



### Primetimers make a difference!

In December, Primetimer volunteers packaged food items and assembled Central's Sympathy Baskets. These baskets are delivered to families who have lost a loved one during the year. They serve to remind them they are loved and prayed for in their loss. Thank you, Primetimers, for taking care of our Central family!

### Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following: Glenn and Margie Israel on the loss of Margie's mother, Doris Jenkins; Tony Lucia and Carol Syfert who've had surgeries, and Dixie Patterson, experiencing health issues and the loss of her sister.



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# CENTRAL CHURCH PRIMETIME POST February 2025

Dinner Recap

## "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem"

Shalom, shalom, dear Primetimers!  
(That means "Peace, peace, dear Primetimers!")

Happy New Year! How wonderful to be together again for dinner! Many of us have probably not had a "boots-on-the-ground" tour of Israel, but at our February gathering, we certainly had a wonderful, vicarious, visual tour, led by our guest, Michael Schneider, a tour guide from Israel. His beautiful slide presentation and what Michael taught concerning those locations made the Bible stories we've read come alive.

We started at the capital, Tel Aviv, a very secular city. According to Michael, it is 100 years old and built on sand. In contrast, Jerusalem is 3000 years old and built on rock. Let's be certain our lives are built on a firm foundation, the Solid Rock, Christ Jesus! We saw where Cornelius, the first convert, was baptized in Caesarea.

There were pictures of major engineering projects ordered built by King Herod, and artifacts, found by archaeologists. These items amazingly and beautifully brought the Bible and archaeology together.

Michael contrasted the Sea of Galilee, which receives and gives out water, making it healthy for fish, to the Dead Sea, which only receives water, so there is no life in it at all. It's a reminder to all of us to take in God's Word, but also to freely share God's Word with others!



We cannot separate the land of Israel from the Bible and its people. Jews from all over the world have returned to their homeland, as is prophesied in the Bible. Do you realize Israel has been at war for almost 500 days? It's taken a tremendous toll on the economy in Israel, especially since tourism is a major industry there, let alone the many lives that have been lost. Did you know that "Jerusalem" means "shalom" in Hebrew, which means "City of Peace"? Let's pray for the peace of Jerusalem in obedience to God's Word.

It's my prayer that the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ will rule and reign in our hearts, even now, until He comes. It's beautiful to know that the spot from where Jesus left is the spot where He will return! Even so, come, Lord Jesus!



Shalom, shalom!

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by Sherry Harris

# Trust God and Have Courage

We all are faced with choices every day - what we will do and how we live our lives. We become discouraged when our plans and dreams are not falling into place. We face unexpected hardships, often giving up and not trusting God to help us.

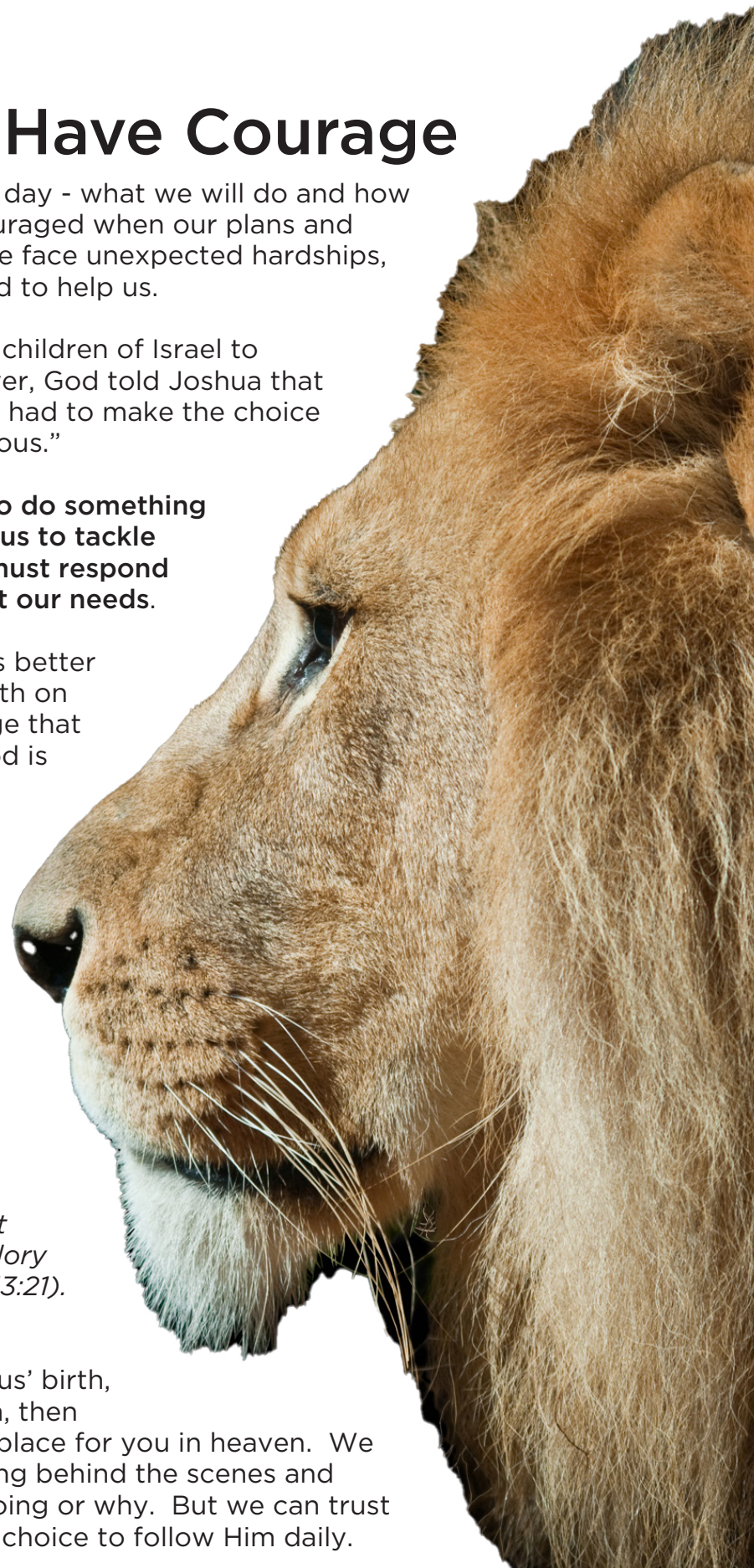
God had prepared a destiny for the children of Israel to possess the Promised Land. However, God told Joshua that he would have to possess it. Joshua had to make the choice to lead the people and "be courageous."

