

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 September 2: Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church and their pastor, Jill Willingham.
- Week beginning September 9: Mt. Zion United Methodist Church (Valdosta) and their pastor, Edwin Willis.



Handbell Choir
 Handbell choir will have rehearsals on September 5 and 12 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.

Celebration Choir
 • Choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, September 5 and 12, from 6:50-7:45 PM. Please note the time change!
 • Looking ahead: Camp meeting services at Camp Tygart will be held on Sunday, September 16-Thursday, September 20, at 7:00 PM each night. Central's night to fill the choir is Sunday. We will need to meet that evening at 6:30 PM to rehearse the choir. Please put this date on your calendars and plan to go – it is always a wonderful service with great music and fellowship. Covered dish dinner is held prior to the service beginning at 6:00 PM (choir is allowed to go first)!

✝ Children's choirs will meet on Wednesday, September 5 and 12, in the choir rooms located directly behind the sanctuary. Please let me know if you need a cd of our Christmas musical, "The Christmas County Spelling Bee."
 ✝ Looking ahead: Children's choirs will plan to sing the call to worship on Sunday, September 16.



Looking ahead: I am planning for you to sing for our Homecoming service on October 28. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to be here. Rehearsal times will be announced shortly.



- **Tygart Camp Meeting** – Sunday night, Sept. 16, is Central's night to fill the choir loft and help host supper.
- **Charge Conference** – October 17. Committee Chairpersons, begin writing your reports now.
- **Homecoming** – October 28 with Rev. Dr. Don Adams. Join us for worship and our traditional covered dish lunch.
- **All Saints Sunday** – November 4. Be present as we celebrate the lives of those in our membership who have died in the last year.
- **Community Thanksgiving Service** – November 18. Hosted at Central UMC.
- **First Sunday of Advent** – December 2. Children's Christmas Program at 11 AM.
- **Second Sunday of Advent** – December 9. Celebration Choir Christmas program, at 6 PM.
- **Christmas Eve Communion** – December 24 at 6:00 PM.



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Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. John Foster who were united in marriage in Central's sanctuary on August 25. Mrs. Foster is the former Leah Ward. Best wishes for a bright and happy future!

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .

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

September Prayer Team: Pat & Anita Stafford, Don Woeltjen.

Calendar

Sunday, September 2, 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, September 3



Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4

10:00 AM..... Bible Study with B.J. (Fellowship Hall)
 12:00 PM..... Worship Bulletin Information Due

Wednesday, September 5

5:00 PM..... Children'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, September 6

10:00 AM..... Senior Women's Yoga

Sunday, September 9

9:00 AM..... Early Morning Worship
 9:15 AM..... Fellowship Breakfast
 9:45 AM..... Sunday School For All Ages
 11:00 AM..... Morning Worship
 2:00 PM..... United Methodist Women General Meeting (Chapel)
 5:00 PM..... Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, September 10

10:00 AM..... Senior Women's Yoga
 12:00 PM..... Newsletter & Worship Bulletin Information Due
 4:00 PM..... Church Staff (Parlor)
 6:00 PM..... Lay Leadership Committee Meeting (Library)
 6:30 PM..... Emmaus Gathering

Tuesday, September 11

9:30 AM..... Preschool Chapel
 10:00 AM..... Bible Study with B.J. (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 PM..... Methodist Men (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, September 12

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

Thursday, September 13

10:00 AM..... Senior Women's Yoga (Brown Room)
 12:00 PM..... Golden Agers Luncheon

Helpers for September

USHERS: Harold Kimball, captain; Tim McDonald, Ros Nash, Art Anderson, Mike Burke, Brian Braddy, Charlie Strahan.

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 September 2, 2018

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

Scripture: Isaiah 57:14-21

Sermon: "The Lord's Prayer: Hallowed by Thy Name"

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

Scripture: Matthew 6:24-34

Sermon: "The Lord's Prayer: Our Father"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Karla Foster

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: New Beginnings

Sunday School Greeter: Annette Braddy

Acolytes: Analee Mann, Natalie Strahan

Children's Church Helpers: Victoria Thompson, Jason & Abby Holt

Church Offering Tellers: Linda Brantley, Lisa Young

Communion Servers: Jim & Neida Owens and Frank & Jeri Gilleland

Worship Notes & Helpers the week of September 9, 2018

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

Scripture: Luke 10:1-12

Sermon: "The Lord's Prayer: Your Kingdom Come"

