

We Are



Central Baptist Herald May, 2018



Prime Timers are active folks (mostly retirees) who are interested in social activities and mission projects. 24 recently trekked to Titusville for lunch at Dixie Crossroads and a drive through the Cape Canaveral nature preserve.

The next planned outing will be a tour of the Marine Science Center in Ponce Inlet followed by lunch at the beachside restaurant, North Turn, on May 24th. It's important to sign-up early (in church office) to reserve your seat on the bus because of the limited number of seats available.

Prime Timers are also leading a missional opportunity to shower teen moms at the Chiles Academy (Charter school for teen moms



Dixie Crossroads Restaurant, Titusville, 4/25

down the street from our church) with new baby items for Mothers' Day. Collection bins are in the sanctuary foyer,

After a 2-month summer break, the August Prime Timer Kick-off will be afternoon bingo and a free ice cream social. Everyone is welcome! Come and bring a friend or two! Bingo card contributions will be spent for missions.

Central Baptist Well Represented at CBF-Florida Spring Celebration

Island View Baptist Church—Orange Park, April 20-21

The annual 2-day gathering of representatives from Cooperative Baptist Fellowship churches from all over Florida and the Caribbean was a chance to hear from Dr. Linda McKinnish-Bridges, President of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond both at the Friday night banquet and also Saturday morning in worship. On Saturday morning, five of Central's youth and their leaders came to help prepare food packages for hungry folks in the Jacksonville area. In all, 10 folks from Central worshipped together with other CBF churches on Saturday morning at the worship service where Matt Nelson, Central's former Youth & Music Minister, came back to Florida to lead the music.



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Sonny's Sayings...



Earlier this month, Laura asked me at a deacons' meeting to give a devotion based on the sermon I prepared for April 8, when Sergeant Davin was here in worship. I am very grateful for his presence, as many people were helped by his comments, and I want to thank Anthony McCully for scheduling time with Sergeant Davin at the request of the deacons. On that Sunday, our scripture passage

for the day was Psalm 133, a very short psalm, which says "How good and pleasant it is when brethren (read: God's people) dwell in unity. The writer then goes on to compare just how good it is. It is like oil running down over the beard of Aaron, even over his robe, and like the dew of Mount Hermon. These were images that conveyed God's abundance to them. So the overall theme is that dwelling in unity is one of the greatest things we strive for, and it is a gift from God. There are ideas from this theme that are important for the stage we are in at Central, so I want to share them with you.

First, it is believed by many scholars that the words to this psalm were sung by Jewish people traveling from their villages on the way to Jerusalem and the Temple for annual festivals. It was a traveling song. As people would leave their villages, they would add people to their caravans, because there was safety in numbers from wild animals and thieves. And as they traveled they would sing songs, reminding them of God's faithfulness. And singing these religious songs resulted in communities that shared a common goal: worshipping in the Temple. This was likely one of those songs. It is even possible that Jesus sang this song on the way to the Temple with his parents.

I thought about what that must have been like. With the passing of time, the caravans would be different, because of deaths in the family, or because of the birth of children, or because of the timing of the journey. And this went on for generations. And while traveling carts or wagons would wear out and have to be replaced, and while people would come and go, the message of the songs would remain the same, and the common goal of worshipping in the temple would remain the same.



That's a pretty good picture of the church, isn't it? Our losses are sad, but often celebratory, because of lives that have mattered to us. But there are new people that are becoming a part of our caravan; they are joining in to our song, and they share the goal of worshipping and serving together. So as hosts on our caravan, and as generous people, let us welcome them well. For indeed, it is good and pleasant when God's people dwell in unity!

Blessings, Sonny

Praising God!

Year-to-Date (4/22/18)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 152

New Members: 8

Total Receipts: \$125,157.01 *

Total Spending: \$158,769.68**

*Includes Easter Offering: \$9,776.32

**\$52,620.27 Paid to Date for Hurricane Irma Repairs. Source: Flood Insurance



Special Gifts this Month

In Loving Memory of:

Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi

For: Mothers of Preschoolers, Passport Kids Camp, Rental & Clean-Up of Adams Hall, & General Fund

From: Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

Jeremy DeVane

From: The Ready Class & Shirley Hess

Patrick Robinson

From: Shirley Hess

Betty Turner

For: Easter Giving Goal

From: Keith & Mary Ellen Schmitt

Bob Kovalovsky

From: Gwen Bills, Ruth & Charles Bradford

Jeremy DeVane & Willodeen Sanders

From: Bob & Mary Anne Trumbull

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From: Richard & Lavelle Dycus, Shirley Hess, Art & Joan Schrysen

