



### Our Prayer Concerns

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

**February Prayer Team:**  
Barbara Cagle, Betty Dyess, Lydia Cook, and Virginia Snowden.



Our children's department would like to welcome your children to participate in our ministries. Our nursery is available for the 9 AM service and the 11 AM service. Our nursery ages are newborn to 3 years of age. Our Children's Department is for children ages 4 to grade 5. Our acolytes begin in grade 3 and are taught to serve our 11 AM worship service by lighting the altar candles and help during Communion. 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. 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. No more Zoom meetings. Please remember to social distance and have your children sit with you at church in the allotted spaces. Thank you.**

February 10: P,B, and Jam in Brown Room at 6 PM. Ages 4 to Grade 2 will be with Karla in choir after pizza.

February 14: Happy Valentine's Day!!! No Children's Sunday School. Children's church will not have any parent volunteers at this time. Acolyte will be Laura Lee Calhoun.

February 17: No P,B, and Jam. Please join us for our Ash Wednesday service starting at 6 PM.

February 21: No Children's Sunday School. Children's Church will not have any parent volunteers at this time. Acolyte will be Banks Parrish. Parent meeting immediately after church in the Brown Room.

Please remember our Blessing Box located in front of the Church. Please make sure to black out the barcodes on your items. Thank you!

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

At this time I will not have any parent volunteers. Masks are mandatory for everyone. I apologize for any inconvenience. 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 February 14:** Rev. Rich Wardwell and the members of Antioch UMC in Adel.

† **Week of February 21:** Rev. Steve Meguiar and the members of the Baxley First/Graham Charge.



There are 3 ways to keep supporting your church and its ministries financially. You can give **online (www.centralumc.net** and complete a **secure donation through PayPal**), by **mail (PO Box 428, Fitzgerald GA 31750)**, or by **putting them in the plates** at the sanctuary entrance doors when you come to worship. Thank you for helping our ministries share the love and hope of Christ with others. Thank you for being a vital part of our ministries!



# CENTRAL

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**Sunday, February 14**

Scout Sunday

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

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

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

**Monday, February 15**

No Church Activities

**Tuesday, February 16**

8:00 AM ..... Men's Breakfast (Ronnie's)

9:30 AM ..... Preschool Chapel (Chapel)

6:00 PM ..... The Disciple Playbook Men's Study (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, February 17**

6:00 PM ..... Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, February 18 – Saturday, February 20**

No Church Activities

**Sunday, February 21**

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

10:00 AM ..... Confirmation Class with Mary Claire (Youth Room)

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

12:00 PM ..... Children Min. Parent Meeting (Brown Room)

**Monday, February 22**

10:00 AM ..... Newsletter Items Due

4:00 PM ..... Staff Meeting (Parlor)

**Tuesday, February 23**

8:00 AM ..... Men's Breakfast (Ronnie's)

9:30 AM ..... Preschool Chapel (Chapel)

6:00 PM ..... The Disciple Playbook Men's Study (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, February 24**

5:00 PM ..... Handbells (HB Room)

5:30 PM ..... Youth W.O.W

6:00 PM ..... Minor Prophets Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM ..... PB&JAM/Children's Choir (Brown Room)

6:00 PM ..... Confirmation Class with Mary Claire (Parlor)

**Thursday, February 25 – Saturday, February 27**

No Church Activities



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### February Worship Service Helpers

#### Worship Team

**FEBRUARY USHERS:** Mike Foster, Chris Hughes, Bobby Chasteen, Mike Bishop and David Hobby.

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

**AV ASSISTANTS:** Ward Burke, Haley Braddy, Raines Evans, and Riley Evans.

**ACOLYTES:** Laura Lee Calhoun, Banks Parrish

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 February 14

**Sermon:** "The Golden Rule" Matthew 7:12

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

**Prelude/Postlude:** 9 AM: Brian Morris, 11 AM: Brian Morris

**Call to Worship:** Pledges to the American and Christian flags

**Special Music:** 9 AM: Brian Morris, 11 AM: Ward Burke

#### Worship Notes & Helpers the week of February 21

**Sermon:** "Christ's Final Earthly Words: I Thirst" – John 19:28-29

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

**Prelude/Postlude:** 9 AM: Brian Morris, 11 AM: Jamie Ray

**Call to Worship:** Praise Team

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

### The Golden Rule

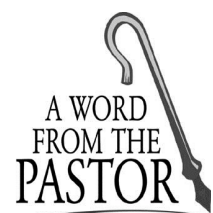
Matthew 7:12 is where we find the Golden Rule, which is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. I've had people say they follow the Golden Rule. They love others as they love themselves. They do to others as they would want done to them. Many of these same people consider themselves Christians because they claim to follow this teaching. This sounds very admirable, but is that all it takes in life? When Jesus preached this commandment, did he mean to simply do unto others as you would have them do to us? Or is there more to this and more to being a Christian?

