

We Are



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**Arts & Kids at Central -
Performing Arts Camp Signups Begin This Month**

Registration for Performing Arts Camp for kids who will complete grades 1 through 8 begins NOW on a first come, first served basis. The camp is planned for July 9-13. Students will audition for speaking parts and solos on July 9, Sunday afternoon, and take home their scripts. Then on Monday through Thursday (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) campers will learn the songs, lyrics, and movements as well as design and construct the stage sets. The musical drama production will be presented on Thursday night, July 13.

For more information you may call the church office (386-255-2588) and speak to Linda or Matt.

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Sonny's Sayings

Every year, I make a list of New Year's Resolutions. Most years, I come up with resolutions on New Year's Eve, without really reflecting on it. Some years, I don't make resolutions until the morning or week after. But for last year's resolutions, I started thinking about them during advent season, wrote them down as reminders on my phone so I would be reminded of them, and committed to pray for them to happen. Sure enough they did, the most significant of which was to drop signifi-

cant weight. The drive to reach my goal didn't kick in until July, but having it written down made all the difference in the world.

In our church, the deacons are pondering our "New Year's Resolutions," and will meet in January to clarify those resolutions, and begin work on accomplishing them. There are some very good ideas that are being contemplated, that could make a big difference in our faith community. But the keys, as they were with me last year (I'm repeating the process this year, as well), will be to be diligent in discerning those resolutions, committing to them, and be faithful in following the Spirit's leadership. I hope that you will commit to this process for yourself, but also, that you will pray for the deacons and staff as we set these resolutions and work toward accomplishing them.

Blessing to you, and I look forward to seeing what we can do together in the new year!

Sonny

Homebound Team Members Needed

Every day two people travel to several nursing and rehab facilities spending just a few moments with sixteen or more folks who are in assisted living, nursing and rehab locations. It's a blessing to them as well as to those they visit with often taking small gifts during holiday times.

Our visiting team, Charlotte Frye & Rosenell Mounts need your help in order to continue this work. Each visit takes very little time and lights up the recipient's day. Please call Rosenell (253-1369) to find out how easy it is to help.

Come, Join our Shepherds at Central!

Shepherds have been a very important group of volunteers here at Central for many years. We thank Anne Myers who heads up this group and makes sure that the list of Shepherds and their sheep is kept up-to-date.

How does one become either a Shepherd or a sheep? First, know that right now there are 31 Shepherds who look after 205 people and their families. The Shepherd watches to see if one of their sheep hasn't been in church for a couple weeks, then calls to tell them they have been missed and sometimes discovers illness or another concern and is able to add them to the prayer list. Some shepherds send birthday and other special cards to their sheep.

Just by coming Central regularly or joining the church, you become a sheep. It's wonderful ministry and helps us get to know and keep in touch with each other. If you would like to join the Shepherding group, please call Anne Myers (386-767-1129).

Praising God!

2016 Year-to-Date (12/24/16)

Avg. Worship Attendance:

New Members: 14

Total Receipts: \$418,376.94*

Total Spending: \$432,416.31

Special Gifts to Central This Month: In Loving Memory of:

Lorene Bullard

From Art & Joan Schrysen

Bob Bills

From Gwen Bills

Bill Sinnett

From Russell & Mary Lou Barnhart

Hazelle Fenty

From Peggy Lynn Gibson

Robert S. Millar

From Jim & Todd Smith

Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi

For Christmas Offering

From Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

Bob Miranda & Dian Bennett

From Burniece Miranda

In Honor of:

