

CENTRAL BEARDEN

Christ Centered, Community Focused

CHURCH PROFILE

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PURPOSE OF BEING

CentralBearden (CB) exists so that all people may know Jesus Christ as Lord, grow as His disciples, and share His love in word and deed. We encourage people to find and exercise their spiritual gifts. We come together in order to be equipped to go out to serve and reach the world.





Central Bearden, 1964

HISTORY & LEGACY

CB was established in 1894. Now, 132 years later, we are a vibrant church that proclaims and teaches the gospel as we serve our community, nation, and world. We are not creedal. CB adheres to the 1963 BFM and ordains men and women as deacons and ministers. CB has had five senior pastors in the last 75 years. Our mission partners include the SBC, CBF, TN Baptist Mission Board, TN Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Knox County Association of Baptists, and the Baptist World Alliance. Our worship service is a blend of traditional and contemporary music incorporating a choir and orchestra and a variety of instruments. CB's Preschool Weekday (PSWD) program enrolls around 100 children per year .



COMMITMENT TO MISSIONS

[CentralBearden Missions Flyer](#)

Since the 1950s CB's heart has been for missions and ministry, not just in study, but in active participation. Our congregation is involved in many different ministries locally, regionally, nationally and around the world.

A few of these ministries are unique to CB. Uniquely Growing in Christ is an adults with special needs ministry, BLOOM Center greenhouse working with special needs children and adults. Welcome House provides temporary housing for refugees to Knoxville, Samaritan ministries serves the HIV/AIDS community, Reaching distressed Appalachia partnering with Mission of Hope, and Stephen Ministry provides care and support for church and community members facing life's challenges.



GOVERNANCE PROFILE



Central Bearden Staff, 2026

CB is an autonomous body, operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Deacons, male and female, are caregivers for the congregation and minister through service roles. CB has many committees that help carry out the church ministries and work of the church. CB is a congregation with many well-educated people who are leaders in business and in their communities. Strong lay leadership is significant to the effectiveness of God's work through our church.

The senior pastor is expected to be a collaborative leader who operates through a process rather than through directives. The pastor is a shepherd who engages and encourages the staff to use their gifts to serve within a cohesive vision.



SPIRITUAL PROFILE

CB is committed to the historic Baptist principles of Bible Freedom, Soul Freedom, Church Freedom, and Religious Freedom. All members of our congregation are encouraged to learn how to share their faith and engage it in everyday living. We have ministerial staff and Sunday Bible study groups for all ages, including over twenty groups for adults.

Our chief aim is to glorify God and follow Christ's example through Scripture.





DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

CB is largely Caucasian but is becoming more diverse. Members reside all over Knoxville rather than primarily in nearby residences. We are welcoming of the Knoxville community. CB knows that we are called to be light in our community and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



WHERE DOES GOD WANT TO TAKE CENTRAL BEARDEN?

We want to work with the larger body of Christ here and around the world to see a movement of the gospel that brings life change and community formation to Knoxville and the world. We currently maintain dual affiliation with the SBC and CBF.





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