

We Are



September, 2016



Creative Worship @ Central

Celebrate Fall

The season that we usually associate with newness, especially with nature is spring. Think about it: the grass starts growing, flowers start blooming, the trees get their leaves, the birds start chirping, and so on. But for many churches, the season for newness is fall. Fall is when school starts back and families start re-assessing their schedules. In Florida, fall is when many families from up north come down for late fall and winter.

At Central, fall is when our process for nominating people to committees takes place. The deacons for the coming year are nominated, and the stewardship committee begins to look at the budget for next year. But this fall, there are other ways that we are seeing newness at Central. There are new folks that are visiting our church, and becoming a part of what we are doing. There are more youth than we have had in many years, and there are things growing for the arts program that look good.

The question is, what do we do with all of this newness? One thing we can do is celebrate it. We can celebrate that what we are doing means something to the people of our community who come and visit with us. We can celebrate that God is moving in fresh ways in our community. But on the other hand, the newness can be intimidating, and even confusing, to be sure. It can also be scary, thinking about how these new things will fit into our shared journey at Central. Several people in the past have commented to me that when they look out into the congregation, there are a lot of faces that they just don't know. But that is the joy of sharing the journey: around each twist and turn there are new things, new experiences, new challenges, and new opportunities, and we get to face them together. We also get to face them with the knowledge that we are still who we have always been: a church that is proud to welcome any and all, and a church that has lasting relationships that have been tried and true for many years. But what is also true is that we can face each of them with the confidence that the God who has *been* with us in the past, *is* with us in the present. So I hope that you will be along with us this fall, to embrace the fresh new life in front of us.



Rev. Sonny Gallman,
Senior Pastor

Blessings, *Sonny*

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Important Dates

09/11	Grandparents' Day
10/30	Trunk 'R Treat
11/13	Annual Church Conference

You can Give to Central NOW!



Your generosity means that Central can more easily shine a light for Christ in our neighborhood and around the world. You may scan this QR code to connect and send your tithe electronically or connect through the church website. Checks payable to Central Baptist Church may also be mailed to the church office at the address on the last page of this publication. May you be blessed as you bless others through your tithes and offerings.



Regular Schedule

Sundays:
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; LifeTree Café
 10:45 a.m. Worship w/ Preschool Nursery
 Last Sunday— Shine for Elementary Kids
 6:30 p.m. Disciple

Tuesdays:
 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
 1:00 p.m. Women's Christian Book Club
 2:30 p.m. Beginning Bridge
 6:30 p.m. Disciple

Wednesdays:
 5:45 p.m. Family Dinner
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Shine!, Youth Group, Nursery Available
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays:
 2:30 p.m. GriefShare

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																							
<p>1</p> <p>Lifetree Café September Topics: 9/4 "I Lived in a Dumpster" 9/11 BIAS" 9/18 Confronting Bullies 9/25 Hurt By Church</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Family Dinner Menus 9/7 Bahad Ziti, Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast 9/14 Teriyaki Pork Strips/ Rice, Corn 9/21 Ham, Mac & Cheese, Peas 9/28 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Birthdays: Edward Meadows</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Birthdays: Karen Meadows</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Holiday - Office Closed Birthdays: Anthony McCulley Jerry Penny</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10 a.m. Seniors Visit Museum of Arts & Sciences, Daytona Beach</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Birthdays: Steve DeVane Carolyn Moss</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Birthdays: Aiden Tozer</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Birthdays: Steve Branson Richard Finley Vicky Jackson</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Sept. Newsletter Info Due</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Begin Deacon Nominations 5 p.m. Hymn Sing @ UBIC</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00 p.m.—Deacon Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. - Deacons' Mtg.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Birthdays: Ned Browder</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Birthdays: Dan Rutter</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Birthdays: Tom Pokorny Jacob Weaver Joshua Weaver</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Birthdays: Elaine McCulley</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Birthdays: Lorraine Harrell</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Birthdays: Diane Dunn</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Pastor Relations 6:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Birthdays: Janet Collins-Free Robert McDaniel Bernice Miranda</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Birthdays: Jim Shoopman Priscilla Warner</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 a.m. CBS'ers</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Birthdays: Emily Goodwin</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Birthdays: Elaine McCulley</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Birthdays: Lorraine Harrell</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Pastor Relations 6:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Birthdays: Ned Browder</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Birthdays: Jim Shoopman Priscilla Warner</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Birthdays: Steve Branson Richard Finley Vicky Jackson</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Birthdays: Emily Goodwin</p>



