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Sonny's Sayings

Welcome to our new Monthly Herald! I hope that as you take in the new layout, you feel good about the presentation, and the space we

have to talk about upcoming events in our church in a way that is attractive and meaningful. Our goal is communicate more effectively what is taking place at Central. There is a lot of information in here, so please take time to read it.

I have to tell you that I feel a real momentum swing in our church; our church's spirit these last weeks has been lifted, to be sure. It started with the Night to Remember that Bill Bethea planned. A lot of people had a great time, and it was fun to just be together for fellowship. We continued that momentum with the 60th Anniversary, and many folks have talked to me, not just about the careful planning and work that went into it, and not just because of the memories that we shared, but about how they were inspired in hearing the stories, that there is still much for us to do as God's people.

And then last week, we affirmed the search committee's recommendation to call Matt Nelson as Associate Pastor of Worship, Youth and Families. Matt is going to be a great addition to the staff at Central, and his gifts and talents will fit well with our church's needs and our sense of God's vision for us.

The momentum of the last few weeks is going to continue. As you can see from the different articles that are here in this issue, we are

not resting on the laurels of these great events, we are letting them serve as a springboard for the next few months. I am very excited about *The Story*, not just for the content as a condensed, chronological Bible, but the opportunities it can create for relationship and unity at Central. Small groups are being formed, which can be a real turning point in the revitalization of a church. And all ages - from preschoolers to senior adults - being on the same page, literally, as we walk through *The Story* and its themes gives us a chance to share a deeper prayer life together, and to be able to talk about our faith journeys together. This is a real opportunity for renewal in our congregation.

I am also excited about the Ministry Summit on cooperative ministry, as we will have the opportunity to work and develop community ministry that is transformative, and which reaches places that existing community ministries are not reaching. But like *The Story*, it will not just be about the content. We will be working across denominational and ethnic lines in ministry together, and will have the chance to be the face of Christ together with other people and churches.

Finally, I am excited about Christival, coming in November. This month-long celebration will serve as a way for us to connect Christian faith and the arts; it will be a chance for us to welcome artists and their families into the church in some unique and meaningful ways; it will be a refreshing way to enhance what we are already doing in worship; and my hope is that it is an opening dialogue of what it would be like to have a regular presence of fine arts in our church. We hope that Christival becomes a yearly celebration in our church.

So I am very excited, not just about the momentum we have built, but also about the new things that we are introducing into our life together. As we go, I believe that you will find things that will inspire you to grow deeper in your Christian journey. Come along with us, and let us journey together! You are needed. We are Central, your place to belong!

Blessings, Sonny

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60th Anniversary Reflections...



We are still glowing from the 60th Anniversary Celebration over Labor Day weekend. On Saturday night, we heard from representatives from any of the ministries that Central played a part in starting: the Boy Scouts, the camp, the Stewart-Marchman Center, the Counseling Ministry, and a Child's Place. We also heard about what Central is doing NOW in mission work, including our trips to Homestead and our work in the community. Then Sunday morning during the 9:30 service, we heard words from Don Musser, Doug Harrell, Chris Caldwell, and others, as well as enjoyed music leadership of Myra Wooden, as we remembered a great 60 years in worship and ministry.

And then during the 10:45 service, we heard from Richard Phillips and Sonny Gallman, and enjoyed the music leadership of Steve Bransom and Lee Gallman as we talked about where we are now and where we are heading as a church. Some thoughts still linger from the weekend:

- Rick Barnhart talking about Central's role in nurturing his call into ministry.
- The role that people who are still involved in our church today played in developing transformative ministry in the community.
- Doug Harrell's words about Central always being a place where people came to be healed.
- Steve Bransom echoing that very thought in talking about how Central helped he and Nancy heal in their ministry.
- Don Musser's words about being proud that Central was a collection of "rag-tag" rejects choosing to worship and minister together.



Linda's Log....

