

- Celebration choir will have rehearsals on Wednesday, March 21 & 28, at 7:00 PM. We have only one more rehearsal prior to our musical on Palm Sunday and one Sunday to rehearse our Easter music. Please plan to be at rehearsals if at all possible. March 28 rehearsal will be a short one due to Holy Week events.
- Celebration Choir will present "Blessed Redeemer" on Sunday, March 25, at the 11:00 AM service. Please plan to be here and bring friends with you to attend this service.
- Celebration Choir will participate in the Maundy Thursday service on March 29 at 7:00 PM. We will be singing at Holsey Chapel this year (two selections from our musical) so please plan to be there at 6:30 PM for practice. This is always a lovely and meaningful service. Our own Pastor Rich will be delivering the message, so please plan to attend



We will plan to rehearse on Sunday, April 8, at 5:00 PM in preparation for the April 15 worship service.

- Children's choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, March 21 and 28, from 5:00-5:55 PM in the choir rooms.
- Children's choirs will participate in the Palm Sunday processional and sing for the 11:00 AM service on March 25. Please be here at 10:30 AM for practice (right after Sunday School).
- Looking ahead: Children's Sunday will be held on Sunday, April 29, at 11:00 AM.



- Several youth band members will be out of town for our KOW service on March 18, so we will not play for this service. We will, however, plan to play for the next scheduled KOW service on Sunday, May 6. Watch your bulletin and text messages for details on practice.
- Some of our youth will be attending the Son Power trip this June (18-22) in Orlando, Florida. First and second payments are now due – please turn in to either Karla or to church office. I need to know ASAP if your child is planning to attend Hotel reservations must be made soon. Contact me for further information on the trip.



Handbells will rehearse on March 21 & 28 at 5:00 PM in the handbell room. The handbells are scheduled to play on March 25. Please plan to be here that morning at 9:30 for practice.



Today is "Kids Own Worship" in the fellowship hall! All children and Junior High youth are invited to this special service!

Our Lenten study is Bible stories that relate to Shepherd and the Lord is my Shepherd! These lessons are taught during children's church so please join us!

Please mark your calendars:

- Kids Own Worship on March 18
- Palm Sunday practice on March 21
- Spaghetti plate dinner fundraiser for Youth SonPower trip. Pick up on March 23!
- Palm Sunday on March 25
- Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 at 10:00 am.
- Central's Vacation Bible School is June 10-12.

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).

March Prayer Team: Pat Stafford, Anita Stafford, Don Woeltjen.

Calendar

Sunday, March 18, 2018 – Bulletin Information Due

9:00 AM.....Early Morning Worship
 9:15 AM.....Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM..... Sunday School For All Ages
 11:00 AM..... Morning Worship
 11:10 AM..... Kids Own Worship
 5:00 PM..... Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, March 19

10:00 AM.....Adult Women's Yoga (Brown Room)
 10:00 AM..... UMW Group 1 at the home of Virginia Snowden
 4:00 PM..... UMW Group 2 in the Brown Activity Room
 6:00 PM..... Boy Scouts (Basement)
 7:00 PM..... UMW Group 4 at the home of Patricia Walker

Tuesday, March 20

9:30 AM..... Preschool Chapel
 6:30 PM..... "Men on Target" Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 21

5:00 PM..... Children's Choirs Rehearse
 5:00 PM..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 5:45 PM..... Fellowship Supper
 6:20 PM..... Confirmation Class
 6:30 PM..... Children's JAM, Youth WOW
 7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 22

10:00 AM..... Adult Women's Yoga
 6:00 PM..... Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, March 23

5:30 PM..... Youth Department Spaghetti Supper (Pick up 5:30-7:00 PM)

Sunday, March 25

9:45 AM..... Sunday School For All Ages
 11:00 AM..... Morning Worship
 5:00 PM..... Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, March 26 – Newsletter & Bulletin Information Due

