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# Central Baptist Herald

March, 2016

## Get Ready!! ---Soup 'R Chili Cooks!

It is almost time for the annual Soup 'R Chili Cook off. March 13 is the date to put on your calendar. Doors will open at 12:00 noon after church. There will be all kinds of soups and chili choices for you to taste and vote on. In addition there will be chances to win great prizes and a live auction with a surprise auctioneer. Proceeds from this great event will be used for the mission trip to



Homestead, Florida in July. Tickets are available in the church office or through any of the Mission Team members. Contact Joanne Penny for tickets. Call 386-547-3237.

Donations (especially gift certificates) for the prize baskets are welcome. Please contact Diane Welch to make arrangements for pick up or delivery. Call 386-290-2968 or e-mail: [dwelch@cfl.rr.com](mailto:dwelch@cfl.rr.com).

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### THE STORY

READ THE STORY EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE

Small Group leaders for The Story, met on Feb. 16 to check-in with each other and make decisions about our next steps. In our initial planning stage when the first tentative schedule was made, two chapters were planned for some weeks in an attempt to do as advised and arrive at the Resurrection Story on Easter Sunday. After attempting this a couple of times, the general consensus was that even though this is a "survey" course and not your average in-depth Sunday School lesson series, it was too frustrating to move so rapidly. The schedule was consequently revised and has been distributed by email so that all groups can stay together. The March schedule is listed here for your convenience.

Week of:

- (Wed) Mar. 2: Chapter 20
- Mar. 6: Chapter 21
- Mar. 13: Chapter 22
- Mar. 20: Chapter 23
- Mar. 27: Chapter 23 (Happy Easter!!)

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## Linda's Log....

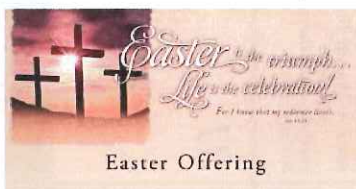
The Lenten season is a time for us to practice spiritual disciplines in an attempt to draw nearer to God. One of the spiritual disciplines that I find most helpful, and yet one that remains among the most difficult for me is SILENCE. Our culture is uncomfortable with silence. We are continually clamoring to fill the quiet spaces: talk, TV, video games, talk, telephones, conversations, talk, talk, talk, and more talk! If there is a pause in the conversation, we say something inane or simply walk away. I read somewhere that the length of time you can be in another's company without any talk, is the measure of the depth of the friendship. I want a deep friendship with God. So I'm trying to practice longer spaces of silence...where I might actually be *able* to hear the "still small voice" if it chose to speak to me... Yes, I still, at least at this moment, continue to have a "monkey mind" that freely swings, like monkeys in the treetops, from one topic to another when I try to be quiet...but I plan to

continue my efforts to settle my mind and spirit before God.

My typical start for the day during this season between Ash Wednesday and Lent opens with the online "Journey to the Cross," part of the year-round devotional site, [d365.org](http://d365.org) (a ministry of Passport, Inc., and sponsored ecumenically by Passport, Inc, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and other churches). It is a FREE devotional experience and can be delivered directly into your email or you can elect to receive a daily reminder with a link. Music by Ken Medema accompanies each devotional. I highly recommend it.

Regardless what techniques you may choose, I pray that your Lenten season will be filled with prayers that are silent as well as conversational. I pray that we all will be drawn closer to our Savior—that we will grow more comfortable with the silence and that we will be transformed and renewed.

Loving and caring, Linda



### 2016 Goal - \$15,000

Traditionally, Central asks for two special offerings during the year: Christmas and Easter. These offerings are requested as gifts above and beyond our

regular tithes to help alleviate significant expenses that may not be provided for in our initial ministry plan, as well as to cover any budget deficit. We will also tithe 10% of this offering to Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to support global missions. We hope you can be generous. Special Easter envelopes for this purpose are in the pew racks.

## CENTRAL'S SUMMER CAMPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

\*Requested Dates have been secured for Passport Kids Camp & Youth Passport Mission Camp!! Hurray!!!

**\*Youth Passport Camp: June 26-July 1**

**\*Kids' Passport Camp: July 5-8**

**Homestead Mission Trip: July 10-15**

**Performing Arts Camp: July 25-28**

**Vacation Bible School: August 8-12**

Thanks, in advance, for supporting our kids as they work to help defray costs of these activities. If you wish, you may also designate an additional amount above your tithe toward Children & Youth SUMMER CAMP Fund.

### Youth "Lock-in", Saturday, March 5th, 8p.m.

Kids, grade 6 -12 are invited to participate in a "lock-in" with games, stories, movies, special food, and LOADS of fun. This will be a chance to celebrate the completion of the new décor in the Youth Room. Mark your calendars now! See Matt or Melissa for more info.

### Senior Adults Going to Dixie Crossroads, Thur., March 10

It's a Dutch treat seafood restaurant trip! Meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. to carpool and/or ride the bus. Please call the church office (386-255-2588) so planners can help ensure there is adequate transportation for the trek to Titusville and make lunch reservations. Menu is available online at [dixiecrossroads.com](http://dixiecrossroads.com).



