



# ORDER OF SERVICE

January 7, 2024

**Welcome** Chuck Burton

**Call to Worship** Brazil Mission Videos  
Gary Dorr

**Worshiping Together Through Song** *We Believe*  
*We've a Story to Tell* (Hymn #586)

**Deacon Devotion & Offertory Prayer** Larry Bryson

**Worshiping Together Through Song** *I Love to Tell the Story* (Hymn #572)

**Prayer** Jerry Patton

**Receiving God's Word Together** Gary Dorr

**Responding to God's Word Together** *Lord of the Harvest*

**Special Called Member's Meeting**

**Benediction**

## WHY WE GATHER

Whether you're a first-time guest or a longtime member, we're glad you're here! We believe that there are many ingredients involved in making a healthy Christian, and the Sunday morning gathering is definitely one of them. Each week we live our lives being bombarded by lies; we are told that we are so bad that we are beyond hope or so good that we are beyond need. Throughout our week we are tempted to put our hope in and stake our joy on things and people that will inevitably fail us. A gospel-centered, Jesus-exulting weekly gathering is a major defense against these errors. We need to be reminded by others and need to remind others of the wonders purchased for us by the person and work of Jesus Christ. Gathering with other Christians is a God-ordained means to do this.

# WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

## This Week

## Next Week

<u>Ushers</u>	Pete Brooks, Mike Brooks, Frank Buck, Terry Carlyle	Mike Coggins, Stuart Cox, Harold Deckerd, Steve Gordon
<u>Nursery</u>	Nancy Nelson, Cindy Haverstick, Pam Gordon, Cathy Harvey	Kyle & Shayla Anderson, Brenda Magnusson, Ann Carlyle
<u>Children's Church</u>	Greg & Hilary Hedberg, Duane Farmer	Nicole Rhoades, Dylan Kempker, Steve Gordon
<u>Tech Team</u>	B Erisman, D Kempker, L Griggs, J Snook, P Starks	B Erisman, D Kempker, L Griggs, J Snook, P Starks
<u>Deacon Prayer</u>	Larry Bryson	Nathan Martin
<u>Stuart House</u>	Duane Farmer	Kendrick Ross
<u>Breakfast:</u> B=Bakers S=Servers	<b>B:</b> A Ferguson, M Sydow, Dena Cox <b>S:</b> A Ferguson, D Kinnison, M Sydow	<b>B:</b> P Hunter, C Burton, L Griggs <b>S:</b> P hunter, C Burton, D Farmer
<u>Monday Tellers</u>	LeeAnn Mahieu and Dorothy Smith	LeeAnn Mahieu and Dorothy Smith

## OUR TEAM

### Ministerial Staff

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### Administrative & Support Staff

Jacki Stelzer, Secretary  
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### Deacons

Kyle Anderson	David Magnusson
Duane Farmer	John Malloy
Steve Gordon	Tom Nelson
Mike Hall	Randy Power
Mike Hann	Larry Bryson, Chairman
Greg Hedberg	Nathan Martin, Vice Chairman
Dylan Kempker	Stuart Cox, Secretary

## CONTACT US

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# FBC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, Jan 7

8:30am Breakfast  
9:00am Sunday School  
10:15am Worship  
6:00pm Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm Study of Matthew

## Tuesday, Jan 9

3:30pm Gym usage  
6:30pm Deacons Meeting

## Wednesday, Jan 10

5:15pm Wednesday Meal  
6:00pm FBC Kids  
FBC Students  
Be the Church  
Prayer Meeting

## Thursday, Jan 11

6:00am Men's Bible Study at Round Table  
6:30pm Pickleball

## Friday, Jan 12

10:00am Game Day

## Saturday, Jan 13

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
5:00pm Fellowship Hall usage

### Upcoming FBC Events

Sun, Jan 14 at 5:30pm: Church Council Meeting  
Wed, Jan 17 at 1:00pm: Community Pantry Open  
Jan 26-27: FBC Students-READY Conf

# NEWS

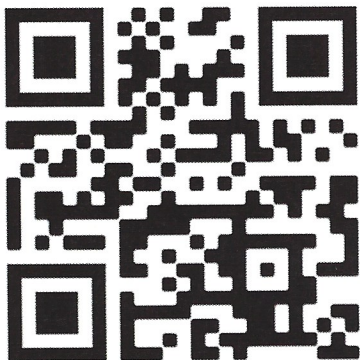
**Women's Bible Study:** Join us each Sunday, starting tonight, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

First Baptist Church - Centralia will hold a **Special Called Business Meeting** during the morning worship service TODAY. The purpose of this meeting is to confirm the voting procedure for, and vote to elect, a Pastor Search Committee.

**Breakfast Fellowship Schedule:** The 2024 schedules are ready. If you are a Baker or a Server, please get your list from your mailbox.

**2024 Offering Envelopes** are ready for pick up in the sanctuary entrance. This year they are in a generic form. You can pick up a bundle of 12, 24, or 52, or as many loose ones that you think you will use. They can also be found in the pews.