11:45 AM..... Stations of the Cross (open until 1:15 PM)
 1:30 PM..... Church Staff Meeting
 5:00 PM..... Stations of the Cross (open until 7:00 PM)
 6:00 PM..... Boy Scout Troop 875 (Basement)

Tuesday, March 27

9:30 AM..... Preschool Chapel
 11:45 AM..... Stations of the Cross (open until 1:15 PM)
 5:00 PM..... Stations of the Cross (open until 7:00 PM)
 6:30 PM..... "Men on Target" Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 28

11:45 AM..... Stations of the Cross (open until 1:15 PM)
 5:00 PM..... Stations of the Cross (open until 7:00 PM)
 5:00 PM..... Children's Choirs Rehearse
 5:00 PM..... J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 5:45 PM..... Fellowship Supper
 7:00 PM..... Celebration Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 PM..... Costa Rica Team Meeting

Thursday, March 29

11:45 AM..... Stations of the Cross (open until 1:15 PM)
 5:00 PM..... Stations of the Cross (open until 7:00 PM)
 7:00 PM..... Maundy Thursday Communion (at Holsey Chapel CME)

Friday, March 30

6:30 PM..... Good Friday Worship

Saturday, March 31

10:00 AM..... Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Helpers for March

USHERS: Stacey Bell, Captain; Becky Griffin, Terry Bishop, Pam Bishop, Clint Talton, Robert Griffin, Bob Bryant.

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 March 18, 2018

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

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

Sermon: "Going with Jesus From Celebration to Rejection"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Becky Anderson

Breakfast Hosts: New Beginnings

Sunday School Greeter: Don Woeltjen

Fellowship Supper Tellers: Barbara Cagle

Church Offering Tellers: Jimmy Johnson, Patricia Walker

Acolytes: No Acolytes (Kids Own Worship)

Children's Church Helpers: Kids Own Worship

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of March 25, 2018

No 9 AM Worship

Musical Program: Blessed Redeemer (11:00)

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Children's Processional

Offertory: J.J. Pryor Handbell Choir

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: No Breakfast

Sunday School Greeter: Pat & Joyce Ashley

Fellowship Supper Teller: Anna Brown

Church Offering Tellers: Wyndi Damato, Darrell Weeks

Acolytes: Brett Martin, Cody Griffin

Children's Church Helpers: Rob & Amber Hughes; Todd & Suzanne Reaves



From the Pastor

Christ spent a good deal of his earthly ministry on roads going from town to town. It is on these roads that we, too, can encounter Jesus. Which road are you on?

The first road is taken on purpose with the hope of finding Jesus. This road is called **Aspiration** because we aspire to cling to Christ in our lives. On this road we have moved from Jesus as savior to Jesus as Lord.

The second road, called **Forgiveness**, is traveled upon when we finally learn that love of God and love of neighbor are the keys to solving most of the world's issues and that we have not done our part. We encounter Christ in the hope of receiving forgiveness for our sins of commission or omission.

No matter which road you are on, you can encounter the Christ. Many times during our travels we don't think anyone is around. Then suddenly, we realize that Jesus is there to remind us that he will never forsake or leave us.

We are getting closer to Holy Week. Which road are you on? No matter which one it is, you can still encounter the Christ that loves you so much that he carried the cross that was to be for us! No matter which road you are on, God desires for us to encourage each other in the assembly of the faith community. I will see you at church this Sunday.

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*

Order Easter Lilies Today

Easter Lilies will be in the sanctuary and chapel on Easter morning. To place one in honor or memory of someone special, please fill in the information below and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Cost is \$12 per plant.



Name _____

In Memory/Honor of _____

of plants _____ x \$12.00 = \$ _____



"Men on Target" Men's group meets 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.

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 March 18: Graham UMC and their pastor, Bill Jones.
- Week beginning March 25: Conference Pastoral Counselor, Deborah Wight Knight.