Mary Sheffield, Laura Cason, &

Margie Dieck

From The J.O.Y. Class

Tony & Beth Gibson

From Bo & Peggy Lynn Gibson

J.O.Y. Class Sisters & Lee & Chip Gallman

From Burniece Miranda

January 2017

Regular Sunday Schedule:	Regular Tuesday Schedule	Regular Wednesday	Regular Thursday
9:15 a.m. Faith Discussion Grp. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, LifeTree, Cate, Pre-School Nursery 10:45 a.m. Worship w/ Preschool Nursery Provided	10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Women's Christian Book Club Rm. 4, Resumes 1/10 2:30 p.m. Beginning Bridge, Marchman Bldg., Rm. 116 6:00 p.m. Disciple, Rm. 4, Resumes 1/10	5:45 p.m. Family Dinner, Adams Hall 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Shine!, Youth Group, Nursery Provided 6:30 p.m. Lifetree Café 7:30 p.m. Choir, Sanctuary	2:30 Grid/Share Begins 1/19
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p>1 10:45 a.m. Worship Begin Selling Tickets For Spaghetti Dinner Birthdays: Lily Richardson Tom Jordan</p>	<p>2 Holiday Office Closed Birthdays: Louise Tozer</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10:30 a.m. Communion at Indigo Manor Birthdays: Tom McCuley</p>
<p>8 2:30 Recognition for Matt & Wedding Shower for Matt & Alice, A.H. Birthdays: Lisa Messersmith Ben DeVane</p>	<p>9 5:30 p.m. Deacons' Prayer Time 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg. Birthdays: Ethan Goodwin</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 4:30 p.m. Mission Team, Mtg., Rm. 4 Birthdays: Chip Galman Ann Jester Larry Meadows</p>
<p>15 Birthdays: Harold Byrd Elise Jackson</p>	<p>16 6:30 p.m. Bldg. & Grounds Mtg.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Birthdays: Syloia Meincke Geri Crovener</p>
<p>22 12:00 p.m. Fund Raiser Spaghetti Dinner, A. H. Nursery Provided</p>	<p>23 Birthdays: Dr. Jon Jackson Carl Vastle</p>	<p>24 Birthdays: Gloria Wilson</p>	<p>25 Birthdays: Betty Collins</p>
<p>29 Birthdays: BJ Meyer</p>	<p>30 5:00 p.m. Pastor Relations 6:30 p.m. Church Council Birthdays: Betty Gentry</p>	<p>31 Birthdays: Ruth Esther Compton Andy Rawls</p>	<p>Family Dinner Menu Dinner Reservations Required Tues.-Noon 1/4 Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli 1/11 Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots 1/13 Goulash, Peas 1/25 Taco Bar (All dinners include Salsa, Rolls, Beverages & Dessert)</p>
			<p>5 Birthdays: Lavelle Dycus Catherine Bloom Peggy Griffiths John P. Moore Camryn Thurman</p>
			<p>6</p>
			<p>7 Birthdays: Dot Williams</p>
			<p>12 Birthdays: Tommie Lou Hison</p>
			<p>13</p>
			<p>14</p>
			<p>19 Birthdays: Jim Page</p>
			<p>20 News Letter Items Due Birthdays: Jackie Spurgeon</p>
			<p>21 8:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. Deacon Breakfast & Training, A.H. Birthdays: Elaine Holt</p>
			<p>26</p>
			<p>27</p>
			<p>28 Birthdays: Javon Moore</p>
			<p>Lifetree Café Sundays 9:30 a.m. & Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Marchman Bldg., Rm. 116 1/1 Be Yourself, Everyone Else is Taken 1/8 Playing God, Is Science Going Too Far? 1/15 Losing a Loved One to Alzheimer's 1/22 Why Did I Survive? 1/29 Confronting EVIL</p>

LINDA'S LOG...

As we begin a new year, I am optimistic that 2017 will be a year when we see God moving in our church and our surrounding neighborhood in a mighty way. I hope you'll join me in prayer for our leaders who will be making critical decisions that will enlarge our influence for the Gospel in Daytona Beach. Please pray that each of us will be moved to joyfully step forward to be used as His instrument for good.

Dates for summer Performing Arts Camp are set (article on page 1) and decisions are being made regarding the summer mission trip and camping experiences for children and youth. Fund-raising to cover some of the costs of these events will begin this month with a Spaghetti Dinner after church on January 22. This is a chance to help our kids by giving the money that would ordinarily be spent in a restaurant for Sunday lunch toward these summer activities. Tickets for this will go on sale early in January.

