

- Children's choirs began on Wednesday, August 10, at 5:00 PM. Choirs are available for ages 2 – 5th grades. Please contact Karla for more information on children's choirs at Central and how your child may become involved. We would love to have them participate! Volunteers for this year are: Katy Calhoun, Jennifer Shoultz, Amanda Griffin and Donna Wiley. Thanks so much to these ladies for their help!
- Children will sing for the worship service on Sunday, August 28. Meet in the sanctuary at 10:30 immediately following Sunday school.
- Looking ahead: Children's choirs will sing for fellowship supper program on September 7.



Children's Choir

Youth Choir

The youth group will plan to lead the worship service on Sunday, September 25, at 11:00 AM. We are planning skits, scripture readings, speaking/sharing of testimonies, songs, and instrumental music as a part of the service. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to be here for this special service!

Youth Sunday rehearsals are going very well! Youth band will practice on Sunday,

August 21 & 28, at 3:00 PM in the youth room followed by rehearsal for everyone who is participating in Youth Sunday on September 25. Youth Sunday rehearsals are from 4-5 both weeks followed by UMYF at 5:00 PM.

- Some youth will participate in the Wednesday night supper program on September 21. Please put this date on your calendar and watch for announcements about this program.
- If you are interested in participating in youth Sunday (skits, songs, scripture readings, testimony, ushers, greeters, etc.) please contact Karla or Roger ASAP to volunteer. We hope that all youth will participate in this great day!

- Celebration Choir rehearsals have resumed. We hope that you will plan to join us at practice on Wednesday, August 24 & 31, at 7:00 PM in the choir room. If you have been considering joining the choir, now is a great time as we are beginning preparations for music for Homecoming, Camp Meeting, and Christmas. Please contact Karla for further information.
- Some house-keeping was recently done in the music suite. Many thanks to the following volunteers for their help: Diane Engelmann, Anna Brown, Lydia Cook, Donna Wiley, Sylvia Ellis, Nancy Kimball, Anne Smith, and Annette Braddy. It looks great!



Celebration Choir



Kid's Korner

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 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 a part of Promotion Sunday and Central tradition, our church presented our third graders with new Bibles. Receiving a Bible was Charlie Burke, Jackson Parrish, Cassidy Peavey, Daniel Hicks, Brett Martin, Anna Marie Elrod, Tyler Elrod. 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

Catch the Spirit

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August 21 & 28, 2016

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Praise team will be singing for the praise and worship service this Sunday, August 21, at 6:00 PM. Please plan to meet at 4:45 for rehearsal on that day.



Handbell rehearsals are in full swing once again. We are in need of more handbell ringers. Please contact Karla or Donna if you are interested in playing handbells this year. A nursery is available during handbell practice time.

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

August Prayer Team: Myrtle Harper, Barbara Cagle, Betty Dyess

Calendar

Sunday, August 21, 2016

9:00 AM Early Worship
9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship
3:00 PM Youth Band Rehearsal
4:00 PM "Youth Sunday" Rehearsal
4:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
5:00 PM UMYF
6:00 PM Praise & Worship (followed by BBQ Supper)

Monday

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

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
5:00 PM Senior Adults Trip to DJ's

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Helpers for August

USHERS: Art Anderson, Jeremy Martin, Lawson Owens, Troy Vaughn, Darrell Weeks, Michelle Strickland.

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

Worship Notes for Sunday, August 21, 2016

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

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon: "Going, Going, Gone"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir

Offertory: Jason Holt

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennessey

Breakfast: Journey

Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen

Church Greeters: Ken & Neesa Williams

Worship Notes for Sunday, August 28, 2016

Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 & 11:00 AM)

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:10

Sermon: "The Joy of the Lord"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Angel & Joy Choirs

Offertory: Mark Masee

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson

Breakfast: Covenant Class

Sunday School Greeters: Pat & Joyce Ashley

Church Greeters: The Hicks Family



We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Mrs. Charlotte Drexler. A funeral mass was conducted for Mrs. Drexler on August 8 at St. Williams Catholic Church. Mrs. Drexler is the mother of Mrs. Bertha Wright and Mrs. Virginia Snowden (both members of Central). Please keep the Drexler, Wright and Snowden families in your prayers.

