

Information Guide

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Listen	Pray	Love	Serve
to His Word	to Seek His Will	His People	His Kingdom

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Welcome

This Guide is intended to provide you with a helpful programme of our church life so that you can plan to be part of what's happening. We are grateful to God for the many people who give of their time and talents to make Central what it is – and is becoming. At our core we are disciples of Jesus Christ who – by the strength of the Holy Spirit – want to glorify God together in our aims:

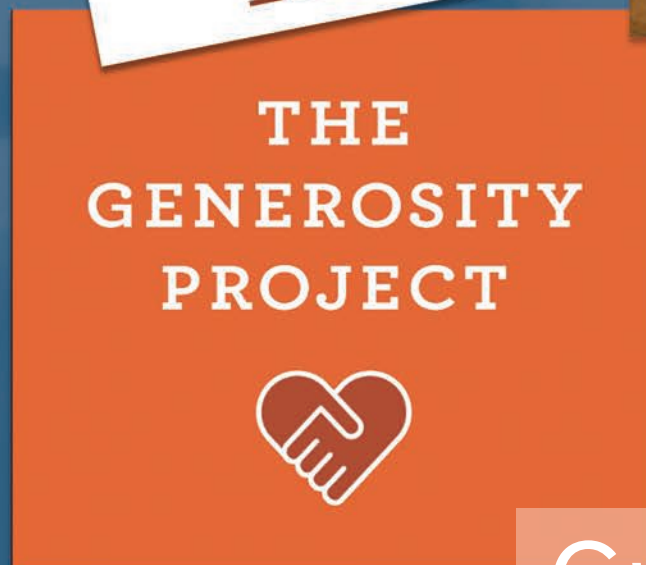
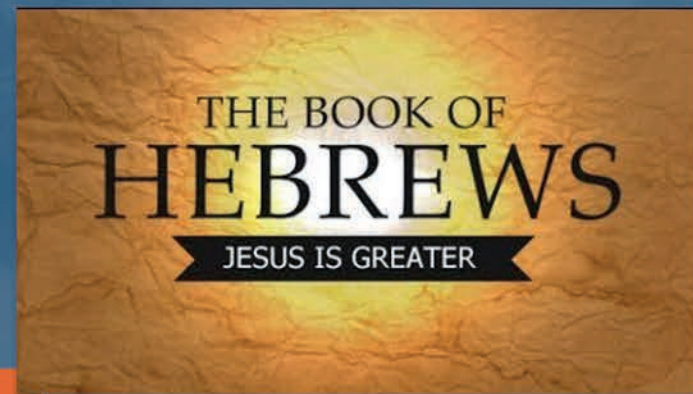
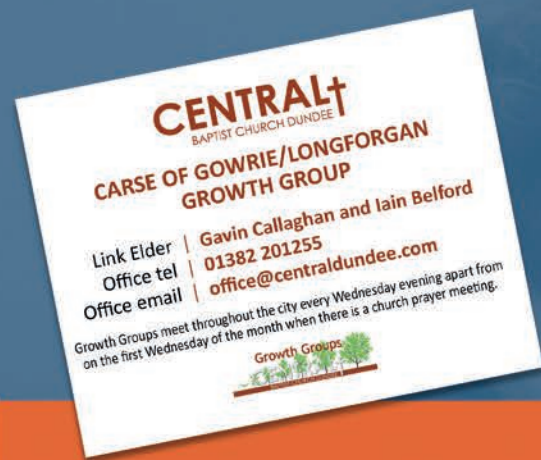
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- **SERVE** His Kingdom

Jesus taught us to follow him in the fellowship of others.