Matt's Prayer



May the grace and peace of Christ find you right where you are. As we start the school year, I find myself with an inability to fully articulate the genuine hardships people are facing. Mix that with a big "C" Church that seems to have lost its calling to love those who are different or find God outside what is comfortable, I feel the need for prayer.

Please join me as I cry out to God for peace and mercy. The struggle is real. It seems like everyone around me is being crushed by the weight of the world. There is so much hurt, so much stress, and so much pettiness. Guide us, oh great Jehovah. Give us Your eyes for just one second. May we see each other as the wondrous creations we are instead of tools, prey, or predators. Teach us to love as Christ loves. Your people are incredible, God. We are capable of so much good. We can create beautiful works of art, replace a per-

son's internal organs, feed those who cannot provide for themselves, and so much more. Why, God, must we choose otherwise? Why do we look only to our own benefit?

Though I use words, they are not enough. Though I act in the world, my actions are not enough. The world does not need me. The world needs You, God. Free us from our savior complexes. Free us from our selfishness. Free us from our desire to run away. This work You have called us to, each and every one of us to, is not easy. Being a disciple is not easy. Loving those who hurt us is not easy. Making the difficult decision is not easy. Giving when there is nothing left to give is not easy. Accepting those with different upbringings is not easy.

May we learn to love and be loved by You. And when we see someone in need of that same love, may we be the hands and feet of Jesus, welcoming all with open arms. Amen.

Matt Nelson is Assoc. Pastor for Worship and Youth

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"God calls Central Baptist Church to engage, encourage, and empower families and individuals to follow Christ."

From Linda



This print (left) hangs in my office, a gift from a friend a few years back who had purchased it at a fund-raiser auction at Mainland High School. It's a favorite of mine because it reminds me of our daily challenge to remember that Jesus came for ALL of us...not just those who look like me or who like me or who live nearby or who are neighbors or friends of my neighbors and friends...ALL of us!

I'm grateful that Disciple, an evening Bible study, has re-started. It's a place where I find deepening community as well as chances to learn from others. Women's Christian Book Club is another place that feeds my spirit because there is confidentiality and Christian encouragement there, as well as chances to be the presence of Christ to others. The Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible study hours are a tradition in most churches where faithful leaders study and prepare week after week to encourage their small group members and promote personal study and discipleship/outreach both within the group and toward the larger

community as well. Being a member of some type of small group is, I believe vital to spiritual growth.

If you are not now participating in a small group that encourages Bible study and a regular personal devotional life, I'd like to invite you to seek out a group to join or see me about starting a new one! The Kingdom of God is at hand. We want to use every opportunity to interact with and be the presence of Christ to as many as we can within God's Kingdom, not just the ones who look like us, think like us, or enjoy the same leisure activities. I like this print because it reminds me to continually re-examine the things I'm doing and to try to use a more appropriate measuring device than my comfort zone. Maybe it will inspire you, too... Blessings and peace on the journey together, Linda

Linda Pigott is Assoc. Pastor for Discipleship & Outreach

Central's Active Seniors



Pictured here: **A recent trip to Winter Park by Sunrail and subsequent boat tour.**

There will be another gathering at the newly renovated Museum of Arts & Science on Tuesday, September 6., followed by lunch at Golden Corral in Port Orange. The museum tour is free that day for Volusia County residents; those riding the bus need to sign up to ensure a space on the bus.

Country singer, Bobby Meeks entertained at the monthly meeting in Adams Hall last week. Call Tommie Lou Hitson to get involved with Central's Seniors, it's a great way to make new friends and come along with us as we enjoy some of the fringe benefits of living in this beautiful area.

