

Romans 5:1-11 (CEB)

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness combined with our faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God’s glory. ³ But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, ⁴ endurance produces character, and character produces hope. ⁵ This hope doesn’t put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. ⁷ It isn’t often that someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good person. ⁸ But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ So, now that we have been made righteous by his blood, we can be even more certain that we will be saved from God’s wrath through him. ¹⁰ If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son while we were still enemies, now that we have been reconciled, how much more certain is it that we will be saved by his life? ¹¹ And not only that: we even take pride in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, the one through whom we now have a restored relationship with God.

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Welcome

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Central is a family church, with generations of families making their home here. Central is also a mission-oriented church, sharing the love and good news of the gospel with one another, our neighborhood, our community, and the world, as you will see throughout our ministries, events, and announcements for this week. We would love to be your church home. If you are here just for the day, we pray God’s blessings on your journey!

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. Combined Communion Service

Sunday School: (Classes for all ages) 10:45 a.m.

Chancel Choir: Wednesday 6:15 p.m. - Choir Room

Prayer: Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Emmaus Prayer Group - Parlor

Quilting: Thursday 9:00 a.m. - FaHoLo Room

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES THIS WEEK

Food Pantry: Monday & Thursday 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Rack Shack: (used items/clothes) Monday & Thursday 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Power Basketball: (Jr. High Age) Thursday 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Power: (Neighborhood Children ages 5-11) Wednesday 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

MEETINGS & FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 4

Sunday	10:35 a.m. Fall Festival Volunteer Meeting – Parlor 5:00 p.m. Shalom Dinner – St. Lucas
Monday	10:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting – Church Office 5:45 p.m. Unbinding the Gospel Meeting – Church Office
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Nomination and Development Mtg. – Library
Wednesday	5:30 p.m. Volleyball – FLC
Thursday	6:00 p.m. Fall Festival Task Force Mtg. – Church Office
Saturday	8:00 p.m. N.A. Meeting – Trinity Room
Sunday	10:30 a.m. Suzy Daugherty Honored – Parlor

Attendance August 21	203
Budget Envelope Giving Last Week	\$4,536
Needed Weekly	\$6,438
Giving Year-To-Date	\$210,738
Needed Year-to-Date	\$218,892



HOSPITALIZED Jake Lowey



DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL Jane Schmitt Elveda Beal

PRAY FOR OUR NEW CHURCH CLUSTER

SUZY DAUGHERTY TO BE HONORED NEXT SUNDAY

There will be cake and ice cream in the parlor to honor Suzy Daugherty next Sunday immediately following worship. We appreciate her dedication and work with the youth of Central for 14 years. Please join us as we recognize and honor her.

FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER MEETING TODAY AT 10:35

There will be a brief meeting right after worship (10:35) today in the Parlor seating area for folks who want to know how they can help on this year's church booth at the Fall Festival (October 3-8). The church is taking primary responsibility for the booth and will receive most of the proceeds from it. We need lots of volunteers to help in preparation for the week and to help in the booth.

SEPTEMBER 11 DOWNTOWN MEMORIAL SERVICE 5:30

The Editor of the Evansville Courier and Press will be the featured speaker at a Memorial Service for the 10th Anniversary of the 9-11-01 terrorist attacks, to be held at the Four Freedoms Monument on Riverside Drive at 5:30 p.m. on September 11. "Unity and Peace" is the theme of this event, sponsored by the Downtown Ministers Association, to which the whole community is invited. In addition to the major address by Mizell Steward III, there will be singing and prayers by area people from several different faith groups. After the service people are invited to stay for fellowship and picnic-style food, provided by different churches. In case of rain, the service and fellowship will be held at First Baptist Church, 320 Cherry St. Call there (425-8296) for details.

BRING PAPER GOODS FOR PANTRY SEPTEMBER 4

This month's "First-Sunday Collection" item is "Paper Goods" On September 4 please bring in paper goods for our food pantry. You may also give by cash or check (to "Central UMC" noting "Food Pantry").

LAST TRINITY AUGUST CONCERT TODAY

Trinity UM C has its last "Arts in August" concert today at 3:00 p.m. It features organ music by Dr. Douglas Reed, Professor Emeritus at University of Evansville. The bulletin board has details.

Church Women United Fall Forum

Friday, September 9 from 9-11:00 a.m. at Aldersgate

ONE SPECIAL SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 11

Since September 11 is not only the 10th anniversary of the devastating day but also a Sunday, the Worship Team felt we should come together in worship for a special service as we remember the pain and look to our faith as to how to move forward. Much planning has gone into the combined service to make it a meaningful and special service. The choir will contribute on their first Sunday back.

TIME SET TO WATCH THE HELP

A group of us will be going to see the movie **The Help** on Monday, August 29th at Showplace East. Starting time is 3:40 p.m., so please arrive by 3:30 p.m. if possible. For more information, please contact Nancy in the church office.

KEN MEDEMA IN CONCERT TODAY

Musician, composer and performer Ken Medema is giving a free concert today at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 2227 West Michigan Street. Please call 425-1522 for free tickets. This is an outstanding opportunity to hear one of the most respected church musicians of our time. Sorry we were not able to share this earlier.

JEWISH CHRISTIAN RELATIONS DISCUSSED TODAY

Rabbi Michael Cook, professor of Judaeo-Christian Studies at Hebrew Union College speaks today at Temple Adath B'nai Israel, 8440 Newburgh Road, Evansville. Refreshments begin at 1:30 p.m., with the 2:00 p.m. lecture and discussion focusing on "If Jewish History Goes in Cycles, Where Are We Today – Regarding Roman Catholics, Liberal Protestants, Evangelicals & Muslims?" After the discussion, Cook will answer questions and sign his book, *Modern Jews Engage in The New Testament*.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME BOWL-A-THON

The Youth Home will be having its 2nd Annual Bowl-A-Thon at AMF Arc Lanes on Saturday, September 10 at 2:00 p.m. More information and applications are on the bulletin board and in the Church Office. Registration is due by September 1 and there are also sponsorships available. If interested in sponsorships, donating a door prize or becoming a bowler, please call the Youth Home at 479-7535.