



### Our Prayer Concerns

For immediate prayer needs contact our Prayer Chain at 425-1960 (Judy Hunter-Hill).

**November Prayer Team:** June Morris, Captain; Nancy Kimball and Ruth Wright.



**Our children's department would like to welcome your children to our nursery, Children's Sunday school, and Children's church.**

Our nursery is available during Sunday School, 9:00 AM service and the 11:00 AM service. Our nursery ages range from newborn to 3 years of age. Our Children's Department is for children ages 4 to the grade 5. Our acolytes begin training in the grade 3. Under the direction of Charlie Strahan and Candy Lokey, the children are taught to light up our 11:00 AM worship service by lighting our altar candles and they learn how to help during Communion. Children's Sunday School starts at 9:45 AM and ends around 10:50 AM. During the 11:00 AM service, the children will be called to the front and will be sent to Children's Church with their leaders. Please contact Candy Lokey at 229-392-4079 for any questions or a tour of our Children's Department. **PLEASE NOTE no Children's Sunday School until further notice. Children's Church will take place in the Brown Activity Room until further notice. Acolytes will no longer have to wear the acolyte robes. Please dress in normal church attire. Please always remember to social distance and have your children sit with you at church in the allotted spaces. Thank you.**

**November 11:** PB&JaM Children's Thanksgiving dinner at 6:00 PM in the Brown Room.

**November 15:** No Children's Sunday School. Children's church volunteer is Aliceson Sulatycki. Acolyte will be Elliott Oliver.

**November 18:** PB&JaM at 6:00 PM in the Brown Room. Samaritan Purse Shoebox delivery. We will be back around 8:00 PM. Jennifer Shoultz is our volunteer.

**November 22:** No Children's Sunday School. Children's church volunteers are Anna Oliver and Aliceson Sulatycki. Acolyte will be Banks Parrish.

Please be aware. These dates are tentative. Stay safe and God Bless.

Thanks everyone for all your patience and understanding. Please feel free to call, text or email me with any concerns.

Candy Lokey, 229-392-4079, candylokey@icloud.com, *Candy*

### 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 of November 15:** Minister Randy Hand and the members of Trinity UMC in Tifton.
- † **Week of November 22:** Pastor Michael Myers and the members of Trinity UMC in Waycross.
- † **Week of November 29:** The members of Unity UMC.



# CENTRAL

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### Sunday, November 15, 2020

9:00 AM.....Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:00 AM.....Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
5:00 PM..... Youth Bonfire (Strahan's)

### Monday, November 16

3:30 PM.....UMW Circle 4 Meeting (Chapel)  
4:00 PM..... UMW Circle 2 Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 PM..... Scouts (Brown Activity Room)

### Tuesday, November 17

8:00 AM..... Men's Breakfast (Ronnie's)  
9:30 AM..... Preschool Chapel (Chapel)  
12:00 PM..... Trail Of Lights "Parade" Lunch Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
5:15 PM..... Adult Ministry Planning Team (Library)  
4:00 - 4:45 PM..... Grades 2-5 Joy Choir Practice (Sanctuary)  
6:00 PM..... Scouts (Brown Activity Room)  
6:30 PM..... Men on Target (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, November 18

5:00 PM..... Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)  
5:30 - 7:30 PM..... Youth WOW in Youth Rooms  
6:00 PM..... Old Testament Prophet Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 PM..... Shoe Box Delivery (Brown Activity Room)

### Thursday, November 19 – Adult Ministries Mission Day

### Saturday, November 21

9:00 AM..... Chrismon Tree Decorating (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, November 22

9:00 AM..... Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:00 AM..... Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
6:00 PM..... Community Thanksgiving Service  
(Church of the Nazarene, Fitzgerald Ga)  
6:00 PM..... Costa Rica Mission Team (Fellowship Hall)

### Monday, November 23

1:30 PM..... Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, November 24

8:00 AM..... Men's Breakfast (Ronnie's)  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM .. Grades 2-5 Joy Choir Practice & Lunch (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 PM..... Men on Target (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, November 25

Church Office Closed At Noon – No Church Activities

### Thursday, November 25

Church Office Closed – No Newsletter – **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

10:30 AM ..... Thanksgiving Plate Delivery (Fellowship Hall)

### Friday, November 26 – Church Office Closed

### Sunday, November 29, 2020

9:00 AM.....Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:00 AM.....Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### Monday, November 30 – Newsletter Items Due

