

- We will have choir rehearsal on Wednesday, November 16, in the choir room at 5:00 PM as usual.
- There will be no practice on November 23 due to Thanksgiving holidays. Enjoy this time with your families!
- Extra rehearsals on November 15 from 4-5 for: Sheep, Dan, Cody, Jackson P, Emma, Hallie, Ashley, Mallory, Madi, Maci, Mary and Joseph. Thanks!
- November 13: Any children who wish may participate in the Christmas Open House carol sing-a-long in the park. Meet in the plaza park (by Our Daily Bread) at 2:45. We sing at 3:00. Then following the carol sing, I would like to rehearse with the same group who is coming on November 8 from 3:30-5:00 PM at the church.
- Also – children's choirs will sing for the 11:00 AM service on November 13. Meet at 10:30 AM for rehearsal. The service will be followed by a fellowship lunch.



Children's Choir

Praise team will be taking a break from singing for the next two months. We will resume rehearsals in January.



- We will rehearse on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 PM in the choir room. Please plan to be here.
- No rehearsal on Wednesday, November 23. Enjoy Thanksgiving holidays with your families!



- Handbell rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, November 16 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room.
- The Handbell Choir did a super job for the October 30 service. Looking ahead: Handbells are scheduled to play again on November 20.



Today is our Shoebox Dedication Sunday for Operation Christmas Child. Thanks to all that made donations to this special ministry. Also, thanks to all who helped to pack the shoeboxes at our shoebox packing party! We will travel this Wednesday, the 16th, to Tifton to deliver the boxes to Eastside Baptist Church. Kindergarteners through fifth graders are invited to help with the delivery. Younger children are welcomed to go with us, but a parent must go also. We will depart from the church after choir practice at 5:45. After we deliver the shoeboxes, we will have supper together in Tifton. Please bring \$5.00 to help cover the cost of your meal. We should arrive back at Central around 8:30.

We will not have Wednesday Night JAM on the 23rd. Enjoy your Thanksgiving holidays...especially spending time with your family! Don't forget to count your blessings!

Our annual Christmas Family Night will be December 18 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! I hope that everyone can come...I can't wait!

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).

November Prayer Team: June Morris, Nancy Kimball, Anne O'Connor, Jackie Pryor

## Calendar

Sunday, November 13, 2016

9:00 AM ..... Early Morning Worship  
 9:15 AM ..... Fellowship Breakfast  
 9:45 AM ..... Sunday School  
 10:30 AM ..... Children's Choirs Meet  
 11:00 AM ..... Morning Worship  
 12:00 PM ..... Fellowship Lunch  
 2:45 PM ..... Children – Christmas Open House/Practice  
 5:00 PM ..... UMYF

Monday

10:00 AM ..... Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga  
 4:00 PM ..... Church Staff Meeting  
 6:00 PM ..... Webelos Scouts (Fellowship Hall)  
 7:00 PM ..... UMW Group 4 (Brown Room)

Tuesday

5:00 PM ..... "Wolf" Cub Scouts (Brown Room)  
 6:00 PM ..... "Tiger" Cub Scouts (Brown Room)

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

Sunday, November 20, 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  
 6:00 PM ..... Thanksgiving Community Worship

Monday

4:00 PM ..... UMW Group 2 in Brown Room  
 5:00 PM ..... UMW Group 3 in the Parlor  
 6:00 PM ..... Webelos Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday

4:00 PM ..... Joy Choir Rehearsal  
 5:00 PM ..... "Wolf" Cub Scouts (Brown Room)  
 6:00 PM ..... "Tiger" Cub Scouts (Brown Room)

