

Central Baptist Herald April, 2016

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" -Micah 6:8

THE STORY

Most adult Bible study groups that meet on Sunday morning, as well as several other small groups that meet during the week, are participating in the church-wide emphasis on Bible literacy, by using The Story as their primary teaching curriculum for 31 weeks. All age groups, including children and youth, are continuing this study through to completion in May. For your convenience, April's schedule of chapters is listed below.

Week of:

April 3: Chapter 25 April 10: Chapter 26 April 17: Chapter 27 April 24: Chapter 28

Church Votes to Accept Sales Contract for Camp

The church vote on March 6 was overwhelmingly in favor of selling the camp to Gary Raser who is meeting with veterans groups, attorneys, and others, for the purpose of establishing a farm for disabled veterans on the site. The proceeds from the sale of the camp, according to established church policy for the disposition of property, will be placed into the trust account. From there, the church leadership and committees will bring proposals forward for the church's consideration at the appropriate time. This will not be a quick process, but there is progress. Determining the wisest use of this resource will require much thought and prayer. Central's trustees and other leaders covet your continuing prayers for good decisions and unity within the church body.

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I just want to consider for a second, as we enter the part of "The Story" dealing with the life of Christ, the words of Carlo

Carretto in *In Search of the Beyond*. I have put the parts that are particularly valuable in bold lettering. It is a long quote, but worth reading:

"We are not happy because we are unforgiving, and we are unforgiving because we feel superior to others. Mercy is the fruit of the highest degree of love, because love creates equals, and a greater love makes us inferior. First let us establish three premises: Those who do not love feel superior to everyone else.

Those who love feel equal to everyone else. Those who love much gladly take the lower place. Each one of us can identify his [or her] position somewhere along this spectrum, which comprises the three degrees of the spiritual life here on earth: death for those who do not love; life for those who love; holiness for those who love much."

Carretto goes on to talk about Jesus' love being the third kind of love, "stooping, out of love, to the lowest place, even to the extent of being rejected as a common criminal, fit only to be hung on a gibbet."

I think about this kind of love, particularly as we think about the way in which Jesus ministered, and as we approach Good Friday. I am humbled that Jesus had that kind of love for me, for like most people, I am often prideful, and guilty of feeling superior, sometimes even feeling I am superior about feeling humble. What Carretto is encouraging us to do, is to examine our hearts and how we love, and ask God to teach us how to love like Jesus. I hope that during this season, we look at the stories of Jesus and see his examples of love and let them inspire us to love the same way. Blessings, Sonny





Princess Place Preserve. Flagler County
Central's senior adults are planning another daytrip,
April 22nd. Call Tommie Lou or email her at tlhitson@ aol.com for details.

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Opportunities to Help Children & Youth Go To Camp

- Wednesday, March 30—CarWash in Church Parking Lot (Donations Appreciated)
- Sunday, April 10: Noon, Spaghetti Lunch in Adams Hall
- Wednesday, April 27: 6:00 p.m. Cupcake Auction (Dessert for Dinner & More)
- Other Activities "To Be Announced"...
 Scholarship contributions toward our summer camp fund may also be given through the regular church offering, if CLEARLY LABELED: Summer Camp Fund for Children & Youth



\$5,529.00 Given (as of 3/13/2016)

Special Gifts to Central This Month

In Memory of:

Tom Ellinor & Betty Jo Bullard from Carolyn Moss
Doyle Casteel for Kid's Wed. Dinners from Dot Moore
Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi for Children & Youth Camp
from Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

2016 Year-to-Date

Avg. Worship Attendance: 164 (As of 3/13/2016) New Members: 4 Total Receipts: \$ 104,508.10* Total Spending: \$ 96,512.10

*Includes \$2,492.00 for Mission Trip

LINDA'S LOG....

I LOVE this time of year...Springtime in Central Florida! Yes! I know...we lose an hour as Daylight Saving Time begins... BUT, this glorious weather is unmatched! Skies that are bluer than blue; warm breezes with just a tinge of cool. Even when it rains, it's rarely for long.. Everywhere I look, I see bright spring flowers and fresh mulch...(like the mulch the Emmaus folks blessed us with! Thank you very much!!) And folks are busy with spring cleaning and planting. By the time you are reading this, our building and grounds committee will have already organized 2 cleanup, paint-up, fix-up days! And this buzz of activity goes on all week at other times, too.