August Blessings

2016 Year-to-Date (8/22/16)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 151

New Members: 8

Total Receipts: \$274,024.07

Total Spending: \$291,984.76

Special Gifts to Central This Month:

In Memory of:

Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi

For Ministries at Central Baptist Church

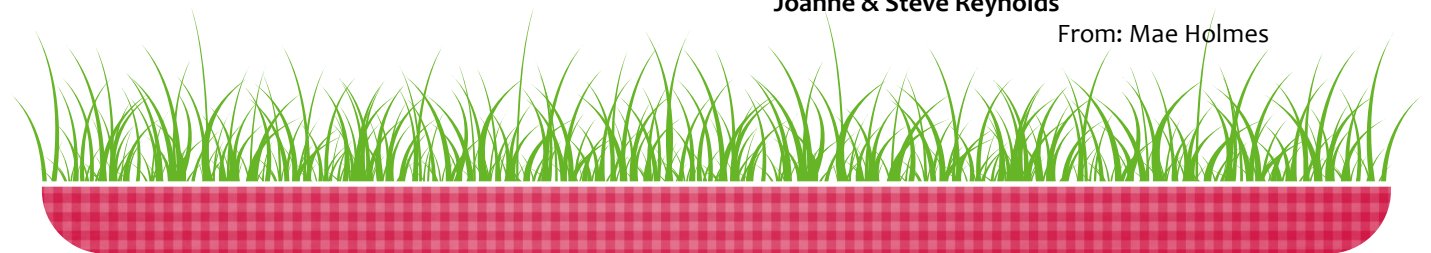
From: Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

Fran, Stan & Ben Rawls & Bob Bills

From: Edward & Martha Meadows

Joanne & Steve Reynolds

From: Mae Holmes



2017 Church Officer Nominations Begin

The nominating committee is beginning their work to prepare a slate of officers & committee chair nominations for next year. If you would like to volunteer or suggest a nominee, please call Darla Petty, committee chairperson at 386-253-8500.

Central's Servants: KEN BRYANT

Hooked on People *by Joan Singley Schrysen*

Ken Bryant, Chair of Deacons, is a true people person. While he has always relished working with people, he is also grateful for several individuals who influenced the trajectory of his life. At the age of four the family housekeeper, Florida, saved Ken's life when his clothing accidentally caught fire. Tragically, about this time Ken's mother died after a lengthy battle with cancer.



Following a difficult childhood, several physical problems destroyed Ken's dreams of a Navy career or playing college sports. Ken's Uncle Joe, sensing his nephew's discouragement, challenged him to take a job at Gorman Company, the uncle's plumbing supply company. He took the challenge and stayed with the company 45 years, rising from the warehouse to Regional Manager. "I absolutely loved it. I've always loved dealing with people, whether it was my employees or customers of ours."

A third influential person in Ken's life is his wife, Mary. She has supported and encouraged Ken through many difficult periods of their 45 years of marriage. Ken's later years at Gorman required long hours driving the Florida highways. "I was traveling one day and I said to myself, 'You know, I have a great family, we live in a nice home, we pretty much do what we want to do,' and it kept running through my mind: 'There's a void in my life.' I couldn't put my finger on it. I'll never forget – I can tell you EXACTLY where I was and it was like a light came on: You don't have God in your life."

Back home in Daytona, Ken said to Mary, "We're going to find us a church." They visited around. Their daughter Michelle Carlson suggested Central, and they knew they had found their church home.

Always a dedicated worker, Ken made a promise to God, "I'm going to go full force into this thing and get involved in everything I can," He has kept this promise, not only serving as deacon, but also as trustee, on three committees and in Lifetree Café. Both the Emmaus Walk and The Story have enhanced his spiritual growth. He comments on his work at Vacation Bible School: "Kids are my passion. I just love kids."

From individuals like Mary, Uncle Joe, and Florida, through the years at Gorman to the many groups at Central, people continue to be vital to Ken Bryant.

September Hymn Sing

On Sunday, September 11th, we will be joining BJ and the people of the United Brethren In Christ for a hymn sing. This is the first of what we hope will be many shared times of singing the hymns of our faith. We hope you will join us at 5 p.m. that evening. The address is 560 Flomich St. in Holly Hill. More Info: Call Anne Myers (767-1129) .

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