



• We are now into our July “vacation” from choir rehearsal! We will still meet each Sunday to lead worship for the 11:00 AM service, but rehearsals will not resume until August. Please plan to meet in the choir room at 10:40 AM each week to allow sufficient time to go through music.

• I am working on asking some new members to join our choir family! If you are interested in joining choir, we will have an event later during the month of July for you to attend! Our choir family is a wonderful place to serve and worship here at Central, and we would be happy to have you join us! Please contact Karla for further information.

• We are planning a children’s worship conference for the afternoon of August 5. More details and information will be given at a later date, but we hope that all of our children will plan to participate! This is also Promotion Sunday.



• Mrs. Suzanne and I are planning to take a group to sing for our homebound members on July 18. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 2:00 PM and finish up with a treat! We hope that several of our children can go. Parents are also welcome to go with us! Please plan to attend with your child if they are under the age of 4.

• Youth band will plan some rehearsals during the month of July to prepare for upcoming KOW services this fall as well as leading some worship on Wednesday nights for youth events. Please let me know your schedule so I can plan the time that works best for all of us.



• Looking ahead: We will plan to gather up the youth choir to sing for our Promotion Sunday on August 5. Watch the bulletin and your text messages for updates on rehearsal times.



Our children’s summer camp at Shocco Springs was amazing! The children enjoyed every aspect of camp from recreation to Bible study and worship! Witnessing our children growing in their faith and love for our Lord is a blessing to me! Thank you so much church family

for your love and support of this very special event for Central’s children. I also appreciate so much the chaperones that went to help make this a wonderful experience for the children...I couldn’t do it without them! Much thanks to Ellen Burke, Candy Lokey, Amy Shiver, Chris and Katy Calhoun and Joey Robitzsch. You all were awesome chaperones!

During the summer, all of the children’s Sunday School classes will be meeting together in the green room upstairs. Meeting as a large group will continue until August 5, Promotion Sunday. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend on Promotion Sunday! We will celebrate our new “Sunday School year” with a luncheon following worship! Also, Karla and I have special fun afternoon plans for our precious Central children! It is going to be a great day at Central!

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).

July Prayer Team: Betty Abell, Virginia Snowden, Linda Brantley.

Calendar

Sunday, July 8, 2018

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 Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, July 9

Worship Bulletin Information Due

1:30 PM Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 10

8:00 PM Softball (Arbor vs CUMC)

Wednesday, July 11

5:30 PM Youth Bible Study (@ Hughes home)

Thursday, July 12

5:15 PM Adult Ministries Leadership Team
 8:00 PM Softball (Cross Pointe vs CUMC)

Friday, July 13

9:00 AM Senior Adult visitation (Daily Bread)

Saturday, July 14

11:00 AM Loaves of Love (Church at Christian Kitchen)

Sunday, July 15

9:00 AM Early Morning Worship
 9:15 AM Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM Sunday School For All Ages
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 12:30 PM Youth leave for rafting trip

Monday, July 16

Newsletter & Worship Bulletin Information Due

Tuesday, July 17

7:00 PM Softball (CUMC vs First Baptist)

Wednesday, July 18

2:00 PM Children Choir (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, July 19

7:00 PM Softball (CUMC vs. Arbor)

Friday, July 20

5:00 PM Senior Adults Trip to Valdosta

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Helpers for July

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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 July 8, 2018

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

Scripture: Joshua 6:2-5

Sermon: "Joshua, Jericho and Jesus"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Jason Holt

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Covenant Class

Sunday School Greeter: Anna Brown

Acolytes: Madi Shoultz, Analee Mann

Children's Church Helpers: Rob & Amber Hughes, Roger & Andrea Sutton

Church Offering Tellers: Charlene Hatcher, Margaret Chasteen

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of July 15, 2018

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

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: "Can God Really Save Your Loved Ones?"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Action Life Class

Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen

Acolytes: Maci Shoultz, Thomas Holt

Children's Church Helpers: Andy & Mandy Johnson, Shawn & Brandy Elrod

Church Offering Tellers: Jimmy Johnson, Patricia Walker



Many of you have inquired about ways to help Andy & Mandy Johnson as their precious Ashlynn continues her chemo treatments. As always, your prayers are very much welcomed. If you would like to do something a little more "hands on" may we suggest **Meal Train**. Go online to <https://mealtrain.com/00y68z> to schedule a night that you can take a meal to them.



