

## The Central Message

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
<b>Announcements</b>	Rusty Gregg				
<b>Song Service</b>	Bryan Morrow	Paul Ragland	Garry Griffith	Bryan Morrow	Paul Ragland
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b>	Mike Keith	Tom Butler	Keith Welder	Kevin Gardner	Mike Keith
<b>Scripture &amp; Prayer</b>	Beau Burris Danny Coggin	Randy King Johnny Triplett	Clint Butler Mike Brandon	Wayne Simpson Randy King	Allan Glidewell David Blalock
<b>Communion</b>	Mike Brandon Kenny Johnston	Luke Thomason Jeremy Blackwell	Tom Butler Kevin Gardner	David Brown Paul Ragland	John Green Sudhir Mendiratta
<b>Dismissal Prayer</b>	Jeff Clabough Chuck Bonine	Todd Satterfield Easton King	Roger Fort Rusty Gregg	Joshua Satterfield Joe Womac	Jerry Bancroft Thomas Richmond
<b>Ushers AM &amp; PM</b>	Jim Lupo Greg Turner	Bucky Bancroft Gary Eversole	Jim Lupo Greg Turner	Bucky Bancroft Gary Eversole	Jim Lupo Greg Turner
<b>Nursery AM service</b>	Pam Graham Sheila Jones	Mai Ellis Melanie Lawhon	Holli Carroll Cheri Swafford	Norma Kendrick Kristy McCracken	Carol Guhne Jannie Mendiratta
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Dale & Joyce Hester				
<b>Donuts &amp; Coffee Fellowship</b>	Robert & Pam Graham	Franklin & Renee Haney	Rusty & Kathy Gregg	Bob & Lisa Murray	Holli Carroll

If you are unable to pick up the donuts, please be sure to find a replacement. They are prepaid and ready for pick up at Dunkin Donuts by 8:30 a.m. each Sunday. The coffee is already prepared so the doughnuts just need to be set out. Thanks so much!

**Serve Lord's Supper:** Ted Gobble, Kevin Caylor, Jared Johnston, Ryan Loftis, Trevor Cartwright, Todd Satterfield, Franklin Haney, Ralph Blair



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### Schedule of Services:

#### Sunday

Coffee & Donut Fellowship.....9:00 a.m.  
Morning Classes .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Study: .....6:30 p.m.



September 2019

### *Reflections from Ryan*

**Minister**  
Ryan Ary

**Associate Minister**  
Bill Johnston

**Shepherds**  
Tom Butler  
Kevin Gardner  
Mike Keith  
Keith Welder

#### The Most Repeated Sermon Ever Preached

In Matthew chapters 5 through 7 we have recorded for us the greatest sermon ever preached. We know it as the Sermon on the Mount. Most Christians are familiar with the sermon. Most in fact can quote different verses or can tell you the gist of the sermon. However, I have observed two different aspects of this sermon. One, it's hard not to just keep reading it. It's one of those readings that once you start, you can't stop. It draws you to it like a bug in a bug zapper (*although you're not getting zapped, necessarily*). Two, I feel guilty when I read it. Why? Because my attitude, thoughts and actions don't measure up to what Jesus is preaching. It's like 1 Corinthians 13.

Now don't misunderstand what Jesus is preaching. He isn't giving us a detailed message and expecting us to follow perfectly. He knows that we can't. He knows that we need Him in our lives. Isaiah 64.6 reminds us that the best we have to offer God is filthy rags. That's our best. However, that doesn't mean that we aren't expected to intentionally pursue a certain life on this earth. We are the church, the called-out people of God, a holy people (Deut 7.61 Pet 2.9). From the very beginning of time one of His purposes for us, was for us to be different than the world around us. To stand in contrast to the value system of the world. In Leviticus 18.1-4, God told the people of Israel soon after He had rescued them from Egyptian slavery that He was their God that they shall not do as the people did in Egypt or Canaan. He said you shall keep My statutes, My ordinances, He says I am the Lord your God (Lev 18.-4).

Through the centuries to follow after that appeal of God to his people, they kept forgetting their uniqueness as the people of God. We read in Psalm 106.35 (*a Psalm dedicated to the goodness of God*) that the people mixed with the nations around them and learned to do as they did. In 1 Samuel 8 we see the people of God wanted a king to be like the nations around them. This theme runs throughout the story God has saved for us. And so, God kept sending prophets, messages, warnings, signs, prophecies to remind the people who they were and plead with them to follow His way. It truly was the most repeated sermon ever to be proclaimed and it didn't stop in the Old Testament.

This is what we have in the sermon on the mount. It is once again a plea from God for His people to be different. The people of God are not to take their cue from the world around them but from Him and in doing so we prove that we are truly children of God. One key phrase you will see when you read this amazing sermon is "do not be like them" or "you must not be like" (Matthew 6). It sounds a lot like what God said to Israel, "you shall not do as they do".