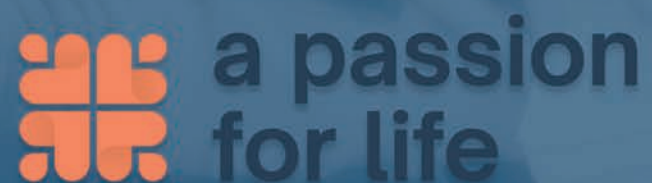
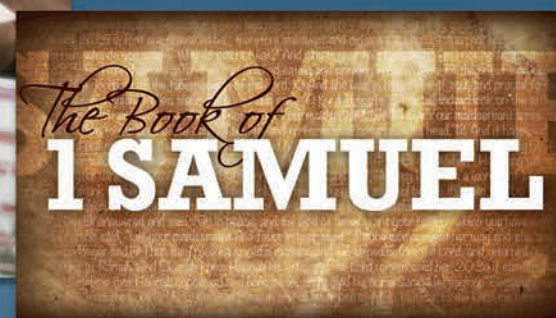
If you're a little uncertain about what it means to be a Christian we'd love to have the opportunity to talk with you. We are usually available at the end of any service or at another time that may suit you. Periodically we hold a meeting called, "Connect" so that people may have the opportunity to find out more. It will be advertised in the weekly bulletin and announced from the pulpit. We also need more and more Christians who love the church as Christ does, want to serve Him and be part of what God is doing here at the heart of Dundee.

Jim Turrent *Lead Pastor*

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Growth Groups



A key part of our church life is the small groups (known as Growth Groups) that meet throughout the week in various parts of the city and its surrounds. These are an invaluable opportunity for fellowship with each other, when we can learn, worship, pray and support one another in our walk with God and in His mission.

Our Growth Groups meet throughout the city every Wednesday evening apart from the first Wednesday of the month when there is a church prayer meeting.

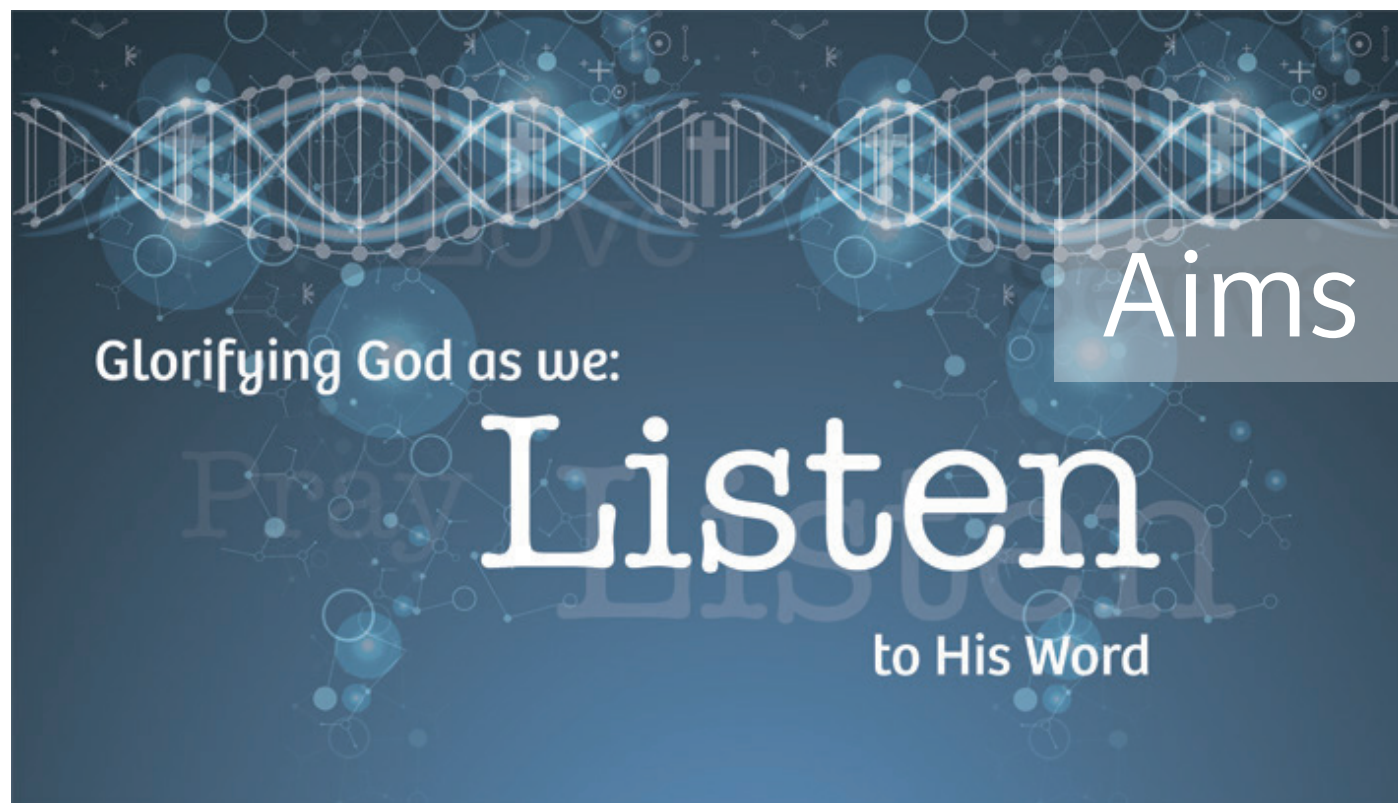
We have groups in the following geographical areas:

- Carse of Gowrie / Longforgan
- Liff / Birkhill / Muirhead / Fowlis
- Lochee / Ninewells / Invergowrie
- City Centre
- Downfield / Strathmartine
- West Ferry / Arbroath Road / Craigiebank
- Broughty Ferry
- Monifieth

Contact details for each Growth Group leader are available at the Welcome Desk.

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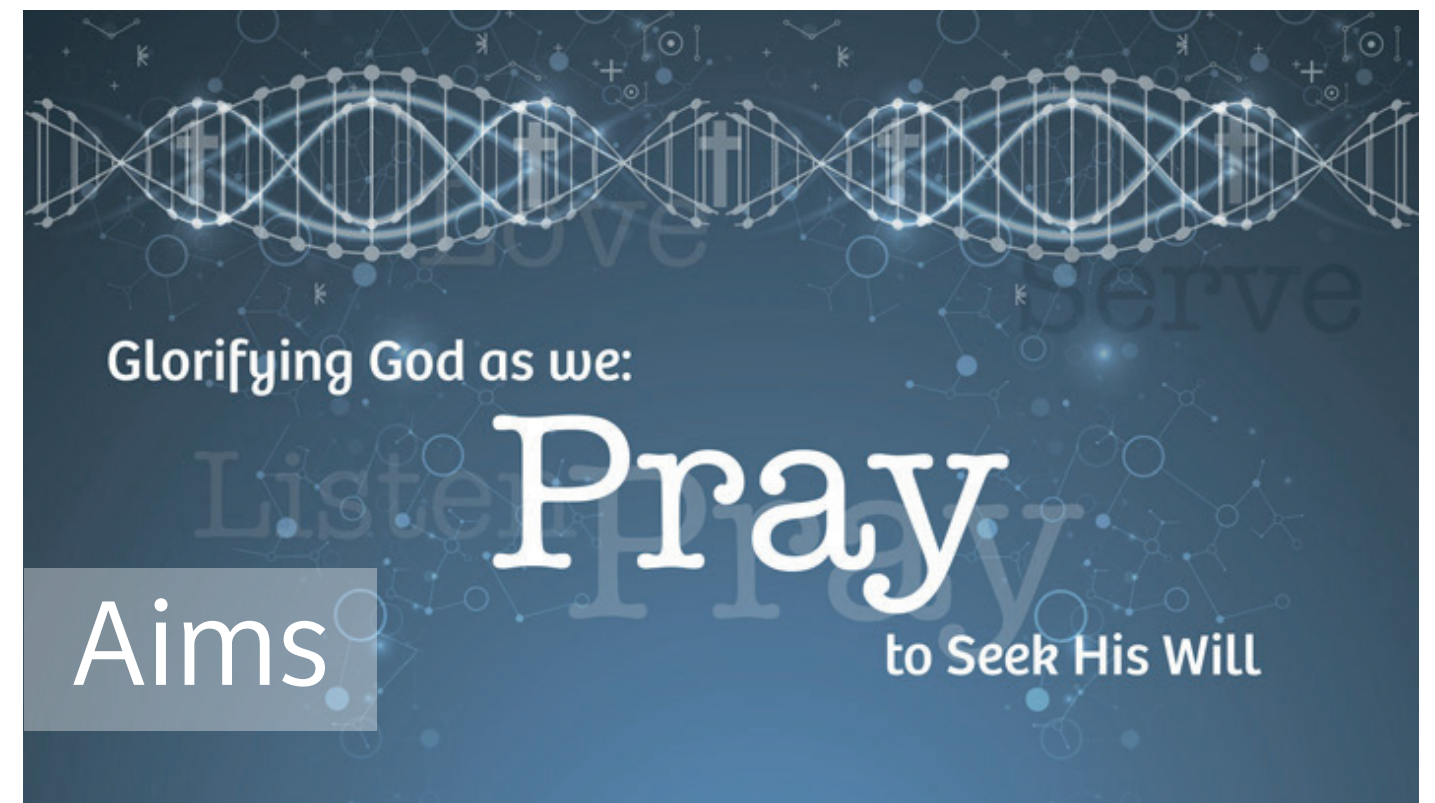
The Bible is God's Word written. It is the record of the story of salvation and points to the Lord Jesus Christ. God's answer to the problem of the sin that separates us from God. Jesus lived that Jesus might have His righteousness put to our accounts. Jesus died that we might be forgiven. Jesus rose that in Him we might conquer death. Jesus reigns even now giving us a present and future hope, and one day He will return in justice and glory. All this we know and learn from the Bible.