### Hymn Singing is for

**EVERYONE!**



Anne Myers and friends organize this Sunday afternoon gathering, this month on, March 20th, at 4 p.m. to

give folks an expanded chance to experience the JOY of singing the hymns of our Baptist tradition! With today's changing styles of praise and worship, and with fewer worship services per week (Some of us grew up with THREE a week!), there is less opportunity to learn and re-learn new/old hymns. Everyone is invited. The group meets in the choir room (room 4), just down the hallway from the church office, for 1 hour...and SINGING is the main attraction. Come early and add your request to the list of songs to enjoy.

### Kids Summer Musical:

#### "Not Your Average Joe"

Performing Arts Camp is 4 1/2 days of intense FUN and learning. This summer, kids, grade 1 through 7 (completed) will paint scenery, learn music and dance rhythms, memorize lines and perform a musical—the story of Joseph, with a 50's twist—in our church sanctuary in late July. It's the best day camp value around. For only \$50 per student, qualified teachers will work with students for 3 hours on Sunday and from 9a.m. to 2p.m. weekdays, culminating in a Thursday night musical drama production. Slots are limited. Don't miss it! Help us spread the word!

**Performance: Thursday, July 28, 7 p.m.**



# March 2016

**\*Regular Sunday Schedule:**

9:30—Sunday School, LifeTree Café,  
The Story Small Groups  
10:45—Worship w/ Preschool Nursery  
Available

**\*\*Regular Tuesday Schedule**

10:30 *Pastor's Bible Study*  
Noon - Dinner reservations required  
1:00 p.m. - *Women's Christian  
Book Club, Rm. 4*  
2:30 p.m. - *Beginning Bridge,  
Marchman Bldg., Rm. 116*  
6:30 - *The Story, Rm. 4*

**\*\*\*Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule**

5:45 - Family Dinner - Cost: 65+, \$5,  
Adults, \$Kids under age 18 EAT FREE  
6:30 - Adult Bible Study, Shine!  
Youth Group, Preschool Child Care  
7:30 - Choir Rehearsal

**\*\*\*\*Regular Thursday Schedule**

1:00 p.m. - *The Story, Rm. 4*  
2:30 p.m. - *GriefShare, Rm. 4*  
5:30 p.m. - *DivorceCare, Rm. 4*  
6:00 p.m. - *The Story, Rm. 4*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Deadline to purchase EARLYBIRD Table for Caribbean Dinner.</i>	2*** <i>Birthdays: Phyllis Davis Kenna Marie McCulley</i>	3****	4	5 <i>Youth Lock-in Begins - 8 p.m.</i>  <i>Birthdays: Ellen Clontz Holly Inglett Gavin Bentley</i>
6* <i>Communion Sunday</i> <i>Birthdays: Denise Jones Annie Talley</i>	7 <i>9 a.m.—Mission Team Mtg. 6p.m.—Deacons' Time of Prayer 6:30—p.m. - Deacons' Mtg.</i>	8** <i>Birthdays: Susan Shoopman</i>	9*** <i>Birthdays: Cross Bode</i>	10**** <i>10:30 a.m. Seniors Adults depart for lunch at Dixie Crossroads Deadline for April Newsletter Info</i>	11	12 <i>Birthdays: Tim Lauxman</i>
13* <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> <i>Noon: Soup "R Chili Cook-off"</i> <i>Birthdays: Dan Williams Ann Jones</i> <i>Last Day to Order Memorial Easter Lilies (\$17 each)</i>	14 <i>6:30 p.m. - Bldg. &amp; Grounds</i> <i>Birthdays: Jill Matthews</i>	15** <i>Birthdays: Carolyn Neimann</i>	16*** <i>Birthdays: Kimmy Richardson 6:30 p.m. Shine!: Children's Easter Activity</i>	17****	18 <i>Birthdays: Betty Edwards</i>  <i>Volusia Co. No School for kids</i>	19
20* <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing</i>  <i>Last Day to Pay for Seder Meal (Maundy Thursday, 3/24)</i>	21 <i>Birthdays: Carole Ford Kim Dawn Rand Emily Queen</i>  <i>Spring Break</i>	22**   <i>Spring Break</i>	23 <i>No "Regular" Wed. Evening Activities</i> <i>6:30—Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>Birthdays: Dot Parker Bob Trumbull Madison Smith</i> <i>Spring Break</i>	24**** <i>10:00 a.m. CBS'ers, Regular Activities until 6 p.m.</i> <i>6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Seder Meal</i> <i>Birthdays: Beth Burrows</i> <i>Spring Break</i>	25	26 <i>Birthdays: Leah Pokorny Michael Weaver</i>
27* <i>Easter Sunday</i>  <i>"Christ is Risen!" "He is Risen, Indeed!"</i> <i>9:30 - Children's Easter Activity during Sunday School</i>	28 <i>Birthdays: Rosenell Mounts</i>  <i>5:00 p.m. Pastor Relations Team Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Church Council</i>	29** <i>Birthdays: Jennifer Inglett</i>	30*** <i>4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Car Wash Camp Fundraiser East Parking Lot</i> <i>Birthdays: Alice Rippey</i>	31	<i>Wed. Night Dinners:</i> <i>3/2 Ham, Mac &amp; Cheese, Peas</i> <i>3/9 BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans</i> <i>3/16 Corn Beef &amp; Cabbage, Peas</i> <i>3/23 Chicken &amp; Rice, Green Beans</i> <i>3/30 Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots</i>	<i>Lifetree Café</i> <i>3/6 - Reincarnation</i> <i>3/13 - How to Live to be 100</i> <i>3/20 - Conspiracies</i> <i>3/27 - Who Was Jesus Really?</i>

