



• 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!

- Some of our youth will participate in the Wednesday night supper program on September 21. Please be here on that night at 5:30 to set up and prepare for the program. Supper is at 6:00 followed by program at 6:30.
- Our youth will rehearse this Sunday, September 18, for Youth Sunday. Band members should plan to meet at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary; all other Youth Sunday participants should come at 4:00. UMYF will follow our rehearsal.
- On Sunday, September 25, we will meet at 9:00 AM to have our final run-through for Youth Sunday. We will have breakfast at 10:00 AM following our practice and the program will be held at the 11:00 AM worship service. Please invite your family, friends to attend this service. This is a great time to reach out to unchurched friends and family – please encourage them to be here!

- We will have choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September 21 & 28, in the choir room. We begin at 7:00 PM – please plan to be here for practice. We need each and every one of you!
- Christmas music has arrived! Please pick up your rehearsal cd and book if you have not already done so. If you would like to join us for the Christmas musical, please contact me for information on practices, dates, etc.
- Thanks so much to those of you who participated in the choir for our Camp Meeting service this past week.



We are so excited that we now have four newly trained acolytes! Todd has trained our third graders, Charlie Burke, Cassidy Peavey, Brett Martin, and Haille Haggard. He will do a make-up training session soon for those that need it. 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 Supper following Praise and Worship service on September 18
- Youth Sunday is September 25...the children will sit together during this service
- Children will visit our homebound on October 5
- Fall Saturday Fun” Trip to Wild Adventures on October 15
- Homecoming on October 16

With much love  
Miss Suzanne

Catch the Spirit

# CENTRAL

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Fitzgerald, Georgia

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- Praise team will be singing for the praise and worship service on Sunday, September 18, at 6:00 PM. Please plan to meet at 4:45 for rehearsal on that day.
- Many thanks to our praise team members who participated in the Camp Meeting service. I appreciate your “going the extra mile.”
- Looking ahead: Next praise team rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, October 2, at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary.



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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, Don & Eulalie Woeltjen

## Calendar

**Sunday, September 18, 2016**

9:00 AM..... Early Worship  
9:15 AM..... Fellowship Breakfast  
9:45 AM..... Sunday School  
10:30 AM..... Children's Choirs Meet  
11:00 AM..... Morning Worship  
3:00 PM ..... Youth Band Practice  
4:00 PM ..... Youth Sunday Practice  
4:00 PM ..... "When in Fear" Bible Study  
5:00 PM ..... UMYF  
6:00 PM ..... Praise & Worship  
7:00 PM ..... Sunday Night Fellowship Supper

**Monday**

10:00 AM..... UMW Group 1 with Nancy Kimball  
5:00 PM ..... UMW Group 3 with Betty Abell  
5:30 PM ..... Lay Leadership Committee  
7:00 PM ..... UMW Group 4 with Dianne Engelmann

**Tuesday**

10:30 AM..... Women's Grief Group

**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

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## Helpers for September

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

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

### Worship Notes for Sunday, September 18, 2016

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

**Scripture:** John 12:1-8

**Sermon:** "The Alabaster Box"

**Prelude:** Becky Anderson

**Call to Worship:** Angel & Joy Choirs

**Offertory:** Karla Foster

**Postlude:** Brian Morris

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

**Breakfast:** Women of Faith/Barnabas

**Sunday School Greeter:** Don Woeltjen

**Church Greeters:** Ken & Neesa Williams

### Worship Notes for Sunday, September 25, 2016

**Rev. John O'Conner** (9:00 AM)

**Youth Sunday** (11:00 AM)

**Prelude:** Becky Anderson

**Call to Worship:** Rose Thompson

**Offertory:** Youth Band

**Postlude:** Brian Morris

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

**Breakfast:** Friends

**Sunday School Greeters:** Pat & Joyce Ashley

**Church Greeters:** The Hicks Family

Remember to sign up for the meal train for the Benson's. This was done to help organize dinners for their family. Go to [mealtrain.com](http://mealtrain.com) to sign up or contact Karla Foster at the church if you need help. There are dates available in September and October.