**Courage means having the ability to do something that frightens you. When God calls us to tackle something beyond our ability, we must respond with courage and trust God to meet our needs.**

God has a plan for our lives, and it is better than anything we could come up with on our own. Some of us think as we age that we do not need to set goals, but God is not finished with us until He calls us home. God will order our steps with opportunities we never imagined.

*Dear Friend,  
Are you discouraged today?  
If so, think about all of God's goodness and lift up praise and gratitude to God for everything in life. You can move forward in faith and take the first step God has given you. You can trust God to "make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen" (Hebrews 13:21).*

If you've given your heart to Jesus, confessed your sins, believed in Jesus' birth, death on the cross, and resurrection, then you know that Jesus is preparing a place for you in heaven. We have a secured future. God is working behind the scenes and we don't always know what He is doing or why. But we can trust God and have courage to make the choice to follow Him daily.



## Get ready for Game Night in Prime Time!



### Primetimers' Dinner: Game Night

Tues., March 4 | 6pm

Tickets: \$10

Come with your competitive edge as we have a fun game night! Test your skills, tease your brain, win prizes and have a fun evening of food and fellowship. Buy tickets at [centralinc.org](http://centralinc.org), the church office, or in the lobby on Sunday.

### Were these games and toys popular when you were a kid?

Get warmed up for the March 4 game night by unscrambling the names of the games, toys and activities below that you may have played when you were younger! After all, you're never too old to have fun!

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| 1. KESCECRH | 5. HCSPHOTC   | 9. PMOOYOLN      |
| _____       | _____         | _____            |
| 2. DOL ADIM | 6. RASMBEL    | 10. COLLNIN SLGO |
| _____       | _____         | _____            |
| 3. MMYUR    | 7. ZTHAEYE    | 11. BSACERLB     |
| _____       | _____         | _____            |
| 4. INSOMDOE | 8. NDYAC NALD |                  |
| _____       | _____         |                  |



Answers: 1. Checkers, 2. Old Maid, 3. Rummy, 4. Dominoes, 5. Hopscotch, 6. Marbles, 7. Yahtzee, 8. Candy Land, 9. Monopoly, 10. Lincoln Logs, 11. Scrabble.

## Mark your calendars



**Widow Spring Brunch**  
April 5 | 10am  
Family Life Center  
Tickets: \$10

Celebrate Spring, enjoy a delicious brunch, and be encouraged through prayer and fellowship with other ladies in similar life situations. Register at [www.centralinc.org](http://www.centralinc.org).

**"The Power of the Cross"**  
Sun., April 13 | 8:30am & 10:30am  
Charlotte Sanctuary

Celebrate the life-giving power of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection with affirming music from Central Choir & Orchestra. This year's program will be held during regular service times on Palm Sunday.