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It's terrific to see so many positive things that have begun at Central! I am enjoying the opportunity to serve in ways that allow me to use other ministry gifts besides children's ministry. It has been a pleasure working with Gwen and Sonny on the re-design of this newsletter; helping to lead *The Story* is exciting because it gives us a new vehicle to grow intellectually and spiritually as a whole church body; I am learning more each day about using pastoral gifts in visitation and deepening relationships with folks of all ages, especially our seniors; and the opportunities I have had to present sermons have also been a chance for me to stretch and begin to develop new ministry skills. As we move into

Fall, the attitude of thankfulness is on all our minds. When I consider the wisdom of so many who serve selflessly each week at our church, I realize how blessed we are to get to raise our families in this type of atmosphere!

Moving the elementary children into the main building is wonderful progress, both in terms of security and increased convenience for families who are bringing kids to church. All those who worked so hard to make this happen are real "boots on the ground" heroes to me. Those who gave extra money to help cover these costs are also heroic because they are concerned with the responsibility we have to put our best foot forward for visiting families and potential new members. I would try to name all these folks but it would be impossible because so many contributed and because their servant attitude would prefer anonymity. But we are grateful and very excited! If you have not yet seen this newly decorated area, please come upstairs in the sanctuary building anytime for a tour. . . . Our next major project of this type will be helping Matt and the Youth Team to update and decorate the Youth area.

And speaking of Matt, it's also exciting to be welcoming a new co-worker who will be on board by the end of September to share responsibilities and use his considerable ministry gifts with us. It will be great to see who will come forward to work with him to help ensure the success of Central's youth ministry and various aspects of music and worship; laity involvement will be critical. Perhaps you've been waiting to find a place of service. These are areas where many hearts and hands will be a benefit to all.

I would like to express my gratitude for those who have served and to those who continue to serve alongside me, as well. I pray that this service will continue to be as meaningful a blessing to them as they are to me and the individuals and families who also benefit. There will always be more work to do. In fact, the more we do, the more the ideas flow.. Come be a part of our joyful journey. Central folks make work fun!

Loving and caring,
Linda

DEACONS



Soon, someone may come up to you and ask you if you are willing to be nominated to be a deacon. The word deacon first appears in Acts 6, and their appointed task was to wait on the tables of the widows and orphans. In other words, they coordinated the ministry of the early church. We follow those same ideals with our deacons, each of them working on sub-committees of visitation, pastoral care, special events and welcoming to enhance the ministry of the church. It is a great honor to be a deacon, not because of the title, but because deacons lead in carrying out the ministry of the church. The Bible makes room for deacons to be men or women, and asks that they have a servant's heart. If you are asked to be nominated, it is because someone sees a humble servant's spirit in you. I hope you will prayerfully consider this great calling.

TRUNK 'r TREAT Returns to Central

Several other events have taken the place of Trunk 'r Treat in recent years, but after evaluating the situation, most of us feel that letting go of Trunk 'r Treat feels like a loss. This event is an opportunity for us to host a family-oriented event/activity for our church and community that is totally "other" focused. It can be a chance for us to get to know any neighborhood families in a totally non-threatening atmosphere. Plans are underway, so stay tuned for more info in Sonny's weekly emails, etc., but we hope you'll make plans to spend part of Saturday afternoon, Oct. 31, here at Central, hosting fun and games for children. We hope to have inflatable games and that lots of folks will decorate a car trunk or truck bed with a Fall theme and bring candy and treats to distribute to costumed children in the area. If we are to succeed in ministering to our neighborhood, each of us will be needed to serve in some way. Here's a fun way to begin!



