



Watch text messages for upcoming youth band rehearsal schedule. We will try to rehearse at least once per month so that you may share with the youth group each week.

- Children's choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, October 19 & 26, at 5:00 PM. Please plan to be here! Parts have been assigned for our Christmas musical. Please let me know if you need another copy of your child's lines or solo.
- Extra rehearsal October 25 from 4-5 PM: Ashley Braddy and Mallory Peavey.
- Children's choirs will sing for our Homecoming Worship service on Sunday, October 16. This service begins at 10:30 – please be there at 10:00 AM for practice.



- We are planning to sing for our Homecoming service on Sunday, October 16, at 10:30 AM. We will need to meet to rehearse that morning at 9:30. Band members will need to arrive at 9:00 AM.
- Next praise and worship service is Sunday, October 23, with Steve O'Neal preaching. Praise team will need to meet on that day at 4:45 for practice.



- We will have choir rehearsal on Wednesday, October 19 & 26 in the choir room. We begin at 7:00 PM – please plan to be here for practice.
- We will need to meet early this week for our Homecoming service. Remember – there is one service at 10:30, so we will need to meet in the choir room at 10:00 AM.



Our Children's Sunday School has great lessons! Our preschool class for 2 and 3 year olds meets downstairs in the preschool room. Pre-K through second graders meet upstairs in the yellow room. Third through fifth graders meet upstairs in the green room. Please join us at 9:45 on Sunday mornings! We would love to have you!

JAM (Jesus and Me) meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Attendance has been great on Wednesday nights...we would love to have you join us!

With much love, Miss Suzanne

**Mark your calendars:**

Praise and Worship at 6:00 PM with a fellowship supper following the service on October 23

Acolyte Training during Sunday School on October 30

Shoebox Packing Party at 6:30 PM on November 9

Shoebox Dedication Sunday / Fellowship Luncheon on November 13

Deliver Shoeboxes to Tifton on November 16

*Catch the Spirit*

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- Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, October 19 & 26, at 5:00 PM in the handbell room.
- Handbells will play for the October 30 service. Please plan to meet at 9:30 that day for practice.

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## Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

**October Prayer Team:** Susan Hughes, Judy Hobby, Lynne Smith, Beth Bryant, Karla Foster

## Calendar

### Sunday, September October 16, 2016

9:00 AM ..... Praise Band Meets  
 10:00 AM ..... Children's Choirs Meet  
 9:45 AM ..... Sunday School  
 10:30 AM ..... Morning Worship  
 5:00 PM ..... UMYF

### Monday

10:00 AM ..... UMW Group 1 with Kay Faircloth  
 4:00 PM ..... UMW Group 2 in Brown Activity Room  
 6:00 PM ..... Webelos Scouts (Fellowship Hall)  
 7:00 PM ..... UMW Group 4 in Brown Activity Room

### Tuesday

5:00 PM ..... "Wolf" Cub Scouts (Brown Room)  
 6:00 PM ..... "Tiger" Cub Scouts (Brown Room)

### Wednesday

5:00 PM ..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir  
 5:00 PM ..... Children's Choirs  
 5:45 PM ..... Youth WOW  
 6:00 PM ..... Fellowship Supper  
 7:00 PM ..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday

10:00 AM ..... Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga

### Friday

5:30 PM ..... CUMC Tailgate Party

### Saturday

11:45 AM ..... Cub Scouts Webelos II

### Sunday, October 23, 2016

9:00 AM ..... Early Worship  
 9:15 AM ..... Fellowship Breakfast  
 9:45 AM ..... Sunday School  
 11:00 AM ..... Morning Worship  
 4:45 PM ..... Praise Team Rehearsal  
 5:00 PM ..... UMYF  
 6:00 PM ..... Praise & Worship

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## Helpers for October

**USHERS:** Amy Layfield, Chris Hughes, Garrett McCord, Bobby Chasteen, Troy Vaughn, Dale Wilson  
**WORSHIP TECHNICIANS:** David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens

### Worship Notes for Sunday, October 16, 2016

#### Homecoming Celebration

**Rev. Jim McLendon** (10:30 AM)  
**Prelude:** Becky Anderson  
**Call to Worship:** Celebration Choir  
**Special Music:** Angel & Joy Choirs  
**Offertory:** Abby Holt  
**Postlude:** Becky Anderson  
**A/V Assistants:** Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennessey  
**Church Greeters:** Ken & Neesa Williams

