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Your Place to Belong

Central Baptist Herald

December 2016

Thank you to all those who helped decorate the Sanctuary and Adams Hall for the Christmas Season. It's exciting to see the beautiful Christmas tree because it is different from most trees of this season.

All ornaments on the tree are hand made and symbolize elements of our Christian faith. If you would like to read about the specific shapes and symbols there is a flyer on the table in the foyer that you may take.



Central's December Events

December:

- 1 - 7:30 p.m. Concert at the News Journal
- 4 - 3:30 p.m. Christmas with Bel Canto
- 11 - 6:00 p.m. Central Baptist Christmas Program
With reception to follow
- 13 - 7:30 p.m. Daytona Beach Concert Band
Christmas Program
- 15 - 6:00 p.m. United Brethren in Christ Academy
Christmas Concert
- 18 - 5:00 p.m. Combined Church Hymn Sing at
United Brethren in Christ Church
- 24 - 6:00 p.m. Central Baptist Christmas Eve
Candle Light Service
- 25 - 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

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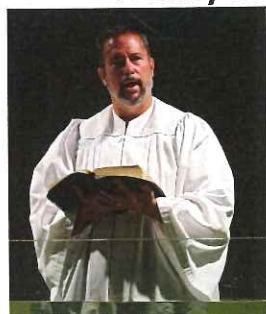


Sonny's Sayings

This coming Advent Season, we will be doing something a little bit different in our approach to the season.

Our theme for Advent this year is "Come and Worship." Typically, the Advent season is a time for meditating and studying the prophets and the people who led the way in longing and waiting for the birth of the Messiah. We look at people like John the Baptist's father Zechariah, and we look at the prophets, like Micah and Isaiah and others, who spoke generations ahead of Jesus' birth about a coming Messiah. And typically, we ask people to take the mindset of those Jews who awaited the coming Messiah, not knowing that his birth was upon them.

A Busy Sunday November 20



Sonny baptized new members Lily Richardson and Gabriel Ryan and presided over a special thank you to Linda Pigott for many years of loving service to Central.



"Doing life. Doing good."

9:30 a.m. Refreshments are served free.

Topics this month:

Dec. 4 *Overcoming Worry: Practical Help and simple Solutions*

Dec. 11 *In The Beginning...An Atheist Professor Considers Intelligent Design*

Dec. 18 *Crafting a Truly Fulfilling Life: Make the Most of Whatever Comes Your Way*

Come enjoy a comfortable, safe place. A place to meet old friends and make new ones. It's an hour-long experience with interesting stories, fascinating people, and lively conversation on Sundays at

With the "Come and Worship" theme, we have the opportunity instead, like the shepherds and wise men, to make our way to the manger and worship the one who was to be Messiah. We can imagine the star rising in the sky inviting them to "come and worship." We can imagine that as they made their way to the manger, they did not come with the same story, or with the same expectation of what they would find when they arrived there. They came from different backgrounds and different religions, and they encountered different obstacles on their journey, yet they answered the call and made the journey.

And when we ponder our own journey to the star of Bethlehem, we know that our journey is not all that dissimilar; it is certainly filled with the same kind of apprehension and wonder, but also the same kinds of obstacles and hindrances. And yet for each of their journeys, they arrived at the same place. So I invite you to make a special plan to be at worship with us this Christmas season, as we . . .

"Come and Worship Christ, the Newborn king."

Blessings to you! Sonny

Daytona Beach Concert Band Christmas Concert

On December 13 at 7:30 p.m. the band will perform their Christmas Concert here at Central. They have performed at Central for years on other occasions, most recently on November 20 during our Worship service. We hope you will be able to hear this amazing group of volunteers whose music is a delight.

They have made Central their home and can be heard practicing every Tuesday evening in the Marchman Social Hall beginning at 7 p.m.



CBS'ers December Activities

CBSer's meet at 10:00 a.m. on Dec. 1 for their Christmas program.

Daytona State College will have a free concert at 7:30 p.m. that evening. CBS'ers will meet in Central's parking lot at 6:45 p.m. to travel to the News Journal Center for this event. Daytona Beach Concert Band will be performing at this event. Please call the church 255-2588 for more info.

December 2016

Regular Sunday Schedule:
 9:15 a.m. Faith Discussion Group
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, LifeTree, Cafe, Pre-School Nursery
 10:45 a.m. Worship w/ Preschool Nursery Available

Regular Tuesday Schedule
 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
 1:00 p.m. Women's Christian Book Club
 2:30 p.m. Beginning Bridge, Marchman Bldg., Rm. 116
 6:00 p.m. Disciple, Rm. 4 12/6, 12/13
 Christmas Break until 1/10.

