

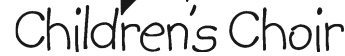
- Please remember our choir practices on Wednesday, April 19 & 26, at 7:00 PM.
- Looking ahead: Celebration Choir presents "Homeland" on Sunday, May 21, for 11:00 AM service. Please invite your friends/family to attend our special worship service that day.



- Children's choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, April 19 & 26, as usual at 5:00 PM. The April 26 practice will be held in the sanctuary.



- Joy Choir will have an extra rehearsal on Tuesday, April 25 from 4:00-5:30 PM in the sanctuary for Children's Sunday. Please have your children bring their music if they are playing selections on the piano. All lines should be memorized by this date.



- Please see Allison Merritt to pay for your child's T-shirt for the April 30 program.
- Looking ahead: Children's Sunday is April 30 at 11:00 AM. Be sure to invite your families to participate in this wonderful service that our will feature our children.



- Handbells will rehearse on Wednesday, April 19 & 26, at 5:00 PM.
- We will play for the morning worship service on April 23. Please meet at 9:30 AM for practice.



Kid's Korner

Celebrating that Christ arose has been wonderful here at Central! During this season, we have been blessed with opportunities to grow in the Lord! The children have enjoyed our "40 days and 40 nights" study, and I am so excited about what they learn at church! I am

thankful for this church and for my church family!

Our annual Easter egg hunt was so much fun, and I appreciate all the help and support from our parents!

Children's Sunday is coming up on April 30. We will celebrate with a luncheon following the service, and everyone is invited to eat!

Our children will be visiting our shut-ins on May 3. We will also eat supper together at McDonalds!

Bible Camp dates are June 4 through 6. Please see me if you would like to volunteer...we would love to have you!!

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).

April Prayer Team: Karla Foster, Judy Hobby, Lynne Smith, Beth Bryant, Susan Hughes

Calendar

Sunday, April 16, 2017

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service (at FBS)
9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
10:30 AM Morning Worship
5:00 PM Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday

10:00 AM UMW #1 with Nancy Kimball
6:00 PM Webelos Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday

5:00 PM Wolf Cub Scouts (Brown Rm.)

Wednesday

5:00 PM Children's Choirs
5:00 PM J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir
5:45 PM Youth Worship on Wednesday
6:00 PM Fellowship Supper
6:00 PM Tiger Cub Scouts (Brown Rm.)
7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

10:00 AM Senior Ladies' Yoga Class
5:00 PM Senior Adults Night Out

Sunday, April 23, 2017

9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
11:00 AM Morning Worship
4:00 PM Administrative Council Meeting
5:00 PM UMYF

Monday

10:00 AM Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga
6:00 PM Webelos Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

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10:00 AM Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga

Helpers for April

USHERS: Gill Braddy, Shaw Braddy, Todd Damato, Jeremy Martin, Lawson Owens, Michelle Strickland, Darrell Weeks.
WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, Parker Wiley.

Worship Notes for Sunday, April 16, 2017

Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: Luke 24:1-8
Sermon: "The One Central Belief That United All True Christians"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir
Offertory: Juli-ana Massey
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennessey, Dakota Elrod
Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen
Breakfast: No Breakfast
Tellers: Andy Johnson, Dianne Engelmann, Barbara Cagle

Worship Notes for Sunday, April 23, 2017

Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: John 5:2-9
Sermon: "Stuck by the Side of a Pool"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir
Offertory: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson, Janne Behnke
Sunday School Greeter: Pat & Joyce Ashley
Breakfast: Friends
Tellers: Barry Peavey, Beth Bryant, Cindy Morris

Mark your calendar today for these important dates! I especially need to know if you will be attending the Summer Church trip to Laguna Beach at Panama City. Please let me know if you have any questions. I will send more info out closer. We will have a fundraiser for this trip and we are hoping there will be no out of pocket expense.

