you did not receive a spring calendar fridge magnet in the mail, please contact Melinda Dyk at mdyk@centralpres.com, and she will be sure to get you one.
- If you'd ever like to chat about youth ministry or your child, give Dustin a call: 314-854-0188.

College Central

- **The Well:** The Well is all about developing authentic relationships with each other and, most importantly, with God. Join us for a casual and sincere time of worship, discussion and fellowship on Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in the private dining room in the Bear's Den. This semester we will be focusing on *Acts: A New Kind of Community*. Bring your friends!
- **Super Bowl (of Chili) Party:** Come watch the Super Bowl TONIGHT at 5 p.m. at The Shire (7018 West Park Avenue). Round up a group of people and bring a delicious pot of chili to compete for a sweet prize and the title of "CC Chili Champion." For a ride, meet at the WU clocktower at 4:45 p.m. C'mon out and bring a friend with you to have a great time with some great people!
- **Open Swim:** Open Swim is a Wash U multi-campus ministry effort to show the viability of the Christian faith for every question and aspect of life. Open Swim is meant to create a safe place on campus where skeptics, doubters and Christians can come, hear and discuss a thoughtful Christian response to some of the deepest questions being asked on the campus. Our upcoming Open Swim will feature Dr. Richard Winter (psychiatrist and Covenant Seminary professor) as he addresses "*Sex on the Brain? The Search for Sexual Sanity in a Confusing Culture.*" Bring a couple of friends and join us Wednesday February 15 at 8 p.m. in College Hall.
- **WU Shuttle:** We have a Central shuttle that runs to the WU clocktower every Sunday morning at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m. Or, if you prefer to sleep in, you can catch a car ride every Sunday night at 4:45 p.m. for Trio, Central's casual evening worship service.
- **Community Groups:** If you were not in an epic community group last year, make sure you get in one this semester! Email Camden St. Claire for more information at camdenstclair@gmail.com.

Men's Fellowship Lunch

Join us in the parlor at noon this Wednesday for a time of fellowship, a great lunch and inspiration as our speaker shares about his walk with the Lord. This week's speaker is Greg Svolopoulos, who will be sharing about the impact of the book *The Silence of Adam* by Larry Crabb is having on his life – understanding how easily we are deceived and our need to embrace our uniqueness in Jesus Christ.

Praise and Prayer Report

Dennis and Rosemary Wiggers thank many of you who extended Christian sympathy to them in the death of Rosemary's father, Burton Hall, December 14, and Dennis' brother, Hugh Wiggers, December 29. "Your words of comfort sustain us in this time of our loss, however, being confident of heaven's gain."

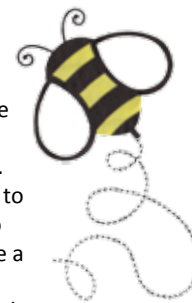
Congratulations to Geoff and Laura Truskowski who were married at Central on January 11. Geoff is the son of Mike and Anne Truskowski.

Please pray for Central members who have recently encountered health issues and deaths and give praise for those who have experienced celebrations in their families. We will be glad to include specific prayer requests at the family's request.

Women in Ministry

Join the Buzz! Come and enjoy our spring Bible Study, *The Gospel Life*—"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ," Galatians 6:2. Robbie Griggs will be teaching. Plan to bring a friend or two as we gather at 9:15 a.m. for coffee and fellowship, Bible study and discussion. Plan to stay for a wonderful lunch for only \$5. Nursery care is also available. Again, if you have any questions or wish to make a reservation, please contact Jo Ann Stream, 636-391-1499.

Come and BEE with us!



Tuesday Book Club

In *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana*, journalist Gayle Tzemach Lemmon tells the true story of Kamila Sidiqi, a young entrepreneur in Kabul, Afghanistan, who becomes the breadwinner for her five siblings and creates jobs and hope for women in her neighborhood by starting a dressmaking business in her home during the Taliban years.

The book club will meet in the Gathering Place at 1 on Tuesday February 21, to discuss this story of sisterhood and resilience.

Mosaic: Singles 40+

On Friday February 17, Mosaic will serve dinner to the women at the Grace and Peace shelter. If you'd like to help with this service opportunity, by either preparing food or contributing money for the meal, please contact Sally Cakouros (314-645-3036 or shcakouros@gmail.com).

Plan to join us on Saturday February 25, for a potluck supper and game night at Terri Dooley's clubhouse, 11 Colonial Village Court, 63119. RSVP to Terri at 314-963-9322 or chooselif7@juno.com.



At its simplest, Exodus is the story of a homecoming, a "crossing over" from bondage to freedom. But it is also the story of God's unwavering determination to fulfill His plan of salvation and blessing for the world. What is God up to in this world? And how do we experience it? Join us at Trio as we explore this foundational book together.