#### Be A Member of the HOT 100

The Christian Kitchen is looking for 100 people who will give \$100. If you can't give \$100, but would like to contribute to this fund - all donations are gratefully accepted!



#### 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 from 1984-1989 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. Mark your calendar and spread the word. It's going to be a great day!

I am so excited! Our Children's Sunday School Department has embarked on a wonderful study on "Learning to Use My Bible". It is so exciting that our children are digging into God's Word. They are learning to use their Bible and learning about their God in the process. Many thanks to David & Leanna Hicks for teaching this class. Where are you in The Word? If you are not currently involved in a Bible Study, Small Group or Sunday School, I encourage you to jump in. There are many opportunities for you. Just check out some of the other announcements in this week's newsletter to learn more. We have Sunday School available every Sunday morning and are just beginning a study on fear taught by B.J. Funk. Mike plans to resume his study on Romans as soon as his health will allow it and John O'Connor will soon begin a Disciple 1 Bible Study. All are wonderful opportunities to grow in your knowledge of and in your relationship with God. Don't hold back - now is the time to jump in!



Cindy



Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, September 21 & 28, at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. Please contact either Donna or Karla for updates on handbell choir.



B.J. is leading a women's group on Grieving. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 in the parlor. The group began meeting September 6 and runs through 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.

## 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!

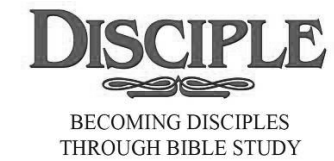
**Menu - September 21:** Salad Bar, Baked Ham, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Collard Greens, Butter Beans, Rolls, Dessert. (Children's Option: Corn Dogs)

**Menu - September 28:** Salad Bar, Italian Meat Balls, Noodles, Sweet Peas, Carrots, Rolls, Dessert. (Children's Option: Chicken Nuggets)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

September 21 \_\_\_ September 28 \_\_\_ Permanent Reservation \_\_\_



A new Disciple 1 Bible Study group is forming! Disciple is an in-depth Bible Study course. The course takes 34 weeks to complete and involves weekly class time (about 2 1/2 hours) as well as daily reading and note taking time (30-45 minutes per day). Class size is limited to about 12 students. If you are feeling called to go deeper into God's word this is your opportunity. Classes are tentatively set for Sunday afternoons. To sign up or for more information, please contact John O'Connor at 423-3719.

You are cordially invited to a  
**Miscellaneous Call Shower**

For

**Ansley Childree**

Bride Elect of Kaleb Heninger

Sunday, September 18 | 1:30 PM until 3:00 PM

First Baptist Church | Burch Hall

Hosted by friends

The couple is registered at the Jolly Jeweler and Bella Rue Plaza



- Children's choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, September 21 & 28, at 5:00 PM.
- Children's choirs will sing for 11:00 AM worship service on September 18. Please meet at 10:30 AM (immediately following Sunday School) to practice. We will sing "Love the Lord" - #2 on choir cd that day.
- Looking ahead: Children's choirs will sing for some of our homebound members on Wednesday, October 5 followed by a short program when we get back to the church for fellowship supper that night.



#### Praise & Worship

**Sunday, September 18 • 6:00 PM**

The Rev. Don Woeltjen will bring the message for this service. There will be a Fellowship Supper following the Praise & Worship service. Many thanks to Todd Reaves who will be cooking our supper! Please join us for worship and supper.

- Praise & Worship Service Sunday night, Sept. 18 at 6:00 PM with supper to follow. Menu is, Grilled chicken, hash brown casserole, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert! Come join us!



#### Adult Ministries

- We will have YOGA on Sept. 22, 26, and 29 at 10:00 AM in Brown room.
- Our Senior Adult Trip to Blue Ridge is coming up fast! If you haven't turned in your money, you can go ahead and drop a check by my office.
- B.J. is leading a Bible study on Sundays at 4 PM in the Brown Room. Bring your Bible and join us.

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