Regular Wednesday
 5:45 p.m. Family Dinner, Adams Hall
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Shine!, Youth Group, Nursery Available
 7:30 p.m. Choir Sanctuary
 Note: 12/21 & 12/28 No Activities, Family Dinners & Wed. night activities resume 1/4

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Lifetree Cafe Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Marchman Bldg., Rm. 116 12/4 Overcoming Worry 12/11 In the Beginning 12/13 Crafting a Truly Fulfilling Life (See Lifetree Cafe article)</p>		<p>Family Dinner Menu 12/7 Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Peas 12/14 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast Dinner Reservations Required Tues, Noon (All dinners include Salad, Rolls, Beverages & Dessert)</p>		<p>1 10:00 CBS'ers, A. H. 7:30 p.m. Concert at News Journal Ctr. Birthdays: Ruth, Betha Rebecca Richardson</p>	<p>2 Birthdays: Nobuko Meadous William Rawls</p>	<p>3 Birthdays: John Penny Melissa Gallman</p>
<p>4 2nd Sunday of Advent 3:30 p.m. Bel Canto Christmas Program Birthdays: Betty Jo Heck</p>	<p>5 5:30 p.m. Deacons' Prayer Time 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg. Birthdays: Emily Burrows Aiden Heynes Snoue Hoynes</p>	<p>6 Birthdays: Billie Griffiths Marcus Meadous Landon Roessler</p>	<p>7 10:30 a.m. Communion at Indigo Manor Birthdays: Diane Laxman Skyler Weiskittel</p>	<p>8 Birthdays: Kim Schlop</p>	<p>9 Birthdays: David Redman</p>	<p>10 Birthdays: Ray Smith</p>
<p>11 3rd Sunday of Advent 6:00 p.m. Central Baptist Church Family Christmas Program</p>	<p>18 6:30 p.m. Bldg. & Grounds Mtg.</p>	<p>13 7:30 p.m. Daytona Beach Christmas Band Christmas Concert - Free Birthdays: Maxine Smette</p>	<p>14 Angel Tree Gifts Due Today is last Day</p>	<p>15 6:00 p.m. United Brethren In Christ Academy Concert Birthdays: Robbie Jones Michael Padgett</p>	<p>16 Birthdays: Dot Moore Ron Bright Lauren Ramsbottom Mike Sapp</p>	<p>17 Birthdays: Patty Rippey</p>
<p>18 4th Sunday of Advent 5:00 p.m. Combined Church Hymn Sing At United Brethren In Christ</p>	<p>19 Birthdays: Art Giles Shirley West</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 No Evening Activities</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Church Office Closed at Noon</p>	<p>24 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candle Light Soc. Birthdays: David Smith</p>
<p>25 Merry Christmas 10-45 Worship Service Birthdays: Nick Burrows</p>	<p>26 Birthdays: Alice Nelson Jill Richardson</p>	<p>27 Birthdays: Emily DeVane Noah DeVane</p>	<p>28 No Evening Activities</p>	<p>29 Birthdays: Alexis Deever</p>	<p>30 9:30 a.m. Serve the Homeless Lunch Church Office Closed Birthdays: Paul Jackson</p>	<p>31 Birthdays: Dana Compton Sandy Durn</p>

LINDA'S LOG...

Love and Gratitude at Christmas

Today I'm feeling loved and deep gratitude for the amazing gifts I received from the Central family this past week. Your sweet words of affirmation at the end of worship, at our Thanksgiving dinner and in your cards and letters paint a picture of true affection and kindness. I am abundantly blessed!

Although I never intended nor expected to be a vocational minister, I will always be grateful that God led Joe and me to this church that embraces women in ministry, a place where folks have both individually and collectively encouraged and supported me in acquiring some of the ministry tools to move forward in my calling.

Thank you for loving me and my family through some very hard times during Joe's illness and his passing. Thank you for your patience with me through this grief, which is in many ways a fresher loss now than before; thank you for stepping up and supporting us with your love and encouragement while both our sons went to college and moved on to marriage and independence.

Trunk 'R Treat 2016--What a Terrific Event!



It may seem like a long time ago, but this is our first published newsletter since we saw this outpouring of love for our children. I simply can't let it go without saying a heartfelt thank you to everyone

who contributed. It was outstanding in every way! Our congregation really stepped up, not just in efforts to decorate a trunk and share candy and seasonal treats with the children, but groups of folks covered the cost of the inflatable slide (a super popular activity!) and all the FREE food we were able to give away! And, above all, the spirit of our folks



was the best ever! Everywhere I turned, I saw Central's family engaged with neighborhood guests as well as our "regular" children and youth. It was truly a

church-wide effort!! I, and the children's team, are SO GRATEFUL that once again, Central has proven to be a neighborhood church that sees a need and provides a solution. You enlarged our footprint of influence in downtown Daytona at this event.

THANK YOU! -Linda

I realize how blessed I already am to "get" to serve this congregation. Thank you for continuing to provide opportunities for me to serve. I am grateful to my family who have worked alongside me, forgiven me for my absence at family gatherings because of ministry commitments, and who have loved and encouraged me when I fretted and tried to re-think my calling.



I am blessed by terrific staff partners who are ever ready for a "bail out" in an emergency, but who also serve joyfully with collaborative spirits. I am especially blessed by all the "unpaid" ministry partners in this church family who have served alongside me in the past and continue to do so. And above all, I'm grateful for all the prayers offered on my behalf and to God who didn't give up on me because I was slow to listen to His call.