### Tuesday, December 1

8:00 AM..... Men's Breakfast (Ronnie's)  
9:30 AM..... Preschool Chapel (Chapel)  
4:00 - 4:45 PM..... Joy Choir (Sanctuary)  
5:30 PM..... Adult Ministry Art Class (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 PM..... Scouts (Brown Activity Room)

### Wednesday, December 2

5:00 PM..... Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)  
6:00 PM..... Methodist Men's Cake Auction (Fellowship Hall)

### Thursday, December 3

6:00 PM..... Hometown Holiday Trail of Lights

### Saturday, December 5

Called to Care Secret Santa – Contact Susan for more information



### November Worship Service Helpers

**NOVEMBER USHERS:** Henry Hatcher – Usher Captain; Chance Giddens, Jeremy Martin, Brett Martin, Heath Parrish, Clint Talton, Robert Bryant.

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

**A/V ASSISTANTS:** Ward Burke, Haley Braddy, Raines Evans, and Riley Evans.  
**ACOLYTES:** Elliot Oliver, Banks Parrish, Shawn Lunsford

Worship services will be broadcast on Mediacom Channel 81 [Analog], Mediacom Channel 82.17 [HD], our YouTube Channel, Facebook Live, and via a link on our Facebook page.

### Worship Notes & Helpers the week of November 15

**Sermon:** "How to Wear Kindness in an Unkind World" – Colossians 3:12-14

**Speaker:** Rev. B.J. Funk

**Prelude/Postlude:** 9:00 AM: Brian Morris, 11:00 AM: Jay Beverly

**Call to Worship:** CUMC Praise Team

**Special Music:** 9:00 AM: Brian Morris, 11:00 AM: CUMC Praise Team

### Worship Notes & Helpers the week of November 22

**Sermon:** "A Thanksgiving to Remember" – Revelation 7:9-12

**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Rich Wright

**Prelude/Postlude:** 9:00 AM: Brian Morris, 11:00 AM: Jay Beverly

**Call to Worship:** JJ Pryor Handbell Choir

**Special Music:** 9:00 AM: Brian Morris, 11:00 AM: JJ Pryor Handbell Choir

### Worship Notes & Helpers the week of November 29 First Sunday Of Advent

**Sermon:** "The Emmanuel Chronicles: A Son Is Given" – Isaiah 7:1-16

**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Rich Wright

**Prelude/Postlude:** 9:00 AM: Brian Morris, 11:00 AM: Jay Beverly

**Call to Worship:** Thomas Holt

**Advent Readers:** Annette Braddy & Betty Dyess

**Special Music:** 9:00 AM: Brian Morris, 11:00 AM: Jay Beverly

### The Power of God's Word

Psalm 119 reminds us that God's Word serves as a light on the path that we are to walk toward God's throne of grace. As we use this holy light, we are to diligently keep a watch on it and to follow it no matter where it leads.

When we think about God's Word in this way, it can become a powerful tool in our lives. It reveals the power of the Holy Spirit to reveal new insights about life and about God. These insights can help us to be a better Christian that God intends us to be in God's world.

This holy power can renew our physical, mental, and spiritual energies. Doing our vocational work is tough on our bodies and minds. We need rest to regenerate and renew. Doing God's work, AKA ministry, is also tiring. God's Word helps us to rest on His steady understanding and loving care so that we can obtain rest physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

Lastly, this power has the ability to grant us the peace that is beyond our understanding. God's Word enables us to gain knowledge about life that the world has no ability to grant to us. This kind of knowledge can assist us in helping others in a holy manner.

Thanksgiving Day is fast approaching! I pray that you will embrace God's Word so you can be a powerful Christian that God needs in building up His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven! As you embrace God's Word, I pray that God's power will equip you to accomplish whatever it is that God needs you to do! Happy Thanksgiving in the name and power of Christ!

Your Servant In Christ, *Pastor Rich*



Hi everyone,

It's hard to believe it's almost Thanksgiving! I hope you all know how thankful I am for you.