The heart of the people of God hasn't changed much in the last few hundred years. We continue to struggle with denying ourselves to follow Him, with loving our enemies, doing good to all people, loving all people and loving God more than anything. We have the same call and reminder to truly be the light of this world. Our everyday challenge is to be radical followers of Jesus. The best things about it, God has put His spirit in us (2 Cor 1.22) to help us, to guide us and to empower us to live for Him!

-Ryan Ary

### Times Of Service:

#### Sunday

Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 AM  
Bible Study - 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship - 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship - 5:00 PM

#### Wednesday

Bible Study - 6:30 PM

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## From Your Shepherds

To: Our Central Family:

Welcome to September!! This month typically brings us lower humidity, cooler nights and bright sunny days. It is amazing how God's creation brings us winter, spring, summer and fall. Winter---bleak and cold; spring---planting, warmth and beauty; summer---growth of food and fiber; fall---harvest time and beautiful color as our environment transitions into winter. September brings that special feeling we get as we see relief from the summer heat and humidity. Let us think on the fact that God created it all and we can understand that God has always existed and will always exist. This leads us to understand the importance of loving God and showing our love through obedience to his Word. Our greatest desire is to please Him!

We are blessed to have such a loving and caring church family at Central. Let us all do what we can to keep it that way by always maintaining these characteristics with humbleness and considering others as more important than ourselves.

On August 25, Ryan delivered an excellent lesson dealing with culture and the effect that various cultural things can make our Christian life difficult and spreading the word even more difficult. He has promised more lessons from Christ's "Sermon on the Mount." It is exciting and important that we all focus on Matthew 5-7 for these important lessons. Read & Study, Read & Study, Read & Study..... for this series.

The summer has been hot but we have been blessed with an excellent summer series, the beginning of "summer of service" activities and many other good things.

The current focus of the eldership involves addition of elders, additional deacons and the search for a youth minister. Please pray that these efforts will bear good fruit.

We are fortunate to have the Kent O'Donnell family from New Zealand with us during this fall season. They will travel a lot to report to their supporters and spread the truth. Pray for them and get to know them during this endeavor. Thanks to Jerud & Essie Blake that are currently hosting them.

We ask that each of us to think and pray about our role as a child of God and a part of God's Kingdom, Christ's body, the church, and our congregation. Practice love, caring and humbleness as we endeavor to spread the truth about God's Word in our community and other areas in the world.

The elders want to express appreciation for all of your love and support.

Let us all.....be **One** in the Lord. In **One** Mind, **One** Love, **One** Attitude and **One** Purpose.

### Central's Benevolent Ministry

Our Local Benevolence Ministry helped **38 families** which included **122 people** during in the month of August.

A huge thank you to all that have donated food and/or money to the benevolence fund!

*Please let Ronny Bayless know if you would like to help.*

### Our Records For Last Month

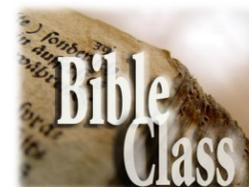
	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Sun Morning Bible Study	190	210	198	178
Sun Morning Worship	323	334	320	304
Sun Evening Worship	112	--	104	Sunday Of Service
Contribution	\$11,128	\$12,070	\$10,848	\$10,021
Wed Evening Bible Study	168	183	191	



- ◆ **1st:** Garden Plaza Worship at 3:00
- ◆ **2nd:** Office Closed - Labor Day
- ◆ **7th:** MUD RUN - Central Challengers
- ◆ **8th:** New Treehouse Rotation - Team Dava
- ◆ **28th:** CENTRAL CONNECT - Homeless Shelter
- ◆ **29th:** CENTRAL CONNECT - Sunday of Service
- ◆ **29th:** New Treehouse Rotation - Team Kim

- **Sunday in the Summit** - 5:00 pm in the Summit
- **Fall Youth Retreat at Camp Neyati** Nov 1st - 3rd  
Sign up by Oct 13th.  
Cost: \$30 per person  
Middle School, High School & College
- **CYC** Feb 28th - March 1st  
40 tickets available  
Cost: \$60 per person

Please sign up for these events on the Youth Activities Board or in the Summit



## FALL BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE Starting September 1st



### Sunday Morning

- Ryan Ary** - NFH  
Jesus Outside the Lines
- Bill Johnston** - Auditorium  
Foundations - Exodus
- John Rodriguez** - OFH  
Marketing the Church
- Darrell Morgan** - Training Room  
The Book of Matthew - Part III

### Wednesday Evening

- Luke Thomason** - Training Room  
"The Church We Love" - Study of Acts
- Thomas Richmond** - OFH  
Study of the Inter-Testament Period
- Ryan Ary** - NFH  
Praise and Prayer
- Mike Keith** - College Classroom  
College Class / Young Professionals