

*August 22, 2010*

If this is your first visit, thank you for visiting Central! We hope that you will find a church that is eager to know more of our God, that is anxious to serve Him with our abilities, and that is maturing in our faith to help others.

An usher should give you a visitors welcome packet. Would you kindly fill out our Registration Card and place it in the offering plate? Please know that there is no obligation for guests to give during the offering. Envelopes in the pews may be used by anyone wanting a tax-deductible receipt at year's end.

- ❖ **Complimentary CDs** of today's message are in the foyer.
- ❖ **Restrooms** are in the East Courtyard Building.
- ❖ **Nurseries** are in the East Courtyard Building for ages three and under.
- ❖ **Cell Phones** should be in the silent/vibrate positions.
- ❖ **Pastor and Mrs. Barton** will greet those in attendance in the foyer.



*Welcome David Ring!*

You've never heard a speaker quite like David Ring. Although difficult to understand at first, you will soon find yourself captured by his quick wit and warm personality. Whether giving a motivational message at a sales convention or inspiring church leaders, David always focuses on an individual's need to conquer the personal challenges and adversities of life. As you hear David Ring, you will

laugh...and cry. You will be amazed at his triumph over odds. You will be moved to consider your own life. As one who has not been stifled by his physical limitations, he clearly states his challenge to everyone: "I have Cerebral Palsy – What's your problem?"

As a nationally-known speaker since 1973, David shares his story with over 100,000 people each year at churches, conventions, schools and corporate events. He has been featured on numerous occasions on several nationally-televised programs.

David's book, *Just As I Am*, (Moody Press, Chicago, IL) tells about his heartaches and victories, and addresses the central theme of his life: "Triumph Over Odds."

David and his wife, Karen, make their home in Nashville, Tennessee. They are the parents of four children, April, Ashley, Nathan and Amy Joy.

David Ring will speak in both services today. Invite others to attend!

**GOD-CENTERED**



**2010 LADIES RETREAT  
October 21-23  
Blue Springs Conference Center**

A wonderful time to share our favorite things with each other, and learn what are God's favorite things. Enjoy new ideas, nature, laughter and a great service project! Total cost is \$139 with **\$50 Reservations due today.**

To reserve your spot at **My Favorite Things** see Donna Barton.

**TRUTH-DRIVEN**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<b>September 11</b>	Central Ladies Fellowship Meeting
<b>September 18</b>	Soul-Winning Blitz
<b>September 19</b>	Missionary Jim King
<b>September 25</b>	Church-Wide Canoe Trip (re-scheduled)
<b>October 2</b>	Choir Clinic with Cedric McCormick
<b>October 3-6</b>	Florida Baptist Fellowship (Revival)
<b>October 10</b>	Honor Our Heroes Sunday
<b>October 17</b>	Homecoming Day with Richard White
<b>October 21-23</b>	Ladies Retreat at Blue Springs
<b>October 24</b>	Friend Day
<b>October 31</b>	Trunk or Treat, pm
<b>November 14</b>	Worker's Appreciation Luncheon
<b>November 21</b>	Thanksgiving Sunday Celebration



**Wednesdays, 6:00-7:45pm**

*Cubbies, ages 3,4  
Sparks, K5-Grade 2  
Truth and Training, Grade 3-5*



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**PEOPLE-FOCUSED**

## Families Adrift!

Why is it that some of God's most notable servants seem to have rebellious children? Eli was a faithful preacher yet an ineffective father. One survey showed that dads have meaningful conversation with kids a total of three minutes per day. What are we to do to stop the drift? Perhaps we should learn the telltale signs of drift. The two preacher's kids in I Samuel 2:12-26 have broken their father's heart. They had a problem at home when:



Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Barton

- **They ignored the law (vs. 12)**

It is easier to build boys than repair men. Eli's sons knew religious language and pretended, at least, to show respect for the law. Yet the Lord did not rule their lives. They attended religious instruction classes yet never seemed to develop a relationship with God.

- **They scoffed at repentance (vs. 13-21)**

Hophni and Phinehas showed their true colors and mocked religious practice although feigning religious observance. They mocked the "wave offering" and manipulated the Temple rituals for their own selfish desires. They viewed the temple and its functions as mere opportunities for the exploitation of people. Repentance of their ways never entered their minds. As many today, they crowned situation ethics as Lord.