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Linda's Log

The strength of any church is a direct result of many factors. We could each list dozens of factors...some similar or the same and some different. I'd like us to think about one of the factors that is near the top of my list: active participation. The church needs the active participation of every one of its members. When new folks come, they need to be embraced by others in the congregation if they are to ever feel that they "belong" (as our logo claims!) An invitation to gather with others at a Sunday lunch restaurant, an invitation to attend a Sunday school class or week-day activity or an invitation to share your pew are all welcoming, friendly responses to new faces. Worship is about more than singing and praying and listening; those things are catalysts for what comes next: The Relationship!! I believe each of us is responsible for helping new individuals and families get involved. And we shouldn't wait until folks walk the aisle to actually join the church to welcome them and offer opportunities to grow new friendships. We need to come each week with the goal in mind of welcoming someone new into our friendship circle.



But bringing new folks into active participation can truly only be achieved by members who model that themselves. Members who have grown comfortable simply warming a pew and sharing an offering are being robbed of personal spiritual growth; there's something for each person to do, regardless of age or health status; I believe God expects us to continue to serve in whatever capacity we are able. If I'm not steady on my feet, I can still phone the sick and lonely. If I'm unable to lead a team or committee, or teach a Sunday school class, I may be able to organize a small group or serve ON a team or committee, lending ideas and wisdom and enabling specific prayers which are not gossip because I'm involved in what's happening and know first hand what the needs are. I believe that it's our responsibility to seek and find a place of ACTIVE service.

Although culture and economics may make it possible to retire from gainful employment in one's 50's or 60's, I can't see how any true believer would ever even consider a goal of "retirement" from Kingdom challenges. It may be that the skills and experience derived from one's profession or lifework are precisely the skills that are needed in the church or faith community. It could also be that God wants us to step forward and learn how to do something new! Lifelong learning keeps us sharp! If you are already actively participating, thank you, for your service; if, however, you've been on a "break", it's likely time to find a place of service, even if no one has asked you lately. Being the church that "engages, encourages, and empowers families and individuals to follow Christ" requires action from each of us! I pray that you will respond to the movement of the Spirit and get actively involved; come see me if you need help getting started. It is a privilege to serve God at Central! Serving Him together, -Linda



Passport Kids Camp Coming to Volusia County.

The last time Central children attended Passport Kids Camp we had to travel across 2 states to Spartanburg, SC. That great distance caused some parents to refuse to allow their 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th graders to attend. This year, for the first time ever, Passport Kids Camp is in Florida, on the campus of Stetson University, barely 20 miles away!! We are so excited to report that at this writing we have 8 signed up to attend. We are especially grateful to those whose generosity is helping to make this possible. A few parents are still making payments but all are being helped by scholarship donations. Payments for all June camps are due May 1. It may still be possible to add campers at a slightly higher rate if accommodations are available. Please see Linda Pigott if you have questions or would like to help send a kid to Passport Camp.



FREE! FREE! FREE! Vacation Bible School Friday-Sunday, Aug 3-5

Bring friends and neighbors to a Super Cool week-end VBS: Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday morning. It will include all the fun activities in a convenient format for families. Darla Petty is our director this year and will be recruiting leaders very soon. Please pray about how you can contribute: prayers, financial donations, teaching, serving snacks, preparing and leading games for the children, helping with publicity, photography, designing and decorating the theme set and leading craft activities are just some of the needs...

Shine! Children Singing in Worship on Mothers' Day

Children have been rehearsing worship songs and have been invited to help lead in worship on Mother's Day, May 13th. It's important for all school age children to be present each Wednesday night leading up to this service.

Even though *Shine!* activities will pause on Wednesdays during summer break, the Sunday morning monthly *Shine!* activity will continue on the last Sunday of the month after the children's focus in morning worship.



Performing Arts Camp July 8-12

The deadline for 15 registrations for Performing Arts Camp is May 13! At the moment we are still a few campers short. Without adequate early registrations we



will be unable to continue the preparations. PAC is open to elementary (completed kindergarten) and middle school students. In 4 1/2 days students will make and paint scenery, learn dialogue and songs for a complete musical drama for only \$50 per camper. The FREE production is Thursday night, 7/12. Sign-up NOW! And tell your friends about this terrific opportunity. Forms are in the foyers and church office or can be printed from our website

May 2018

Regular Sunday Schedule:
 9:15 a.m. Faith Discussion Grp.
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
 9:30 a.m. LifeTree Cafe
 10:45 a.m. Worship w/ Preschool
 Nursery Provided