Church Calendar

October Sundays:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Lifetree Café

10:45 a.m. Worship - *The Story Begins*

Mondays:

6:30 p.m. Oct. 5 Deacons' Mtg., Rm. 4

5:00 p.m. Oct. 26 Pastor Relations Team. Mtg., Rm. 4

6:30 p.m. Oct. Church Council Mtg., Oct. 26, Rm. 4

Tuesdays:

10:30 a.m. Sonny's Bible Study, Rm. 4

12:00 p.m. Deadline Reservations for Family Dinner

1:00 p.m. Women's Christian Book Club, Rm. 4

2:30 p.m. Beginning Bridge, Marchman Bldg. Rm. 116

Wednesdays:

1st, 2nd, 3rd

5:15 p.m. Announcements & Prayer, Adams Hall

5:45 p.m. Family Dinner, Adams Hall

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Adams Hall
Youth Group, *Shine!*, Preschool/Child Care,
Sanctuary Bldg.

6:30 p.m. Lifetree Café, Marchman Bldg., Rm116

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary

4th Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. Family Fun, Adams Hall

4th Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. Oct. 22, CBS'ers, Adams Hall

Family Dinner Menus

Sept 23 Beef Tips & Rice, Carrots,
Rolls, Salad, & Dessert

Sept 30 Pizza, Salad, & Dessert

Oct. 7 Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, &
Dessert

Oct. 14 Pulled Pork Sandwiches,
Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans,
Salad & Dessert

Oct. 21 Baked Chicken, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Salad, Rolls &
Dessert

Oct. 28 Hamburger, Hot Dogs,
Macaroni Salad, Potato Chips, Cake &
Ice Cream - Happy Halloween

Dates To Remember

Oct. 4 *The Story begins*

Oct. 18 Last Date to Nominate Deacons

Oct. 25 Deacons Nominated List will be
available in the Sanctuary foyer, at
Centralbc.org and in the weekly
prayer list **Oct. 28**.

Oct. 29 Ministry Summit, 7 p.m., Adams Hall.

Oct. 31 Trunk 'R Treat, 2-3:30 p.m.

2015 Records - Year-to-Date

Avg Worship Attendance: 166
(As of 9.13.15)

Total Receipts: \$311,924.71

Total Spending: \$315,691.57

New Members: 9



Birthdays

Sept. 17 Jacob Weaver
Josh Weaver
Sept. 20 Bob McDaniel
Burniece Miranda
Janet Collins-Free
Sept. 21 Jim Shoopman
Sept. 25 Fay McClelland
Sept. 27 Cale Warren
Sept. 28 Deana Aloï
Sept. 29 Cyndi Wysong
Lilliana Bentley
Sept. 30 Emily Goodwin
Oct. 1 Lynn Albovias
Oct. 3 Pat Gosney
Oct. 4 Samantha Amos
Daniel Pigott
Oct. 6 Austyn Warren
Oct. 7 Susan Regan
Oct. 8 Ron Walton

Oct. 9 Jill Matthews
Oct. 12 Steve Lauxman
Oct. 13 Nate Davis
Oct. 16 Camille Plakon
Oct. 18 Patty O'Sullivan
Jim Smith
Oct. 21 Charlotte Frye
Nancy Byrd
Oct. 23 Shirley Browder
Oct. 23 Gail White
Oct. 24 Wanda Mann
Oct. 25 Bill Sinnett
Philip Ransbottom
Jonathan Pigott
Oct. 26 Michelle Jackson
Oct. 29 Mary Ellen Schmitt
Oct. 30 Cade Gallman
Oct. 31 Nancy Bransom

Ministry Summit

On October 29th, Central will host, along with Seabreeze United Church, a ministry summit for the Daytona Beach area. In a recent sermon, I mentioned the horrific murders that took place in Emmanuel Church in Charleston, and stated the obvious, that it was an indicator that there is still much work to be done in bridging the gaps that create prejudice. In my sermon, I mentioned that I want our church to play a role in helping to build those bridges. Then recently, through a connection with Diane Welch, I engaged Barbara Loucks, the pastor at Seabreeze, in a conversation about what we might be able to do cooperatively in ministry. Out of that conversation was born an idea that, starting small and expanding, the churches of our area might be able to develop some ministry projects that we can work on together. Combine those two thoughts of building bridges between ethnicities and churches working cooperatively, and you have the idea behind the ministry summit we will be hosting.