Trio Worship

Sanctuary - 5 p.m.
Sermon Series: Crossing Over | Exodus
Exodus 20:1-6
"No Idols" Eric Stiller preaching

Upcoming EquipCentral Menus

February 8	February 15	February 22
Sloppy Joes on Buns	Lasagna in Meat Sauce	BBQ Bacon Pork Chops
Macaroni and Cheese Casserole	Creamy Baked Corn	Pepperjack Potatoes
Garden Salad w/Ranch Dressing	Cunetto Italian Salad	Fiesta Salad
Rice Krispie Treats	Garlic Cheese Bread	Rolls
	Heart Sugar Cookies	Ginger Cookies

Reservations for the EquipCentral dinner must be made by noon on Monday. Please call 314-854-0125 or email equipcentral@centralpres.com to reserve your spot.

Congregational Care

As brothers and sisters in Christ we are all daily involved in congregational care. The wonderful ways members at Central care for one another is a blessing. Our staff is here to encourage and equip our members in caring for others, to come alongside those in need and to provide counseling, advice or referrals to community resources.

Please contact the office (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) on weekdays to request a visit or call from an elder, deacon, pastor or caring fellow member. Also call to let us know about births, hospitalizations or bereavements.

When there are emergencies after hours, call the church number and follow the instructions. Prayer requests may be put on the pink pew cards on Sunday morning or given to the church office, by phone or email to tduke@centralpres.com. Also, prayerful elders and women are available in the prayer room following services to pray with and for you.

The deacons provide counsel, referrals and assistance in addressing spiritual, financial, physical and other personal needs. You are invited to join them in serving on Sundays as an usher, greeter or driver. Let the office know of your interest or ways we might serve you.

La Casa de Central Report

Thanks to all who came to La Casa de Central last Sunday to support the senior high students traveling to Honduras to work with The Micah Project (<http://www.micahcentral.org>) in March! We are so grateful for your prayers and vital financial contributions to help send all forty students and leaders to serve the Micah boys. If you were not able to attend and would still like to support the two trips, please designate your giving as "SH Honduras Trip" and place it in the offering plate or send it to Melinda Dyk's attention at 7700 Davis Drive, Clayton, MO 63105.

Attention: DbD - Discipleship by Design

A new men's class will meet in Fellowship Hall this Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. after the EquipCentral dinner. Contact Ned Durham at 314-303-2050 or ndurham@me.com or just show up.



Next Harvest workday is this Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Come to New City Fellowship (3502 Grace Avenue, 63116) at 8:30 a.m. for a simple coffee fellowship and devotional. Get to know those with whom you'll be volunteering and then find out what your work assignment is. Please RSVP to april@ncfstl.org so we can plan accordingly. Questions? Contact deb-sommer@sbcglobal.net.



Missions Praise and Prayer Report



VERITAS

Kermit and Nicole Summerall

Veritas is the Latin word for truth. Truth is what Kermit and Nicole Summerall wish to bring to the campus of the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO. They want to bring to the students, on this

otherwise secular campus, the truth about Jesus Christ. They accomplish this goal through much hard work sponsoring Bible studies, establishing ministry teams and conducting large group meetings. Through this work, the students grow in their understanding and belief in Jesus Christ and learn how that belief has serious implications for their lives. Kermit and Nicole Summerall are ministering to these young college students, enabling them to embrace the truth – VERITAS.

Praises:

- God is drawing more and more students. We have had a record year as far as attendance and involvement go: about 250 students were involved and coming to hear God's Word taught and to worship; about 140 came on our fall retreat; and about thirty small groups are meeting all over campus (dorms, Greek houses, etc.) led by our staff and student leaders.
- God has grown our staff team. Although we started out with four staff in 2006, we now have eleven full-time staff focusing on college ministry.
- We are starting an overseas missions summer project for the first time this summer going to Nagoya, Japan with about ten students and three staff.

Prayer requests:

- Pray for God to raise the \$5,250 of needed support for each student going to Japan. We trust He will raise it despite a challenging economy.
- Pray for genuine conversions and for God to grow an authentic, life-time faith in our students that would cause them to love and serve the church for the rest of their lives.
- Pray for our fraternity and sorority ministry, which is seeking to connect more and more students to Christ through a weekly meeting called Vintage Greek.
- Pray for our family's personal support and that we would not have to take time off campus for support raising. We are in need of raising about \$800/month to get back to 100 percent support.

Pray, Give and Go!

Central Mission to the Philippines

This May we have an opportunity to encourage and minister alongside our missionaries in the Philippines. At our annual conference in Cagayan de Oro, Mindanao, we will meet with national workers who are ministering in very difficult islands off the mainland. We will pray with them, share in traditional Filipino meals and study the Word together. There will also be opportunity to meet with our PMI missionaries, Rene and Lani Quimbo. The trip is scheduled for May 17-27, 2012. We have space for three or four additional Central members who will join a group of twenty or so from St. Louis and around the U. S. Call Randy or Cari in the Missions Office at 314-854-0122 for more information. We need to hear from you soon to make airline reservations and other arrangements.