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

Scripture: Isaiah 57:14-21

Sermon: "The Lord's Prayer: Hallowed be Your Name"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Mark Masee

Postlude: Brian Morris

Breakfast Hosts: Women of Faith/Barnabas

Sunday School Greeter: Anna Brown

Acolytes: Thomas Holt, Cody Griffin

Children's Church Helpers: Joey & Christina Robitzsch

Church Offering Teller: Charlene Hatcher

Continual Reminders

I believe that prayer, meditation, and scripture reading are necessary parts of the Christian life. They serve as continual reminders of what we believe and what we ought to strive for as Christians. If these beliefs are to remain alive within our hearts and minds, we have to feed them. The only way to feed them is to have conversations with God through these spiritual disciplines. I would suspect that if you interviewed 100 people who lost their faith in Christ that you would find that they didn't work on their relationship with God! Don't simply drift away from God! Engage

in spiritual disciplines that will be your continual reminder of whose you are...for you are a child of God who loves you so much and wants to hear from you. Happy praying!



Your Servant In Christ, Pastor Rich

2018 Tygart Camp Meeting

September 16-20, 2018

Meals begin at 6:00 PM • Worship begins at 7:00 PM

Bishop Richard C. Looney, the first bishop of the South Georgia Conference, will be the guest preacher. Sunday, September 16, is Central's night to help host supper and fill the choir loft. Supper will be served in the air conditioned conference center. Worship will be in the open-air tabernacle.



United Methodist Women General Meeting

Sunday, September 9

2:00 PM – Chapel

All women of Central are invited to attend!

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



Dinner on the Bricks 2018

Thomasville Amphitheater • September 22

An evening of food, music and fun. Money raised goes directly to continuing the Vashti Center's mission of healing, hope, and transformation for children and families across the state of Georgia. For more information visit www.vashti.org.

Golden Agers Covered Dish Lunch

Thursday, September 13 • 12:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Everyone age 50+ is invited!



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. 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. 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 – September 5: Pork Chops, Mac'n Cheese, Butter Beans, Salad Bar

Menu – September 12: Beef Tips, Rice, Green Beans, Salad Bar

Name _____

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

September 5 _____ September 12 _____ Permanent _____



Thanks so much for all your feedback on a new Wednesday night series! Based on your comments, we will start a series on what it looks like to be conformed vs. transformed in today's culture! I hope to see you each Wednesday from 6:15-7:00 PM in the youth room!

We will not have youth on Sunday, September 2 since it is Labor Day weekend. I hope you will enjoy some quality time with your families! We will be back Sunday, September 9, to make care packages for our class of 2018 seniors who just graduated. If you want to bring anything for our seven former seniors that is able to be mailed, please do! Parents, I am also looking for volunteers to cook that evening, so please let me know if you're willing.

Be on the lookout for your September calendars/letters soon! Please be sure to read these thoroughly. If you do not receive this calendar and would like to, please let me know! Remember that you can join Remind by texting @mgidde to 81010. You can also follow us on Instagram @centralfitzyouth.

Much love to you all, *Mary Claire*

Training Opportunity!

The South Central District is offering a combined Basic/Advanced Lay Servant Training event on Saturday, October 27 at Baxley First UMC. This training is open to all laity who would like to receive lay speaker/lay servant certification. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/BfLasCB>.



The United Methodist Men will meet on Tuesday, September 11, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All men of Central are invited. The \$5 ticket includes the cost of supper. Contact Jim Owens or Harold Kimball for a ticket.

† Communion Servers for September 2 are, Jim & Neida Owens and Frank & Jeri Gilleland.

† Wednesday Night Supper teller for September 5 - Barbara Cagle

† Golden Agers will meet on September 13 at 12:00 PM. Invite a friend and bring a dish for good fellowship, food, and fun!

† Ladies don't forget to come grow with us in God's Word in BJ's Bible study! We meet every Tuesday from 10:00-11:30 AM in the fellowship hall.

Looking Ahead:

† Our next Ladies Visitation Breakfast will be on September 21 at 9:00 AM at Our Daily Bread. Please let me know if you are planning to join us.

† Senior Adults will be going to Americus on September 27 for lunch at Grandma's Kitchen and browsing downtown Americus! We will leave the church by 10:15 AM that morning. Call me at the church office if you would like to go!



Adult Ministries

Susan Hughes