

- We will have choir rehearsals on Wednesday, August 26 & September 2, at 7:00 PM in the choir room. I hope to see all of you there! Remember that our fellowship suppers have started back. Don't forget to make a reservation if you plan to have dinner with us!
- Looking ahead: Camp meeting at Camp Tygart is scheduled for September 20 – 24 with Rev. John Ed Mathison preaching. Central's night to fill the choir loft and bring dinner is scheduled for that Tuesday, September 22. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to go with us to eat, sing, fellowship, and enjoy a great service!



- Praise team will meet on Sunday, August 23, at 10:30 AM to prepare the call to worship for the 11:00 AM service that day. We will lead all music for the August 30 service. Please contact Karla for further information.
- Many thanks to our praise team for serving our church so willingly! Team members are: Christi Schirack, Sherry Massee, Susan Hughes, Brian Morris, Tad Schirack, Donivan Thompson, Dwain Smith, Jimmy Johnson, and Karla Foster. They will be leading in several worship services for the remainder of the summer and into the fall months.



Children's Choir

- Children's choirs will be held on Wednesday, August 26 & September 2, at 5:00 PM. We would love to have your child participate with us! For more information on children's choirs, please contact Karla.
- Thanks so much to children's choir leaders for the 2015 – 2016 year. Our leaders this year are: Angel Choir (ages 2 – kindergarten) - Katy Calhoun, Amy Shiver, and Jennifer Shoultz; Amanda Griffin is serving as a helper with this choir. Joy Choir (ages 1st – 5th grades) is being led by Chasity Hostetler, Donna Wiley, and Karla Foster.
- You will be receiving a letter this week with fall choir/children's department dates. Please put these dates on your calendars as we want your children to participate in as many events as possible!



As the summer ends and school begins, our schedules and routines change! What a perfect time to make attending Sunday School a part of your weekly calendar. The attendance was great last week at Promotion Sunday! All of our children have been assigned to a Sunday School class. To kick off the "new year," we had a family cookout with a giant waterslide, grilled hamburgers, ice cream and watermelon! A great crowd enjoyed some good old-fashioned fun and fellowship with our Central family!

As part of Promotion Sunday and Central tradition, our church presented our third graders with new Bibles. Receiving a Bible were Thomas Holt, Oliver Johnson, Cody Griffin, Garrett Lokey, Analee Mann and Gabriel Flener. What a pleasure to give each of these precious children a Bible!

Our Wednesday night JAM has started! JAM is Jesus and Me...it is our Wednesday night program and a way for our children to build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ! Please join us...we would love to see you there!

With much love, Miss Suzanne

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- Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, August 26 & September 2, at 5:00 PM. Please contact Karla if you are interested in joining our handbell choir.
- We appreciate Donna Owens for being so willing to lead our handbell choir again this year. Brian Morris will be assisting her with these duties. Thanks for serving your church in our music ministry!



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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

For immediate prayer needs contact our Prayer Chain at 423-3769 (Judy Hunter-Hill).

August Prayer Team: Dan Hudson, Frances Hudson, Frances Whitworth, Myrtle Harper.

Calendar

Sunday, August 23, 2015

9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
 9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 4:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 PM UMYF
 5:00 PM Administrative Council Meeting

Monday

10:00 AM Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga Class
 1:30 PM Church Staff Meeting

Wednesday

5:00 PM J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir (adults)
 5:00 PM All Children's Choirs
 5:45 PM Youth Supper & WOW
 6:00 PM Fellowship Supper
 6:30 PM Children's JAM
 7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 30, 2015

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We are off to a good start in youth choir for the musical, "Seventeen" that will be presented on Sunday, September 27, at the 11:00 AM service. We would love for ALL youth to participate in this. Please plan to be here this Sunday – rehearsal cds will be given out at our August 23 rehearsal. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday, August 23 and 30, at 4:00 PM in the choir room.