## Matt Nelson.....Future Church

I watch The Walking Dead. It is incredible, though getting slightly predictable. What I want to talk about, however, is the show after The Walking Dead - Talking Dead. Talking Dead is literally an hour of fans of The Walking Dead talking about what just happened on the last episode. There is a host and guests ranging from stars and writers from the show and other celebrity fans. They sit on a couch and discuss the new plotlines, new deaths, new loves, and whatever else might come up about The Walking Dead. It is a show about another show. And I watch it. And I am not alone. Thousands of people tune in to hear other people express their opinions on a fictional show.

I believe there is something there. One of the things that regularly breaks my heart about the current state of the church is how little people talk about their experience in worship. They might tell the pastor they enjoyed the sermon, or that the music touched them. But once they are through the doors of the sanctuary, it is not likely they will revisit the morning's activities. What if we gave them an opportunity to share their thoughts together and to listen to people break down the moments of a worship service? Better yet, what if we streamed it online for those who could not attend to watch later? I feel for real transformation to exist, people must process their experience. Without processing what happened, it is too easy to simply move on to the next event (usually lunch). Not to say Central Baptist Church is the place to head up this idea, but it makes me excited to think about how the church can learn from the entertainment world and social media to enrich the lives of those seeking to follow Jesus to the fullest.

What do you think? Is this too far out to work? Would you benefit from an organized time to process like this? Let me know your thoughts and tell me of other ideas for the future church.

-Matt



## Lent & Easter

The 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter are meaningful for our spiritual growth if we pause to reflect on how we can be transformed. This year, there will be special opportunities to participate in church traditions, including Palm Sunday and a special Maundy Thursday Service at 6 p.m. on March 24 in Adams Hall, as well as Easter festivities. The Maundy Thursday service will commemorate the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples just prior to his crucifixion. There will be no "regular" Wednesday evening activities during Holy Week. Instead, we hope you will mark your calendars and **make a pre-paid reservation** (by Sunday, March 20) to come share a simplified "Central Baptist," version of a Seder meal. Details including the price and availability of tickets will be announced in worship and by email.

Elementary and preschool children will have a special Easter activity during Shine! on Wednesday, March 16 and during Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

These are times when we have an opportunity to present our church to folks who do not regularly attend. We hope you'll begin now to think of those you want to invite to these special times of worship and fellowship.



- Wednesday, March 30 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Car Wash in Central's East parking lot
- Sunday, April 10: Noon, Spaghetti Dinner in Adams Hall
- Wednesday, April 27: 6:00 p.m. Cupcake Auction (Dessert for Dinner & More)
- Other Activities "To Be Announced"...
- Money donations toward our summer camp fund can also be made through the regular church offering, if **CLEARLY LABELED: Summer Camp Fund for Children & Youth**

## Support FREE Wednesday Dinners for Children and Youth

Last year we made the commitment to provide Wednesday night dinners free of charge to children and youth, grade 12 and younger. It has been a real success story! Attendance at activities following dinner, Shine! for elementary age children and youth group for middle and high school age kids continues to increase.

If you are a family or individual who consistently makes an extra donation to be able to continue this, THANK YOU! If you have not yet done so, but would like to, you may simply give in whatever amount you wish and earmark it for kids meals (cash or check) or send a check to the church, clearly labeled: **KIDS' WEDNESDAY DINNERS.**



## Fundraisers for Children & Youth Summer Camps

As preparations get underway for summer activities, we believe it is important to provide opportunities for children and youth to "raise" at least a portion of the cost to go to camp. Kids Passport Camp's nearest location is Converse College campus in Spartanburg, SC. Youth Passport Mission Camp's nearest location is Averitt University in Danville, VA. Families who can will be asked to pay approximately half the required fees (an amount comparable to our previous local camp pricing) and the kids and children who participate in the fundraisers will share in the monies raised to help cover the rest. You may see Linda or Matt or one of the kids who went last year to hear what a great opportunity this is. We know our congregation will be excited and generous on behalf of our kids!



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