Report on the 2012 March for Life



"Christ died for us that we might live for Him"—and that's exactly what thirteen Central members did from January 22 to 24. With other evangelicals on Bus #7 in the Missouri Life caravan, we traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the 39th annual March for Life, marking the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. As those rescued by Christ—men and women, adults and teenagers, first-timers and veterans, we lived out the gospel by championing the

sanctity of human life and radiating Christ's love to others. The trip changed our lives and the lives of people we met. Read on—it may even change yours.

Our first stop was a small rally on the St. Louis riverfront. Among the speakers were Patrick and Jeannie Weston, our bus captain and his wife, who gave powerful testimonies about the abortions they had individually been responsible for in their youth and about their healing through acceptance of Christ's forgiveness. Patrick said that as a young man he had thought that abortion was right because it was legal. He hadn't realized that his country would sanction an activity that was morally wrong.

After worship time, get-acquainted time, a few stops, a hilarious Tim Hawkins video and a little sleep, we rolled into D.C.'s Union Station around 6 a.m. and prepared for a cool, rainy day. We listened to speakers in the "big meeting" organized by Missouri Right to Life and at the rally on the National Mall. Then, with hundreds of thousands of others, we walked eleven blocks to the Supreme Court building, where about fifty men and women from Silent No More told about their own abortions, many giving testimony of the healing they have received in Christ. Around 7:30 p.m. we headed home.

The real story of the day is not in the agenda itself, however, but in each individual's experience. During "open mic" time on Tuesday's bus ride home, we shared our impressions from the March. Jeannie Weston told about her interaction with a lone pro-choice demonstrator during the Silent No More testimonies. A beautiful young woman was holding a sign that Jeannie found particularly disturbing. But after learning the woman's traumatic story, Jeannie's anger toward her turned to compassion. The woman was right where the Lord had placed her to hear the gospel recounted over and over in the testimonies. After Jeannie silently prayed for this young woman, the woman's demeanor began to change as another woman with similar circumstances testified about her healing in Christ. Eventually, the young woman, by then tearful, accepted a comforting hug from Jeannie.

People's impressions of the day (much of the wisdom coming from the teenagers) reinforced the idea that work in the life arena involves much more than striving to overturn Roe v. Wade, more than the legal and ethical aspects of other biotechnological issues. Life deals with individual people. However, it goes beyond counseling women in crisis pregnancies to carry their babies to term; it involves helping to ensure that the babies born will have the homes and resources they need—whether they are raised by their birth mothers or in adoptive families. Life includes compassionately ministering to women and men who have chosen abortion. At its heart, life is treating each person as someone created in the image of God and loving and rescuing people as God has loved and rescued us.

Next year's March for Life will be on Friday January 25. Prayerfully consider whether God would like you to make this trip. But even before then, you can begin to get into Life. To learn how you might become involved, contact Central's Life team leader, Joe Stephens at jlbs123@hotmail.com or 314-727-2607. Fran Hamilton

Date Slate

Feb 28	Concert Series - Barbara Orland
Feb 29-Mar 3	Focus on Prayer weekend
Mar 10	Concert Series - Wheaton Women's Choral
Apr 7	West County Fellowship Easter celebration
Apr 8	Easter Sunday
Apr 20-22	Spring Storm - Pinecrest
Apr 21	Mission Weekend with Ravi Zacharias
May 4	Concert Series - Randy Mayfield

Sermon Availability

Dr. Doriani's sermon series on the Psalms from the winter and spring of 2011 is available as a seven-CD set of thirteen sermons. The price of the set is \$14 (it has to be sold as a set). To purchase, please can contact Mark Metcalf at dmdt16@gmail.com. There should be more sermon series CDs becoming available this spring.



Preserved Wisdom

There is also a website archive available called Preserved Wisdom. It includes many of the sermons preached by Central senior pastors stretching back to the 1980s (740 at current count.) You can access that site at www.preservedwisdom.com to stream or download the sermon audios of sermons delivered by Andy Jumper, Perry Mobley, Tim Brewer and Dan Doriani's sermons from 2003 - 2008. The printed manuscripts for many of these sermons are available as well. Lists are also available which categorize the sermons by pastor, date delivered and scripture references. These sermons are a rich resource to enhance your Bible study or devotions. We would like to add sermon summaries and discussion questions to each archived sermon. If you would like to help with that project, contact Bill Wichman at bwichman@centralpres.com.



Sunday February 12, 10 a.m. at the West County Family YMCA
16464 Burkhardt Place - Chesterfield

Series: Galatians: True Freedom

Sermon Title: Marriage - Burning Hot Daryl Madi preaching

West County Fellowship/Central Church

Needed: Part-Time Video and Media Person to

- produce video testimonies, sermon series trailer videos and promotional videos for worship service, DVDs and YouTube
- oversee video capture of WCF worship service each week, (including finding substitute in absence)
- train video capture volunteers on set up, operation, and troubleshooting of camera and peripheral devices
- create and maintain workflow process sheets as the system is developed

This job will require roughly ten hours per week at \$15 per hour. Contact Daryl Madi at dmadi@centralpres.com or 314-973-2857.

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