

- We will have choir rehearsals on Wednesday, September 23 & 30, at 7:00 PM in the choir room. I hope to see all of you there!
- 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 plan to go with us to eat, sing, fellowship, and enjoy a great service! Meet under the breezeway at 4:20 to ride the van.



Rehearsals will take place on Sunday, September 20, at 1:45 PM in the choir room and Wednesday, September 30, in the sanctuary. Our programs are scheduled for 11:00 AM at Central and 6:00 PM at the Church of the Nazarene on September 27. We will meet at 9:00 AM that morning to rehearse and have breakfast afterwards. Dress for the program will be jeans and our new youth t-shirts that will be handed out at the September 30 rehearsal. For those of you who have speaking parts, please let me know if you need an extra copy of your lines.



- Praise team will sing hymn set on Sunday, September 20, for the 11:00 AM service. Please meet at 10:20 that day to rehearse.
- Looking ahead: Praise team rehearsal will be held on Sunday, October 4, at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please let me know if you are not able to attend.



- Children's choirs will be held on Wednesday, September 23 & 30, at 5:00 PM. We would love to have your child participate with us! For more information on children's choirs, please contact Karla.
- Children's choirs will sing for 11:00 AM worship service on September 20. Be there at 10:30 AM for practice on that day.
- Parts have been given out for our Christmas program, "The Loaned Manger" to be held on Sunday, December 6. Please help your child in advance with lines and solos. It makes our practice times go so much more smoothly! Please let us know if you are willing to help with props, scenery, or costumes.



We are so excited that we now have four newly trained acolytes! Mr. Todd has trained our third graders, Thomas Holt, Cody Griffin, Oliver Johnson, and Garrett Lokey. We appreciate all of our acolytes and their commitment to this most important job. Serving as an acolyte is a ministry for our children here at Central. We are proud that our young church family has this opportunity to "give" to their church. Third through fifth grade children are asked to serve as acolytes. If your child is not trained and is interested in being an acolyte, please let me know.

\*\*\*Mark your calendars . . . Fellowship Luncheon following worship on September 27; Homecoming on October 11; "Fall Fun on the Farm" Trip to Calhoun Produce on October 17.

With much love, Miss Suzanne

Catch the Spirit

# CENTRAL

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- Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, September 23 & 30, at 5:00 PM. Please contact Karla or Donna if you are interested in joining our handbell choir.
- Looking ahead: Handbells are scheduled to play on Sunday, October 25, for the 11:00 AM service.



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## Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

September Prayer Team: Pat & Anita Stafford and Don & Eulalie Woeltjen.

## Calendar

### Sunday, September 20, 2015

9:00 AM..... Early Morning Worship  
9:15 AM..... Fellowship Breakfast  
9:45 AM..... Sunday School  
11:00 AM..... Morning Worship  
1:45 PM..... Youth Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 PM..... UMYF

### Monday

10:00 AM..... Senior Adult Ladies Yoga (Brown Activity Room)  
10:00 AM..... UMW Group 1 with Nancy Kimball  
4:00 PM..... UMW Group 2 in the Brown Activity Room  
5:00 PM..... UMW Group 3 with Betty Abell  
5:15 PM..... Daniel Plan Group (Parlor)  
7:00 PM..... UMW Group 4 in the Brown Activity Room

### Tuesday

4:20 PM..... Van Leaves for Camp Meeting  
6:00 PM..... Dinner at Camp Meeting  
7:00 PM..... Camp Meeting Worship Service

### 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

### Thursday

6:30 PM..... Prime Timers at Fat Daddy's

### Sunday, September 27, 2015

9:00 AM..... Early Morning Worship  
9:15 AM..... Fellowship Breakfast (Brown Activity Room)  
9:45 AM..... Sunday School  
11:00 AM..... Morning Worship  
12:00 PM..... Fellowship Lunch  
5:00 PM..... Youth Choir Meet at Nazarene Church  
6:00 PM..... "Seventeen" Presented at Nazarene Church

### Monday

10:00 AM..... Senior Adult Ladies Yoga (Brown Activity Room)  
1:30 PM..... Church Staff Meeting  
5:15 PM..... Daniel Plan Group (Parlor)  
5:30 PM..... Lay Leadership Committee

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## Helpers for September

**USHERS:** Robert Griffin, Dan Hudson, Tim McDonald, Ros Nash, Paulette Eastman, Troy Vaughn  
**WORSHIP TECHNICIANS:** David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, Avery Tanner

### Worship Notes for Sunday, September 20, 2015

**Rev. Mike Benson** (9:00 & 11:00 AM)  
**Scripture:** Colossians 1:24-29  
**Sermon:** "What God Expects: Love Your Church"  
**Prelude:** Christi Schirack  
**Call to Worship:** Angel & Joy Choirs  
**Offertory:** Sherry Masee, Susan Hughes, Karla Foster  
**Postlude:** Brian Morris  
**Scripture Reader:** Sikes McCord  
**A/V Assistants:** Parker Wiley, Colby Bell  
**Breakfast:** Covenant

