

Praise and worship will be held on Sunday, February 28, at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. We will meet at 4:30 to practice that day – please plan to be here on time!



The youth are in the process of raising money for the EXTREME conference this summer in Panama City. The dates of the conference are June 13 - 17. Parents, if you have any questions, please see Roger or Allison. WOW will be every Wednesday from 5:45 to 7:00. Please remember to sign up for dinner if you plan to eat. UMYF will be on Sunday at the church from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We are in need of parents to prepare snack supper on Sunday nights. Someone will be contacting parents soon.

- Children's choirs will meet on Wednesday, February 24 & March 2, at 5:00 PM.
- 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 and have a fellowship lunch following church service on March 6.



- Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, February 24 & March 2, at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. Please plan to be here.
- Handbell choir will play two selections for the 11:00 AM service on Sunday, February 21. Please plan to be here at 9:30 that morning for practice.

- Choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, February 24 and March 2, at 7:00 PM in the choir room. Please plan to be with us!
- An extra Celebration Choir rehearsal will be held on Sunday, February 21, at 1:30 PM and also on February 28 (if necessary) at 3:30 PM. Please put these dates on your calendars and plan to be here for the extra practice for Holy Week!



Many thanks to all who helped with the Valentine's Day party for our special needs children! The party was so much fun and a blessing to everyone! We will have Praise and Worship on February 28th at 6:00 PM. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun service with your family! We will fellowship with our church family at a dessert social following the service!

Mark your calendars:

We will have a Fellowship Luncheon on March 6!
 We will go to the movies on Sunday afternoon, March 20!
 Ms. Susan Hughes will provide a tour of the "Stations of the Cross" during JAM on March 23! Please plan to attend this special event!
 Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be March 26 at 10:00 AM.
 Central's Vacation Bible School will be June 6 through 9.

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).

February Prayer Team: Dan & Frances Hudson, Myrtle Harper, Frances Whitworth

Prayer Requests: Sonya Ryan (sister of Stacey Bell), Anne O'Connor, Kay Faircloth, Christy Cagle, Jeff Youngblood

Calendar

Sunday, February 21, 2016

9:00 AM Early Worship
 9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Confirmation Class Lunch & Class Time
 1:30 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 PM UMYF

Monday

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

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 Mike (Brown Room)
 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
 7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 28, 2016

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 9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 3:30 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal
 4:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
 5:00 PM UMYF
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Helpers for February

USHERS: Aimee Layfield, Chris Hughes, Garrett McCord, Bobby Chasteen, Troy Vaughn, Dale Wilson

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

Worship Notes for Sunday, February 21, 2016

Rev. Mike Benson (9:00 AM)

Scripture: Luke 13: 31-35

Sermon: "Plan?"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir

Offertory: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir

Postlude: Brian Morris

A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans

Breakfast: Women of Faith/Barnabas

Worship Notes for Sunday, February 28, 2016

The Honorable Robert Chasteen (9:00 & 11:00 AM)

Scripture: Philippians 4:8-9

Sermon: "The Building of a Biblical Mind"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Becky Anderson

A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell

Breakfast: Friends

Parents of Confirmation students please note: Confirmation Class, February 21 at 12:00 noon. No money needed for lunch. Students will be dropped off at their home after class (around 1:30-2:00) Confirmation class also on March 2 at 6:00-7:30 PM. (Please make reservations for your child's supper on Mar. 2 at Wednesday Night Supper) On March 20th – all students will meet with Pastor BJ during Sunday school. The date for Confirmation Sunday will be on April 10!



Ok all of you Prime Timers (middle aged adults) out there, mark your calendars and get ready for a real treat! We are going to Daphne's Lodge on Friday, March 11. Meet at the church to ride our new van together! Watch the bulletin for the time to meet, but go ahead and mark your calendar for the date.

Drop in Baby Shower
for
Hannah & Michael Williams

Saturday, March 5, 2016

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Brown Activity Room at Central UMC

Proud Grandma is Jeaneanne Sledge

P.S. It's a boy!



Lenten devotional booklets were given out last Sunday at church. If you didn't get one, be sure to pick one up this Sunday. Lent is a time when many people think of giving something up. Try this instead – add something to your life – something like a regular devotional time. Add a regular prayer time to your schedule or maybe embark on a Bible study. The important thing is to grow

closer to God during this period of Lent so that you arrive at Easter with a refreshed and revitalized love for your Savior!

Sunday school members, remember to fill out and turn in those brag strips. We all have wonderful things happening in our lives everyday. Learn to recognize God's gifts in your life – and don't forget to share your story with your friends.

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

Congratulations to Myrtle Harper upon the birth of her great granddaughter, Turner Jacqueline Harper, on December 17. The infant's proud parents are Bo and Mary Catherine Harper of Pensacola, Florida. Congratulations to you all upon this wonderful addition to your family!



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 – February 24: Beef Tips with Gravy, Broccoli, Rice, Carrots, English Peas, Sweet Potatoes, Cornbread, Salad Bar and Dessert.

Menu – March 2: Fried/Baked Chicken, Mac 'n Cheese, Turnips, Green Beans, Cornbread, Salad Bar and Dessert.

Name _____

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

February 24 _____ March 2 _____ Permanent Reservation _____

Central will be
observing
Gideons Sunday
on
February 28



The Gideons International

We are so pleased to announce that our Gideons speaker will be our very own Bobby Chasteen. Bobby is always an interesting and entertaining speaker and we look forward to his message for us. Please mark your calendar and plan to be present for this special service.



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.



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- Our middle aged adults (Prime Timers) will meet on March 11 to go to Daphne's Lodge. Meet at the church to ride our new van together! Watch the bulletin for the time to meet, but go ahead and mark your calendar for the date.
- The senior adults will meet for our next outing on March 31 at 5:00 PM. We will be going to DJ's!
- A reminder that our Sunday school classes need to have their "stations" set up by March 18. If anyone needs help with setting up their idea for their station, please let me know.
- Confirmation Class is February 21 at 12:00 noon. Students will go to lunch with Mrs. Susan and then come back to the church for class. Parents, students will be taken home after class is over.



Adult Ministries

Susan



Sponsorships/Scholarships are needed for several children in our Preschool Program. If you would like to sponsor a child or contribute to a scholarship, please contact the church office or simply mark your contribution as "Preschool Scholarship". Our preschool gives children a great foundation for the remainder of their education. Your contribution will be appreciated.