



• We are now meeting again for rehearsals on Wednesday nights. We will meet each week at 6:50 PM.

- We would like to welcome our new choir members to the Celebration Choir! We are happy to have you as a part of our choir family. Many thanks to each of you who attended and/or helped with our recruitment event. It was so much fun!
- Choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, August 8 and 15, from 6:50-7:45 PM. Please note time change!

- Today is the day! Our special guests, "In His Steps" will be leading our children in a worship conference this afternoon following our fellowship lunch after church. We will be finished at 3:30 PM. Parents may pick up children from the fellowship hall. Please bring a swimsuit and towel.



- Children's choirs will begin on August 8. Choirs are available for children age 2 thru 5th grade. Angel Choir (age 2 – Kindergarten) will meet in the children's choir room directly behind the sanctuary. Joy Choir (1st-5th grades) will meet in the adult choir room. Choir rehearsal begins at 5 and ends at 5:55 PM. Please plan to pick up children from the choir room each week so that they are supervised at all times.
- Children's choirs will also meet on Wednesday, August 15 from 5:00-5:55 PM.



The J.J. Pryor Handbell choir will begin rehearsals on August 8 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. If you are interested in playing handbells this year, please contact either Donna Owens or Karla Foster. We will be glad to have you join!

- Youth band will play for the August 5 worship service. Please meet promptly at 10:00 AM to make sure we have adequate time for set-up/sound checks.
- Youth choir will meet at 10:15 AM in the sanctuary to go over our song for the morning worship service. We will sing "Ever Be" from the Son Power cd. We hope that all youth will plan to sing with us – whether or not you attended the Son Power conference!



What an exciting day at Central! Today is Promotion Sunday! It is a special day for our children because today is the beginning of a new Sunday School year! Infants through three year olds meet in the nursery with Melissa Wilson. Our Pre-K through 5th graders meet upstairs. Our six children's Sunday School teachers are Brittany Eidson, Ellen Burke, Amy Shiver, Victoria Thompson, Andrea Sutton and Suzanne Reaves. Each child at Central can be a part of a class with terrific teachers and an awesome curriculum! I would love to see all of you at Sunday School!

As a part of Promotion Sunday and Central tradition, our church will present our third graders with new Bibles. Receiving a Bible are Bella Bryant, Cora Lee Evans, Austin Griffin, Cohen Griffin, Davis Holt, Elliott Oliver, Banks Parrish, and Ethan Shiver. What a pleasure to give each of these precious children a Bible!

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 areas of the South-Central District. Our upcoming prayer focus includes:

- **Week beginning August 5:** North Central District Superintendent, Rick Lanford.
- **Week beginning August 12:** Martha Memorial/Mershon Charge and their pastor, Tony Walsh.



United Methodist Men

Tuesday, August 14 • 6:30 PM

Fellowship Hall • Program: Tim Pust

Tickets can be purchased in advance from Jim Owens or Harold Kimball

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

August Prayer Team: Barbara Cagle, Betty Dyess.

Calendar

Sunday, August 5, 2018

9:00 AMEarly Morning Worship
 9:15 AMFellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
 10:00 AM Youth Meet for Sound Checks
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Forks & Fellowship Lunch
 1:00 PM Kid's Worship Conference
 1:45 PM Youth Band Meet With "In His Steps"
 2:00 PM Preschool Open House
 4:00 PM Youth Parent's Meeting & Social

Monday, August 6

10:00 AMSenior Women's Yoga
 12:00 PM Worship Bulletin Information Due

Wednesday, August 8

5:00 PMChildren's Choirs
 5:00 PM J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 5:45 PM Youth WOW and Fellowship Supper
 6:00 PM Fellowship Supper
 6:50 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 9

10:00 AMSenior Women's Yoga
 12:00 PM Golden Agers

Friday, August 10 & Saturday, August 11

Fitzgerald Area Men's Conference

Sunday, August 12

9:00 AMEarly Morning Worship
 9:15 AMFellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Youth Lunch (after 11 AM worship)
 5:30 PM Young Adult's Trip to Chili's (Tifton)

Monday, August 13

10:00 AMSenior Women's Yoga
 12:00 PM Newsletter & Worship Bulletin Information Due
 4:00 PM Church Staff Meeting
 6:00 PM Lay Leadership Committee (Library)

Tuesday, August 14

6:30 PM United Methodist Men (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 15

5:00 PMChildren's Choirs
 5:00 PM J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 5:45 PM Youth WOW and Fellowship Supper
 6:00 PM Fellowship Supper
 6:50 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 16

10:00 AM Senior Women's Yoga (Brown Room)

Women's Bible Study with B.J.

Conclusion of the women's study on Revelation. Begins August 21 at 10 AM.



Join us for a "Forks & Fellowship" Lunch following 11:00 AM worship on August 5. Everyone is invited. No reservations are required and there is no cost for the meal. Donations are happily accepted.

Helpers for August

USHERS: Gill Braddy, Jeremy Martin, Lawson Owens, Mike Smith, Todd Damato, Sikes McCord, Garrett McCord.
WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens.
AV ASSISTANTS: Ward Burke, Haley Braddy, Raines Evans, Riley Evans, Cody Thompson, Blaine Layfield.

