



Celebration choir will have rehearsal on Wednesday, June 27 at 7:00 PM in the choir room. Following that rehearsal, we will not practice at all during the month of July. We will still lead worship each Sunday during July. Plan to meet at 10:40 AM each Sunday morning to go over music for the service on that day.

We are planning a children's worship conference for 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 a date in July to take all of you to sing for some of our homebound members. Watch the bulletin for details!



Bible study.

"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

Thanks so much to our youth band for leading worship for our KOW on June 10. Your participation is vital to the success of these services – and Mrs. Suzanne and I appreciate all of you so much!



Thank you to our church family for supporting our Son Power trip both financially and with your prayers. I am also grateful to our chaperones – Mary Claire Giddens, Matthew Williams and John Foster. Our youth who attended the conference participated in bible study, mission work, choir rehearsals and a recording session, and lots of FUN! We appreciate being part of a loving and caring church family! Our students will present some of the music that they learned this week during some future 11:00 AM services.



Central's Vacation Bible School was so much fun! We had over 80 children, youth and adult volunteers. It was an awesome way to bring our church family and friends together to grow and worship in the Lord. The youth and adult helpers enjoyed it as much as the children...what a blessing! Thanks so much for your help and support in making it a success!

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 5th, 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, Mrs. 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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June 24 & July 1, 2018

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### Youth -vs- Adults Softball Game June 24 at 5:00 PM • Paulk Park

Everyone is welcome! Free hamburgers and hot dogs. Donations for Ashlynn Johnson (daughter of Andy and Mandy Johnson) will be gladly accepted.

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### Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

**June Prayer Team:** Annette Braddy, Anne Smith, Margaret Chasteen.

### Calendar

#### Sunday, June 24, 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  
 12:00 PM..... Pastor Appreciation Luncheon  
 5:00 PM..... Methodist Youth Fellowship (@ Paulk Park)  
 5:00 PM..... Youth vs Adults Softball Game

#### Monday, June 25

##### Newsletter & Worship Bulletin Information Due

10:00 AM..... Adult Women's Yoga (Brown Room)  
 1:30 PM..... Church Staff Meeting

#### Tuesday, June 26

6:30 PM..... Men on Target (Fellowship Hall)  
 7:00 PM..... Softball (CUMC vs Cross Pointe)

#### Wednesday, June 27

4:45 PM..... Evangelism Committee (Library)  
 7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, June 28

10:00 AM..... Adult Women's Yoga (Brown Room)  
 8:00 PM..... Softball (1st Baptist vs CUMC)