We also extend Christian sympathy to Roger & Andrea Sutton and family upon the death of Andrea's father, Mr. John Rycroft. Funeral services for Mr. Rycroft were conducted on August 12 at The Paulk Funeral Home. Please keep the Sutton family in your prayers.



Just For You!

When my children were small they loved to read and the Mercer Mayer "Little Critter" books were among their favorites. The "Little Critter" series taught wonderful things like good manners, helpfulness and sharing. One of our favorites was a little book titled **Just for You**. In it, Little Critter tries to do nice things for the people he loves, but nothing seems to work out just right. We all have those days (or weeks) when those good things we try to do just don't seem to work out. You know what I mean – that pot roast you plan to take to that new family in your neighborhood burns to a crisp so you end up sending pizza instead. Whatever it is that goes wrong. Whenever the doldrums hit. Remember there is one thing you can count on. Just as surely as Jesus now lives in heaven, those who believe in him will one day live there too. Write it in stone, or better yet, write it in your heart. Jesus died and lives again - just for you!

Cindy

Praise & Worship

Sunday, August 21 • 6:00 PM

There will be a BBQ supper following the Praise & Worship service. Please join us for worship and supper!



February 4, 2017
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center

A Christian Women's conference for women of all ages and all denominations who desire an "outrageous & contagious" day of worship and sweet fellowship with hundreds of "sisters" who seek to grow in their walk with God.

Central has purchased a block of tickets. If you would like to attend this conference with our Central "group", contact Karla Foster or B.J. Funk to purchase your ticket today.

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 – August 24: Salad Bar, Tacos with fixings, Dessert. (Children's Option: Cheese Quesadillas)

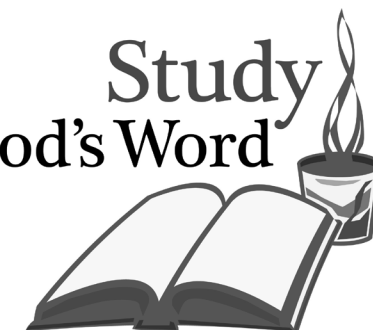
Menu – August 31: Salad Bar, Chicken Pot Pie, Steamed Broccoli, Dessert. (Children's Option: PB&J Sandwich)

Name _____

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

August 24 _____ August 31 _____ Permanent Reservation _____

Study God's Word

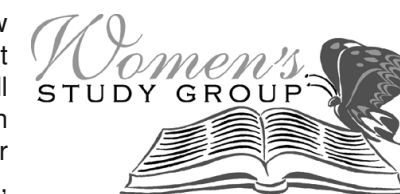


Pastor Mike's Bible study on Romans will continue beginning on Wednesday, August 24. We will plan to meet each Wednesday morning at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. If you were a part of the study last year, mark your calendar and rejoin the study. New group members are welcome!



B.J. will begin a women's group on Grieving. We will meet on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 in the parlor, beginning September 6 and ending October 11. Please tell your friends in the community that they are welcomed to attend. Call the church office to put your name on the list.

We are living in difficult days. How do we move past the fears that invade our securities? B.J. will lead a Bible Study on "When in Fear" for all women. It will run for four Sundays, starting on Sunday, September 11. We will meet from 4:00 to 5:30 in the Brown Activity Room. This study is being offered on Sunday afternoon so that working women might have a chance to attend. Please consider joining us. Call the church office to get your name on the list.



- Scripture Reader for August 21 11:00 worship – Danny Hughes
- Praise & Worship Service tonight, (August 21) at 6:00 PM. Supper to follow!
- Don't forget to make your reservations for Wednesday Night Suppers. We have fun programs planned! You don't want to miss it, plus the food is delish!
- The ladies YOGA class WILL meet for the rest of August, Mondays and Thursdays, at 10:00 AM in the Brown Room.
- Senior Adults are going to DJ's on August 25! We'll meet at the church by 5:00 PM to go by van.
- Golden Agers Lunch begins September 8



Adult Ministries

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