Peter, the Apostle, wrote,

“For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

2 PETER 1:21 ESV.

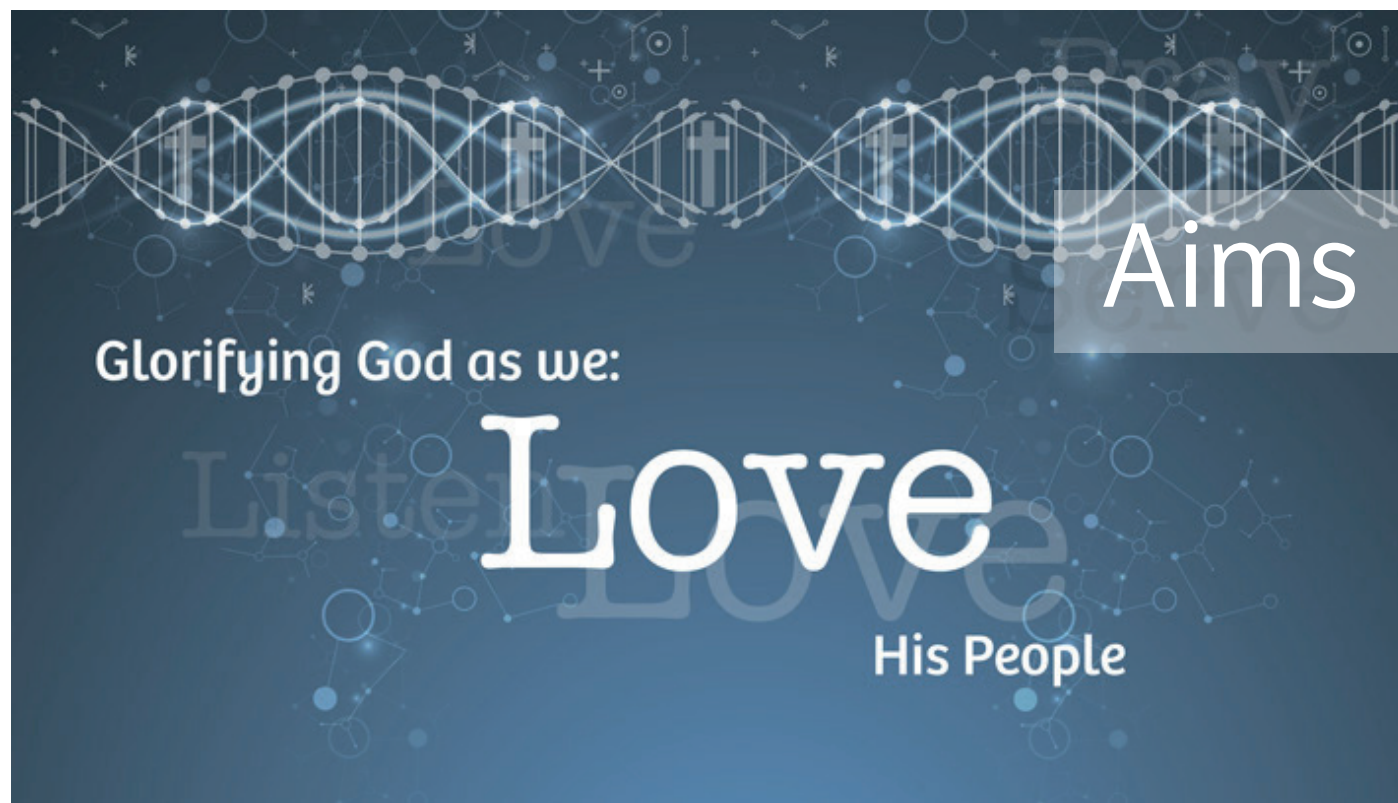
The Old Testament traces the life and times of Israel and points forward to Jesus; the New Testament records Jesus' ministry and explains His message. As we listen to the Bible, we get to know the nature of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God in three persons. Knowing His word helps us to discern His will. It follows then that it is vital for us to listen – individually and corporately – to the Bible. We glorify God as we listen to His Word.



