



THE STEP I WILL TAKE TODAY IS...

I wish to speak to a staff member about a personal issue (include contact information on reverse side).

MY DECISION

- Today, for the first time, I place my trust in Christ for salvation.
- I choose to recommit my life to Christ.
- I would like to talk to someone about:
 - becoming a Christian
 - being baptized

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

Check here if confidential

or submit online at centralsf.org/prayer

CONNECT

- I would like to join an Adult LifeGroup.
- I may be interested in volunteering in the areas I have checked below:
 - Children's Ministries
 - Student Ministries
 - College/Young Adult
 - Prayer Ministries
 - Central Downtown
 - Worship Ministries
 - Tech Ministries
 - First Impressions Team (circle area of interest)
 - Usher, Welcome Center, Valet Parking,
 - Central Perk Café, Greeter, Hospitality
 - Care Ministries (circle area of interest) Homebound/Hospital Visitation, Communion
 - Facilities (circle area of interest)
 - Mowing, Painting, Carpentry, Set-up, General

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

Welcome to Central Church

Lead Pastor: Jeff Wheeler
Saturday Worship Leaders: Tim & Mary Boen
Sunday Worship Leader: Paul Cowan

JOY TO THE WORLD, GOD WITH US, HOPE HAS A NAME,
YOUR NAME (CHRISTMAS VERSION)

Christmas: A Season of Sacrifice

Part 3: Zechariah, Elizabeth and John the Baptist

Christmas challenges us to put _____ purpose _____!

Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John. You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be **great in the eyes of the Lord**. He must **never touch wine or other alcoholic drinks**. He will be **filled with the Holy Spirit**, even before his birth. And he will turn many Israelites to the Lord their God. He will be a man with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will **prepare the people for the coming of the Lord**. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and he will cause those who are rebellious to **accept the wisdom of the godly**."

-Luke 1:12-17 (NLT)

John will have great _____: He'll live a Spirit filled-life, drink no alcohol, be highly esteemed in God's eyes.

John will have great _____: He'll be a prophet, call the Jews to repent and introduce them to Jesus the Messiah.

We forget as parents we're _____ of our children, not _____. Children are gifts from God that we develop and then give back to Him.

Behold, children are a **gift** of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like **arrows** in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. -Psalm 127:3-4 (NASB)

John summarized his purpose by saying He must become _____ and I must become _____.

Additional Scriptures: Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4, Psalm 127:3-4, Matthew 11:7-8, 18, John 3:29-30, Romans 12:1-2

A SEASON OF SACRIFICE EXPERIENCE - Outside the main Worship Center doors, you'll find an experience we've set up encouraging you to reflect on what sacrifice means to you this holiday season. Step into the large gift and spend some time thinking about the incredible gift we've been given and how we can make sacrifices to help others in our lives.

CENTRAL JAM CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE UPDATE - The Central Jam children's choir Christmas performance has been rescheduled to 5:00pm on Sunday, Dec. 16. We hope you'll attend and support the children and volunteers who've worked so hard! Cookies will be provided in Grand Central after the performance.

TIME TO INVITE YOUR OIKOS - Do you have a friend or family member you've been meaning to invite to church? We're challenging you to invite at least one friend, family member, or random stranger to a Christmas Eve service on Dec. 20 or Dec. 24. You can pick up invitation cards outside the main Worship Center doors or at the front desk in our church office any time.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - Central will hold four services on Christmas Eve at 2, 3, 4, and 5pm (with Kid Central available for kids age 2 and under at 3pm and 4pm). This year, we have another option available — a Christmas Eve service on Thursday, Dec. 20 at 6:30pm that will be the same as our Dec. 24 Christmas Eve services. Choose which works best for you and your family!

CPK 2019-2020 REGISTRATION - Mark your calendars! Central Preschool and Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year will be here on Jan. 2, 2019. Brochures are available at the CPK office with a detailed letter of information about registration day. Questions? Please contact melissa.ludens@centralsf.org.

RESGEN MEN'S SUMMIT AND DATE NIGHT COMEDY - Central and ResGen are partnering to host Date Night Comedy on Friday, Jan. 25 and the Res Gen Men's Summit on Saturday, Jan. 26. Date Night Comedy is a chance for couples to enjoy a laughter-filled evening. The Men's Summit challenges men (ages 18 & up) to grow and fulfill their calling as leaders, husbands and fathers. For details and ticket info for both events, visit Central's website or go to resgen.org.

YEAR END GIVING - Please note that according to the IRS tax code, Central Church can only apply contributions to your 2018 giving statements that are received in our office or postmarked by midnight Dec. 31, 2018. Contributions may also be dropped off at the church office during business hours or in our secure drop box located in the West Entrance.

CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF - Last week our Central family raised \$4,460 to support the families affected by the fires in California. Thanks to everyone who gave for their generosity.

CONDOLENCES - Clyde and Valerie Glanzer on the passing of Clyde's father David Glanzer on Dec. 8.



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COMMUNICATION CARD

Saturday, December 15 - Sunday, December 16, 2018

- First or second time guest
- Regular attendee
- Update my contact information
- Sign me up for Central email updates

NAME(S) _____

HIS EMAIL _____

HER EMAIL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

_____ APT. _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____

HIS CELL _____

HER CELL _____

MY AGE GROUP:

- 13-17 College 18-24 25-29
- 30-39 40-49 50-59 60+

NAME AND GRADE/AGE OF CHILDREN AT HOME:

ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Weekend Info | December 8-9, 2018

All Campus Attendance	2,005
Children's Attendance	392
Total Attendance	2,397
Prayer Requests prayed for	112
Spiritual Faith Steps taken	122

Ministry & Missions

WEEKLY INCOME GOAL	\$81,927
ACTUAL INCOME	\$117,920
YTD BUDGET INCOME	\$1,556,619
YTD ACTUAL INCOME	\$1,593,951
YTD INCOME VS EXPENSE 11/30/18	\$274,633

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