Connecting Neighbors - Building our capacity to respond in disasters

Connecting Neighbors is a one-day training hosted by The Office of Connectional Ministries designed to equip and empower individuals and local churches to be a presence in their community (and beyond) in the event of a natural or man-made catastrophic event. Each training will begin at 10:00 AM and conclude by 3:00 PM. Cost is \$10 and includes materials and lunch. Our closest training event will be April 28 at Tifton First UMC. We hope you will join us as we continue to build our capacity to respond as the church body and minister to our neighbors in disasters. For more information or to register, visit www.sgauhc.org/connectingneighbors. For questions, contact Allison Lindsey at allison@sgauhc.com or 888-266-7642.



The Costa Rica team will have a meeting March 28 at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

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 \$25 limit per family (living in the same home).



Menu: March 21: Taco with Fixings, Rice, Black Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert; (Kid's Option: Cheese Quesidillas)

Menu: March 28: Fried/Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert; (Kid's Option: Chicken Nuggets).

Name _____

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

March 21 _____ March 28 _____ Permanent _____

Get excited for our kickball game against Arbor this Sunday, March 18! We will meet at the church at 5:30 PM and will be done at 7:00 PM. Please notice the change in time! On the 25th, we will be at my house with your dogs since we got rained out the first time.



If it rains again, we'll still come to my house, just no dogs. If the weather is good, remember your dog must be clean, friendly, and on a leash.

We will continue our Wednesday night social media series, "The Disconnect," the next few Wednesdays from 6:15-7:00 PM. We will begin our Sunday school series on Jesus' family line this Sunday, the 18th, at 10:00 AM! Challenge yourself to be at church just one hour earlier in order to dig into the Word.

Thanks so much to all the parents and church family who attended the Safe Sanctuaries training and all those who have recently completed certification online! If you missed it, please visit the Safe Sanctuaries tab at centralumc.net. Our program wouldn't be possible without our wonderful volunteers!

Have an awesome week! Love, *Mary Claire*

Did You Know? OUR APPORTIONMENTS

World Service Fund enables every church to share in many worldwide ministries, which we could not do alone. It supports missionaries, strengthens churches, certifies health and welfare institutions, trains pastors, and provides resources for many kinds of ministries. A portion of every dollar you sacrifice to our budget helps us to make these monthly contributions to this fund. Thank you!



Palm Sunday (March 25): "Blessed Redeemer" performed by the Celebration Choir at 11:00 AM.

Stations of the Cross: Monday (March 26) – Thursday, (March 29) from 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM and 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Our Education Building will be transformed. Come, walk through the Stations of the Cross and allow Holy Week and Easter to be especially meaningful to you this year.

Maundy Thursday (March 29): Maundy Thursday Communion at Holsey Chapel CME at 7:00 PM.

Good Friday Worship (March 30):

Join us as together we remember the crucifixion of Christ. A nursery will be available.

Easter Egg Hunt (March 31): Children are invited to the fellowship hall at 10:00 AM for the annual Egg Hunt.

Easter morning (April 1): Sunrise worship at 7:00 AM at First Baptist Church Breezeway. Worship at Central at both 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Fellowship breakfast from 9:15 to 9:45 AM and Sunday School from 9:45 to 10:45 AM.

Blessed Redeemer
Presented by the Celebration Choir
Palm Sunday
March 25
11:00 AM

• Senior adult ladies yoga class will meet on March 19th and 22. **We will NOT have yoga during Holy Week which is March 26-29. We will resume on April 2nd.**



• Our senior adult ladies will meet on Friday, March 23, to go visiting. If you plan to go, please let me know. We will meet at Our Daily Bread for breakfast at 10:00 AM Friday.

• We will NOT be having church breakfast on Palm Sunday. We will, however, be having church breakfast on Easter Sunday. The class assigned is the Women of Faith / Barnabas classes.

Love, *Susan*