#### Sunday, July 1

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 2

##### Worship Bulletin Information Due

#### Wednesday, July 4



Church Office Closed

## Helpers for June

**USHERS:** Chris Hughes, Captain; David Hobby, Mike Foster, Bobby Chasteen, Tosha Martin, Mike Bishop, Aimee Layfield.

**WORSHIP TECHNICIANS:** David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens.

**A/V ASSISTANTS:** Ward Burke, Raines Evans, Riley Evans, Angelica Hennessey, Blaine Layfield.

## Helpers for July

**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.

**A/V ASSISTANTS:** Ward Burke, Raines Evans, Riley Evans, Angelica Hennessey, Blaine Layfield.

## Worship Notes & Helpers the week of June 24, 2018

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

**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 1:12

**Sermon:** "Can God Really Keep You Saved?"

**Prelude:** Becky Anderson

**Call to Worship:** Celebration Choir and Congregation

**Offertory:** Susan Hughes

**Postlude:** Brian Morris

**Breakfast Hosts:** Friends

**Sunday School Greeter:** Pat & Joyce Ashley

**Acolytes:** Cody Griffin, Jackson Parrish

**Children's Church Helpers:** Victoria Thompson, Todd & Suzanne Reaves

**Church Offering Tellers:** Wyndi Damato, Darrell Weeks

## Worship Notes & Helpers the week of July 1, 2018

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

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 17:1-24

**Sermon:** "Can God Really Meet Your Needs?"

**Prelude:** Becky Anderson

**Call to Worship:** Celebration Choir and Congregation

**Offertory:** Tim Anderson, Mark Masee, Sherry Masee, Karla Foster

**Postlude:** Brian Morris

**Breakfast Hosts:** Journey Sunday School Class

**Sunday School Greeter:** Annette Braddy

**Acolytes:** Anna Marie Elrod, Cassidy Peavey

**Children's Church Helpers:** Kristie Thompson, Charlie & Neysa Strahan

**Church Offering Tellers:** Linda Brantley, Lisa Young

**Communion Servers:** Susan Hughes, Garrett McCord, Henry & Charlene Hatcher



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



## Annual Conference

2018 Annual Conference was held earlier this month. Chris Hughes served very well as your delegate to this conference. We had to endure many reports, a few votes, and several worship services. Chris will share a report about Annual Conference on Sunday, June 24 at both morning services.

I'm always glad for Annual Conference. It is where we are able to see how important our connection truly is. We hear about victories close by like Vashti and the Methodist Home for Children. We hear about victories within the US, like at the many Methodist seminaries and colleges across Georgia and the US. We hear about victories occurring in faraway places like the battle against malaria in Africa and Asia.

I'm glad for this Annual Conference for it took a stand to affirm the teachings of the Bible with regards to human sexuality. I know that not all of us will agree on this hot button topic. But if I'm going to make a mistake, it will be trying my best to follow the Bible and its teachings. With a certain vote on a resolution, our conference took a stand to say that the Bible is the primary source for our faith and we will not abandon it. Praise God!

I hope you will join me at our morning services on June 24 so that you can hear our delegate, Chris Hughes, as he gives us a brief report. A bulletin insert will also be provided to you in your worship service bulletin on that Sunday. See you then!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*

## PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY IS JUNE 24!

Plan to be present as we celebrate the return of our pastors to Central following Annual Conference. Join in the festivities and worship as we show our love and appreciation to our pastors, Rev. Dr. Rich Wright and Rev. B.J. Funk. Plan to join us for lunch following the 11:00 AM worship service. Fried chicken is being provided by one of our Sunday School classes. You are asked to bring your favorite vegetable and dessert to go along with it. Our celebration of Pastor Appreciation Sunday won't be complete without you, so please mark your calendar now and plan to be present!



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 15-18. Please call Susan Hughes at the church office for details.

## 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 June 24: Lake Park UMC and pastor, Isaac Salgado
- Week beginning July 1: Lakeland UMC and pastor, Richard Hamilton.



Happy summer! I hope you are enjoying your break. We have two exciting Sundays coming soon! June 24, meet at Paulk Park a little before 5:00 PM for the annual Adults vs. Youth softball game! Make sure you show up to help so we can keep our trophy (all said in good fun)! On July 1, we will swim at the Holt home. Let me know if you don't know the address.

If you weren't at our first session of our new Bible study, "The Way I'm Wired," it's not too late to join! Our first session, we talked about spiritual gifts but didn't have time to go too in-depth, so I asked everyone to take the spiritual gifts quiz on your own in order to be prepared for next time. If you weren't there to get a physical copy, you can find a link in our Instagram bio (@centralfitzyouth). We will be at the Holts' again on Wednesday, June 27 from 5:30-7:00 PM this time since one hour wasn't long enough. Be sure to thank the Holts for generously opening their home so much this summer. Hope you'll be there!

Remember to get the most recent updates by joining Remind. Text @mgidde to 81010.

Much love, *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, June 26 @ 7:00 PM: CUMC vs Cross Pointe

Thursday, June 28 @ 8:00 PM: FBC vs CUMC

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.

† Don't forget your covered dish for our Pastor Appreciation Lunch this Sunday, June 24. Lunch will begin immediately following the 11:00 worship service.



† Senior adults are going to DJ's on June 28. Meet at the church by 5:00 PM.

† Communion servers for July 1 – Garrett McCord, Susan Hughes, and Henry & Charlene Hatcher.

† Please call me at the church office to sign up to go to the Ark Encounter, October 15-18. All ages of adults, youth, and children can sign up.

† College-age trip is in the planning for August 18! We are going to a Christian music festival at the UGA Conference Center. If you are college-age and would like more information, call me at the church office!

† Happy July 4th everyone! Happy Birthday America!!!

*Susan*