Helpers for August

USHERS: Art Anderson, Jeremy Martin, Lawson Owens, Darrell Weeks, Frances Whitworth

WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, Avery Tanner

Worship Notes for Sunday, August 23, 2015

Rev. Mike Benson (9:00 & 11:00 AM)

Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20 NIV

Sermon: "Be Wise"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Praise Team

Offertory: Cristina Evans

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans

Breakfast: New Beginnings

Worship Notes for Sunday, August 30, 2015

Rev. Mike Benson (9:00 & 11:00 AM)

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20 NIV

Sermon: "Be Prepared"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Praise Team

Offertory: Praise Team

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Parker Wiley, Colby Bell

Breakfast: Women of Faith/Barnabas

August 23 – Administrative Council (5 PM)
 September 20-25 – South Central District Camp Meeting
 September 22
 Central's night to host supper and choir at Camp Meeting
 October 11
 Central's Homecoming Celebration
 (10:30 AM)
 November 1
 All Saints Day (11 AM Worship)
 November 8
 Charge Conference (6 PM)



Mark
Your Calendar

- The youth are gathering dry goods for the Christian Kitchen. There will be boxes in the social hall, administration hallway, and the church. We would like to present an offering to Christian Kitchen next week.
- Wednesday night super starts at 5:45 followed by Bible study until 6:30.
- Youth will be meeting at 4:00 on Sunday for Youth Choir. We will eat snack supper at 5:00 and devotional and fun until 6:30
- Snack Super Schedule: August 23 - Chris and Melissa Massey; August 30 - Neal and Laura Burkhart



Central's preschool program is up and running and we currently have over 60 children enrolled! We are excited to be a part of the growing and learning process for these children. However, the economy is not good, and several of our students are in danger of having to withdraw because their parents cannot pay all of their tuition. If you would like to help these children by providing a tuition scholarship or by making a contribution toward their tuition, it would be greatly appreciated. Just be sure to mark your gift "preschool scholarship" or contact Melissa Wilson (425-8020) for more information.

A heartfelt "thank you" for your many gestures of kindness and love and well-wishes for our family. We were privileged to be part of the Central family for seven years, and will be forever grateful. Your love for the Lord and his people, the sweet Spirit of God that descends every time you gather for worship, and the many ways you reach out to help others in need, have been a blessing to experience and remember. May the Lord continue to pour out his blessings on you as you shine your "light" from the corners of Central and Lee.

A NOTE OF



Love, Keith & Peggy and family

Fellowship Supper Reservations

Reservations for supper should be made by 3:00 PM each Monday. Permanent reservations may be made. Reservations can be made via phone, email, text, or you may fill in the form printed below and place it in the offering plate. The serving line is open from 6:00 to 6:30 PM. Cost is \$6 for adults/teens; \$4 for children age 4-12; children age 3 or younger are free. There is a \$20 limit per family (living in the same home). Make a reservation and join us, you will be glad you did!

Menu: August 26: Beef Tips w/ Gravy, Broccoli, Rice, Carrots, Rolls.

Menu: September 2: Fried Chicken/baked chicken, mac-n-cheese, turnips, green beans, cornbread/rolls.

Name _____

Adults/Teens _____ # Children _____ # age 0-3 _____

August 26 only _____ Sept. 2 only _____ Permanent _____



Please Remember Central In Your Will or Trusts

Sunday, August 9, 2015

Worship Attendance.....271
 Sunday School Attendance.....92

Sunday, August 16, 2015

Worship Attendance.....243
 Sunday School Attendance.....82



Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Betty Campbell and family upon the death of her brother, Mr. Warren Cousins. Funeral services for Mr. Cousins were conducted on August 13 in Newberry, South Carolina.

During a recent mission work day at the Christian Kitchen our youth became aware that the food bank is critically low on canned goods and is in danger of not being able to help those in need. You can help! Support our Youth as they help stock the shelves at the Christian Kitchen. Please bring canned goods and staples to church with you this Sunday and help those in need.



Our thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Tom Green, and family upon the death of his wife, Diana (Susie) Green. Funeral services for Mrs. Green were conducted on August 22. In addition to her husband, survivors are: Amanda Green, Alex Green, Megan (Ryan) Reese and her mother, Mrs. Joyce Cutler. Please keep the Green family in your prayers.

- Prime Timers (ages 45ish – 65ish) will reschedule our dinner out together for September 10 at 6:30 PM, at Fat Daddy's. Hopefully, there aren't any conflicts and we will look forward to being together.



Adult Ministries

- Our senior adult ladies will meet for YOGA on August 24 and August 31
- Golden Agers Lunch will begin back on September 10 at 12:00 noon. Bring your dish and come join us for an hour of fun and fellowship!
- Younger Couples & Singles (25ish – 45ish) cook-out will be September 19 at 6:00 at the home of Rob & Amber Hughes. Bring the kids!
- If you are a senior adult, (ages 65ish – 105) drop by my office and sign up to go to see the "Grapevine" perform at the Opera House in Hawkinsville on September 19! See me for ticket prices and details.

Susan Hughes