Thanks and God Bless, Roger Merritt

Friday, April 14: Good Friday Service at 6:00 PM
April 19: Resume Bible study on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Supper at 6:00 PM.
May 6: Great Day of Service. Youth will have a project to work on 7:30 AM until 1:00 PM.
May 7: Senior Sunday (Ally Pelham, Dawson Pelham, & Dustin Armstrong)
May 10: Last Wednesday Night Supper and WOW
May 13: Wild Adventures (All Youth)
May 14: Mother's Day (No UMYF)
July 14-July 17: Summer Youth Trip (Lagoona Beach, Panama City)

*We will have more events taking place throughout the summer. If you have any questions please call 425-2674 or email: merritr31@gmail.com



Bring flowers with you to church on Easter Sunday to add to our traditional "Living Cross". This cross is a beautiful gift that Central gives to our community every year. There are so many in our community who enjoy this beautiful expression of our Easter joy each year.

Central's Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, April 23, at 4:00 PM. In addition to the regular reports and business, there will be a special session on Church Safety. This special session will be facilitated by Ben Hill County Sheriff Lee Cone. **All members of Central** are invited and encouraged to attend this special meeting! Please be present to learn what steps may be needed and are being planned to insure the safety of Central's worshippers.



Easter Sunday Morning 7:00 AM

First Baptist Church Breezeway
 Rev. Lloyd Stembridge
 (Arbor Baptist Church)
 will be the speaker
 for the morning



WORSHIP SCHEDULE for EASTER

9:45 AM
Sunday School

10:30 AM
Worship

No Fellowship Breakfast

No 9:00 AM
Worship Service

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 – April 19: Fried/Baked Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert. (Children's Choice – Chicken Nuggets).

Program: Musical program provided by "The Ensemblettes"

Menu – April 26: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Peas, Corn on the Cob, Salad Bar, Dessert. (Children's Choice – Pizza Rolls)

Program: Brad Rigby, District Attorney

Name _____

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

April 19 _____ April 26 _____ Permanent Reservation _____

Galatians 5:22-23 says "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."



Imagine for a moment that your life is a prism through which the spirit of God passes. A prism has the unique ability to take a single ray of light and split it in such a way that a beautiful rainbow of color is produced. Prisms are known for this ability – it is what they do. As Christians we have the unique ability to take one aspect of God – the Holy Spirit – into our lives and through the miraculous, redeeming work of Jesus Christ split it. The outcome is more beautiful than any rainbow created by the prism. The outcome is a life that reveals the fruit of the Spirit. Matthew 7:20 says "by your fruit you are known". The question I have asked myself this week is, "How am I known? Am I known for showing love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control?" As you go into the coming week, I encourage you to ask yourself that same question. If we are honest with ourselves, chances are we will all find some areas which need improvement.

Cindy

Great Day of Service will be May 6th. If you'd like to serve on a team as a volunteer or perhaps you'd like to give a donation, call Susan Hughes at the church office.



Great Day of Service



We extend Christian sympathy to Trudy Marsh and family upon the death of her husband, Plyde Marsh. Plyde was the twin brother of William Marsh. Funeral services for Mr. Marsh were conducted on April 5 at the Paulk Funeral Home Chapel. Please keep the Marsh family in your prayers.

We extend sympathy and prayers to Todd and Wyn-di Damato and family upon the death of Todd's brother, Doug Damato. A memorial service for Mr. Damato was conducted on April 7 in the Chapel of Edo Miller Funeral Home in Brunswick, GA. Please keep the Damato family in your prayers.

• This year's community Sunrise Service will be held at FBC breezeway at 7:00 AM on Easter Sunday.

• No ladies YOGA class on Monday, April 17. We will have YOGA on Thursday, April 20, 24, and 27.

• Senior adult group will meet at 5:00 PM on April 20 to go to DJ's. We will then go as a group to Third Thursday to hear a concert in the plaza on Main Street here in Fitzgerald. Let me know if you'd like to go!

• We will host Sheriff Lee Cone on April 16 at our Administrative Council meeting at 4:00 PM to talk to us about church security. If you serve on our Ad Council, please mark your calendar for this meeting.



Adult Ministries

Susan