

## How can I become a Christian?

**Admit** that you are a sinner who needs God's forgiveness and cannot save yourself.

**Believe** that Jesus is God's Son, Who died to pay for all your sins and rose again.

**Cry out** to God and ask for His forgiveness.

## How can I grow as a Christian?

Central wants to help you grow in your faith, and we offer several opportunities to do so, including:

**1. Worship.** You're invited to join us as we gather to worship the Lord each Sunday at 11 am and 6 pm.

**2. Study.** In addition to the teaching that takes place during our Sunday and Wednesday services, we'd love to help you find a Sunday school or Bible study group where you can study God's Word and learn how to apply it to your life.

**3. Fellowship.** God calls us to practice our faith within a community of believers, but it can be challenging to build those relationships in a large worship gathering alone. We would love to help you connect with one of our small groups to encourage your spiritual journey.

**4. Service.** God has a purpose for every believer. There are numerous opportunities to serve Him both within the church and out in the community. Let us help you discover and fulfill His calling on your life.

**5. Outreach.** The Bible calls us to share our hope with the world. One way to do this is to invite others to church; an even better way is to tell them about the salvation Jesus has provided. If you need help getting started, we would be glad to assist you.

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**CENTRAL**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

A Church in the Heart of the City, With a Heart for the City

## Sunday, December 27, 2020



## Welcome!

We're glad to have you with us today, and we hope that you feel at home. We're here to worship God and glorify Jesus Christ, and we welcome you to join in with us.

**If you're a guest here**—especially if this is your first visit—we'd love a chance to meet you and welcome you in person. After the service, our pastor will be in the Welcome Center (just through the double doors at the auditorium's far right). Please stop by and say hello!

## End-of-year Offering

CBC traditionally collects a “Wave Offering” at the end of each year to help the church with various expenses in the coming year. December 27 (today), we’ll collect an end-of-year offering for this purpose. If you feel led to give for this purpose, please write “end of year offering” on your envelope or your check’s memo line, and place it in one of the plates in the auditorium.

## Lottie Moon

During the month of December, churches like ours all across America participate in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to support international missions. Please prayerfully consider how you might help our missionaries overseas. For more information, visit [LottieMoon.org](http://LottieMoon.org).

## A Note of Thanks...

A couple of anonymous gifts have mysteriously found their way into my office recently. Since Charla and I don’t know who is responsible so we can send you a thank you note, let me just say it here: Thank you! We’re grateful for your kindness toward our family, just as we’re grateful for the opportunity to serve at Central. —Bro. Jared

## Live Nativity

We appreciate everyone who had a hand in the planning, setup, backstage work, performances, promotion, and clean up that allowed CBC to stage the Live Nativity this year. Your efforts gave us a tremendous opportunity to share the message of Jesus with our community. Thank you!

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## Today’s Messages

***A Child Worthy of Worship*** — part 4 of a series of messages on the announcements of Jesus’ coming, from Matthew 2:1-12

***The Center of God’s Plans*** — part 5 of a series of messages on the announcements of Jesus’ coming, from Luke 2:22-39

## Evangelism Training

As Christians, we know we’re supposed to share Jesus with others. But often we talk ourselves out of it because we’re afraid, we’re shy, we don’t think we know enough, or we’re just not sure where to start. In the New Year, our Wednesday night adult Bible study will start looking at some methods that anyone can use to share the good news with others—because if people in our community ever needed the hope that Jesus Christ offers, it’s now. Join us Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## Weekly Schedule

**Sunday School** — Sundays at 9:30 am

**Worship Services** — Sundays at 11 am & 6 pm

**Bible Study & Prayer Meeting** — Wednesdays at 6 pm

**Men’s Bible Study** — Mondays at 7 am

## How to Join CBC

You can join Central Baptist Church **by baptism**, if you’ve trusted Jesus as your Savior and need to follow Him in Scriptural baptism; **by letter**, if you’re transferring your membership from another church whose beliefs closely align with ours; or **by statement**, if a letter cannot be obtained. If you’re interested in membership, please contact the church office or visit with the pastor after today’s service.