Kingdomtide

We are currently in the liturgical season of Kingdomtide. What is Kingdomtide and what are we supposed to be focused on during this particular season?

The season of Kingdomtide begins on the first Sunday after Pentecost and ends on the Sunday before Advent begins. These two Sundays have special names. The first is Trinity Sunday, which is appropriate after celebrating Pentecost when the Holy Spirit breathed life into the Christian Church. Trinity Sunday reminds us that the three persons of God are present with us in every season of the year. The last Sunday is called Christ the King Sunday, when we celebrate the lordship of Jesus.

During this season of Kingdomtide we are empowered by God to practice love, charity, and mercy. I pray that you and I will have a wonderful Kingdomtide as we work toward being the Christian that God intends for us to be. I hope that Kingdomtide prepares you for the coming season of Advent and the return of Christ the King!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*

Thank you so very much for a wonderful Pastor Appreciation Day! The covered dish lunch was delicious, your gift was very much appreciated and the opportunity to visit with everyone there was priceless. Your love and support are appreciated so very much.



In His service, Rich & B.J.



"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 Bible study.



The Arbor Baptist Church Adult Ministries Department and the CUMC Adult Ministries Department are joining forces for a very special event. We are planning a trip to go see the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Kentucky. This trip is open to all adults and their families (children included.) We are planning this trip for fall break, October 15-17. Please call me at the church office for details and to let me know you are interested.

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 July 8: Lenox UMC and their pastor, Dan Robinson.
- Week beginning July 15: Lone Hill UMC and their pastor, Mary Ann Braswell.



Happy last little bit of summer! It really flew by, didn't it?

Sunday, July 8, we will be doing a service project. Stay tuned via Remind for the exact details! On this day, money and forms for those white water rafting on July 15 will also be due.

On Wednesday July 11, we continue our The Way I'm Wired study at the Hughes home (I'll send the address via Remind). Hope you can make it for this awesome study!

July 15, high schoolers white water rafting will depart at 12:30 PM. No youth that night for middle schoolers/those not attending.

On July 18, we will have a middle school only movie night!

You should have received a more-detailed newsletter in the mail. If you are not receiving these monthly newsletters, please let me know so I can add your address!

As always, the Remind app is the BEST way to stay up-to-date! Text @mgidde to 81010. You can also follow us on Instagram @centralfitzyouth.

Love you all, and God bless! *Mary Claire*

Church League Softball Schedule

(all games will be played at the Pump House Field at Paulk Park)
*only CUMC games are listed.

Tuesday, July 10 @ 8:00 PM: Arbor vs CUMC

Thursday, July 12 @ 8:00 PM: Cross Point vs CUMC

Tuesday, July 17 @ 7:00 PM: CUMC vs FBC

Thursday, July 19 @ 7:00 PM: CUMC vs Arbor



The Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, July 22 at 5:00 PM in the chapel. All members of the Council are asked to be present.

† To all adult ages – If you have told me that you are going on the Ark Encounter trip (October 15-17) your first installment is now due. Please send your check (made payable to CUMC) for \$100 to the church office in care of Susan Hughes, earmarked for Ark.



Adult Ministries

† Adult Mins. Planning Team will be meeting on July 12 at 5:15 PM in the church library.

† Senior adult ladies visitation group will meet on July 13 at 9:00 AM at Our Daily Bread. Please let me know to expect you.

† Loaves of Love (Christian Kitchen Church) will be July 14. Senior adults, please sign up to serve sandwiches that day. Arrive at the Christian Kitchen by 10:15 AM.

† The Senior Adult group will be going to "The Smok'n Pig" in Valdosta and we'll whip by the Valdosta Farmer Brown's vegetable market while we're there! Mark your calendars!

Susan