

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PASTOR

I didn't expect my life to change; it was just an ordinary youth group trip to a place I can't even remember now. What I do remember is the devotional given a few days into the trip by John Steelman about being ashamed of the gospel. The short devotional presented at night just before we went to bed hit me between the eyes. Bro. John spoke of how Paul wasn't ashamed of the gospel, and then he asked each of us in the youth group if we were ashamed of the gospel of Christ. The question pierced my heart and drove me to honesty before my peers and then to honesty before the Lord. I was ashamed to admit it, but I had let pride make me ashamed to speak about Christ to others.

I didn't go straight to my hotel room after the group session ended. I walked around the hotel grounds having a personal heart talk with the Lord. I confessed my controlling pride, telling the Lord I wanted to change. In words louder than audible sounds, the Lord had said, "Mike, if you don't surrender everything to Me, you'll never become what I want you to be!" I didn't know what He wanted me to be, but I was ready for whatever it was. I rededicated myself completely to Christ and from that time forward my spiritual life deepened and changed. What happened that night led me to where I am today.

The experience on Central Baptist Church's youth group trip years ago placed me on a path the Lord used to bring me to where I am today. This month, I begin a ministry of serving as the pastor of Central. I am convinced this is part of what the Lord had in mind years ago when He spoke to me on that private walk.

I'm glad I said yes to the Lord and am so grateful He called me to Central as your pastor. A wise person once said, "There is someone on the other side of our obedience." There is "someone" God will transform us into, and there is "someone" around us that God wants to transform through our acts of devotion. God has us all on a trip to being the person He wants us to be. May we say "yes" to His leading, and may He be glorified in our obedience.

Gratefully yours,
Bro. Mike

Christian Ladies Fellowship
Monday, March 13
6:30pm
Central Baptist Church - Gym
Program - Lori Silvey
All ladies are invited to attend!
Mexican potluck. Bring your favorite Mexican dish.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT
Monday, March 13
6:30pm
Big Jakes
1521 Arkansas Blvd.
Texarkana, AR

Golden Girls' Bible Study
Tuesday, March 14
11:45am
Home of Kathy Heagwood
38 Sugar Ridge Ln.
Texarkana, AR
Lunch will be provided.

Worship Leader Cory Fothergill

*"Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!*

*Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.*

*Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised..."

—Psalm 96:1-4a, ESV

What a great joy and encouragement it has been for me to be a part of our times of musical worship the past several weeks and months! Sometimes I just put the mic down so I can hear you instead of me and it is truly a blessing for me to see and hear you "sing to the Lord".

You have even embraced singing a "new song" from time to time, or even singing an old song in a slightly different way. I am grateful for your willingness to learn as we strive to always be growing in our congregational singing.

As the passage above tells us, the result of our singing songs of praise (and hearing God's Word preached) is a desire to tell others about salvation—The Gospel! We are also to give testimony about His glory and all His marvelous works. I pray that this would be evident in us as we go out from week to week after our services and tell others about Jesus and how great He is and the great things He has done.

I pray also that we continue to have great singing together in services—both Wednesday and Sunday. If you know a harmony, sing it out! If you're singing the melody, sing it out! Not for my sake or yours, but for the Lord. We sing for Him—"For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!"

May God richly bless you this month of March.

For His Glory,

Bro. Cory

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Couples Shower
HONORING
TRENTON & CAROLINE
Green

SATURDAY
MARCH 11TH, 2023
dinner at 5:30 p.m.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
(in gym/multipurpose building)
2117 E 35TH
TEXARKANA, AR 71854

RSVP BY MARCH 8TH, 2023
SAVANNAH (903) 277-4647 (call or text)

REGISTERED AT
POTTERY BARN AND TARGET
(gifts not required)

Hosted by:
Savannah Scarlett, Debbie Powers, Amanda Green, Lauren Roy, Jale Jones,
Vickie Dunn, Cys Adams, Sydney Rice, Pam Douglas, Jale Alford


Wednesday, March 15 @ 7:30pm
Quarterly Business Meeting
in Worship Center after Bible Studies.

March

SPRING
FORWARD
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			6:30pm Awana 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study		6:00am Men's Friday Study Group	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			6:30pm Awana 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study Need RSVP for Couples Shower for Trenton & Caroline Green		6:00am Men's Friday Study Group	Couples Shower for Trenton & Caroline Green in gym
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Daylight Saving Time Lord's Supper	6:30pm CLF 6:30pm Men's Night Out	11:45am Golden Girls home of Kathy Heagwood	6:30pm Awana 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study Quarterly Business Meeting after Bible studies		6:00am Men's Friday Study Group  St. Patrick's Day	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			6:30pm Awana 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study		6:00am Men's Friday Study Group	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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Staff

Bro. Mike Silvey, Senior Pastor
Bro. Cory Fothergill, Worship Leader
, Youth Minister
Stephanie Columbus, Administrative Assistant
Jennie Jones, Pre-School Ministry
Mandy Gibson, Nursery Coordinator

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday

SMBS 9:00am
Morning Worship 10:00am

Wednesday

Awana (K- 5th grades) 6:30pm
Youth (6th - 12th grades) 6:30pm
Bible Study (Adult) 6:30pm

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Central Baptist Church,
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Men's Friday Study Group
Fridays @ 6:00am
Fellowship Hall
Central Baptist Church
2117 E. 35th St.

Study of "BE Alive"
by Warren W. Wiersbe
Books are \$10