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May 12, 2019

Promptings

Dear Friends in Christ:

After long reflection, prayer, and consultation with my family, I believe the time has come to start down the road toward retirement as Senior Pastor of Central Baptist Church of Fountain City. Accordingly, I plan to retire effective November 17, 2019.

By then I will have served as your Senior Pastor for over eight years. From my perspective, the years have been filled with meaningful ministry, collaborative work with gifted and trusted colleagues, and friendships I cherish. Together, we have sought to foster the unity of the congregation, explore how to be church in the early twenty-first century, take responsibility for shaping the ministry of the congregation, and develop useful partnerships with Christ-centered ministries both near and far. I have tried to practice loving you with Christ-like love and to lead you to do the same in the church and in the larger world.

Over the next six months, I will continue to be your pastor. My hope is that we will use the time to prepare for a healthy transition. I certainly intend to work toward that goal in collaboration with the Administrative Council and ministerial staff. I trust each of you will lend your support as well.

Some of you may be asking: "Why now?" The answer is I've come to believe God has led me to the decision. Some months ago, I began to experience two strong intuitions. The first was that the particular tasks God had sent me to do in partnership with CBCFC were nearly done. The second was that our congregation would soon need a new Senior Pastor, one equipped by God to walk with the congregation in the coming years of its ministry. Being me, I tested the intuitions in a number of ways. Eventually, I acknowledged their validity. If I have tried to teach and model anything in my time here, it has been that we are called to "listen to him," that is, pay attention to and follow the leadership of Christ in our lives. I've chosen to try to practice what I have preached.

I admit doing so is not easy in this case! I am going to miss being your Senior Pastor, and I know nothing about how to practice the art of retirement. Pray for me!

Grace and I hope to remain active members of CBCFC. Come retirement, though, I will disappear for a while in order to clear the deck for your next Senior Pastor. Perhaps I will take the opportunity to visit a wide range of congregations (something I've not been able to do in the decades of my ministry). I certainly intend to take a sabbatical from active pastoral work, though in time perhaps God will allow me to assist ministers and congregations in various ways. Upon retirement, in accordance with long-established best practices among pastors, I will refrain from performing pastoral duties in relation to Central Baptist Church, so that your next Senior Pastor may more quickly bond with you by ministering to you in your times of joy and loss.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Senior Pastor, and know that I will treasure the experience for the rest of my life. The next leg of CBCFC's journey with Christ starts today, and I am glad we can walk together on it, at least for a little while.

Sincerely,
Michael A. Smith, Senior Pastor

Congratulations



Emily Coile
L&N Stem Academy



Lucas Dunn
Central High School



Ben McConnell
Central High School



Aaron Millard
Career Mgmt. Academy



Justin Mize
Central High School



Discipleship

CHURCHWIDE WEEKLY
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday at 9:15am

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE ACTIVITIES

DINNER at 5pm in Fellowship Hall May 15

Pulled Pork, Mac & Cheese, Potato Salad, Baked Beans,
Chocolate Chip Cookie

Make your reservation online or contact Debbie (dgolden@cbcfc.org
688-2421 or text to 315-7443) by 4pm Monday.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Preschool (4-5 yr. olds) ... 5:45pm—Music Time / 6:30pm—Missions

Grades 1-2..... 5:45pm—Small Groups / 6:30pm—Choir

Grades 3-6..... 5:45pm—Choir / 6:30pm—Kids in Motion

Preschool-Grade 5..... 7:15pm—Dismissal

Grade 6..... 7:00-8pm—Quest (Bible Study & Games)

Grades 7-12..... 6-6:30pm—Open Gym / 6:30-7pm—Free Time

7-8:45pm—LIFE (Bible Study & Small Groups)

MEDIA CENTER

Sunday, Wednesday

Sunday: 8:45am-10:20am; Wednesday: 9:30am-noon; 2-6:30pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE FOR ADULTS

Mid-Week Bible Study: 6:15pm • Chapel • Mike Smith

Adult Handbell Choir: 6pm • Sanctuary • Martha Robinson

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: 7:15pm • Music Suite • Bob Robinson

YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday, 11:30am

NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Throughout the month of May, please take a few moments to write some notes of encouragement for our Puerto Rico missionaries. Josh will collect them, take them with him, and give them to team members while on mission to keep their spirits up and let them know people at home are praying for them! There will be collection points at both worship spaces throughout the month.

Fellowship

MIDDLE SCHOOL PAINTBALL

Sunday, May 19

Our 6-8th graders will meet in the FLC at 1:30pm to go play paintball with leaders at Sir Goony's. We will return around 5pm. Cost is \$25/person. Simply bring money and a completed Sir Goony's waiver with you on Sunday afternoon. The waiver can be picked up in the youth space or downloaded from our website.

BARTER THEATER IN ABINGDON

Tuesday, May 21

Let's go see Shrek! Leave the Family Life Center at 9:45am and return around 6:30. Cost is \$40 for the play and transportation. Bring money for lunch. Call the FLC (688-1206) for reservations.

END-OF-THE-YEAR COOKOUT

Wednesday, May 22

Our youth and their families will wrap up the year with a cookout! Join us in the Family Life Center at 6:30pm as we eat an awesome dinner and preview the summer activities together.