Of course, there are a few negatives about spring...like these incessant oak leaves that fall and fall and fall some more! And oh,Yes! Pollen! It irritates nasal passages and generally makes a mess. In fact I was lamenting to myself one day last week that I

simply HAD to get my car washed because the pollen from parking in the church parking lot had painted it green...but then I ran out of time and daylight. I stopped at Lowe's on the way home and just as I got inside it came a POURING rain..then stopped completely before I had to cross the parking lot again. God washed my car for me!! Just in case your car was in the garage when the carwash rains came, or in case you haven't



had time to get the lovebugs off your hood, you'll be glad to know that our children and youth will be washing cars on Wednesday night after Easter (3/30) from 4:30-7:00. This is always lots of fun, as the kids compete to see who can do the best job. And whatever you would have spent at the carwash, perhaps you'll donate to the kids' summer camp scholarship fund. Thanks for loving Central's kids, both the little ones and the big ones! We love you, too!

Loving and caring, -Linda



The Soup 'R Chili Cookoff was well attended and lots of fun. Almost \$2500 was raised toward the expenses that will be incurred by our mission team that is planning to serve in South Florida the week of July 10-15. Thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly to get everything prepared; whether you helped decorate, cooked and donated food, bid on auction items or simply stayed around to help with clean-up.

There will be a lunch meeting of those who are planning to serve in Homestead this year after church on April 20th. There is paperwork to complete and possibly more money to raise. It is very important for all participants, including parents of youth who want to go (must be at least 15) to be present for this gathering. Your help is needed. We must plan our preparation calendar and ensure that everyone is adequately equipped to serve in a culture of poverty and want. This is also the right place to get your questions answered, if you've been considering how you might serve.



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...."
-Matthew 28:19a

Performing Arts Camp is 4 full days, plus

SUMMER CAMPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

\$30 deposits per person are due NOW for both Passport Camps.

*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

Kids Summer Musical: "Not Your Average Joe"

1/2 day on Sunday 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! Registration begins right after

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

*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
2:30 p.m. - Beginning Bridge,
6:30 - The Story

***Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule
5:45 - Family Dinner - Cost: 65+, \$5,
Adults, \$7, 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 2:30 p.m. - GriefShare 5:30 p.m. - DivorceCare 6:00 p.m. - The Story April
2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lifetree Café Topics: 4/3-Intimacy Anorexia: Dark Secret That's Killing Marriages 4/10-Angels Among Us: Stories of Miraculous Encounters 4/17-Sacrifice: How Much Would You Give for Someone You Love? 4/24-Is the Devil Real? An Exorcist Tells All	P 6		Wed. Night Dinner Menus: 4/6: -Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beaus 4/13- Spaghetti, Garlic Bread 4/20- Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots 4/27- Baked Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Corn Salad, Dessert, Drinks Included	e v	l Birthday: Carolyn Schaeffer 9 a.m. Sr. Adult Team Mtg.	2
3* Communion Sunday	4 9 a.m.—Mission Team Mtg. 6 p.m.—Deacons' Time of Prayer 6:30- p.m Deacons' Mtg.	5** Birthdays: Bob Bills Kat Singer	6***	7**** Birthday: Darla Petty Current GriefShare Sessions Emd/ Watch the Website for next start date.	8	9
10* Birthday: Lynn Whitesides 12:00 n. Spaghetti Lunch: Kids & Youth Summer Camp Scholarships	11 6:30 p.m. Bldg. & Grounds Mig Birthday: Marian Monaghan	12** Birthdays: Ken Millar Tim Rutter	13***	14**** Birthday: Herdis Groop	15 Birthday: Pam Inglett May Newsletter Info Due	16 6:00 p.m. Caribbean Dinner Dance : Proceeds to Benefit Camp Scholarships
17* Birthday: David Carlson 12:00 Lunch Mtg. for Mission Trip Participants	18	19** Birthday: Joan Williams	20***	21****	22 10:30 a.mDepart From Church Adult Trip to Princess Place Preserve, Flagter Co. w/ Lunch @ Golden Corral	23 Birthday: Diana Allen
24* Mission Project Begins: Collect Baby Shower Items to Benefit Chiles Academy Moms	25 5:00 p.m. Pastor Relations Team Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Church Council	26** Birthday: Barbara Frase	27*** Birthdays: Flo Mose Lyle Spoonhunter Margie Warren 6:00 p.m. Cupcake Auction for Kids & Youth Camp Scholarships	28**** 10:00 a.m. CBS'ers	29 9 a.m Serve Homeless @ HUM	30

Matt Nelson.....Future Church

Another break from storytime to discuss something deeply important to the life of the church: worship and music. Some people who are smarter than me have suggested that perhaps music and singing were learned prior to spoken language. It is deeply imbedded in our human nature. Even those who refuse to dance can feel the rhythms dancing through us. God has blessed us with the ability to communicate thoughts and emotions through simple and complex rhythms and notes that for whatever reason resonate with not only our ears, but also our hearts and minds.

