

# NEWSLETTER



## Pastor Mike Silvey

This past month we bought a new house, and for those of you who might be wondering, yes, it is on the Arkansas side! (Go, hogs! 😊)

I can still remember our first home purchase many years ago, and how stressful it felt to sign your name to the bottom line of a huge debt. Being at my first church with a brand-new ministry, a brand-new house, and a brand-new baby, I had honest doubts about making the monthly payments. We did make it, and today, I would love to have that first house payment back!

We survived those first years of financial challenges because God provided for us and guided us. At first, we didn't manage our finances completely according to God's principles. We learned some things the hard way. We learned that God's Word speaks a lot about finances. An expert on money matters, Larry Burkett, calculated there are 1,600 verses in the Bible which speak about money. That's more verses in the Bible speaking about money than about heaven or hell. God speaks so much about finances because so much of our lives intersect with money. Dave Ramsey has rightly said, show me your

checkbook or bank account and I'll show you what's really important in your life.

Financial problems and stress can sink a family. According to Larry Burkett, "of the couples who end up getting a divorce, every survey shows between 85-90 percent of them say that the number one problem they were having was finances."

God wants to take the stress out of our financial life, and so He has given financial guidelines to follow. These guidelines bring order to our finances and instill a sense of control. These principles work when you're starting out and when you're finishing up. They work when finances are tight and when wealth is being enjoyed.

At Central in August, we will offer a financial sermon series called *"Putting Your Money Where Your Bible Is."* Yes, our finances are personal, and it's your choice what you do with your money. But our money is God's money. He is giving us all we have. When you follow His ways, God is honored and you and your family are blessed, inside and out!

Bro. Mike

## Worship Leader - Cory Fothergill

Just a few updates this month on some music ministry things happening:

First, we plan to begin adding some instrumentation to our worship team, and rehearsals for that will begin this month. I

believe this will enhance our times of musical worship, as well as provide more opportunities for service for our membership.

Secondly, choir rehearsals will begin on **Sunday, September 10**. We will begin planning and rehearsing for the Christmas season, and even possibly preparing a few other non-seasonal songs to present as special music in the fall. Please mark that date on your calendars and plan now to be a part of our choir! We would love to have as many as possible to come and join us.

Finally, thanks to all of you for your prayers and concern during the time I was out sick. It is so comforting to know that I have a church family who cares for me and my family. You are all loved and appreciated.

Enjoy your month of August, and I'll see you on Sunday as we gather to worship and serve the Lord together!

In His Service,

Bro. Cory





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Christian Ladies' Fellowship

Monday, Aug. 14  
6:00pm @ Monjunis  
511 E. 51st St., Texarkana, AR

Reservation is for 6pm.



SUNDAY, AUGUST. 20

**Awana** TRAINING

3-6PM  
GYM

## MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Monday, Aug. 14

6:30pm

Wing Stop

4444 West 7th St.

Texarkana, TX 75501

(by the old KMart)



Golden Girls will resume Bible Study on  
Tuesday, Aug. 15 @ 11:45am  
in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be studying "Contagious Joy."

Books will be available that day or you can see  
Stephanie to get your copy.

Lunch will be provided.

Sunday, August 13

There will be an **Awana**

worker meeting & anyone  
interested in volunteering is  
encouraged to attend.

It will take place in the Worship Center  
immediately after morning worship.

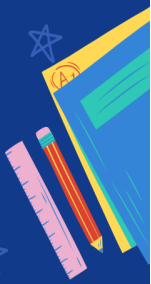
BACK TO  
SCHOOL  
BASH



WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 23

6:30PM  
K-5TH GRADE

\*Parents, be sure to  
register your kiddos for  
Awana that night.  
Our Awana program  
kicks off the following  
Wednesday, August 30.



# August



# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			6:30pm Friends & Heroes 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:15am Deacon's Meeting Shoeboxes due			6:30pm Friends & Heroes 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:15am Finance Comm. Meeting Awana worker & volunteer meeting - in WC after service	6:00pm CLF 6:30pm Men's Night Out	11:45am Golden Girls Bible Study @ Central	6:30pm Friends & Heroes 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
3:00-6:00pm Awana training in Gym			6:30pm Back to School Bash 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study			
27	28	29	30	31		
			5:30pm Meals begin 6:30pm Awana begins 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study			





## Staff

Bro. Mike Silvey, Senior Pastor  
Bro. Cory Fothergill, Worship Leader  
Bro. Rustin Green, Interim 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

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

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