

pray

Everybody Welcome: Lunch Bunch—
July 9, Dine together at Tony's



Matthew 5

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;¹⁵ nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.



Wednesdays at 7 PM



The Julie Rogers “Gift of Life” will bring the Mammogram-mobile on **Wednesday, July 26** to serve registered, under-insured women in our community.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome Brian French
300 ***Praise Him! Praise Him!*** Dale LeBlanc
144 ***O Worship the King***
679 ***‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus***
Prayer Steve Pitts
509 ***I Will Sing the Wondrous Story***
John 6: 53-58 Jake Mallet
Communion and Offering
*Greg Guy
Steven Pitts
Noble Leggett
Kenneth Miller
Sid Temple

Children’s Lesson, Song & Prayer, then Children’s Church (Ages 3-10, and Age 2 welcome with a parent – Please follow Ms. Kathryn to the Youth Room)

Sermon Brian French
648 ***Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (vs. 1)***
414 ***Anywhere with Jesus***

Closing Prayer Chuck Reed

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and the Preacher Search Committee Spencer, Brian,
Terri, Karen, LaVerne, Steven, Chuck, Betty S., Bobby, & Dale,
— and the **Right Candidate and Family** to find us.

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For the benefit of all worshippers,
please silence all electronic devices during worship.

PARK CENTRAL CHURCH of CHRIST

A place where God is praised, lives are changed, needs are met, and friends are made!

Meeting Times

Sunday:

Bible Class 9:00 AM
Worship 10:00 AM

Everyone Welcome at building, with Caregroup #1 6:00 PM
Other groups meet in the area. See the LeBlanc or French families for information. Everyone Welcome!

Wednesday:

Women’s Bible Class 10:00 AM
Devo, then Coffee & Conversation 7:00 PM

GriefShare 7:00 PM

DivorceRecovery will Resume Sept. 6, 2017

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SERMON NOTES ~BRIAN FRENCH

July 9, 2017

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I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O most high.

~Psalm 9:1-3

Have you smiled today? I think I'm showing my age when I get excited about a butterfly landing on the window and I can see the butterfly and its shadow a few inches away. The dancing of the shadow coordinates with the butterfly's movements. The shadow is elongated and shortened, delicate and rhythmic and graceful. The butterfly and its shadow move together as one though they are two. It is a beautiful sight. Such a little thing makes me smile. Seeing my five year old granddaughter take off by herself on her first bicycle makes me smile. Seeing my granddaughter and grandson come out of school at the end of the day with smiles on their faces puts a smile on mine. A good football game and a good band performance make me smile. . . .and I wonder. . . .**WHAT MAKES GOD SMILE?** God smiles when we smile. A smile gives us a good disposition and that makes God smile. When we are happy, God is happy. God smiles when we do good. God smiles when we worship him in love and truth and understanding. How do we know God smiles? We know because God smiles and fills our hearts with peace and love and contentment and we are happy. We are refreshed. **THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.** (Psalm 118:24) Thank you, Jesus, for smiling down on me. Thank you, God, for all of your blessings of smiles. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for filling me with love. Amen.

~ Jean Gunn, 2009

FAMILY NEWS, NOTES & PRAYER REQUESTS

Alan King— who is home now and doing better.
Jimmy Snell—pray for healing assorted health issues, pain relief, & for Patsy too.
Norman and Betty Shannon & grandsons– Isaiah- awaiting the test on Sept. 5 to determine further treatments are required & family of Tyler, who died so recently.
Everett Sanderson- Has improved and appreciates continuing prayers.
Sheila Yancey— looking forward to getting better and beginning her rehab.
Sid Temple—recovering after pneumonia AND a bad fall. And for Peggy too.
Nelda Cooper's daughter Cathy Cooper is healing before another surgery. Pray.
Glenn Smith—pray for his health and wellbeing as he works long hours Carol too.

For ALL of our congregation who may be suffering illness, hospitalizations, hard times, or pain.

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Please continue to hold in your prayers:

Ina Sue Arnould, Gene Badgett, Beavers Family, Ronnie Beavers, Joann Bloodworth, Van Campbell, Van Cox, Harold & Martha Ann Dixon, Glenda Donnell, Shirley Duhon, Fruge Family, Alexis Green, Elaine Guy, James Handley, Jan & Carl Hunt's friend, Nan Gregg, Alan King, Jack Hyde & Pam Kingston, Shirley & Kim Knighton, Heather Knighton's co-worker, Lori Neumann, Diana Landry, Susan Lee's family, Allen Melton, Frances Messina, Judy Moore, Baby Tressie (Kaylani), Nichols Family, Pricilla Bertolio, Eretta Pettit, Margaret Pool, Leslie Reed's mother, Judy Brushaber, Needa Reed, Pam Romero, Isaiah Shannon, Frances Shoemaker, Carol & Glenn Smith and Carol's mom, Smiths' friend Melissa Carolle, Jim & Patsy Snell, Sid & Peggy Temple, Melody Temple, Norma Trahan.

ATTENDANCE Sunday 7/2/17 AM 78 PM 15 Wed 7/5/17 29

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MINISTRIES & OPERATIONS BUDGET

	Weekly	July MONTHLY to date	Year to Date	% -age
Actual Regular+ online reg	\$ 4,539.00	\$ 4,539.00	\$ 82,072.61	82.73%
2017 BUDGET	\$ 3,674.42	\$ 15,922.50	\$ 99,209.34	100.00 %
Over / -Under	+\$ 864.58	- \$ 11,383.50	-\$ 17,136.73	-

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Minister Search— How to Do It All Over Again— Real Soon!
or Seven Behaviors to Be Avoided

1. Put new Minister on a pedestal and fail to clearly define for him...these are the expectations we hold for you; and fail to commit to him: this is what we will do as a congregation.
2. Insist that he agree with me individually, ALWAYS. ...that MY OPINION be honored.
3. See to it that I am entertained!
4. Insist that the minister be available to me 24/7; after all, whose circumstances are more important than my own?
5. ... insist that the minister associate with my group only. ONLY. Be sure to take offense if your new minister is found working over there with "those people." Or even worse, if he calls on you to go over there and help him work with "those people."
6. So by all means insist that you know all the inside stuff and your feelings are hurt if your minister and leaders won't really include you.
7. By all means distrust your leaders and your search committee. Make sure that they know that you think that they are not doing a good job.

The hand of God is always acting when there is prayer, there is study, there is conversation, there is consideration, and there is trust. It will work the way it is supposed to work. It will happen. He was not speaking in this context but he meant the same thing, when Jesus said: "I will never leave you nor abandon you, you will have my spirit with you always," and that includes such tasks as finding a minister to fit the needs of this congregation. I wish you well. I have every confidence that it will work just the way it's supposed to work. I've seen it work successfully, and I have seen the reverse happen because the behaviors that I have described were practiced by a minority and so there was failure... I trust it will not happen here... I pray every day that it works well for you, and soon! ...Though the timing is not really in our hands is it?...

So we patiently wait. ~James Warner,

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