Asking a Christian: Why Pray? is like asking someone in the street why they breathe. People pray because they are alive and Christians pray because we have been made alive to God by faith through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Every human being is made in the image of God and has an awareness of God; that's why we find the phenomenon of prayer all through history and across the globe. But it is only the Christian who may enjoy this intimacy with God the Father through the ministry of the Holy Spirit and the mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ who takes our prayers and presents them to the Father.

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Here in the west we tend to think of love in romantic terms – falling in love. But in Non-Western parts of the world often marriages are arranged and love grows out of the commitment that is made. As we are brought into a relationship with God, so we come to love Him because He first loved us. Jesus also taught us to love one another.

“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”

JOHN 1

This love is not just a feeling, but a commitment that has Gospel implications. As others looking in see the love we have for one another, the Gospel they have heard is made visible. We glorify God in loving His people and show this in being a committed part of His church.



Why serve? Romans 12 – is a good place to begin. The Christian life is to be an “All on the altar” thing. This is not an arm-twisting exercise to get lazy Christians up and doing; this is about understanding the amazingness of the Gospel and all that God has done for us in Christ – and living our lives in response. We are to be living sacrifices, living sacrificially. When we baulk at the cost of service – it is a sure signal that we have not understood the Gospel. Paul the Apostle says:

“My dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.”

