

- Please remember our choir practices on Wednesday, May 31 & June 7, at 7:00 PM.
- I cannot thank you enough for the wonderful music last Sunday. So many people have told me how meaningful and special the worship service was. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and willingness each week to share your talents for God's kingdom!



- Thank you so much for your participation in "Homeland" last Sunday. You were fantastic!
- Children's choirs will be taking a break from rehearsals for the summer months. We will resume again in August. Watch the bulletin for details.



I plan to have a few youth band rehearsals this summer to prepare for our Kids Own Worship services this fall. Please watch the bulletin for practice times.



Handbells will take a break from rehearsals for the summer months. We will resume practices in August. Watch the bulletin for details.



Central's Children's Department will recognize our children for their regular Sunday School attendance during the 2016-2017 year. Each child will be presented with a certificate and a treat bag! Thank you to the parents who bring

their children to Sunday School each week!

Many thanks to our wonderful Sunday School teachers . . . Melissa Wilson, Victoria Thompson, Andrea Sutton, Amy Shiver, Brittany Eidson and Ellen Burke!

Beginning on May 28, the lower and upper elementary classes will be meeting together through the summer. We will kick off our new Sunday School year with a cookout on Saturday, August 5 and Promotion Sunday will be August 6.

Central's Bible Camp is June 4-6 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Please join us for music, supper, Bible stories and crafts and outside recreation! It is going to be great, and I hope to see all of you there!

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).

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

June Prayer Team: Annette Braddy, Anne Smith, Tommie Nichols, Margaret Chasteen, Myrtle Harper.

Calendar

Sunday, May 28, 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
12:00 PM..... Primer Timer's Lunch at La Lomita

Monday

Memorial Day Observance – Church Office Closed



Wednesday

9:30 AM..... Senior Adults Trip to "Anna's Garden"
7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 4, 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
5:00 PM..... UMYF
6:00 PM..... Children's Bible Camp
6:00 PM..... Praise Team Sings at Deberry Baptist Church

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Helpers for May

USHERS: Tim McDonald, Ros Nash, Harold Kimball, Art Anderson, Mike Burke, Brian Braddy, Troy Vaughn.
WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, Parker Wiley.

Helpers for June

USHERS: Bobby Chasteen, Garrett McCord, Mike Foster, Chris Hughes, Tosha Martin, Dale Wilson, Amy Layfield.
WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, Parker Wiley.

Worship Notes for Sunday, May 28, 2017

Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: "Jeremiah 15:19a, Luke 5:31"
Sermon: "The Hokey Pokey Church: Where You Turn Yourself Around"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir
Offertory: Becky Anderson
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Riley Evans, Raines Evans, Angelica Hennessey, Dakota Elrod
Sunday School Greeter: Pat & Joyce Ashley
Breakfast: Women of Faith/Barnabas
Tellers: Barry Peavey, Beth Bryant, Cindy Morris

Worship Notes for Sunday, June 4, 2017

Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: Matthew 14:22-32
Sermon: "Walking on Water"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir
Offertory: Susan Hughes
Postlude: Brian Morris
A/V Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson, Janne Benke
Sunday School Greeter: Annette Braddy
Breakfast: John & Dianne Engelmann
Tellers: Mike Smith, Chris Calhoun, Lisa Young

The Christian Kitchen needs your help!

Supplies are running low on canned foods that can be used for food boxes that are given out to needy families. Please bring canned goods (small cans – especially canned meats, jelly) and other non-perishables to church on Father's Day, June 18 and place them in the box by Susan's office. Thank you all so much for helping us re-stock the food pantry at the Christian Kitchen!



We extend Christian sympathy to Tad & Christi Schirack upon the death of Tad's mother, Mrs. Marge Schirack. Funeral services for Mrs. Schirack were conducted at the Paulk Funeral Home on May 20. Please keep the Schirack family in your prayers.

We also extend our sympathy to Betty Abell upon the death of her sister, Hazel Hanner. Funeral services for Mrs. Hanner were conducted on May 15. Please keep Betty and her family in your prayers.

We also want to remember Gene Dorminey and family upon the death of his wife, Sis Dorminey. Funeral services for Mrs. Dorminey were conducted in Central's sanctuary on May 15. Please keep the Dorminey and Strickland family in your prayers.

It's time for that annual event – the Old Codgers vs the Whipper Snappers softball game! Whether you are on the field or cheering from the stands, this game is always lots of fun for everyone. Join us on June 11 beginning at 6:00 PM for a delicious cookout and some of the finest ball playing in town.



Congratulations on completion of another school year! It's been a great year of Bible study and worship. A summer schedule will come out soon.



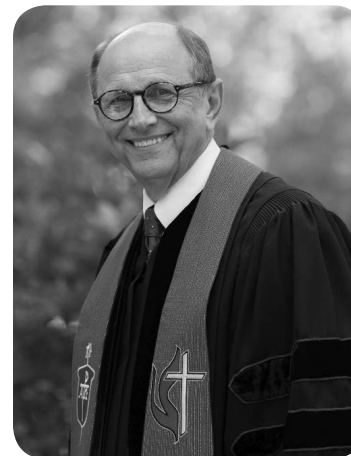
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Children's Bible Camp
June 4-6
6:00 to 8:00 PM
 Music, Supper, Bible Stories,
 Crafts and Outside Recreation



You want to mark your calendar for this one! We are pleased to announce that on June 11 we will welcome Bishop Lawson Bryan, Bishop of the South Georgia Conference. Bishop Bryan will be speaking at both the 9:00 AM and the 11:00 AM worship services. Bishop Bryan is a wonderful speaker and Central is in for a treat. Plan to be with us on this special Sunday!



Great job Central UMC for all your participation with this year's Great Day of Service! We had approximately 22 teams with a total of 300-350 volunteers. While many of our teams worked to improve school properties, we did have several teams who served our residents. As always, Central had a large presence in this year's GDOS. We had a team that was led by Chris Calhoun, Rob Hughes and Jay Dailey who will probably not like me saying this, but I am anyway. These guys gave true meaning to the term, "service above self." Their project called for many things to be done. I had talked to Rob before the work day and told him not to try and do all the requests, just the necessary ones. Well, I want to share with you that they went beyond their call and completed every task and then some – and mostly at their expense!

I also want to highlight Gill & Shaw Braddy and their team. Gill & Shaw were asked to oversee the lunch we provided for the students. It's a lot of work and they and their team did it with ease! A big thank you to all at Central who helped them with this lunch.



It will soon be time to welcome Bro. Rich & Ruth Wright to Central! We look forward to getting to know our new pastor and family. Bro. Rich and Ruth will be moving into Central's parsonage on June 14 and his first day in Central's pulpit will be June 18. A welcome cookout, hosted by our UMM and UMW, will be held on the afternoon of June 18. Suzanne has some fun activities planned for our children, and our UMM and UMW are providing supper for us. The fun will begin at 5 PM and our meal will begin at 6 PM. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us as we gather to welcome our new pastor to Central.

- We will have our senior adult ladies yoga class on Thursday, May 25, however we will not have class on Monday, May 29. The church office will be closed that day. We will take the first part of June off and meet back again on June 12 to resume our normal schedule of Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 AM.
- Prime Timers (adult ages 45-65) will meet at La Lomita's for lunch together this coming Sunday, May 28! I'm reserving a large table, so come join us!
- Senior adults will be taking a trip to "Anna's Garden" on Wednesday, May 31. Meet at the church by 9:30 AM if you want to go with us! Depending on what time we finish, we may grab lunch together!!



Adult Ministries

Suzanne