Central, I LOVE you all! Thank you for loving me and for SHOWING it! Linda



Jesus Means Christmas to Me is the story of our Savior's birth told through music, narration and visual arts. This will be presented on Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. followed by the Adult Choir. Plan to experience the spirit of Christmas with us.



Matt & Alice Nelson



Congratulations to Matt and Alice who were married on November 19 in Baltimore, MD. Matt's column will resume next month.



Christmas with Bel Canto Singers
 Featuring A Ceremony of Carols, Benjamin Britten
 Guest Harpist, Angelica Hairston
 and our own Malinda Rawls leading Central's Bell Ensemble, December 4 at 3:30 p.m. here at Central.
Sunday, December 4, 2016
 Adult Ticket \$10, Children under age 12, \$5

**United Brethren in Christ Academy
 Christmas Concert**

We will host BJ Meyer, his band and their families at Central on Thursday, December 15 at 6 p.m. for their Christmas Concert. We hope you will want to come and enjoy the Christmas music that this group of youngsters has been working on so diligently.



Praising God!

2016 Year-to-Date (11/20/16)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 157
 New Members: 11
 Total Receipts: \$369,404.44
 Total Spending: \$401,146.07

Special Gifts to Central This Month:

- In Memory of:**
Bobby Chutjian
 From Evelyn Chutjian
- In Memory of:**
Lorene Bullard
 From The Pares, Spares & Prayer Class
- In Memory of:**
Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi
 For Children & Youth Ministries
 Form Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi
- In Memory of Frances Hurlburt & Tommy Garrett**
 From The J.O.Y. Class
- In Memory of Bonnie Roberts**
 From Yoe Fire Company
- In Memory of Joe Pigott**
 From John & Purity Upson
- In Memory of Buster Sullivan**
 From Mike & Patty O'Sullivan
- In Honor of Linda Pigott**
 From The J.O.Y. Class
- In Honor of our Church Team**
 From Gwen Bills

**Church Conference
 Update**

On November 13 all votes and proposals were past, electing Deacons for 2017-2019, affirming Trustees and the slate of Church Officers and Team Leaders. Sonny's sabbatical proposal was approved as was the Trustees motion for authority to sell the camp.

New Deacons Barbara Frase, Mike O'Sullivan, and Priscilla Warner will be ordained in January.

Central's Servants: Anthony McCulley

Digging into His Faith

by Joan Singley Schrysen



Anthony McCulley, a 24-year firefighter for Daytona Beach, has a solid foundation for his faith, a foundation laid by his parents, Elaine and Tom McCulley. "We always went to church, prayed before meals, talked about the role of God in our lives."

These days he's digging deeper into his faith. Christian literature helped fuel these efforts. Anthony found *The Shack* by William P. Young deeply moving. Sarah Young's daily devotional *Jesus Calling*, a gift from his mother, starts his mornings. "I'm doing things daily on a personal basis, including talking to God, praying, more now than I've ever done—trying to get closer to Him." This year he fulfilled his long-time desire for baptism.

Anthony has always had a servant's heart, pitching in wherever he could be helpful. While his girls were young he served as camp nurse as well as all-round helper. In recent years he has helped with youth activities and arranged for fire truck visits during kids' activities.

Not many know of Anthony's weight-lifting achievements in high school. As a sophomore he set a state record for bench pressing and surpassed his own record the following year, bench pressing 275 pounds when he weighed in at 114 pounds. He went on to train with the Olympic weight-lifting team in Colorado Springs until health issues forced his resignation.

After 22 years as a line fire fighter, Anthony now serves as Fire Training Officer. Over the years, he has unconsciously served as a role model for his fellow fire fighters. When his shift ended on a Sunday morning, he carried his church clothes to the station and dressed there. Eventually the men realized that church was an important part of who he is.

At Central Anthony is currently attending Disciple 3 led by Joyce and Jim Page, the first time his Fire Department schedule permitted this. Earlier he participated in a small group study of *The Story*, led by Karen LaMotte.

Anthony has special words for our readers: "Central is a good place to be. I grew up here. My girls grew up here. When I was going through a tough time after my divorce it was a comforting place to be. Truly, Central is a special place."

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Church Directories

All photos, the church roster, activity pages, and book cover designs were mailed to *Liftouch* before Thanksgiving. Now the process is now closer to being completed. We will update you on completion time and the date of the arrival of the new directories as soon as we have it.

Servant Leadership

- Ministers. All Members
- Senior Pastor. Rev. Sonny Gallman
- Assoc. Pastor of Discipleship/Outreach Rev. Linda Pigott
- Assoc. Pastor of Worship, Youth & Families. Matt Nelson
- Choir Director Rev. Lee Gallman
- Organist. Penny Redfearn
- Pianist. Meg Pokorny
- Office Manager Gwen Bills
- Custodian. Steve Lauxman
- Camp Volunteer Ministry. The Swartzfager Family

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