



Office volunteers are needed. If you would like to be a part of our Administrative Angels Team, contact Cindy in the church office. Volunteers are needed to answer phone, make phone calls, fold bulletins, and other office/clerical duties. If you have a few hours a week to donate and would like to help out, please give us a call at 423-9381.



Celebration Choir

- Celebration Choir will rehearse on November 15 at 6:50 PM in the choir room. We will not rehearse on November 22, due to Thanksgiving holidays. We will have an extra rehearsal on Sunday, November 19 at 1:30 PM in the choir room. Please plan to be here to rehearse our Christmas music!

- Children's choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, November 15, from 5:00-5:55 PM. Please pick up your children each week from the choir room. There will be no practice on Wednesday, November 22, due to Thanksgiving holidays.
- It is time for all solos and lines to be memorized. Please let me know if you need an extra copy of your child's lines or a cd of the Christmas musical.
- There will be an extra rehearsal on Tuesday, November 14, for Charlie, Anna Marie, Maci, Madi, Thomas, Cassidy, Cody, Jackson, Natalie, Gregory. Meet in the sanctuary from 4:00-5:00 PM.
- Since we will not be having choir on November 22, we will have an additional practice on Tuesday, November 21, at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary. We will rehearse, have pizza for lunch, and go home at 1:00 PM. Please pick up your children from the sanctuary.
- The Children's Choirs will sing for 11:00 AM worship service on Sunday, November 12. Please meet at 10:30 AM right after Sunday school. A fellowship lunch will follow this service.



- The Youth Band will rehearse on November 12 from 4:00-5:00 PM in the youth room. Please let me know if you can't be here. Kids Own Worship is scheduled for November 19 – we need to be ready to play!



- Our Praise Team will play for the 11:00 AM worship service on November 19. Please meet at 9:45 AM for sound checks.



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, November 15, to Tifton to deliver the boxes to Eastside Baptist Church. Kindergartners 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 PM**. 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 PM**.

We will not have Wednesday Night JAM on the November 22. 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 17 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! I hope that everyone can come...I can't wait!

With much love, *Miss Suzanne*

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Praying for the Body of Christ

Each week we are praying for those in ministry in other churches of the South-Central District. Our upcoming prayer focus includes:

- Week beginning November 12: Baxley First United Methodist Church and Pastor Steve Meguiar
- Week beginning November 19: Director of Connectional Ministries, Matt Woodberry, and the employees in the Connectional Ministries office



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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, Harold Kimball, Anne O'Connor, Jackie Pryor

Calendar

Sunday, November 12, 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 Fellowship Lunch
 4:00 PM Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
 5:00 PM UMYF

Monday

10:00 AM Senior Women's Yoga
 4:00 PM Church Staff Meeting
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 875 – Court of Honor (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 PM Tiger Cub Scouts (Brown Room)

Tuesday

9:30 AM Preschool Chapel Service

Wednesday

5:00 PM Children's Choirs
 5:00 PM J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir
 5:45 PM Fellowship Supper (serving line open from 5:45 to 6:15)
 6:15 PM Fellowship Supper Program
 7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Costa Rica Mission Team Meeting (Chapel)

Thursday

10:00 AM Senior Women's Yoga
 12:00 PM Deadline for Nov. 26 & Dec. 3 Newsletter Information

Saturday

6:00 PM Adult Ministries Cookout

Sunday, November 19, 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
 1:30 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal
 4:30 PM Rehearsal for Community Thanksgiving Service (Arbor Baptist Church)
 6:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service (Arbor Baptist Church)

Monday

10:00 AM Senior Women's Yoga
 10:00 AM UMW Group 1 at Betty Campbell's home
 4:00 PM UMW Group 2 in Brown Room
 5:00 PM UMW Group 3
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 875 (Basement)
 7:00 PM UMW Group 4

Tuesday

10:30 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal

Thursday



- December 3:** Children's Christmas Program at 11:00 AM. No 9:00 AM worship.
- December 10:** Adult Christmas Music Program at 6:00 PM.
- December 24:** One Morning Worship Service at 11:00 AM (No 9:00 AM Worship - No Fellowship Breakfast). Christmas Eve Communion at 6:00 PM.