Wednesday, November 18 is an exciting day because we are resuming our normal youth schedule minus Sunday School! (I sent you all a detailed description of our return plan based on survey results via mail. If you are not on my mailing list, please let me know so I can remedy this ASAP.) We will meet at 5:30 PM in the youth room – our sixth-graders will get to be in the youth room for the first time – for pizza and games. Please remember that face coverings are encouraged, pizza will be served by an adult, you can spread out anywhere in the youth area to eat instead of just the one room, and game rooms will be limited to certain numbers. Worship on Wednesday (WOW) will kick off at 6:00 PM with worship music. Then, we will have a socially distant game, a message, and a time of prayer. Parents can pick you up at 7:00 PM. If you do not feel safe joining us in person, you can join us via Zoom pending reliable internet access. I hope you'll join us in person or on Zoom!

Sunday, November 15, meet at the church a little before 5:00 PM so we can leave promptly at 5:00 PM to go to Scott and Kindall Strahan's land for hot dogs and s'mores! Your parents can pick you up from CUMC at 6:00 PM. Please remember that a face covering will be *REQUIRED* on the van. I am still seeking a volunteer for Sunday evenings this month, so please let me know ASAP if you are a volunteer willing to help supervise on Sunday evenings this month. There are just two more Sunday meetings!

We will not meet on November 22 or 25 due to the holiday break, but I will see you again November 29!

Though our newsletters are great for staying informed, the BEST way is to join us on Remind by texting @mgidde to 81010. Additionally, you can follow us on Instagram @centralfitzyouth.

Love you all, **Mary Claire**



With Thanksgiving coming up, it's easy to remember what we are thankful for, yet we also remember those without food. That's why the Blessing Box is so important during this and other times throughout the year. If you have any spare non-perishable food items, please take a moment to stock our Blessing Box with them. We need everyone's help! Please feel free to take items if you could use a blessing yourself. If you leave an item, please use a permanent marker to "black out" the barcode on each product before putting them in the box.

*"Take what you need, leave what you can."*

### Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 22 at 6:00 PM

At the Church of the Nazarene  
323 North Main Street.



### CHRISMON TREE DECORATING

It's almost that wonderful time of year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Join us as we decorate our tree with all the declarations and images of this joyous day! Chrismon Tree Decorating will be on Saturday, November 21 at 9:00 AM.



**Samaritan's Purse November Needs:** We will deliver our shoeboxes on November 18 at 6:00 PM. Each shoebox costs \$9 to ship, so any and all financial donations are appreciated! Thank you for your support!



Adult Ministries

- Women of Faith Sunday School class starts back on Nov. 15 and will meet in Fellowship Hall.
- Adult Ministry Planning Team meeting is set for November 17 at 5:15 PM in church library.
- Adult Ministry Mission Day is set for Thursday, November 19. If you'd like to volunteer to make food bags, call me at the church office.
- Advent readers for November 29 will be Annette Braddy and Betty Dyess.
- Don't forget to sign up for the Christmas art class that will be held on December 1 at 5:30 PM. Meal will be included. \$10 fee for meal and supplies. We will be painting Santa and ornaments.
- Volunteers needed! This year our church will host Called To Care's "Secret Santa" on the first weekend of December. Call Susan for details and to sign up!

*Susan*



**Children:** Children's choirs will participate in the Christmas program on Sunday, December 13 during the 11:00 AM worship service. Practice for children grades 2-5 will be held on Tuesday, November 17 and December 1 from

4:00-4:45 PM in the sanctuary. I will plan to meet on Wednesday night with any children who could not be at practice. We will have a short rehearsal and lunch for this same group for on Tuesday, November 24 from 10:00-11:30 AM. Pick up and drop-off will be in the fellowship hall. Younger children will also participate – rehearsal dates and times will be sent via text message.

**YOUTH:** It is so good to have our youth praise team meeting again! Please watch your REMIND app for dates and times to rehearse. We will be doing a special presentation as a part of the December 13 Christmas service at 11:00 AM. Please let me know if you are interested in participating.

**Handbells:** Handbell Choir will practice on November 18 in the Sanctuary, and December 1 in the Handbell Room. Our next date to play is scheduled for November 22 – meet at 9:30 AM or immediately following the 9:00 AM service. There will be no rehearsal on Wednesday, November 25 so that you may be with your families in preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Celebration Choir:** Many of you are participating in some way for the Christmas program on December 13. Thank you for your willingness to help in these unusual circumstances. Parts have been sent already to those who are speaking – please watch the bulletin and text messages for updates regarding rehearsals.

**Praise Team:** Next scheduled times for singing at 11:00 AM service are: November 15, December 6 and 13. Watch our text message group for updates on rehearsal times. Please meet on November 15 at 9:45 to sound check.

*Karla*



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