KENTUCKY SPLASH

June 1

Our youth will meet in the FLC at 10am to spend the day at Kentucky Splash! Invite your friends to be a part of the event. They only need to fill out a Youth Activities Waiver to travel with us. Cost is \$20/person, which includes food and drinks for the day, and we will return at 5pm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 10-13

Join us each day 9:30am until noon. For children who turn three by August 15 through 5th grade. Register online at www.cbfc.org/resources/events or call the church office. We are collecting paper towel and toilet paper tubes for crafts during VBS. Please bring them to the box outside the Sanctuary or in the FLC.

NIGHT AT THE PARK

June 30

We are headed back to the Smokies Stadium! We have reserved the Pioneer Porch for a church family picnic before the Smokies Game! Picnic starts at 4pm and the game is at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$25/person and MUST be paid for by Sunday, June 2. Contact Josh (jbeeler@cbfc.org) to sign up, purchase tickets, or with any questions.

Missions & Ministry

WOMEN ON MISSION

Tuesday, May 21

We will meet in the Chapel at 10:30am. Our topic will be the Knox County Association of Baptists ministry program, Christian Women's Job Corp. Our ministry gifts for the women will be household cleaning items that cannot be purchased with food stamps.

VBS SNACK REQUEST

Adults who are not planning on participating in VBS have the opportunity to say *thank you* to all of the workers by providing a snack for them each day. There will be about 80 workers and snacks will be provided between 9:30 and 11:30am. Some suggested items are: fruit trays, veggies & dip, cookies, cupcakes, pretzels, potato chips, etc. A sign-up sheet will be in the Sunday School boxes. Thank you!

Ministry Team

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Worship & Stewardship

FACTS AND FIGURES

May 5, 2019

Church Membership	2069
Morning Worship Attendance	379
Preschool Worship	11
Sunday School Attendance	374

	Required	Received	Last Year
5/5/19	\$29,807.69	\$32,836.59	\$20,451.33
YTD	\$924,038.39	\$852,999.95	\$918,516.17

BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

Received to date	\$1,063,539.01
Loan Balance as of 5/1/19:	\$424,322.85

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

Easter Encore:

Who's Outside Your Circle?

Acts 11:1-8

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

Sunday at 10:30am (Preschool Area)

Six weeks to Pre-K children are cared for during the worship hour and led through age-appropriate curriculum.

To volunteer, contact Mary Bates: wlmfbates@comcast.net

May 12

Team Leader —

108B Lindsay Thomas

108C Nathan Hurley, Jessica Hurley

107C Ryan Poeung, Spencer Thomas

107A/B Janna Gadd, Alex Gadd

May 19

Team Leader — Sarah Norman

108B Charlene Darby

108C Andrea Wolfenbarger, Anna Wolfenbarger

107C Kristi Pendley, Olivia Jones

107A/B Wes Thomas, Ben Pendley

Family Info



SYMPATHY TO

Ann Brady in the loss of her mother, Edna Raper, grandmother to Logan & Lauren.

MEMBERSHIP RECORD April 1-30, 2019

Received by Baptism:

Annelise Brush

William Brush

Afton Howard

Transfer of Letter: Becky Smeltzer

Deceased: Cecil Campbell (4/8/19)

Staff April Anniversaries

David Flick • May 1 • 7 years

Stephen Taylor • May 1 • 1 year

Sherry Anthony • May 4 • 4 years

Cheyenne Duffy • May 4 • 5 years

Haley Gass • May 6 • 3 years

Julie Hartman • May 12 • 5 years

Jim Light • May 15 • 14 years

Bryana Liston • May 22 • 2 years

Rachel Phillips • May 22 • 2 years

THANK YOU

A thank-you card has been received from Justin Mize

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL

Stanley Martin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To Katherine Wright who turns 102 on May 20.

If you would like to send her a card, mail to

Elmcroft of Halls, Room 2213 • 7521 Andersonville Pike, 37938

To Kathryn Boruff who turns 100 on May 25.

You can send her cards to

179 High View Lane, Murray, KY 42071

Classic

May 12, 2019

Prelude	<i>Exaltation</i> Jubilation Ringers	Compton
Welcome to Worshipers		Dr. Mike Smith
Hymn No. 205	<i>Christ Is Alive</i>	
Parent/Child Dedication		Caroline Grace Jackson Born February 6, 2019 Daughter of Jonathan & Kristen Jackson
Hymn No. 687	<i>Would You Bless Our Homes and Families</i>	
Responsive Reading No. 47	<i>The Good Shepherd</i>	
Hymn No. 49	<i>As the Deer</i>	
Offertory	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	arr. Moglebust
Choral Worship	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>	arr. Forrest
Message	<i>Easter Encore</i> <i>The Lord Is My Shepherd</i>	Dr. Mike Smith
Hymn No. 33	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Toccata on "How Firm A Foundation"</i>	Murphree

Catalyst

Welcome to Worshipers		Dr. Mike Smith
	<i>Into the Light</i> <i>Depths</i> <i>Love Came Down</i>	
Parent/Child Dedication		Collins Marie Smith Born September 12, 2018 Daughter of Chris and Taylor Smith
		Elizabeth Claire Lewis Born January 23, 2019 Daughter of Kenneth and Julie Lewis
Scripture Reading	<i>Psalms 23</i>	
Offering and Prayer		
	<i>Lord I Need You</i>	
Pilot Short Story		
Message	<i>Easter Encore</i> <i>The Lord Is My Shepherd</i>	Rev. Josh Beeler
Response/Invitation		
	<i>I Will Follow</i>	