

# Welcome to First Central Baptist Church

## The Lord's Day Worship Services

March 6, 2010 — 6:00 pm

March 7, 2010 — 8:30 & 11:00 am

### Welcome & Prayer

### Worship in Song

### Welcome Visitors

(Dismissal of Junior Church—11 am only)

### Worship in Song

### The Lord's Table

### Message: "On the Way to the Cross Part 1 – Gethsemane."

Pastor Timothy Jones

**Scripture: Mark 14:32-42**

(Pew Bible p. 537)

### Response Song

### Offering

**Junior Church** is for children age 4 – grade 3 during the 11 am service. Children are dismissed from the sanctuary to Room 211 where they may be picked up after the service. **Our Nursery**, for infants and children through age 3, is located on the first floor opposite the elevator.

### Church Membership

Our next **Welcome Tour and Membership Information Class** is scheduled for Sunday, March 28 at 5 pm. If you are interested in becoming a member at First Central and/or want a tour of our building and more information regarding our ministries, please sign up on the back bulletin board. We'd love to meet you and show you around.

**Please note: if you have signed up for the membership class, there is a membership packet with your name on it in the foyer. In it are some forms for you to complete and return to the church office at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 592-5353.**



### Authentic Beauty

Teen girls retreat at Monadnock April 30 — May 2.  
See the insert for more information.



**There is also an event, Fresh Hope**, for women coming up on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Westfield Evangelical Free Church. Register by March 14<sup>th</sup> to receive a discount. Brochures can be found next to the Women's Bulletin Board.

**Community Christian School** in Westfield will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. This is a Christian School offering classes for K — grade 12. Kelli Housden is one of their teachers. If you are exploring educational alternatives for your child(ren) check them out. They are located at 39 South Broad Street, Westfield, MA. Call 413-564-0316 for more information.

**MOPS is this Tuesday — 9 am in the gym.** And join us every Tuesday for a play date. Bring riding toys or another favorite toy of your child's. **Note:** April 6 will be the last play date.

## Week at a Glance

Sun 7	Mon 8	Tue 9	Wed 10	Thurs 11	Fri 12	Sat 13
Worship 8:30 & 11 am		MOPS 9 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal 5:45 pm  AWANA, Teens, Visitation, Women's Bible Study, Prayer	Ladies' Bible Study 9:30 am		Pillow Power Ladies Sewing Event 10 am
Sunday School 9:45 am		Lord's Pantry 6 pm	<b>ALL meet at 6:30 PM</b>	Celebrate Recovery 7 pm		Worship Service 6 pm
Evening Worship 6:30 pm		Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	Worship Team Rehearsal 7:45 pm	Trustees Meeting 7 pm	Co-Ed Volleyball 8 pm	<b>Daylight Saving Time Begins!</b> (2 am Sunday)

### Coming Events...

<b>Mar</b>	14	3 pm	Nursing Home Ministry — Chapin Center
	14	5:15 pm	Praying Parents
	15	6 pm	Scrapbooking
	18	7:30 pm	Men's Prayer Meeting — Jarvis's
	20	Noon	Senior Saints Luncheon
	23	7 pm	Women's Leadership Prayer Meeting — Ondrick's
	28	5 pm	Welcome Tour and Membership Class
	29	6 pm	Missions Committee Meeting
<b>Apr</b>	2	7 pm	Good Friday Service
	3/4		Easter Celebration Services
	4		No evening service

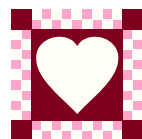


**DON'T FORGET!!! Set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour this Saturday night before you go to bed. We don't want Pastor Tim all by himself at the 8:30 service next Sunday! ☺**

**Helen Miller and Anne Smith** thank you for all of the prayers and cards in the recent passing of their sister, Lorraine Cote.

**It is wonderful** to have such loving and caring support of my church family. Thank each of you for the cards, calls and kind words for my birthday. It is such an encouragement.  
— Muriel Groskreutz

**Join us for Senior Saints** on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. We'll start with a pot luck luncheon, so bring a dish to share. Dave Adams is our speaker this month. Come out for some good fellowship!



**Pillow Power!** All ladies are invited to a day of quilting/sewing to benefit the Ronald McDonald House as well as a local women's shelter. **This coming Saturday ~** March 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 10 to 3 in the gym. \$5.00 covers cost of lunch. See the Women's bulletin board for all of the exciting details and to add your name to the list.  
Contact Lisa Galaska or Lee Lamagdeleine for additional information.