Regular Tuesday Schedule
 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
 1:00 p.m. Women's Christian
 Book Club
 2:50 p.m. Beginning Bridge

Regular Wednesday Night
 5:45 p.m. 5/23 Last Family Dinner &
 Activities until 8/16
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
 Shine!, Youth Gathering,
 Nursery Provided
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>LifeTree Cafe:</i> Sundays 9:30 a.m., <i>Marxman Bldg., Rm. 115</i> 5/6 Where is God When Life Turns Tough? 5/13 In the News 5/20 God and Gays 5/27 Exploring Teen Suicide</p>		<p>1 Birthday: Mary Anne Trumbull</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Birthday: Pam Ford</p>	<p>5 10:00 a.m. The Artist's Way 3:00-6:00 p.m. Mission Trip Workday Birthdays: Kimberly Rand</p>
<p>6 3:30 p.m. Bel Canto Concert 12n. Perf. Arts Team Mtg. 2:00 Mission Trip Mtg. for Paperwork & Info 4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing Birthday: Martha Meadows</p>	<p>7 9:00-11:00 a.m. MOPS, Rm. 20 & Nursery 5:30 p.m. Deacons' Prayer Time 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg. Birthdays: Mary Lou Barnhart Corrie Wise</p>	<p>8 5 p.m.—Church Council Birthdays: Debbie Finley Aiden Loucman Susan Murrell</p>	<p>9 Birthday: Tucker Cobb</p>	<p>10 Birthdays: Isabel Gallman Marvin Powers</p>	<p>11 Birthdays: Isaac Gallman Danny Smith</p>	<p>12 10:00 a.m. The Artist's Way Birthday: Alyssa Pokorny</p>
<p>13 Mother's Day Final day for Chiles Academy Baby Shower</p>	<p>14 Deliver baby gifts to Chiles Academy 5:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grounds Mtg. Birthday: Mary Bryant</p>	<p>15 Birthday: Christine Langley</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Birthday: Ron Langley</p>	<p>18 Newsletter Articles & Photos Due Birthdays: Michelle Carlson Tiffany LaMotte Pully Meyer</p>	<p>19 Birthday: Joanne Ballve Tiffany Candage Hailey Richardson</p>
<p>20 Graduate Recognition Sunday 12n., Spaghetti Lunch (Mission Trip Fundraiser) Birthdays: Jim Burrocas Abigail Queen</p>	<p>21 9:00-11:00 a.m. MOPS, Rm. 20 & Nursery Birthdays: Patricia Roberson Michael Compton</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Last Wed. Night Activities Until 8/16 10:00 a.m. Prime Timers Tour Marine Science Ctr. & Lunch at North Turn 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 No Family Dinner & Activities 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice Birthday: Elaine Rummell</p>	<p>31 Birthday: Maxine Griswold</p>	<p>Family Dinner Menu: 5/2 Tacos, Refried Beans, Rice 5/9 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans 5/16 Pot Luck, Corn, Garlic Bread 5/23 Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Chips All meals include Salad, Roll, Beverages & Desserts. Cost - Seniors 65+: \$5, Adults: \$7, Kids -18 \$4/FREE</p>	



Easter 2018



From Sylvia and B & G Committee

Last month I updated you on the progress of the repair work being done after Hurricane Irma and the flood that resulted. Most of the painting has now been done, and carpeting replaced. Progress continues although much slower than we would like.

The sound system has been replaced and installed in Adams Hall, thanks to Andy Rawls and his helpers. The craft room progress is very slow, but most rooms are now useable, although not totally finished.

Our committee is especially grateful to Gwen Bills, church secretary, for her continued assistance and good humor throughout this process. She has never said no, gladly accepting the extra duties that often included researching ancient building records, extra mailings, faxing, and opening and closing construction spaces for workers. Thank you, Gwen, for all you do!

Car Wash Fundraiser for Mission Trip—4/14



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Personnel Committee Update

Candidates have been interviewed and official hiring to fill two part-time interim positions, one each in youth ministry and music ministry are pending. Watch the website and other communications for official updates in the near future. Thanks to their hard work, our church programming will continue smoothly while the deacons consider the best course of action for permanently covering these staff responsibilities.

Central's Servants

Regretfully, due to circumstances beyond my control, *Central's Servants* must take a break. It will return as soon as possible.

—Joan Schrysen

Servant Leadership

Ministers.....	All Members
Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Sonny Gallman
Assoc. Pastor of Discipleship/Outreach . . .	Rev. Linda Pigott
Choir Director.....	Rev. Lee Gallman
Organist.....	Penny Redfearn
Planist.....	Meg Pokorny
Office Manager.....	Gwen Bills

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