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San Antonio, Texas



CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

WORSHIP, CONNECT, SERVE

*Experiencing life abundant
through **worshipping** God,
connecting with each other
and the community, and
serving others.*

Michael's Mind

It is hard to find good clean humor anymore. It seems only little children are able to laugh in our “tightened down” new social environment. Many of the Looney Tune cartoons are on the chopping block. I realize that to a person with a speech impediment such as stuttering that Porky Pig and Elmer Fudd could be a reminder of a personal struggle. Of course, I am old enough to remember that Country Western singer and actor Mel Tillis dealt with the impediment and used it to make a fortune. He developed the speech challenge when he contracted malaria as a child. Other children did make sport of him for it. A country doctor helped him to sort of sing his speaking. The rest, they say, is history.



I am given that Foghorn Leghorn, the rooster often pursued by a much smaller chicken hawk, with sayings like “Ah say, ah say, that kid is as sharp as a bowling ball,” is OUT due to Foghorn’s southern accent. We could go on and on, of course, but let me move toward a conclusion with this. This current age of cultural arrogance has us sifting the past, noting only the flawed part of venerated figures from our current perspective of Newly Enlightened thinkers. Gnosticism returns! Ancient history is filled with tomes dealing with the settling of scores, “eye-for-eye” justice for old sins and generational curses and conflicts (ask the Samaritans) real and perceived. Ezekiel 18:20 reminds us, “the child shall not suffer the iniquity of the parent, nor a parent suffer for the iniquity of the child; the righteousness of the righteous shall be their own, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be on them.”

Sylvester the Cat, often in slobber spraying pursuit of Tweety Bird (“I Tawt I taw a puddy tat!”) would often say, “Sufferin’ Succotash” at his failures. Now, I know what succotash is. It is a mostly southern sweet corn-based dish with okra or green beans, or Lima beans...sometimes ham or bacon bits, even diced green peppers added. So, why does Sylvester use this phrase when his world was going to pieces? It is a phrase to be used, without using the Lord’s name in vain, for “Suffering Savior.” Which is how I wish to conclude. Remember ye selective condemners of history...that it is a Savior who died for their sins and ours. The world will do better if we turn to Jesus Christ. “As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord.”



Greetings! I sincerely hope you and all your loved ones are well and are blessed. Sometimes difficult things invade our lives and we are not always sure how best to handle them. Thirty years ago, as a newly promoted Major in the Army, I was assigned to the Pentagon as a program analyst for about 25 multi-million-dollar Army programs.

This included justifying and costing them as well as programming and budgeting for them for the next seven years. We operated at a furious pace, and frequently had to stay until 10:00 pm or midnight to answer last minute questions from Congress or from the Office of Management and Budget (Executive Branch). Mistakes could result in millions of dollars stripped from your programs. The ever-present urgency and overwhelming immediate tasks began taking a toll on me and I developed high blood pressure. I changed my listening stations from news to quiet Christian music, made sure I got a very rigorous fitness work out every day, and over an hour every day in prayer and Bible study. The Philippians verse above became my memory verse for lowering blood pressure, and in trips to the doctor to monitor how I was doing, I found that by concentrating over and over on that verse, I could lower my systolic pressure by 10-15 mm/Hg and my diastolic pressure by 5-10mm/Hg in less than five minutes. Doctors and nurses were always amazed... God is my provision and my source of peace, and He wants to be yours too.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

Lord Jesus, we earnestly thank you that your yoke is easy and the burden is light. You give the worried, the flurried, the hurried, the stressed out – peace and tranquility. We thank you for refreshing us, for filling us with joy, and for giving us hope.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. –Philippians 4:6-7

CCC JULY 2020 PRAYER CALENDAR

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
It is at the heart of prayer to know that God loves us	and that we are heard by Divine Love. -Maxie Dunnam		1 Ask God to help you find the way back to Him in all the craziness of life	2 Thank God that He gives you strength to help those who are weaker	3 Pray for those who are confused that they find their way to God	4 <u>Independence Day</u> Give thanks to God for His protection of our nation
5 Thank God that our eternal life in Jesus is now, with His strength & love always with us	6 Pray for our adult children that their path in life follows the path Jesus showed us	7 Pray for those who struggle with family that they find healing/love	8 Remember that God is always with you through good & bad times - holding you up	9 Pray that we know our Lord gives us all we need - and that is Jesus	10 Ask God to help you see/preserve the beauty He created around you	11 Ask God for His grace & care of our elderly who are apart from family
12 Pray that you always put God first in your life, for He will reward you in like manner	13 Thank God for loving us no matter how we look or act, and ask Him to help you to always love Him	14 Thank God for all the blessings He has given you and do not forget His generosity	15 Pray and thank God for the good, true friends you have & be one to others in return	16 Thank God for helping you through new/difficult situations in the work place	17 Ask God to help you live your life well – to fully follow Him in all that you do	18 Ask God to help you minister to children all around you – however you are able
19 Pray that you hear what God tells you – listen to His voice and let it fill your heart	20 Ask God to help you try new things in life so you can experience His love for you everywhere	21 Pray for all those who are sick from this virus - that they heal and we all stay healthy	22 Pray that we talk to God/family more and to our computers less	23 Pray for all our relatives who are severely ill that they find healing/peace	24 Ask God to show you a hands-on way to share His love today	25 Ask God to help you realize you can call on Him for everything you need
26 Thank God that He sent Jesus to us, for in Jesus, only in Jesus, all things are possible	27 Ask God to remind you that if He called you to do something, you will do it for He will always get you through it	28 Ask Jesus to help you forgive those who have wronged you & let Him give you peace & hope	29 Ask God for wisdom & guidance in all your decisions today even as He protects you from them	30 Thank God that He is always at our right hand, protecting & guarding us	31 Ask God to help you always find the good in things even if they may be negative	

In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From His temple He heard my voice; my cry came before Him, into His ears.
Psalm 18:6

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Hello, July.
Surprise me.

CCCSA Contributions

I hope everyone is doing great during these times.

If you are still wanting to give your Sunday contributions you can mail them to us here at Central Christian Church or now contribute via online , through this link: <https://www.cccsa.org/give>

Please let us know if you have any questions.



Baby News

Father's Day was extra special for Bob and Nancy Blake, as their son Brian and his wife Aimee gave birth to a healthy little girl at 4 am. Brian and Aimee recently ended their service in the Army as Military Chaplains and are building their home near Fort Hood. Congratulations to Bob and his family!

Happy Birthday

July 1
July 3

W. D. "Scotty" Scott
Roger Harbert
Irene Perryman V

July 6
July 12
July 14
July 15
July 17
July 19

Paul Nunley
Karen Bessette
Jeff Smith
Gail Brown Guthrie
Marvin Ivy
Dennis Gray
Cindy Ray

July 25
July 26
July 30

Mary Lou Gonzalez
Veronique Moembo
William Potts
Wally Campbell

CCC JULY CALENDER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 10:50 am Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 10:50 am Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:50 am Worship	27	28	29	30	31	

Please note that due to the COVID-19 stay at home policy, all regular meetings scheduled for July will not occur, unless notified by email or telephone.

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