### Worship Notes for Sunday, September 27, 2015

**Rev. B.J. Funk** (9:00 AM)  
**Scripture:** Psalm 16:11  
**Sermon:** "Three Simple Rules (A Wesleyan Way of Living)"  
**Youth Choir Presentation of "Seventeen"** (11:00 AM)  
**Prelude:** Becky Anderson  
**Postlude:** Brian Morris  
**A/V Assistants:** Parker Wiley, Riley Evans  
**Breakfast:** Action Life (Served in Brown Room)



Did you know that Central has a library that is well stocked with interesting reading material? We are adding several new books to our list of books that can be checked-out and taken home for your reading enjoyment. These new books were written by two of our members – Pam Mann and Joyce Ashley. To check out these new books, contact B.J. Funk. To check books out of the library you may see any staff member.

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

- Sunday September 20 - Bowling in Tifton with Arbor, meet at church at 3:00. Please bring \$10. We will also eat in Tifton.
- Saturday September 26 - Jeremy Camp Concert in Tifton. Meet at church at 3:30. Bring \$10 for concert. Food will be provided.
- September 27 - Youth Musical at 11:00 service. Fellowship Lunch.



We extend Christian sympathy to Mrs. Betty Campbell and family upon the death of her brother, Warren Cousins. Funeral services for Mr. Cousins were conducted on August 13 in Newberry, South Carolina. Please keep the Campbell family in your prayers.

We extend Christian sympathy to Mrs. Deanne Frey and family upon the death of her father, Mr. Lamar Bush. Funeral services for Mr. Bush were conducted on September 3 in Wrightsville, Georgia. Mr. Bush was the grandfather of Jennifer Shoultz and the great grandfather of Maci and Madi Shoultz. Please keep these families in your prayers.



**The Lay Leadership Committee** will meet on September 21 and 28 at 5:30 PM in the church library. All members of this committee are asked to be present. If you serve on this committee and cannot attend, please contact the church office (423-9381). Members of the 2015-2016 Lay Leadership Committee are: Becky Griffin, Ellen Burke, John Bishop, David Walker, Ed Willis, Margaret Chasteen, Katy Calhoun, Ray Mann, Beth Bryant.



We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the meal that was served to our FHS Purple Hurricane Football Team by the United Methodist Men. The food was delicious and the team appreciates your hard work in preparing it. Thank you for your support! The FHS Booster Club

## 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: September 23:** Beef Tips and Gravy Broccoli, Rice, Carrots, Rolls.

**Menu: September 30:** Hamburgers and Hotdogs and all the trimmings.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults/Teens \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_ # age 0-3 \_\_\_\_\_

Sept. 23 only \_\_\_\_\_ Sept. 30 only \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent \_\_\_\_\_



Please Remember Central In Your Will or Trusts

Sunday, September 6, 2015

Worship Attendance.....179  
 Sunday School Attendance.....60

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Worship Attendance .....213  
 Sunday School Attendance .....86



Sunday, Sept. 27  
 Following 11:00 Worship  
 Everyone is welcome  
 No Cost / Donations Accepted



Sunday, October 11  
**Guest Preacher: Rev. Bill Dupree**  
 Worship begins at 10:30 AM  
 Sunday School 9:45 to 10:15 AM  
 No 9:00 Worship  
 and No Breakfast  
 Covered dish lunch  
 immediately following worship

**45th Annual Tygart Camp Meeting For the South Central District  
 September 20-24**

**Special Speaker: Dr. John Ed Mathison**  
 (former Pastor of Frazer UMC and Chairman of the  
 Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy)

**Evening services 7 PM each evening  
 Covered dish supper each evening at 6 PM**

NOTE: Tuesday, September 22, is Central's night to sponsor the choir and host supper. We hope to have a great crowd from Central! This is a special time as churches of the South Central District gather and the preaching will once again be outstanding! The address (for your GPS) is 436 Camp Tygart Rd., Ray City, GA. The church van will leave at 4:20.

**Sunday, September 20**, is set aside in the South Georgia Conference for the annual Work Day Offering. There will be a special brochure in your worship bulletin on September 20 to explain the significance of this special offering. Please give generously to this wonderful ministry of the South Georgia Conference. To find out other ways to help at the Methodist Children's Home go to [www.themethodisthome.org](http://www.themethodisthome.org)

- Daniel Plan class will meet September 21 and 28 at 5:15 in church parlor
- Don't forget Camp meeting is Tuesday, September 22 at Camp Tygart. Service is at 7:00 PM
- Prime Timers will meet at Fat Daddy's this coming Thursday night, September 24, at 6:30! Hope to see you all there!
- I'd like to thank Rob & Amber Hughes for hosting our quarterly younger couples and singles cook-out at their home. I'm sure everyone had a great time and we thank you for opening your home to this age group.
- We will have the ladies YOGA class on September 21 and 28 at 10:00 AM.



Adult Ministries