

- Our next praise and worship service will be held on Sunday, January 31, at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please be here that day at 4:30 for practice.



- Praise team will have their regular monthly rehearsal on Sunday, February 7, at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary.

- Children's choirs will meet on Wednesday, January 27 and February 3, 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



- Ms. Suzanne and I have completed the spring calendar for children's events. Please let us know if you did not receive one yet so that we may get one to you. We also will need volunteers for several of these events; please contact one of us if you are interested.
- Children are collecting food items for Backpack Blessings ministry from now through May. Please bring any donations that you have to the choir room or to Karla's office.
- Looking ahead: Children's choirs will sing call to worship on February 7.

- Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, January 27 and February 3, at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. Please plan to be here.
- Handbell choir will play for the January 31 service. Please plan to be here on that day at 9:30 to rehearse.



Choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, January 27 and February 3, at 7:00 PM in the choir room. Please plan to be with us! We have begun rehearsing music for Holy Week and Easter services in March and we need YOU there!



Kid's Korner

All children are invited to attend Sunday School at Central! Melissa Wilson keeps our nursery for infants through 2 years old. Victoria Thompson teaches the 2 and 3 year old class in the big preschool room. Brittany Eidson and Ellen Burke teach the Pre-K through 1st graders in the orange room upstairs. David Hicks teaches the 2nd through 5th graders in the green room upstairs. Each week, the children watch a short video of the Bible story, talk about the story, read their Bible Storybook or Bible, and then create a leaflet activity. The children love the lessons! Our Sunday School teachers are all so dependable, and I appreciate them so much! Through their faithful dedication to serving our Lord and our church, Central's children are learning lessons that will be meaningful for a lifetime!

With much love,
Miss Suzanne

Catch the Spirit

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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 24, 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

10:00 AM Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga
 1:30 PM Church Staff Meeting
 5:00 PM UMW Group 3 with Donna Owens

Tuesday

10:00 AM Bible Study with B.J. (Fellowship Hall)
 2:00 PM Grief Support Group (Parlor)

Wednesday

11:00 AM Bible Study with Rev. Mike Benson
 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

5:00 PM Senior Adults Fun Night at DJ's

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Saturday

9:00 AM Outrageous & Contagious 5 (Tifton/UGA Conf. Ctr.)

Helpers for January

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, January 24, 2016

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

Scripture: John 8:1-11 (NIV)

Sermon: "Starting Over"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir & Congregation

Offertory: Cristina Evans

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans

Breakfast: Journey Class

Worship Notes for Sunday, January 31, 2016

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

Scripture: Colossians 1:21-23(NIV)

Sermon: "Completely Dependent on Grace"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir

Offertory: Betty Dyess

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Parker Wiley, Colby Bell

Breakfast: Covenant Class



Congratulations to Mark & Sherry Masee upon the birth of their grandson, Rhett Masee. Rhett's parents are Luke and Courtney Masee of Atlanta, Georgia. Congratulations to you all!

We express our love and sympathy to the family and friends of Morris D. "Dooney" Campbell. Funeral services for Mr. Campbell were conducted in Central's sanctuary on January 18. Mr. Campbell is survived by his wife, Betty, their children Melissa, Katrina and Tanya and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Please keep the Campbell family in your prayers.



Join us for
Praise & Worship
January 31 • 6:00 PM
Sanctuary



We send our love and sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Dell Merritt who passed away this week. Funeral services for Mrs. Merritt were conducted in Central's sanctuary on Friday, January 22. Mrs. Merritt is survived by her son, Dr. Gee (Brenda) Merritt and grandchildren, Mimi (Wood) Montgomery, Shaw Merritt, Roger (Allison) Merritt and Nicki (John) Jordan. She was blessed with several great grandchildren as well. Please keep the Merritt family in your prayers.

Are you hungering 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. Want to know more? Call Cindy at 423-9381. Together we can find a class/small group for you.



Class members remember to fill out your "Brag Strip" and return it in your Sunday School envelope. We want to share your good news, so keep us informed!

The Journey Class will soon begin a **Through the Bible in One Year** study. If you want to know more about the Bible or have been thinking about reading the Bible, you are invited to join this group. The study will begin on February 7 during Sunday School (Sundays at 9:45) in the Journey classroom.

There are two new study groups forming and you are invited to participate! **Rev. Mike Benson** is leading a Bible study on **the book of Romans** each Wednesday at 11:00 AM in the Brown Activity Room. **Rev. B.J. Funk** will be teaching a book study on Rob Renfroe's new book **"A Way Through the Wilderness"**. This group will meet for six weeks beginning Tuesday, January 26, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Contact BJ to sign up for her class so that books can be ordered.

"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 27: Beef Tips with gravy, Broccoli, Rice, Carrots, Salad Bar and Dessert.

Menu: February 3: Fried/Baked Chicken, Mac 'n Cheese, Turnips, Green Beans, Corn Bread/rolls, Salad Bar and Dessert.

Name _____

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

January 27 _____ February 3 _____ Permanent Reservation _____



We are saying goodbye this week to one of our dear friends. Ms. Margaret Zorn will soon be moving to Rocky Mount, NC to be closer to her family. Margaret served faithfully as Central's Director of Education for many years. She kept our Adult Ministries active with all sorts of trips - from Atlanta Braves Baseball to Lake Junaluska and many points in between. She kept our adults on the move. She was also instrumental in keeping Sunday School thriving with attendance campaigns and slogans such as "in the door by 9:44!" Margaret we love you and wish you well!



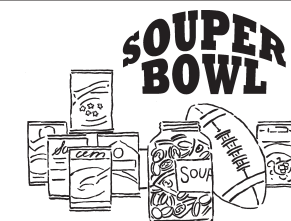
Volunteers Needed

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 friendly folks who currently work in audio visual ministry.

- We have another Bible study that will begin January 26th from 10:00 AM – 11:30. BJ will lead this study on "A Way Through the Wilderness; Growing in Faith When Life is Hard." Books will be \$8.50 each. See BJ to purchase yours!
- Mike Benson is leading a Bible study on the book of Romans every Wednesday morning from 11:00 – 12:00 in the Brown Room. Bring your Bible and come join us for this in-depth study!
- Senior Adults will be going to DJ's for a nice dinner out together on January 29th. We will leave the church by 5:00. Let me know if you want to go so I can turn in a reservation number.
- Our annual "Souper Bowl" Sunday is coming up on February 7th! Start buying can goods to bring to the service that day for the Christian Kitchen. We will also have pots at the sanctuary entrances for donations if you'd like to give.



Adult Ministries



February 7
Canned good and
cash donations are needed