

- We will practice on Sunday, January 10, at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please plan to be at practice.
- We will plan to sing for the January 17 worship service at 11:00 AM. Next praise and worship service will be held on January 24 at 6:00 PM

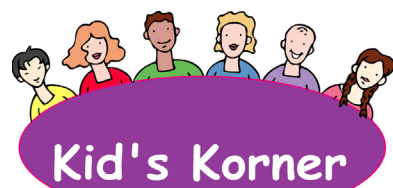


Children's choirs will meet on Wednesday, January 13 & 20, at 5:00 PM. If your child has not been participating in choirs and you are interested in more information, please contact Karla. We would love to have your child join us in 2016!

- Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, January 13 & 20, at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. Please plan to be here.
- If you are interested in joining the handbell choir, please contact either Donna Owens or Karla Foster for further information.



Choir rehearsals began last Wednesday and will take place in the choir room at 7:00 PM on January 13 & 20. Please contact Karla if you are interested in joining the choir. The New Year is a great time to start!



I hope that all of you enjoyed your Christmas break! You work hard each day at school, and you deserve some time to rest and relax! Now we are back at school, and your days are busy again! Be sure attending church is on your schedule. Each day we HAVE to go to school, but

going to church is a blessing. Going to church is fun, and the work is so easy! The best part is that you are spending time with God when you are at church. Your friendship with Him will last a lifetime! Can't wait to see you at Central!!

Mrs. Karla and I have met to discuss our plans for Central's children. We will have calendars for 2016 ready for the parents soon!

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).

January Prayer Team: Betty Abell, Virginia Snowden, Linda Brantley, Margaret Zorn

Prayer Requests: Milam Wheeler, Sonya Ryan (sister of Stacey Bell)

Calendar

Sunday, January 10, 2016

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

Monday

10:00 AM Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga
 4:00 PM Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday

2:00 PM Grief Support Group (Parlor)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

12:00 PM Golden Agers Covered Dish Luncheon

Sunday, January 17, 2016

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

Monday

Martin Luther King Day – Church Office Closed
 7:00 PM UMW Group 4 in the Brown Activity Room

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Helpers for January

USHERS: Robert Griffin, Dan Hudson, Tim McDonald, Ros Nash, Troy Vaughn

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

Worship Notes for Sunday, January 10, 2016

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

Scripture: John 3:1-12 (NIV)

Sermon: "Born Again"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans

Breakfast: Women of Faith/Barnabas

Worship Notes for Sunday, January 17, 2016

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

Scripture: Matthew 19:16-22 (NIV)

Sermon: "Giving Up"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Praise Team

Offertory: Christi Schirack

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Parker Wiley, Colby Bell

Breakfast: Friends



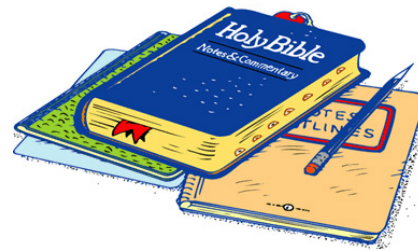
We express love and sympathy to Linda Brantley upon the death of her sister, Evoline Jones McLean. Funeral services for Mrs. McLean were conducted in Moultrie on January 2. Please keep Linda and family in your prayers.

Christian sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Mrs. Lois McCord who passed away on December 31. Funeral services for Mrs. McCord were conducted in Central's sanctuary on January 3. Mrs. McCord is the mother of Sikes McCord and Dodge McCord and the late Johnny McCord. Please keep the McCord family in your prayers.



There are many dates available on the 2016 Flower Calendar. If you would like to reserve a special date to place flowers in the sanctuary or chapel, please contact Kay Faircloth or the church office at 423-9381.

BJ will begin a study on Rob Renfro's book "A Way Through the Wilderness: Growing in Faith When Life is Hard." This will begin on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 from 10:00 - 11:30 in the Social Hall and will last for six weeks. If you are interested, please let BJ know. Rob's book will be available for purchase before the study begins. Open to men and women. Please contact BJ to put your name on the group list. Books will be to be ordered in advance



New Study Begins



Our Sunday School classes are great – from cradle roll to our senior adults and every age in between! Many of our Sunday School members claim it is the best hour of their week. Are you hungry to know more about the Bible? Do you desire a closer walk with your Lord and Savior? Sunday School can help. We have classes for all age groups. We have classes for men, classes for women, classes for married couples and for singles. Want to know more? Call Cindy at 423-9381. Together we can find a class/small group for you.

Class members your help is needed. Each week you will find "Brag Strips" in your Sunday School Class. When something good happens in your class – if you get a new member, have perfect attendance or if a class member receives an award or maybe has a new baby/grandchild/great grandchild – jot it down on the Brag Strip and enclose it in your Sunday School Offering Envelope. We will be glad to include it in our next bulletin. We love to share each other's good news!

"Let the wise hear and increase in learning..." *Proverbs 1:5*

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!

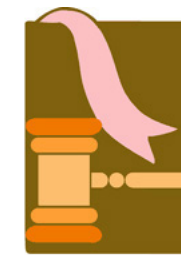
Menu – January 13: Hamburger Steak/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Biscuits, Salad Bar and Dessert.

Menu – January 20: Pork Chops, Squash & Onions, English Peas, Sweet Potatoes, Cornbread, Salad Bar and Dessert.

Name _____

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

January 13 _____ January 20 _____ Permanent Reservation _____



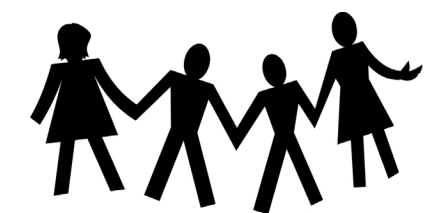
Administrative Council Members! Please plan to be present at 11:00 AM worship on Sunday, January 10. Council members for 2016 will officially be recognized with a short dedication service. A list of 2016 officers is available in the church office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our audio visual ministry is in need of volunteers to run power point and video cameras. We would love to have some committed volunteers who are willing to work a couple of Sundays each month on a rotating basis with other volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Karla or any of the guys who currently work in audio visual ministry.



• Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year celebration! I am excited to get going with 2016! Right off the bat, we've got a senior adult event planned for January 29! We will be meeting at the church on that afternoon at 5:00 PM to go to DJ's! Put this on your calendar and make plans to be there! We always have a big group to go which means I will need to let our friend out at DJ's know what to expect, so let me know if you plan to go!



Adult Ministries

• YOGA starts back on January 11 at 10:00 AM in the Brown Room; however, we will not have YOGA on UMW Circle Monday, January 18. So Karla and I will see you ladies on January 11th and January 25th of this month!

• I am working on our next event for our younger age couples and singles, and our middle age couples and singles. Be watching the bulletin for details!