



- Children's choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, February 8 & 15. We meet at 5:00 PM and are finished at 5:55. Please pick up your children each week from either the choir room or the playground.
- Your song was so beautiful last Sunday! So many people have told me how much they enjoyed it. Thank you for sharing your talents in such a special way with our congregation. The next Sunday that we are scheduled to sing February 19 during the 11:00 AM service.

- Remember our praise and worship service on February 26 at 6:00 PM. We will meet that day at 4:30 for practice. We will have a light supper following the service – make plans to eat dinner with us!
- Our next praise team rehearsal will be on Sunday, February 12, at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please note the date change for this month only (second Sunday instead of first Sunday).



- You bless our congregation each and every week in the way that you lead worship. THANK YOU! Your church values the time commitment that you make to share such wonderful music each week. See you at rehearsal on February 8 & 15 at 7:00 PM in the choir room.
- If you are interested in joining choir, please see Karla. We would LOVE to have you! Our group is not a performing group, but a worshipping team that leads our services each week. We are a family, and we would welcome some new brothers and sisters!
- Looking ahead: Celebration Choir presents "Homeland" on Sunday, May 21, at the 11:00 AM worship service.



- Looking ahead: Handbells will play for the 11:00 AM worship service on Sunday, February 26.
- Rehearsals for the handbell choir will take place on Wednesday, February 8 & 15, at 5:00 PM in the handbell room.



All children are invited to attend Sunday School at Central! Melissa Wilson keeps our nursery for infants through 2 years old. Victoria Thompson and Andrea Sutton teach the 2 and 3 year old class in the big preschool room. Brittany Eidson and Amy Shiver teach the Pre-K through 1st graders in the orange room upstairs. Ellen Burke 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

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- Youth band will NOT rehearse on Sunday, February 5 due to Winter Jam. We will practice at 4:00 PM as usual on February 12.
- Looking ahead: The Youth Band is scheduled to play on Wednesday, February 22, for the fellowship supper program. I need to know NOW if any of our band members cannot be here – please let me know ASAP so that we may make other arrangements if necessary.



Thursday, February 9, 6:30 PM
 Join us for supper and program!
 All men of Central are encouraged to attend.



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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

For immediate prayer needs contact our Prayer Chain at 423-3769 (Judy Hunter-Hill).

February Prayer Team: Myrtle Harper, Barbara Cagle, Betty Dyess

Calendar

Sunday, February 5, 2017

9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
 9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
 9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
 11:00 AM Morning Worship

Monday

10:00 AM Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga
 6:00 PM Webelos Scouts (Brown Rm.)
 6:30 PM Emmaus Gathering

Tuesday

5:00 PM Wolf Cub Scouts (Brown Rm.)
 6:00 PM Tiger 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
 7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

10:00 AM Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga
 12:00 PM Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 PM United Methodist Men (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, February 12, 2017

9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
 9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast (Brown Room)
 9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Luncheon for Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
 4:00 PM Youth Band Rehearsal
 5:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
 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)

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10:00 AM Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga

Helpers for February

USHERS: Amy Layfield, Dale Wilson, Garrett McCord, Bobby Chasteen, Chris Hughes, Tasha Martin, Brian Braddy, Mike Foster.

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

Worship Notes for Sunday, February 5, 2017

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

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7-10

Sermon: "The Ransom Paid; The Curse Removed"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

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

Communion Servers: Terry & Pam Bishop, Robert & Becky Griffin

Sunday School Greeter: Annette Braddy

Breakfast: Journey Class

Tellers: Mike Smith, Chris Calhoun, Lisa Young

Worship Notes for Sunday, February 12, 2017

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

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-10

Sermon: "How Are We Saved By Grace?"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Boy Scouts

Offertory: Mark Massee

Postlude: Brian Morris

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

Sunday School Greeter: Anna Brown

Breakfast: Covenant Class

Tellers: Jimmy Johnson, Lisa Smith, Mande Bishop

We extend our love and sympathy to Henry & Charlene Hatcher upon the death of Henry's mother, Mrs. Betty Hatcher. Funeral services for Mrs. Hatcher were conducted on January 29 at Fellowship Baptist Church. Please keep the Hatcher family in your prayers.



Central Youth meet every Wednesday for WOW at 6:30. If you want to eat make reservations and supper starts at 6:00. We will continue to schedule events for Sunday nights. Roger will contact youth concerning schedule for UMYF. The youth recently went bowling in Douglas and had a great time. We will hopefully be traveling to one of the areas hit by the recent tornadoes. This will give us an opportunity to provide mission work to those hurt by the recent storms. Please be praying for the upcoming youth trip (Winter Jam). Pray that Suzanne, chaperones, and youth have a safe and spiritual experience.



not pictured: Susan Hughes



Working in Turner County

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 – February 8: Chicken Pot Pie, Steamed Broccoli, Salad Bar, Dessert (Children's Option: Chicken Nuggets)

Menu – February 15: Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Stewed Squash, Butter Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert. (Children's Option: Corndogs)

Name _____

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

February 8 _____ February 15 _____ Permanent Reservation _____



Abraham was old, Jeremiah was young. Moses had a speech problem. Gideon was afraid. Samson was a womanizer and Rahab was a prostitute. Jacob was a deceiver, David was a murderer. Peter denied Christ three times, and Paul, by his own admission, was chief among sinners and a persecutor of Christians.

The point of that list is to say that God uses flawed people. People with a past. You know why? He isn't interested in our past, only our future! He takes imperfect people and moves them toward perfection. Is there something in your past that is keeping you from a full relationship with God – He is waiting to forgive you. The trip from sinner to saint is short but we must be willing to pass through the blood of Jesus to achieve that goal. God loves you just as you are today with all your faults and foibles, but he wants to take you beyond where you are now to a better place. I am ready to begin my journey, will you come too?

If you haven't yet signed up for the 40 Days In The Word Bible Study, don't delay – do it today!

Cindy

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 5th!

Bring your canned goods and cash donation to church with you! All donations will benefit the local Christian Kitchen. Please be generous, the need is great!



Golden Agers Luncheon

The Golden Agers will host their monthly luncheon on Thursday, February 9, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone age 50+ is invited! There will be the usual covered dish lunch followed by an interesting and informational program.

- Communion Servers for Feb 5 – Terry & Pam Bishop and Robert & Becky Griffin
- A big thanks to everyone who volunteered to serve on Central's Disaster Relief Team this past couple of weekends. What a blessing!
- Breakfast on February 12 will be in the Brown Room.
- Senior adults will be going to DJ's restaurant on February 23. Let me know if you'd like to go so I can make reservations. We will leave the church by 5:15 pm that afternoon.
- Planning is underway for our "Noah's Ark" trip in Williamstown, KY. A payment plan has been set in place. If you are interested in going, I need to know soon. We have 14 going so far. Call me at the church office for details.
- 40 Days in the Word begins the last week of February. Have you signed up for a group yet? Call me at the church office if you'd like to be a part of this spiritual growth Bible study.



Adult Ministries

Susan