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

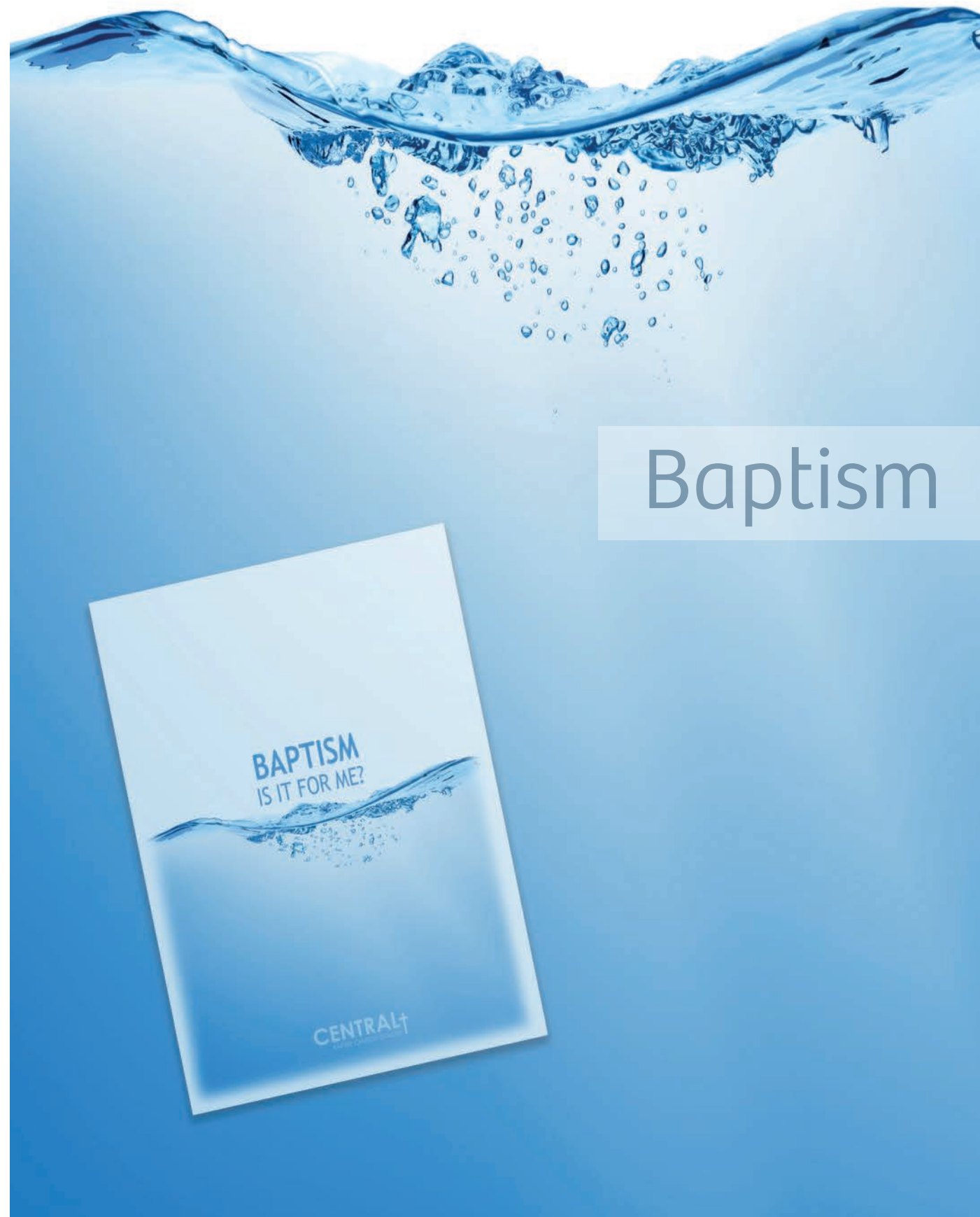
We glorify God as we serve His Kingdom.



We believe that where God's word is truly preached - that God's voice is truly heard. We have a skilled group of musicians who lead us in praise, drawing from a wide range of contemporary worship songs to the great historic hymns of faith. We believe that the Church is God's agent for the blessing of our city, our land and our world. Our aim as we gather is to glorify God and to be equipped to serve him where he has placed us. We believe that where God is at work, he brings people together with Him and with each other. We also believe the Gospel heard is to be the Gospel seen as God's people gather week by week in all of our activities and ministries.

We want to see our children grow in their faith through exploring the Bible and responding to the significance of Jesus Christ.

We have a range of age-appropriate ministries for children and young people, from a well-resourced crèche through to Sparklers, Sunday School, Bible Class and Youth Activities.



Our church is a Baptist church and as such we are part of God's universal church and in fellowship with all who truly own Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.

We are called Baptists because that is what others have called us due to our belief in believer's baptism. Such a belief is of course not limited to Baptists alone but is held by many Christians around the world.

We believe that the true church consists of all those who have turned in repentance and faith towards Christ and who have been initiated into his church by the spiritual and symbolic act of baptism.

Baptism is rich in symbolism and meaning and if you've not been baptised we'd value the opportunity to talk with you about this important step.

*For further information, please contact our pastors
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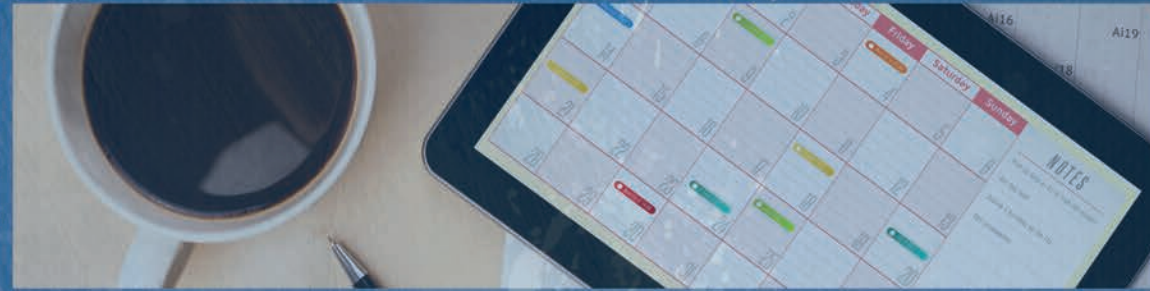