- Handbells will rehearse on Wednesday, November 15 from 5:00-6:00 PM in the handbell room. There will be no rehearsal on November 22 due to Thanksgiving holidays.
- Looking ahead: The Handbell Choir will play for the 11:00 AM service on November 26.

Helpers for November

USHERS: Robert Griffin (Captain), Stacey Bell, Pam Bishop, Terry Bishop, Bob Bryant, Becky Griffin, Clint Talton
WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, Parker Wiley

Worship Notes & Helpers the Week of November 12, 2017

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

Scripture: John 15:16

Sermon: "Chosen"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Children's Choirs

Offertory: Jason Holt

Postlude: Brian Morris

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

Breakfast Hosts: Women of Faith/Barnabas

Sunday School Greeter: Anna Brown

Fellowship Supper Teller: Anna Oliver

Church Offering Tellers: Charlene Hatcher, Margaret Chasteen

Worship Notes & Helpers the Week of November 19, 2017

Rev. Dr. Rich Wright (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9

Sermon: "Thanksgiving is about your heart condition"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Praise Team

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

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

Breakfast Hosts: Friends

Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen

Church Offering Tellers: Jimmy Johnson, Patricia Walker



Jesus' Example of Thankfulness

When Jesus went to Bethany because of the death of Lazarus, he found himself at the tomb. There, as John 11:41 tells us, he prayed to God and ended with "Father, I thank you for having heard me." Jesus found frequent occasions to voice his thankfulness to God for the blessings that he received. His heart was a thankful one. How can we imitate Jesus' thankfulness?

We can thank God for food. When Jesus faced a multitude of hungry people, he took bread and fish to feed them. He gave thanks to God which expressed his gratitude for the physical blessings.

We can thank God for fellowship. When Jesus ate with his disciples on that last Passover supper, with the bread and the third cup of wine, he gave thanks to God. This voiced his appreciation for the spiritual fellowship with God and fellow believers that this meal symbolized.

We can thank God for the truth. When Jesus received reports of the successful mission of the seventy that he sent out, he thanked God for the things that were revealed to these evangelists. This conveyed his gratefulness for the revealed truth that God made possible.

As we approach Thanksgiving, may you use Jesus' example of thankfulness to imitate. In your imitation, may you demonstrate your gratitude, appreciation, and gratefulness for all of the blessings that God has granted to you. Happy Thanksgiving!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*

November 12 is shoebox dedication Sunday! Please remember to bring your packed shoebox with you to worship on that day and please be sure to enclose the \$9 shipping fee. Our children will be delivering Central's shoeboxes to a collection point in Tifton on November 15. Be sure to participate in this wonderful program and provide Christmas to a child in need.



Preparing for the Christmas Season

Advent is quickly approaching and it will soon be time to decorate our sanctuary and chapel for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to help with the decorating this year, mark your calendar for Saturday, December 2. We will begin about 10:00 AM. Worship chairpersons, Chris & Melissa Massey welcome any and all who would like to help. For more information contact Melissa or the church office.

St. Peter's United Methodist Church will be holding revival services November 12-15 at 6:30 PM each evening. Pastors on the schedule to preach at the **REVIVAL** services are:

Sunday, Nov. 12 – Shirley Strawter • Monday, Nov. 13 – B.J. Funk
Tuesday, Nov. 14 – Rich Wright • Wednesday, Nov. 15 – Gary Griffin
 You are invited to join our friends at St. Peter's UMC for these special services. St. Peter's UMC is located at 808 W. Sultana Dr. in Fitzgerald.

Fellowship Lunch



Join us following 11:00 AM worship today for another fantastic fellowship lunch. As usual no reservations are required and there is no set cost for the meal (donations are happily accepted). Today's menu is: smothered chicken, rice, roasted green vegetables, stained glass fruit, rolls and dessert. Plan to join us for some great food, fun and fellowship!