Thursday



Saturday

11:45 AM ..... Cub Scouts Webelos II

## Helpers for November

**USHERS:** Becky Griffin, Robert Griffin, Pam Bishop, Terry Bishop, Clint Talton, Stacy Bell

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

### Worship Notes for Sunday, November 13, 2016

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

**Scripture:** Romans 5:20

**Message:** "Abundant Grace"

**Prelude:** Becky Anderson

**Call to Worship:** Thomas Holt

**Offertory:** Sherry Masee, Karla Foster, Susan Hughes

**Postlude:** Brian Morris

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

**Church Greeters:** Bob & Beth Bryant, Darrell Weeks

**Sunday School Greeter:** Anna Brown

**Breakfast:** Journey

### Worship Notes for Sunday, November 20, 2016

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

**Scripture:** James 4:6

**Sermon:** "Growing in Grace"

**Prelude:** Becky Anderson

**Call to Worship:** J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir

**Special Music:** J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir

**Offertory:** Jason Holt

**Postlude:** Brian Morris

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

**Breakfast:** Covenant Class

**Sunday School Greeter:** Don Woeltjen

**Church Greeters:** Ken & Neesa Williams

We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Foster Goolsby. Funeral services for Mr. Goolsby were conducted in Central's sanctuary on November 8. Please keep the Goolsby family in your prayers.



**Begins  
January 1, 2017!**

Advent is coming soon and our Worship Committee is hard at work preparing for this wonderful season. It is customary for the members of Central to purchase poinsettias in honor or memory of their loved ones and place them in the sanctuary during the season of Advent. Some years we have so many poinsettias we hardly have room for them all! This year we want to offer you a different option. This year we will only order 30 poinsettias. If you want a poinsettia, please order early as they will sell out quickly. The price of the poinsettias will be \$12 each. The second option is to make a memorial or honor gift to the church. The funds raised through these donations will go into the Worship Committee's budget to help purchase new decorations. Some of the decorations now in use are quite old and in many cases are simply falling apart. A list of poinsettia dedications and memorial/honor gifts will be printed and inserted in the bulletin on the 4th Sunday of Advent (the Sunday before Christmas). Please fill in the information below to order a poinsettia or to make a honor/memorial gift.

Please indicate your preference:  Poinsettia  Honor/Memorial Gift

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Backpack Blessings Ministry is collecting items from now through the end of December. Items especially needed are: Individual cans of Beanie Weenies, pudding cups, individually wrapped snacks (such as crackers, chips, gummy snacks, etc.). If you wish to donate to the ministry, please drop your items off at the church. Thanks for always being so generous to ministries within our community!



### Backpack Blessings

### 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 – November 16:** Salad Bar, Vegetable Soup, Taco Soup, Sandwiches, Dessert

**Menu – November 23:** No Supper

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

November 16 \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Reservation \_\_\_\_\_



**Stay  
in the  
Word**

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood..." are the opening words to one of my favorite poems. Each time I read them it makes me more aware that each decision I make in life comes with its own set of consequences. The prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 6:16) said it like this, "This is what the Lord says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look;

ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.'" As I write this it is election day. Each of us has stood at a crossroad and sought out the good way. I hope that each of us voted as our conscience dictated. The decision has now been made. All that is left is for each of us to remember that God is in control. He controlled Pharaoh in the days of Moses, he controlled Nebuchadnezzar in the days of the Babylonian exile, and he is just as much in control today. "...Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less traveled by. And that has made all the difference." Seek out the good way and walk in it. You will find rest for your soul.

Cindy

The Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Ministerial Association invites you to attend the annual Community Thanksgiving Service to be held on Sunday evening, November 20. The service, to be held at Salem Baptist Church on Palm Street at 6:00 PM. Rev. Jeff Parmer, pastor of Crossview Baptist Church, will be the speaker for the evening. Please join with our Christian brothers and sisters around Fitzgerald as we worship together.



Operation Christmas Child has begun! Box tags and other information about this wonderful ministry are available in the church office. Shoebox dedication Sunday will be November 13. Pack your box with new items and bring it to church with you on dedication day. What a wonderful way to share God's love with Children around the world.

- Don't forget about our church-wide fellowship lunch on November 13 right after 11:00 worship service in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to come.



### Adult Ministries

- No YOGA on Nov. 21 due to UMW meetings, and no YOGA on Nov. 24 Happy Thanksgiving!
- Advent Readers for 11:00 worship service November 27 is Mark & Sherry Masee
- Planning an adult (all ages) trip to see "Mannheim Steamroller Christmas" on November 26 at the FOX Theatre in Atlanta. Who's interested? Please email, text or call me at the church office if you'd like to go! Let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 16. Tickets are going fast!

*Susan*