



SPECIAL EASTER EDITION

Central Wesleyan Church

Sunday, April 1, 2018

FREE

HE IS RISEN!

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he

said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."~Matthew 28:1-10



Fake News: Easter's Fools

"Fake news." In the last year these two words have become part of a national debate about what is true and what isn't. Now that anyone can post anything

online, we're increasingly skeptical about whether we are getting the facts, or just a "spin" designed to serve the writer's agenda. This controversy isn't

new. When Jesus burst on the scene in Jewish culture, his message threatened the status quo. As a result, certain people challenged the truth of his

message. Join us for a special Easter series that explores the person at the center of the storm, Sundays through April 15 at 9 and 10:45 AM.



Worship Night

Because Jesus gave everything to us, we want to respond by giving everything to Him in worship. This is a night to add your voice and heart to a community of worshipers from all over West Michigan. Local worship leaders will lead us in familiar songs, new songs, and "spirit" songs as we worship together. Childcare will be available for children 5 and under.

Water's Edge Worship Night

Date: April 29

Time: 6 PM

Location: Worship Center

Water's Edge Sunday featuring Ed Stetzer

Join us on Sunday, April 22, as we welcome special guest speaker, Ed Stetzer. This will be a very special Water's Edge Sunday as we continue the discussion on the Church in America.

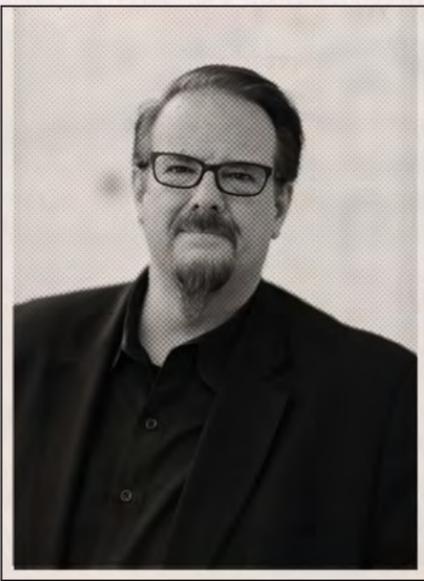
Ed Stetzer, Ph.D., holds the Billy Graham Chair of Church, Mission, and Evangelism at Wheaton College, and serves as Executive Director of the Billy Graham Center. He currently serves as interim pastor of Moody Church in Chicago.



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Ed Stetzer, Ph.D.

(WATER'S EDGE)

He has planted, revitalized, and pastored churches, trained pastors and church planters on six continents, holds two masters degrees and two doctorates, and has written dozens of articles and books.

Previously, he served as Executive Director of LifeWay Research. Stetzer is a contributing editor for *Christianity Today*, a columnist for *Outreach Magazine*, and is frequently cited or interviewed in news outlets

such as *USAToday* and *CNN*. He is the Executive Editor of *The Gospel Project*, a curriculum used by more than one million individuals each week. Stetzer is also Executive Editor of *Facts & Trends Magazine*, a Christian leadership magazine with a circulation of more than 70,000 readers.

In 2015, he began serving as the co-host of the *BreakPoint This Week* radio program with John Stonestreet. He also serves as Visiting Professor of Research and Missiology

at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Visiting Research Professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has taught at many other colleges and seminaries.

Water's Edge Sunday

Date: April 22

Times: 9 and 10:45 AM

Locations: Worship Center, Central Online, or 9:09 in the Legacy Room.

Disaster Relief

Overflow Church in Benton Harbor, MI, was instrumental in helping with disaster relief efforts when flooding hit the area at the end of February. They connected with one mobile home park in particular, and discovered that 85 homes had experienced damage and 35 of them were a total loss. With the support of Central's Missions Department, \$5,000 plus bags of supplies were sent to help with the effort. To date, they've distributed over 100 bags of supplies to families most impacted and have already seen one man receive Christ—and the work has just begun!

Hand2Hand

Many of the students at Jefferson Public School receive two basic meals at school each day, but food is scarce on the weekends when they get home. The Hand2Hand ministry provides supplemental food for these kids to take home in their backpacks each Friday. Once a week volunteers sort

and pack food into backpacks, pick up food from various food sources, and donate food or help transport backpacks each week. If this is something you'd like to be involved in, contact Tracy Dykstra at tdykstra@centralwesleyan.org

Are you willing to help stock our Hand2Hand food ministry?

During the month of April we need peanut butter (15-16 oz). Items will be collected in the shopping carts located in the main lobby. Thank you for helping serve our community.

Kids Hope

"One child, one hour" is the heart of Kids Hope USA. One caring adult mentors an at-risk child for one hour every week, because when kids feel loved and valued they are better able to learn, grow and succeed.

There are still a children waiting to be mentored! Do you have one hour to change the trajectory of a child's life? Sign up to be a mentor today! Learn more at centralwesleyan.org/kidshope.



Central Kids

Central Kids is a place where kids love to be! Through dynamic worship, storytelling and relational small groups, children are able to encounter God who made them, loves them and desires a lifelong relationship with them. Children three months–5th grade—come join us on Sunday mornings! Learn more at centralwesleyan.org/kids.

Playland

Kids love to play and Playland is the perfect space for them! Parents and Grandparents—while the kids play, you can connect with other parents or just sit back and soak in the sound of laughter. Did we mention there is free Wi-Fi in the Gathering Grounds café? Check us out at hollandplayland.org.

PLAYLAND

Spring/Summer HOURS OF PLAY

April 2-September 29

HOLLANDPLAYLAND.ORG

Mon - Tues 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
 Wed 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Thurs Closed
 Fri 9 a.m.- 7 p.m.
 Sat 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
 Sun Closed

Hungry for Connection?