Membership

“**W**hat’s the big deal about ‘church’?” someone might say. “Isn’t the important thing that I’m a Christian? Does it really matter whether I join in or not? If I do join in, do I have to become a member as well? And why should I join this church in particular?” If any of these questions interest you, then membership classes are frequently held by the pastors. These classes will cover many of the issues you may have and will attempt to answer every question you might have about church. As a relatively large gathered church made up of folks from a variety of backgrounds, we are conscious that newcomers will be curious and perhaps apprehensive about what the church is like. What do we believe, how do we operate, where do we hope to go in the future?

Hopefully, in the Church Membership class, we can answer some of your questions and give you an opportunity to discover what we are like, or at least what we aim to be like.

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Diary



SUNDAY

Intercessory Prayer first Sunday of the month 9.30 -10.00am.

Services: 10.30am and 6.30pm (with Communion on first Sunday evening and third Sunday morning of the month).

Sunday activities for children and youth up to S4.

Youth Fellowship for those in S1–S6, during the evening service.

TUESDAY

12.15pm: Faith and Friendship

(Contact Damian Smith via church office)

8.00pm: Women's Bible Study via Zoom (in term time)

(Contact Karen Keir)

WEDNESDAY

10.00am: Women's Bible Study via Zoom and in person

(Contact Karen Keir)

7.30pm: Prayer Meeting – first Wednesday of the month

7.30pm or 8.00pm start: Growth Groups meet throughout the city every Wednesday evening apart from first Wednesday of the month (Contact Stuart Keir)

THURSDAY

10.00am: Little Blessings – Parent, Baby & Toddler Group

(in term time) (Contact Colin Watson)

8.00pm: Men's Bible Study (last Thursday of month)

(Contact Jim Turrent or Stuart Keir)

FRIDAY

6.00pm: Club Central, meets monthly (in term time) usually last Friday of the month (Contact Colin Watson)

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Giving

There are several ways to donate to Central - by cash, cheque, bank transfer or using a credit or debit card either regularly or one-off.

You can find information about this on our website at www.centraldundee.com/giving or contact our Church Treasurer (treasurer@centraldundee.com) or church office (office@centraldundee.com).

Make the most of your giving to Central – Gift Aid it! Providing you pay sufficient income tax, Central can reclaim from HM Revenue and Customs all the basic rate income tax that you pay on your donations to Central. Currently, for every £1 you give, Central can claim at least an additional 25 pence. You can download a Gift Aid form from our website at <https://www.centraldundee.com/giving/gift-aid-information> or contact the church office (office@centraldundee.com).



Through our Youth Ministry, we want our young people to come to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and to delight in following Him. Through teaching and activities, God's Word will be taught, applied and its relevance explained. Our prayer is that they will develop a passion for sharing the love of Christ with one another and become embedded in the life of and service to the local church and wider community.

Youth is for anyone in S1 – S6. Our aims are to help disciple and teach our young people in the Christian faith, to build relationships within the group, and to help our young people integrate with the wider church family.

Our regular programme runs during the school term time and consists of three activities to help achieve those aims.

Youth Fellowship (YF) – Sundays 6.30-8.00pm at church: This is our main teaching session. We teach on a variety of theological and cultural issues, bringing the Bible to bear on them. This helps our youth deepen their understanding of the Christian faith and gives clarity and assurance that the Bible speaks to all areas of life.

Friday Night In – Fridays before the last Sunday of the month 6.30-9.00pm: This is a monthly social night where we enjoy a meal together, play games and chat. It's a very casual night which is great for getting to know people and building friendships.