I am not sure that we can call this rule Golden unless we love God first. We cannot love others until we love God. We cannot do to others as we would have them do until we experience God's love, grace, and mercy. When we love God and receive divine forgiveness, then this rule may become golden for the individual.

The point of the Golden Rule, as taught by Jesus, is not a simple guideline to go through life. It is not what Christianity is as many may believe. The Golden Rule is a lesson that we cannot possibly keep without God's love for us through Jesus Christ. When we understand this, then we are empowered to go beyond the Golden Rule and become true disciples of Christ!

The Golden Rule is not the gospel of Christ, but thank God for sending Jesus to keep the Golden Rule always before us as the minimum standard for Christians. I am inviting you to join me in going beyond the minimum of the Golden Rule!

Your Servant In Christ,  
*Pastor Rich*



Hi everyone,

I hope you're doing well! I hope all our BHCS people will enjoy their winter breaks. Due to winter break, we will not have youth or confirmation February 14 or February 17; however, there will be an Ash Wednesday service at the church on February 17. Check your bulletin for more details! I will see you again on Sunday, February 21 for confirmation at 10:00 and an outdoor event at the Fosters' house at 5:00. Please remember to wear face coverings to all youth events.



Serving God By Serving Others

Besides February 17, join us Wednesdays at 5:30 for dinner and social time and at 6:00 for Worship on Wednesday (WOW). We are currently doing a series on Fatal Flaws. I hope you'll join us!

Finally, Winter Jam IS happening this year! Anyone who is interested in seeing Crowder, KB, We the Kingdom and more in Atlanta on March 20 needs to let me know ASAP!

Much love to you all, **Mary Claire**



Join us for our Ash Wednesday service on February 17 at 6 PM in the Sanctuary.



### Adult Ministries

- A big thanks to all the pastors and volunteers who helped with our local hospital "Appreciation Cook-out" on Feb 11, and our Food Box Distribution event on Feb. 12! What a blessing these events were! Watching so many denominations come together for the purpose of loving others was such a blessing!
- Our next Adult Mins art class is March 1. We will be painting spring canvas art! I hope you will join us at 5:30 PM for supper and a lot of fun! Call to make your reservation at 423-9381.
- Our Prayer Walking group will meet at Wheeler Park on **Monday, March 1 at 9:00 AM and Sunday, March 7 at 4:00 PM.** We will start off with a short devotion and everyone will be given a list of prayer requests to pray for. You can walk and pray at your own pace or with a friend. (We will meet each Sunday and Monday pending rain) Call me to sign up!

*Susan*

### Adult Ministries Art Class

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on March 1 at 5:30 PM for an Adult Ministries Art Class and Supper! We will be doing a special spring time art project that you don't want to miss. Call Susan at the Church Office to sign up!



**Children:** Children's choirs began meeting on February 3 during P, B and J time. If your child wasn't able to join us last week, we hope that he/she will be able to attend this week. Schedule will be as follows: 6:00 PM – meet in Brown Room for pizza; 6:20 PM – divide group (ages 4 - 1st grade; 3rd - 5th grade). One group will stay with Candy for P, B and J time; one group will go with me for choir. Pick up is at 7:00 PM from the Brown Room. Please have your child wear a face covering. There will be no PB&J on February 17, but children are encouraged to attend the 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service with their families. Future dates for calendar: March 28 (Palm Sunday): children will participate in a processional and share a song; May 2 – Children's Sunday at 11:00 AM service. CD's and copies of lyrics were handed out on February 3. Please contact me if you need additional copies. Skit parts will be assigned soon.

**YOUTH:** Youth band rehearsal is postponed. Please check the REMIND app for updates.

**HANDBELLS:** So many people have told me how much they are enjoying your music. Thank you for all that you do for our church! Remember rehearsals on Wednesday, February 17 (handbell room) & 24 (sanctuary) at 5:00 PM.

**CELEBRATION CHOIR:** We will be having a special worship service on both March 28 and April 4 to celebrate the season of Easter. Choirs will not be able to sing as a large group for these services, but if you are willing to participate in some way in either service, please contact me (423-9381 work or 426-2106 cell).

**PRAISE TEAM:** Your music is so appreciated in our services! Thank you for your participation and dedication. We are scheduled to play again on February 21 for the 11:00 AM service. We will meet at 9:30 (or as soon as possible following the 9:00 AM service). Rehearsal will be that same day at 1:00 PM in the sanctuary.



### Blessing Box

The Blessing Box and the blessings you put in it share the love and graciousness of Christ to those who might

not otherwise be reached. If you leave non-perishables in the box, please mark out the barcode with a permanent marker. This will help us feed those who need to be fed and allow us to stretch out the love of God to those who need His blessings most.