Check Out Central Connect Lunch

If you are new to Central or want to learn how to become a member of our church community, this lunch is for you! Whether you are new or you have been here awhile, join our team to discover the many ways to connect here at Central! Lunch

is free and childcare is provided for children 12 years and under. Space is limited. Please RSVP at centralwesleyan.org/centralconnect.

Central Connect Lunch
Date: April 15
Time: 12:30 PM
Location: Multi-Purpose Room

Need Prayer?

We at Central Wesleyan believe prayer is foundational to spiritual growth and effectiveness and is intended to permeate every aspect of our individual and corporate lives.

Communion with the Spirit through prayer is an essential component of growing deeper With God, In Community, and On Mission. Prayer realigns our will to the Father's and is the pathway to experiencing God's empowering presence as

we Amplify the Hope and Life of Jesus to All.

Need prayer or help determining your next right step? You can meet with someone at the altar or in the Connections Room (in the lobby) after each service.

PRAYER WALL

Join our prayer team at centralwesleyan.org/prayer to intercede for others and receive prayer needs via email.

RECOVERY MINISTRIES

Celebrate Recovery

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Dates: Every Monday Night

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Student Center, please use Entrance H

Out of Saddleback Church, Celebrate Recovery was designed as a Christ-centered, Bible-based, 12-step recovery program to help men and women connect with God and others in a fresh new way and experience healing and freedom. The program is completely free and is being organized by leaders and volunteers in our own community. For more information or if you have questions, please email cr@centralwesleyan.org.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

LARGE GROUP

All recovery groups meet each week in large group to start. Large group is a chance to worship together as well as hear the story/teaching of another who has experienced freedom and new life in Christ. After large group we move to open share groups.

OPEN SHARE GROUPS

Open share groups (separate for men and women) are small groups that intentionally work in community to build trust through honest sharing about struggles. This part of recovery will help establish and continue daily practices for healing, joy, and freedom.

STEP STUDIES

Our step study groups are closed groups (separate for men and women) where you walk through the need for God's grace and how we respond to that—it is the only promise for lasting freedom. These small groups are biblically based step groups purposed to equip participants with an awareness of God, self and others from an internal shift of the heart to step into God's plan for a life well lived. Learn more at centralwesleyan.org/cr.

The Landing

The Landing: Hope Filled Program for Teens

Dates: Every Monday Night

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Room C161, please use Entrance E

Students struggle on a daily basis with things like depression, anxiety, loneliness, isolation, bullying, peer pressure, family conflict, self-worth and so on. The Landing is a safe and confidential place where they can feel welcomed and supported just as they are. The Landing is not only meant to walk with teens through hurts, hang-ups and habits, it is also a resource that can be applied to preventing future struggles. The Landing is a program created by the same founders of Celebrate Recovery and is a tool that is used to help students as they navigate the challenges of life.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

We start with some dynamic worship, a time of teaching or testimony, small group and a time to simply support and hang out. Beginning at 6:30 PM and ending at 9 PM, The Landing is a God-centered

program where students can grow, learn, heal and navigate through life. The Landing follows the same format as Celebrate Recovery does; it is based on 12-steps and 8 healing principles from the Beatitudes.

AREAS OF STRUGGLE:

- Bullying
- Depression
- Anxiety/Stress
- Eating Issues/Body Image
- Loneliness
- Anger
- Family Conflict
- Abuse
- Suicidal Thoughts and Ideation
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Self Harm
- Social Media
- Pornography
- Sexuality
- Faith
- Hurt, Habits and Hang-ups

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Welcome Home

At Central, we exist to Amplify the Hope and Life of Jesus to All. This mission is driven through our belief in one God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and the Savior of all people who put their faith in Him alone for eternal life. We believe that those who receive new life in Christ are called to be holy in character and conduct, and can only live this

way through the empowering of the Holy Spirit. We believe the Bible to be God's Word and consequently seek to establish our faith and actions on its teaching. We believe God wills for people everywhere to know Him and that the purpose of the Church is to tell the world about Christ through its worship, witness and loving deeds. We are so committed to this task

that we have organized our church around three simple relational pursuits. We believe Amplifying the Hope and Life of Jesus brings is enabled as we intentionally live...WITH GOD, IN COMMUNITY, and ON MISSION. Learn more at centralwesleyan.org/about.



Worship at Central

We are an intergenerational worshipping church. We highly value an engaging expression of worship in all of our services.

9 AM in the Worship Center

In our 9 AM service, you will experience hymns and current songs led by an intergenerational team including a worship choir and variety of gifted instrumentalists.

9:09 in the Legacy Room

At 9:09 in the Legacy Room we offer a sensory sensitive environment. This worship experience features hymns and choruses accompanied by a piano and hosted by Legacy Pastor, Larry Johnson. After worship, the message is live-streamed from the Worship Center.

10:45 AM in the Worship Center

In our 10:45 AM service, we turn up the volume, keep the lights low, and invite the community to engage in worship with band-driven songs. Closed Captioning is also available this service. You can view it from the East Galleria.

We provide an induction loop for hearing aid users on the main floor of the Worship Center. Switch your hearing aid to "T."

In all of our services, we seek to provide an atmosphere where everyone can worship freely in God's presence.



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THURSDAYS

7-8:30 PM
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SUNDAYS • 6 PM

FUEL is specifically for high school students, with student led worship, challenging discussion around biblical teachings and a place where every student can find authentic community.

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**SUNDAYS • 9 AM
WEDNESDAYS • 6:30 PM**

Ignite is an environment specially tailored to help Middle School students sort it all out.

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