The church has incorporated music in various forms since the beginning, though you have to do some real digging to uncover what people were singing thousands of years ago. The first Jews did not sing the Psalms because they were not written yet. The first Christians did not sing hymns because they were not written yet. Those in the reformation sang contemporary songs, but they were called hymns at that point. Music, like humanity and religion, has evolved over time. That is not to say that now we have it figured out. No, it is to point out that what is in right now will eventually be taken over by something else. Not something better. Not something worse. Just something else. I cannot remember the last time I heard someone humming Gregorian chants to themselves in line at the grocery store.

Today's music scene is fast and unpredictable. One hit wonders come and go weekly on the radio (if you even listen to that anymore). Chart toppers rarely stay at the top for longer than 3 weeks before another hot single comes along. This is a small taste

of the landscape of popular music. People are inundated with the same 20 songs over, and over, and over, and over, and over again until they are so sick of it they are actually looking for the next big thing before it releases.

Some might debate the quality of such music, but that is not this discussion's point. New is the style. People are used to new. New tv shows. New celebrity couples. New technology.



This leaves the church and worship in a tough spot. The church should embrace tradition, but it is essential to realize that those traditions have a beginning (and an end for some). I love that at Central Baptist Church we have learned to hold on to our roots in worship, yet seek to meet the needs of the current generation with new songs and worship elements. Psalm 96 says "Sing to the Lord a new song," and Isaiah 43 says God is doing a new thing! May we learn together to worship God in every season, in every time, in everything we do. And may the music at Central Baptist Church reflect our lives of worship, reflecting the past, living in the present, hopeful for the future.

Check out the church website and Facebook page for a new series I am starting called New* Music. It will typically be YouTube videos of songs that move me to worship that I hope will be a blessing to you all as well.

-Matt



Central's Servants: ELAINE RUMMELL

Workplace Faith by Joan Singley Schrysen

We are regularly urged to take our faith into the workplace, an antidote to "Sunday morning religion". Elaine Rummell lived out Workplace Faith during the twenty years she worked as a nurse in southern California at a women's correctional facility. "You have to have a lot of faith to be a nurse there. These girls came in with all kinds of woe – from child killers to drug addicts, and we took care of them all. You had to be strong. You were in prayer all the time."

Despite the constant stress, there were rewarding times, too. Elaine recalled a young girl, perhaps 18, the first time she came into the facility hooked on heroin. She became a repeat offender, maybe eight times, one right after the other. Once very beautiful she deteriorated into a little dumpy, fat girl. One day Elaine confronted her, "Do you remember the girl who first came in here? Can you see her? Now, what do you see?" They talked and talked. The girl broke down and cried. Elaine sternly warned her of the danger in returning to the same friends.

After days of stony silence the girl suddenly spoke: "I think I get what you're talking about. I think if I go home with my mother, father, and family, I can find some new friends."

"We'll pray about it," said Elaine.

"Will you pray for me?"

"Certainly I'd be more than happy to." Elaine never saw her after her release. Hopefully, she found her new friends with the help of her family.

Many cases had no happy endings. Some women were unrepentant, others deep in the throes of mental illness. Although a minister provided worship services, the nurses did most of the counseling and charitable work. As girls prepared to transition out, the nurses made sure they had clothing and other supplies for life on the outside.

A workplace injury ended Elaine's career. Today she is a member of the Women's Christian Book Club and leads a small group studying *The Story*. After living her Workplace Faith day after day for all those years, it's not surprising she continues to live and share her faith today.

Caribbean Dinner to Benefit Summer Camp Kids- Saturday, April 16, 6pm

Deacon Bill Bethea is organizing a Caribbean themed dinner dance featuring your choice of fish tacos or a Caribbean burger, with all the trimmings, plus, special "Don't Worry, Be Happy" kids' meals! Tickets are available from Bill Bethea (386-589-0210) or the church office. Tables of 8 may be purchased for a donation of \$100 or individually for \$15.

This is a chance to get together and have a fun evening! You can wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, shorts, and sandals and enter the hula hoop contest, dance the limbo and Macarena and join the tropical song sing-alongs. Those who arrived early for worship on March 6 have already heard a preview of Rick Steffen and his steel drum band, the evening's main attraction. Please help spread the word in your neighborhood that fun things are happening at Central. And the added benefit is that it can also help send kids to camp!

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