### Worship Notes for Sunday, October 23, 2016

#### Laity Sunday

**Bobby Chasteen** (9 & 11:00 AM)  
**Prelude:** Becky Anderson  
**Call to Worship:** Celebration Choir  
**Postlude:** Brian Morris  
**A/V Assistants:** Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson  
**Breakfast:** New Beginnings  
**Sunday School Greeters:** Pat & Joyce Ashley  
**Church Greeters:** Gill & Shaw Braddy, Todd & Wyndi Damato

#### Homecoming is Sunday, October 16

We are pleased to announce that the Rev. Jim McLendon will be preaching at our Homecoming worship service. Bro. Jim was the pastor at Central in the late 1980s and is known and loved by many in our community. Bro. Jim was a great supporter of our Hurricane Football Team and was well known for his "we up!" cheers. Join us for worship at 10:30 AM followed by our traditional covered dish lunch. Remember – no 9:00 AM worship and no Fellowship Breakfast. Sunday Schools will meet as desired. Mark your calendar and spread the word. It's going to be a great day!



Remember to sign up for the mealtrain for the Benson family. This was done to help organize dinners for their family. Go to mealtrain.com to sign up or contact Karla Foster or the church office if you need help. There are dates available in October and November.

Dear Central Family,

I wanted to write and tell you how much this church family has touched my heart and my soul. You are an amazing, loving and generous church. I have seen what you have done for others and have now experienced it for myself. Thank you. I had planned to send out many individual thank you notes to all of you who have done so much for me and my family. I bought new thank you notes and a brand new pen just for that. Unfortunately, things didn't work out the way I wanted. I have some paralysis in my right arm which makes it hard for me to type, much less write something that could be read. Please know that I appreciate all the love, prayers, food, cards, gift cards, gas cards, donations and the most amazing love offering I have ever even heard of. I cannot tell you enough what an amazing and loving church you are. It has been a very difficult couple of weeks for me, but your prayers and love have been carrying me through all of this. God is good, all the time.

I don't know what is in the future for me. They have given me a break from my chemo for a little while and gave me more radiation to try and shrink the tumor pressing on a nerve that is causing my paralysis. I can walk short distances with a cane, but any real distance I have to go now, I have to go by wheelchair. I can deal with all the physical problems, but I have to confess it breaks my heart not to be able to be with all of you. I'm optimistic that after we get a couple of physical problems solved I will at least be able to attend church and see you all again. I pray God's blessings on all of you and love each one of you.

Mike



## 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 \$7 for adults/teens; \$5 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 – October 19:** Salad, Hamburger Steak, Rice w/ Gravy, Sweet Carrots, Peas, Rolls, Dessert. (Children's Option: PB&J Sandwich)

**Menu – October 26:** Fried/Baked Chicken, Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit, Rolls, Salad Bar, Dessert. (Children's Option: Chicken Nuggets)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults/Teens \_\_\_\_\_ # age 4-12 yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ # age 0-3 \_\_\_\_\_

October 19 \_\_\_\_\_ October 26 \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Reservation \_\_\_\_\_

## SCRIPTURE SEARCHERS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

November 5

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

First Baptist Church of Ashburn

For more information or to register online go to [www.scripturesearchers.com](http://www.scripturesearchers.com) or contact First Baptist Church of Ashburn at 229-567-9320.



Welcome Rev. Steve O'Neal as special guest for this month's Praise & Worship. Steve is the pastor of the local Presbyterian congregation. Join us at 6 PM for an informal worship service and then stay for a fellowship supper of Lasagna & Salad.



#### Young Adults & Prime Timers!

Friday, Oct. 21  
5:30 PM

Field by FHS parking lot  
Join us for a burger and some fun before the game!



Youth will continue to meet at 5:45 on Wednesdays and at 5:00 on Sundays. Remember to sign up if you are going to eat at WOW. We are going to start focusing on Mission oriented projects. If you have any ideas please let Roger know.

• We will NOT be having YOGA on Monday, Oct. 17. We will resume on the 20th.

• We are having a FHS Football Tailgate Cook-out on October 21 from 5:30-7:30, on the practice field next to the reserved parking lot at the high school for young/middle adult ages. Please call the church office or email me for your reservations. We want to make sure we have enough burgers and hotdogs for everyone who wants to come!

• Praise & Worship service on Oct. 23 at 6:00 PM! We will have a supper to follow the service so bring a friend and come join us for worship and good fellowship!



## Adult Ministries

Susan