**Helpers Needed in the Children's Dept:** Please let Nicole Rhoades know if you can serve. Nursery workers and Children's Church helpers



## MOBILE GIVING

Scan the QR Code with your mobile device to be directed to our mobile giving platform or visit [centraliafbc.org/give](http://centraliafbc.org/give).

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Sunday School	91
Morning Worship	135
<b>Giving</b>	
Weekly Need	\$7,735.00
Total Received (includes online offerings)	\$14,428.50

# SERMON NOTES

| Gary Dorr

## PRAYER LIST

To add a prayer request, complete a Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or email [office@centraliafbc.org](mailto:office@centraliafbc.org)

Name	Need	Name	Need
Rita Burton	Rehab	Carrie Million	Breast Cancer
Unbelievers	Lost souls	Rhonda McMillen	Cancer and Dementia
Nancy Wheeler	Blood clot recovery	David James	Cancer
David & Lynn Daffern	David's Alzheimer's and Cancer	Terry James	Rehab
Bob Fair	Cancer, Chemo	Theresa Sanders	Recovery
Ed and Pam West	Pam's health, Stuart House	Dennis Sykes	Stomach cancer
Tanya Hann	Rehab	Gena Mortimer	Serious health issues
Viola Erisman	Dementia & Declining Health	Vickie Pulis	Cancer
Doris Cooper	Health	Jimmy Griffin	Cancer
Donna Caldwell	Health	Julie Beasley	Stomach issues
Colby Corsaut	Church plant in Columbia, MO	Bill Davis	Chronic eye problems
Jeanne Whitlatch	Ongoing health issues	Tom Persinger	Heritage Hall
Dylan Dick	ICU - Needing gallbladder surgery	Heritage Hall	Residents with Covid
		Families of:	Rob Williamson

**Nursery** is available during our worship gathering for children from birth through Pre-Kindergarten. The nursery is located up the stairs from the family entrance. Ushers are available to help with the nursery check-in process.

**Children's Church** is available for children Kindergarten through Third Grade on the first three Sundays of each month. Children's Church is dismissed from the Sanctuary before the sermon begins.

## Repost: The Amazing Story of Sophie Muller

*(Taken from "The Blog of Felicity Dale" posted on the web page of Simply Church.)*

..... I had the incredible privilege of visiting the Amazon jungle in Venezuela. Many of those living there were tribespeople recently out of the jungle where they still live very primitive lives. While there, I met a man named Ricardo who told me a remarkable story about an extraordinary woman missionary named Sophie Muller. Here is a part of her story in (more or less) Ricardo's own words.

"In the early 1940's a young woman in her early twenties came to Columbia from North America. Her name was Sophie Muller. At that time this area consisted of virgin jungle. There were settlements of a few tribal houses scattered throughout the jungle often many days' journey by canoe apart. The nearest town of any size (Puerto Ayacucho) was not built until 1947.

"Sophie, a reporter for the New York Times, had become a Christian following an outreach in a New York street. She had seen a group of people singing and preaching on the sidewalk and, out of curiosity, had responded to their invitation to join a Bible study. Over time she opened her heart to Christ. She became interested in working with unreached peoples and so went to the New Tribes Mission. She wanted to go somewhere no one had ever been before, and looking at a map, chose the Amazon jungle.

"In 1944 she went to Columbia and, via Bogota, to the jungle. She came to the Guainia region where the Curipaco tribe lived. At that time, witches and sorcerers were in charge of the jungle. There were many strange rituals that included drinking and drugs and wild partying. But there was a legend that had been passed down through

the years. Someone had had a dream that a strange-looking person would come with a power greater than that of the witch doctors.

“With her white skin and blue eyes, Sophie certainly fit the bill of looking strange to the tribespeople. So the chief witch doctor prepared a spiritual ritual in the jungle as a test. He made a chicken stew and added to it Caribbean stick poison—the strongest poison known in the jungle. It will normally kill a person within five minutes. As she ate the stew, everyone watched her intently, waiting for her to die. She did not die, but did throw up a little. Some of the village dogs lapped at her vomit and a chicken pecked at it. They fell over and died immediately. But Sophie herself was unharmed.

“The witch doctor who had prepared the stew converted on the spot. She became known as a daughter of God and was allowed to go wherever she wanted in the jungle safely.

“My grandfather was the head witchdoctor of the region. Around that time he saw in a vision that there was a more powerful spirit than the one over the jungle. The story of Sophie passing the poison test had spread far and wide throughout the jungle. So my grandfather sent my father to find Sophie and investigate her. My father paddled his dugout canoe for one month to find her.

“When my father arrived, he made friends with Sophie. She was particularly interested in him because he came from a different (Puinave) tribe and spoke a different language. The two tribes have different languages and the majority of the Puinave could understand the language of the first tribe. Sophie evangelized my father in the Curipaco language. He soon received Christ and they started working together. They would paddle for months at a time to different communities in the jungle to evangelize.

“Sophie and my father worked together for fifty years. When Sophie finally left the jungle, she was an old woman. She had started several hundred churches.