## Pastor's Corner for Weekend of March 6/7

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and God Bless in the name of our Risen Savior Jesus the Christ. I pray that you had an amazing week full of God's grace. I also pray that those who are participating in the fast were able to be strong and grow in the Lord during this first week. I know that it was difficult but I trust that God was able to speak to you throughout this first week and that you have grown closer to our Savior. Just a reminder, starting tomorrow we will no longer be doing a "Daniel Fast;" for the remainder of our fast we'll be fasting 8 hours a day, Monday – Saturday. It sounds like a daunting task but I know that God's Spirit will see us through. If you have to eat for medical reasons, please eat! We must always use wisdom when attempting any sort of fast. Also, as I mentioned during the announcements all of the previously scheduled church events that include food (i.e. Senior Saints Luncheon, Pillow Power, etc.) will go on as planned.

I am very much looking forward to what God is going to do in the next couple of weeks. Today we will begin to turn our eyes more directly towards the cross as we prepare to celebrate Resurrection Sunday on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Starting today in our sermon series entitled "On the Way to the Cross," each week we will stop at a different place along Jesus' way to the cross and see what God would have us learn at each location. I'm already excited about what God will speak to us in the coming weeks. Nothing we go through is ever large enough to take our eyes away from the cross of Calvary. Anything that we will ever have to endure pales in comparison to what our Savior, Jesus endured on the cross.

More...

## Response Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children at home: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please print clearly. Additional information on reverse side.

We will safeguard your information and will never sell it.

During our Sunday evening services we will take some time to reflect on our week of fasting and prayer. The message will be focused on the Devotional Theme for that previous week and we will also have a time of testimonies to what God has done through the fast for us that week. Please make an effort to come out and spend some “family time” with your other brothers and sisters in Christ who are traveling on this journey with you.

Finally, I want to say what a joy it has been to be a part of this beautiful congregation. This Sunday actually marks my one year anniversary as a pastor here at First Central! It is amazing how fast time flies. A year ago I certainly did not think I’d be where I am today but Praise God that He is always in control and that He knows tomorrow long before it ever happens. Thank you First Central for all of your love, support, and prayers; Nelly, Sofia and I greatly appreciate everything that you’ve done for us!

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen” Jude 24, 25

Pastor Tim

**Giving back to God:**

DATE	ACCOUNT	BUDGET	GIVING
Year to Date:	General	\$84,654	\$74,182
	Missions	26,154	20,698
	Development	6,921	8,106
	Total	\$117,729	\$102,986

*Reminder: Giving is reported the first weekend of each month, reporting the year-to-date giving through the end of the previous month.*

**Youth News and Events**

- **Operation SonShine** — March 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30 – 2 PM
- **Youth-Led Service** — March 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday evening
- **Tag Sale** — coming in May! Start cleaning out those closets.

**Operation Hope Tote** – Springfield Rescue Mission’s outreach to area homeless men, women and children — continues through March.



**Just fill a bag (any plastic bag will do) with items like:**

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| Toothbrush and toothpaste    | Brush and comb      |
| Soap/Body Wash               | Tissues             |
| Shampoo and conditioner      | Shoelaces           |
| Deodorant                    | Hand or body lotion |
| Lip balm                     | Disposable razor    |
| Socks, underwear and t-shirt | Shaving cream       |

Family-sized, regular size and travel sizes are all needed. Return filled bags to the basket in the foyer. Give homeless people “hope to hold on to.”



**Keys:** A key ring with a several keys on it was found here recently. It includes what appear to be both car keys and house keys and a few others as well as a Stop & Shop card. If these are yours, please contact the church office at 592-5353.

**Attention Borrowers:** Please remember that before any item is borrowed from the church, a request form needs to be completed **and approved**. This includes tables, chairs and some kitchen items. Not all property in the church building is available to borrow; in fact, not all property belongs to First Central. We have had two instances recently where items, not belonging to the church, were taken without permission, a fan used for drying the floor and a pump-pot (for coffee). One has since been returned, one is still missing and we are liable for its cost if not returned. **PLEASE** do not take anything without first requesting permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

Status	Age Group	I would like:	Please check one
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior High	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-17	<input type="checkbox"/> Church mailings *	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior High	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-30	<input type="checkbox"/> To be baptized	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular attender
<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> 31-39	<input type="checkbox"/> To become a member	<input type="checkbox"/> Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Married	<input type="checkbox"/> 40-55	<input type="checkbox"/> To talk to a pastor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> 56-65	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>To request a CD or tape (circle one) of this week’s sermon. (Be sure to fill out other side.)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Widow/Widower	<input type="checkbox"/> 66 +	<input type="checkbox"/> More information about: (use lines below)	

\* Please be sure to provide your email address on the other side.

**Prayer Request/Questions/Praises/Comments:**

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Adult Sunday School Class Options			
Group	Topic	Location	Teacher
Mixed Adults	Favorite Chapters of the Bible	Lower Fellowship Hall	Joe Martin
	A Biblical View of the Near East	Conference Room — Room 201	Ken Brooks
	“Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate,”	Gym — 3rd Floor	Team
Women	John — Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God	3rd Floor Classroom	Lynn Johnson

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*Where GOD is first...and people are central.*

Pastor Timothy Jones  
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