Small Group Bible Studies – Meet approximately monthly, dates and times vary by group: Split junior/senior and boy/girl, our small group Bible studies provide an opportunity to go deeper into God's word. Our youth are encouraged to study Biblical texts for themselves, as leaders help them to understand and apply it.

For more information, please contact Michael or Abby Adamson on michaeladamson15@gmail.com.

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Other Activities

Youth Fellowship 6.30-8.00pm. Last Sunday of the month stay in for evening service.

Friday Night In – Fridays before the last Sunday 6.30-9.00pm.

Small group Bible studies

Youth discipleship groups Junior Boys and Girls (P7 -S2) and Senior Boys and Girls (S3 -S6) meet monthly

Who let the Dads out? and Who let the Mums out? (Fellowship times)

Children's and families' events (check church bulletin for details)

Student services and activities for students

Engage Ministry (for young adults)

Women's Ministry (Bible Studies and events)

Men's Ministry (Bible Studies and events)

Saturday Evening Fellowship (September to June, monthly)

CHURCH BULLETIN A weekly diary of activities are included in the Church Bulletin, which is available in print (at church on Sundays) or via email. Please email office@centraldundee.com to be added to the church family email distribution list.

CHURCH WEBSITE The Calendar on the church website centraldundee.com/calendar also has information on church events.

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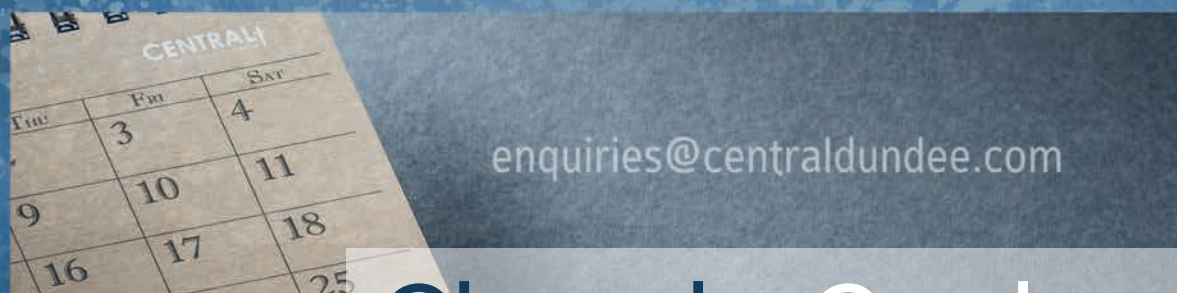


Discipleship

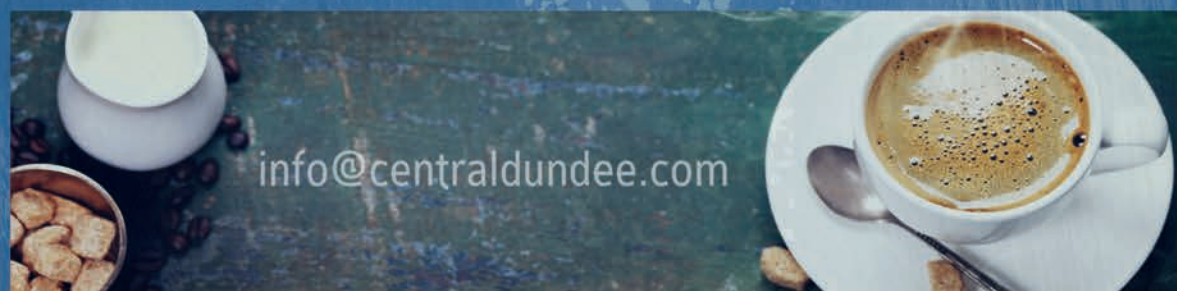
Iron sharpens Iron ministry is for men, whereas One to One ministry is for women. This part of discipleship is about one Christian taking the initiative with another to help them know Christ better and obey him more fully, through studying the Scriptures, and prayer for and with them.

These courses are:

- **Intentional** – something we commit to.
- **Purpose driven** – the goal being growth in Christ.
- **Biblical** – the Scriptures being core.
- **Accountable** – there is third party support.
- **Voluntary** – this will not be for everyone.
- **Time limited** – usually monthly meetings over 12-18 months.



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