



We welcome Roger and Allison Merritt into Central's membership. They are joining by transfer of their membership from another congregation in Fitzgerald. Roger and Allison are the proud parents of two children, Eli and Brooks. We are so glad that Roger and Allison have decided to make Central their church home. Please add your welcome as you see this wonderful young family in worship.

Choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, June 17 & 24, at 7:00 PM in the choir room. We will take a break from rehearsals during the month of July – so we NEED you to be here if possible! We will continue to lead worship each week in July.



- Children's choirs will not meet during the summer months. Watch the bulletin for details on when we will resume in August.
- Looking ahead: Music camp is scheduled for July 21 - 23 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon each day. There is no charge for the camp, but it is helpful if you could contact me to sign up your children so that enough volunteers may be secured. Music camp is for ages rising K – rising 6th graders.

There will be no handbell choir rehearsals during the summer months. Watch the bulletin for the date to resume rehearsals in August.



Everest Vacation Bible School was so much fun! We had over 140 children, youth and adult volunteers. Central's VBS is an awesome way to bring our church family and friends together to grow and worship in the Lord. The youth and adult helpers always enjoy Bible School as much as the children...what a blessing! Thanks so much for your help and support in making it a success!

During the summer, the lower and upper elementary Sunday School classes will be meeting together in the yellow room. Meeting as a large group will continue until August 9, Promotion Sunday. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend on Promotion Sunday...it is going to be a great day at Central!

With much love, Miss Suzanne

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

June Prayer Team: Annette Braddy, Anne Smith, Tommie Nichols, Anne Wood, Margaret Chasteen

Calendar

Sunday, June 14, 2015

- 9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
- 9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 12:00 PM Fellowship Luncheon
- 6:30 PM Methodist Men's Softball Game

Monday

- 1:30 PM Church Staff Meeting

Wednesday

- 2:00 PM Jr. Hi Wild Adventures Trip
- 7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 21, 2015

- 9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
- 9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 5:00 PM Senior High UMYF

Monday

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

Tuesday

- 9:00 AM Youth (all) Ichetucknee Trip

Wednesday

- 7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Helpers for June

USHERS: Bobby Chasteen, Chris Hughes, Amy Layfield, Garrett McCord, Troy Vaughn, Dale Wilson.

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

Worship Notes for Sunday, June 14, 2015

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

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir

Offertory: Betty Dyess, Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Parker Wiley, Raines Evans

Church Greeter: Bob & Beth Bryant

Breakfast: Volunteers

Worship Notes for Sunday, June 21, 2015

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

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Parker Wiley, Colby Bell

Church Greeter: Ken & Neesa Williams

Breakfast: Volunteers



We extend Christian sympathy to Anne Smith and family upon the death of her daughter, Debbie Smith Bonarrigo. A memorial service for Mrs. Bonarrigo was held in Central's sanctuary on June 5. Please keep the Smith family in your prayers.

We extend Christian sympathy to Wyndi & Todd Damato upon the death of Wyndi's grandmother, Mrs. Betty Joyce Tankersley Walters. Services for Mrs. Walters were conducted on May 29 at Ocilla Baptist Church. Keep the Walters and Damato families in your prayers.



Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Chance Giddens who were united in Central's sanctuary on June 13. Mrs. Giddens is the former Mary Claire Foster. The couple will be residing in the Atlanta area where they are both employed. Chance and Mary Claire, the prayers of the people of Central go with you as you establish your new home.

- All youth, junior/senior high, will meet at the Paulk Park softball field for the UMM softball game at 6:30 PM on June 14. If any of our youth want to play, please bring your glove and let's show the "old guys" how it's done! Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served.



- Junior High will be going to Wild Adventures on Wednesday, June 17. We will leave the church parking lot at 2:00! Wear sunscreen, and bring your park pass or \$35 for your ticket. **WE WILL NOT BE GOING TO THE WATER PARK!!! Only the amusement park part.**
- On June 21, the senior high will meet at 5:00 at the church for a Bible lesson and then we will go over to Chicago's pizza in Tifton. Bring \$5 for your meal.
- The Ichetucknee tubing trip for both senior and junior high has been moved to Tuesday, June 23, instead of July 1. Too many youth were going to be out of town the week of July 4, so I had to move it. We will leave the church by 9:00 AM. You will need to pack your own lunch including your drink. We will have coolers to put them in to keep them cool. Bring a towel, sunscreen and a change of clothes.
- Because the Boy Scouts will have our church vans, and because we had to move our tubing trip, the junior high will NOT meet to go to the Christian Kitchen on June 24. We will reschedule that event for July 15. Please mark your calendars.



"Mark, there's a man on the phone from the Smithsonian. He wants to know if we'd be interested in selling the church bus."

Welcome to our new pastor! Rev. & Mrs. Mike (Terri) Benson have moved into Central's parsonage and have become part of the family at Central. There will be a Fellowship Luncheon this Sunday, June 14, to welcome Mike & Terri to Central. Please plan to join us for worship that day and then for lunch afterward. As always there will be no cost for the lunch, but donations will be accepted.



Please Remember Central In Your Will or Trusts

Sunday, May 31, 2015

Worship Attendance.....209

Sunday School Attendance.....80

Sunday, June 7, 2015

Worship Attendance250

Sunday School Attendance73



Mark your Calendar

August 12

Fellowship Suppers Resume

August 23

Administrative Council

September 20-24

South Central District

Camp Meeting

October 11

Central's Homecoming

Celebration



Old Codgers

-vs-

Young Whippersnappers

Sunday, June 14

6:30 PM • Paulk Park

The Methodist Men will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers and the whole church is invited to come out and eat supper and watch the game.



Please plan to join us this Sunday, June 14, for a Fellowship Lunch honoring our new pastor and parsonage family. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 worship service. To help lunch run more smoothly, please follow these suggestions - We will

return our thanks and bless the lunch in the sanctuary. Please form the lunch line in the office hallway through the front door of the office building. When your plate is served, please be seated and enjoy your meal and fellowship. As soon as Brother Mike and Terri have finished their lunch they will be visiting the different tables and meeting their new church family. As always there is no charge for this lunch - donations will be happily accepted.

- We will NOT have YOGA for our senior adult ladies on June 15, but we will have it on June 22 at 10:00 AM in the Brown Activity Room.



Adult Ministries

- Please join us for the Fellowship Lunch on June 14. We will be welcoming our new pastor, Mike Benson, and his wife, Terri.
- Bring your chair and join us for the United Methodist Men's softball game on June 14 at 6:30. Game is at Paulk Park at Pump House Field. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served.
- We will NOT be having senior adult fun night again until September. Please watch the bulletin for any summer invites to eat out.

Susan Hughes