

• Letters were sent home last week regarding winter and spring children's activities. I hope that you put all of these dates on your calendars and that your children will plan to participate! We love all of our Central children – and their friends! Please feel free to invite friends to join our choir or participate in our children's activities. Please let me know if you did not receive a copy of this letter so that I may get one to you.



Children's Choir

- Children's choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, January 25 and February 1. 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.
- Children's choirs will sing for the 11:00 AM service on January 29. Please meet at 10:30 for practice.

• You have done such a beautiful job each week with anthems and in leading worship – thank you for your hard work! Remember our rehearsals on Wednesday, January 25 and February 1, at 7:00 PM in the choir room.



Celebration Choir

- If you are interested in joining choir, please see Karla. We would LOVE to have you!
- Looking ahead: Celebration Choir presents "Homeland" on Sunday, May 21, for 11:00 AM service.



- Handbells will play for the 11:00 AM worship service on Sunday, January 22. Please meet at 9:30 for practice.
- Rehearsals for the handbell choir will take place on Wednesday, January 25 and February 1, 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. David Hicks and Ellen Burke teach 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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January 22 & 29, 2017

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- Youth band will NOT meet on Sunday, January 22. However, we will meet at 4 PM on January 29 to rehearse for our upcoming supper program. Please let me know if you can't be here.
- Looking ahead: 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.



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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

January Prayer Team: Betty Abell, Virginia Snowden, Linda Brantley

Calendar

Sunday, January 22, 2017

9:00 AM..... Early Morning Worship
 9:15 AM..... Fellowship Breakfast
 9:30 AM..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 9:45 AM..... Sunday School For All Ages
 11:00 AM..... Morning Worship
 4:30 PM..... Praise Team Rehearsal
 6:00 PM..... Praise & Worship

Monday

10:00 AM..... Senior Adult Ladies' Yoga
 1:30 PM..... Church Staff
 5:00 PM..... UMW Group 3 with Betty Abell
 6:00 PM..... Webelos Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 PM..... Women's Bible Study (w/Karla Foster)

Tuesday

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

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 5:00 PM..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir
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Saturday

9:00 AM..... Outrageous & Contagious Women's Conference (Tifton)

Helpers for January

USHERS: Tim McDonald, Ros Nash, Troy Vaughn, Art Anderson, Harold Kimball, Mike Burke.

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

Worship Notes for Sunday, January 22, 2017

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

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:7

Sermon: "Love Always Hopes"

Prelude: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir

Call to Worship: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir

Offertory: Cristina Evans

Postlude: Brian Morris

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

Sunday School Greeter: Pat & Joyce Ashley

Breakfast: Women of Faith/Barnabas

Worship Notes for Sunday, January 29, 2017

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

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:8

Sermon: "Love Never Fails"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Angel & Joy Choirs

Offertory: Christi Schirack

Postlude: Brian Morris

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

Sunday School Greeter: Harold & Nancy Kimball

Breakfast: Friends

We are delighted that Barry and Brandy Peavey have decided to make Central their church home. Barry joined Central on January 15 by confession of faith and Brandy joined by transfer of her membership from another congregation. Their daughter Cassidy was also baptized on January 15 and joined her big sister, Mallory, on Central's roll of Baptized Members. The Peavey family has been part of our church family for some time, and we are so happy that they have decided to make it official! Please be sure to add your welcome as you see them in worship.



**LOVE THE WORD. LEARN THE WORD.
LIVE THE WORD.**

Study begins February 26!

**Contact the church office or fill out a registration form to sign up.
Group leaders and participants are needed! Sign up today!**



Backpack Blessings

Backpack Blessings Ministry is collecting items from now through the end of January. 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!

Remember our praise and worship service on January 22 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!



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 – January 25: Choice of White Chili or Taco Soup, Sandwiches, Salad Bar, Dessert.

Menu – February 1: Hamburger Steak, Rice w/ Gravy, Peas, Carrots, Salad Bar & Dessert

Name _____

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

January 25 _____ February 1 _____ Permanent Reservation _____



Stay in the Word

One of my New Testament readings this past week was in Matthew 8. It was the story of the Roman officer who came to Jesus and pleaded with him, "Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and racked with pain." Jesus said, "I will come and heal him." There is much more to the story and the servant is healed. The thing about

this story that stays with me is the fact that the officer never asked Jesus to heal the servant. He simply stated my servant is sick. Jesus knew what the next request would be before it was spoken. He knew the need before it was expressed. Matthew 6:8 says, "For the Father knows what things you have need of before you ask." In Daniel 9:21 we are told that while Daniel was still praying that an angel of the Lord was sent with an answer and Isaiah 65:24 beautifully says... "Before they call, I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Has there ever been a time in your life when you knew you needed something from God, but could not put that need into words? At times the best we can muster is a groaning in our spirit. Have no fear God hears and understands. His answer is on the way!

Cindy

Praise & Worship

Sunday, January 22 • 6:00 PM

Speaker for the evening will be Roger Merritt.

Join us for a Sandwich and Pizza supper following worship.



**Saturday,
February 4, 2017**

UGA Conference Center
at ABAC

Tickets are still available.

Contact Karla Foster or B.J. Funk
for ticket information



- Don't forget our praise & worship service this Sunday, January 22 at 6:00. We will have a sandwich / pizza supper immediately following. Bring a friend and let's worship our sweet Lord together!



Adult Ministries

- For the rest of January, we will have our senior adult ladies yoga class on Jan 23, 26 and 30.
- Have you signed up yet for "40 Days in the Word" Bible study? You can either call me at the church office or watch for a sign up table nearby. It's going to be great!

- Watch the bulletin for upcoming events for all adult ages. There's a lot of planning going on at the church office so get ready for a great 2017 where we will worship together, grow in God together, and fellowship with one another, all for His glory!

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