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of August 5, 2018

Rev. Dr. Rich Wright (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: Matthew 6:24-34
Sermon: "The Lord's Prayer: Our Father"
Prelude: Becky Anderson
Call to Worship: Youth Choir & Youth Band
Offertory: In His Steps, musical guests
Postlude: Brian Morris
Communion Servers: Mike & Karla Foster, James Clements, Dianne Engelmann, Mildred Cook.
Breakfast Hosts: Friends
Sunday School Greeter: Annette Braddy
Acolytes: Charlie Burke, Jackson Parrish
Children's Church Helpers: Anna Oliver, Billy & Amy Shiver
Church Offering Tellers: Linda Brantley, Lisa Young

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of August 12, 2018

Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 & 11:00 AM)
Scripture: Matthew 6:5-6
Sermon: "How Jesus Changed Our View of Prayer"
Prelude: Brian Morris
Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation
Offertory: Lee Masee
Postlude: Brian Morris
Breakfast Hosts: Journey Class
Sunday School Greeter: Anna Brown
Acolytes: Maci Shoultz, Madi Shoultz
Children's Church Helpers: Brittany Eidson, Tosha Martin
Church Offering Tellers: Charlene Hatcher, Margaret Chasteen

FITZGERALD AREA MEN'S CONFERENCE
 Friday & Saturday, August 10 & 11 at Arbor Baptist Church
 Registration fee: \$20
 For more information/registration go to www.loveoutloud365.com

Interested in joining a youth/adult mixed group for a mission trip to Memphis? Possible mission work includes church repairs, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital visits, homeless shelter work, and more.

Trip dates: June 30-July 5, 2019
 Approximate cost: \$500 • Age: High school and up
 An interest meeting will be held Sunday, August 19, at 4:00 in the Chapel.



High Cost of Prayer

Alexander Whyte, clergy in the Free Church of Scotland in the late 1800s, was praying over a dying friend. His prayer was that his friend would not die so that he could do a greater work in God's Kingdom.

What a great prayer, right? I think it is, but Alexander was interrupted by a Voice. "Are you in real earnest in what you ask or are you just uttering so many idle words? Will you give solid proof or your earnestness? Will you consent to transfer to your dying friend half of your remaining years?"

The high cost of prayer is that it takes precious time to engage in this spiritual discipline to the One who truly is in control of what is going on around us. Prayer's cost is that we need our entire body to focus on God and our relationship to Him. The high cost of prayer is that we are to be fully invested in what we are asking God to intervene for God may ask us to be the one who will make a difference in our world.

Are you truly praying or uttering idle words? Are you willing to be God's answer to your own prayers? Great spiritual meat to chew on, isn't it? I pray that it will bring you a blessing as you take your precious time to pray!

There are no words that can adequately express my feelings of appreciation to the thoughtful people of Central UMC. While I was grieving the loss of my sister, Katy Ruth Branch, you prayed for me and told me you were sorry, sent sympathy cards, made phone calls and sent very good food. All I can say is "thank you" and "God Bless You"!

Harold Kimball



"Men on Target" Men's Bible study meet the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays (unless otherwise announced) at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to participate. This study is facilitated by Pastor Rich. Mark your calendar and plan to participate in this men's group. The next gathering for this group will be August 21.

Fellowship suppers resume August 8! This will begin a new year and new reservations are required. We will not use the list from last year. Please understand, if you make a reservation and do not come or cancel it you are expected to pay. Food will be prepared only for the number of reservations. **Reservations must be made by 3:00 PM each Monday.** Reservations can be made via phone, email, 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 \$25 limit per family (living in the same home).

Name _____

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

August 8 _____ August 15 _____ Permanent _____



It's almost promotion Sunday! August 5, we have the pleasure of officially welcoming 6th graders Cody Griffin, Thomas Holt, Oliver Johnson, Garrett Lokey, and Analee Mann into our youth group! Please make them feel welcome. Remember that we are singing one song in the August 5 service, so please be in the sanctuary at 10:00 to run through the song. We will not have Sunday School that day. That afternoon, we will have a parent meeting at 4:00 PM in the Brown Room followed by an ice cream social from 5:00-6:00 PM to continue the celebration of our new youth. Youth and their families are invited to join us in the Brown Room

I am so excited to get back to our Wednesday WOW (Worship on Wednesday). We meet upstairs in the youth room following fellowship supper from approximately 6:15-7:00 PM. I hope you can join us August 8! If you want to come to supper beforehand, remember to make a reservation by calling the church office. See that section of the bulletin for pricing info.

On August 12, our youth activity for the day will be going to lunch together after church! We will meet in the breezeway as soon as church is over and will aim to be back at 1:00 PM. Please bring \$5.

Please remember our Tiftarea and Wilcox County friends as they head back to school.

Love you all! *Mary Claire*

Mark Your Calendar! August 19

We will welcome Rev. Tom Lambrecht to Central's pulpit. Rev. Lambrecht is Vice President and General Manager of Good News. We are fortunate to engage Rev. Lambrecht and look forward to hearing him speak about his work on The Commission on a Way Forward. He will also answer questions during our Sunday School Time.



We have an opening for a part-time Director of Children's Ministries. If you are interested, bring your resume to the church office.

- † Communion Servers for August: Mike & Karla Foster and James Clements. Dianne Engelmann and Mildred Cook.
- † Senior adult ladies YOGA class starts back on August 6 every Monday and Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Brown Room. The only Monday we will NOT have yoga will be August 27.
- † Hope to see you all at BJ's Ladies Bible study starting back on Tuesday, August 21 from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- † Don't forget our Golden Agers Lunch starts back on August 9! Bring a dish and come join us for a great program!
- † Our younger couples and singles will be going to Chili's together on Sunday, August 12. Meet at the church by 5:30 PM. A big thanks to Chance and Mary Claire Giddens for leading and driving the church van!
- † Looking ahead – Senior adults will be going to DJ's on August 23! Middle aged adults will have a cook-out on October 25! Watch bulletin for more details!

Susan