Our goal is not to infringe on the good work of Halifax Urban Ministries, or Family Renew, or the FAITH coalition, or other agencies already in place, but rather to find ministries in the gaps, where our churches can work cooperatively to build transformational ministries that provide direct contact with the people we hope to serve. Our goal is to build relationships with churches that are primarily of different denominations and ethnicities; to begin to build trust and support for one another;



Christival

This coming November, we are going to do something new at Central. We are going to invite different artists from the community, across a number of different disciplines, to be a part of our worship during the month. From paint and sketch artists, to sculptors and photographers, to dancers, singers, and handbell ringers, we are going to celebrate the many different expressions of Christian faith in the arts, all centered around the theme of thankfulness. There are three ways that Christival is important. First, it is a way for us to celebrate the different artistic responses people have to encounters with God in the context of worship. Second, Christival is an opportunity for us to cultivate Christian artistic expression in our own people, especially our children and youth. Third, our very first Christival is a way for us to start a dialogue with the arts community about the intersection of faith and the arts, and what connections might be possible in the future. Whether you are an "artsy" person or not, I think we are all moved as we hear and see things that are beautiful and expressive, so I am excited that we can celebrate this in our church, and I think you will be also.

SERVING CHURCH & COMMUNITY

- Serving on Committees and /or Teams
- Cleaning up after Wednesday Family Dinners
- Serving at UBIC Food Pantry on Tuesday mornings
- "Detail" Cleaning in Sanctuary
- Hosting a Small Group in your Home
- Gardening
- Driving the church bus (bkgd ck & valid license)

Call 386-255-2588 to get involved.



An hour of stories and conversation to feed your soul.

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 and 6:30 on Wednesday Evenings, a conversation based program in a coffeehouse venue is offered at Central for the community. This welcoming activity explores current popular topics for video-based discussion. It is a great place to meet new friends and explore faith in life. All are welcome!

Upcoming Topics:

Sept. 20 & 23 "Is Marriage Obsolete?"

Sept. 27 & 30 "Leaving God?"

Oct. 4 & 7 "What do you want to talk about?"

Oct. 11 & 14 "Busted Trust. Can it ever be restored?"

Oct. 18 & 21 "Reboot Your Life."

Oct. 25 & 28 "An Encounter With God."



THE STORY

READ THE STORY EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE

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The Story is a condensed chronological study using text from the NIV translation of the Bible, and in our church-wide journey through it we're going to discover how our story fits into God's story. Although it reads like a novel, it's almost entirely Scripture. 31 thematic chapters, in chronological order together with a timeline, videos, music, sermons, maps and charts, character sketches and discussion questions combine to transform lives.

Most all the adult Sunday School groups, the teens, and the children from preschool through elementary age will be studying the same topic each week. Those who are not actively involved in one of these Sunday

morning groups may join one of the small groups that will meet at another time during the week. If you would like to be a part of one of these groups please be sure to let us know as soon as possible to ensure that enough supplies are available. We have already distributed more than 150 personal copies of THE STORY, with more on the way.

The Story is for Everyone regardless of previous Bible experience, age or stage of spiritual growth. If you are already "signed up" you can be an ambassador to engage others by enthusiastically sharing our plans that have been known to turn everyday people into devoted Bible readers!

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 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon. -Thurs.
 Friday 7:30 a.m - 4:00 p.m.

Halifax Urban Ministries needs food for folks who would go hungry. Please remember them when you grocery shop. Plan to place product donations in the blue tubs you see.

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Ministers. All Members
 Senior Pastor.Rev. Sonny Gallman
 Assoc. Pastor of Discipleship/Outreach . .Rev. Linda Pigott
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