We are proud to announce that Central will once again provide a Thanksgiving Day meal to members of our church and community who might not otherwise have a meal provided for them on that day. If you have not yet signed up to help with this project, please do so today! We need everyone's help to make our dinner successful. If you are a church member or visitor and would like to have a meal or meals delivered to your home, please contact the church office (423-9381) as soon as possible.



Mission Fundraiser

Be sure to be present at Wednesday Night Supper on November 15. The Costa Rica team will be auctioning homemade casseroles and more, and just in time to stock your freezer for Thanksgiving! We appreciate your support!



This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Arbor Baptist Church (1137 N. Merrimac Dr. Ext.). Worship will begin at 6:00 PM. We are pleased to announce that our own Dr. Richard Wright will bring the message that evening. We hope to see you there!

Reservations for supper should be made by 3:00 PM each Monday. 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 5:45 to 6:15 PM. Cost is \$7 for adults/teens; \$5 children (ages 4-12); children age 3 or younger are free. There is a \$20 limit per family (living in the same home).



Menu – November 15: Taco Soup and Vegetable Soup, Sandwiches, Salad Bar, Dessert (Children's Option: Sandwich).

Name _____

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

November 15 _____ Permanent _____

- Did you know you can follow us on Instagram? Check it out @centralfitzyouth!
- This Sunday, November 12, I need parent volunteers! We will have UMYF from 5:00-6:30 PM at our fellowship hall. I need two families to cook and at least one more chaperone! Please let me know if you are interested.
- On November 15, the Costa Rica team has the Wednesday night program, so youth will be staying in the fellowship hall until the program is over.
- November 17 is the deadline for letting me know if you want to go see David Crowder in Tifton on December 9.
- November 18, bring your whole family for a church-wide fall cookout at the Engelmann home at 6:00 PM! You don't want to miss this!
- Sunday, November 19, will be a reward night for those of you who have faithfully attended Sunday School (5 out of 7 Sundays). I will notify youth who are invited to bowl. We will begin a new reward cycle soon. In the meantime, join our class if you haven't already! We meet at 10:00 AM each Sunday. This has been a great time of digging in the Word and having meaningful conversations.
- It's never too late to get plugged in to any of our activities! Come join our youth family!



Love, *Mary Claire*

We extend love and Christian sympathy to Jimmy Johnson and Donna Wise and family upon the death of their mother, Mrs. Juanita Johnson. Funeral services for Mrs. Johnson were conducted on November 8 at The Paulk Funeral Home Chapel. Please remember the Johnson family and friends in your prayers.



Monday, November 20, is home meeting day for our United Methodist Women. Group leaders, if you would like the meeting time and place of your group printed in the Sunday Bulletin, please get that information to the church office no later than November 14. Please check the church calendar to see group meeting information.

✚ There will be a revival at St. Peters UMC this upcoming week. BJ will be preaching on November 13 at 6:30 PM and Rich will be preaching on November 14 at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.



Adult Ministries

✚ Be sure to attend the Wednesday Night Supper on November 15. The youth will be selling premixed frozen casseroles as a fundraiser for the Costa Rica mission trip. All you must do is throw it in the oven for Thanksgiving, and "voila!" Make your supper reservations through the church office.

✚ Don't forget our adult ministries church-wide fall cook-out (includes all ages!) is coming up Saturday, November 18 at the home of John & Dianne Engelmann. We will hopefully have a volleyball net set up for us to enjoy, and hopefully a couple canoes and kayaks for everyone to enjoy a ride on the lake. Of course, we will set up in the Engelmann's beautiful backyard. (That is, if the weather permits.) Everyone is invited to attend, and you don't have to bring a thing!

✚ Make your plans to attend the community-wide service this year at Arbor Baptist Church on Sunday, November 19 at 6:00 PM. Our Pastor Rich will be preaching!

✚ There's still time to sign up to go to the Stone Mountain Christmas Adventure on December 9. Call Susan for more details.

Love, *Susan*