- **They pursued immorality (vs. 22-23)**

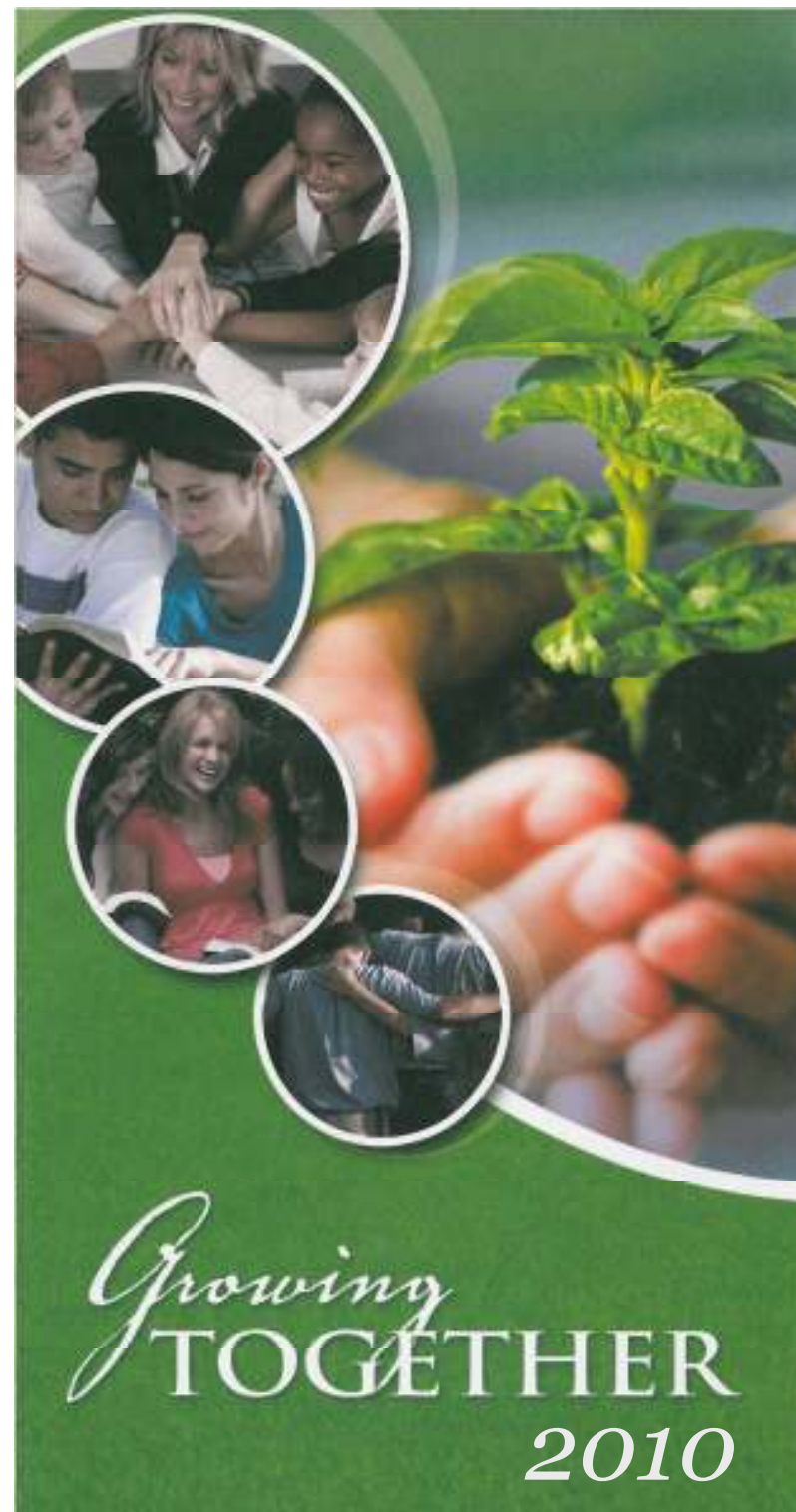
Eli's sons enticed the women sexually and cared only for their own selfish pleasures. All of Israel was adversely affected by their self-centered ways, yet their father failed to act.

- **They reaped the consequences (vs. 24-26)**

Their thirst for fame and fun brought a warning, although late. The boys suffered the consequences. The time to start correcting children is before they start correcting you. Watch for drifting!

## Today's Sermon Notes

Evangelist David Ring  
Nashville, TN



### Last Week's Financial Report

	Last Sunday	2010 Budget	2010 Average
Tithes	\$ 6,685.62	\$ 8,642.31	\$ 7,489.88
Missions	826.00	1,062.31	947.24
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 7,511.62</b>	<b>\$ 9,704.62</b>	<b>\$ 8,437.12</b>