Active seniors from Central attended a Christmas concert at the News-Journal Center last month and are planning another outing to see Helen Cummins, one of our gifted and talented children's leaders, singing

Shine! Presents Musical Nativity

Noah Andreason, Adeline Bethea, Cade, Carson & Isaac Gallman, Alex Mercier, and Savannah Surgent were cast members in the children's musical, *Jesus Means Christmas to Me* on the evening of December 11. Ruth Bethea, director/ photographer/ graphic artist and other adult leaders, Darla Petty and Linda Pigott led the children of Shine! in presenting the nativity story using graphic media as well as songs and narration.

Thanks also to Andy Rawls, Meg Pokorny and Matt Nelson for assistance with music and media. More photos can be viewed at www.centralbc.org.



and dancing in the upcoming *Slinky, the Musical* at the same venue this month. Another group helped serve a meal to homeless folks at Halifax Urban Ministries on December 30th. Central's Angel Tree activity provided Christmas surprises for needy children in the surrounding neighborhood at The Chiles Academy and parents of children and youth in our church who needed a hand "up" were helped with Christmas gifts by the Limu Company. Central's children also baked and delivered Christmas cookies to shut-ins.

Our buildings are being utilized for art lessons, choral and instrumental music, scouting, AA, Al-Anon and other benevolent groups, in addition to regular church activities. It is an exciting time to serve and worship here in the heart of Daytona. Thank you for being a congregation that believes in serving God by meeting human and artistic needs as we seek to further our primary goal of providing spiritual nourishment!

Loving and caring, Linda



Women's Christian Book Club



January 10 begins the new year for this delightful group. Their new book is *How Can I Let Go If I Don't Know I'm Holding On?* By Linda Douty. New participants are always welcome. Call Linda Pigott (255-2588) if you have a question or to order your book.

Mission Team Meeting, Wed., 1/11 @ 4:30

January's Mission Team meeting will include a discussion and decision making regarding summer mission activities. It is VERY Important to have the whole team present to help make these critical plans so that we can quickly move forward with arrangements and funding. Please let Darla know you'll be there.



"Doing life. Doing good."

We continue to have people who haven't been to Central joining the crowd at Lifetree Café Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Beginning January 4 we will add a program on Wednesday evenings, starting at 6:30 p.m. The format and the program will be the same for both days. (Check the calendar on page 3 for weekly topics.) People gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffee-house setting. Totally welcoming, allowing you to come as you are. It's Free. Refreshments are served. All are welcome!

Youth Year in Review 2016

What a year it has been! I came at the tail end of summer last year and inherited a youth group of 1, sometimes 3, rarely 6. There was some fringe interest, but basically I was starting over. Things were fine for the first while, but the year really got its start from Nancy Jones who started to bring some youth from her neighborhood. Before long, the number of kids coming with Nancy exceeded her car's seat limit and I was forced to drive the church bus to pick them up in South Daytona. While it was a bit of a hassle, I ended up loving the opportunity to spend that extra time with the kids outside of the church building. Really, I believe those unfiltered, slightly less "supervised" times were where they began to warm up to me. They told me about school, their friends, their neighborhood adventures, their favorite music and hobbies, etc. They grew to be comfortable with me enough to ask some "real" and serious questions as they came up.

As the worship guy, the youth and children began to express an interest in drums, so I gave a few lessons. All who tried it seemed to enjoy themselves, but not everyone had the dedication to truly stick it out and practice. I'm hoping it may become a passion for one of them so we can get them up there Sunday mornings! Isabel started coming into her own throughout the year vocally as she joined me most Sunday mornings singing the praise songs. Sometime shortly after the 2016 summer, she made a giant leap into the realm of improvisational harmonizing. Until that point, any vocal harmony was spoon fed part by part. But one day, she just seemed to get it! I got so excited and singing with her has been such a joy since.

Melissa Gallman has been a true Godsend throughout this year. She is constantly encouraging me to be a better minister, reminding me or spurring me on to make plans and connections with the youth. The youth room looks fantastic and a whole lot of that process was done by her incessant desire to make it happen. She is

there helping "herd the cats" almost every Wednesday night and alternates teaching Sunday School with our other helpers. Her positive attitude and genuine care for the kids shines through in everything she does for them.



Barbara Frase really rose to the occasion as she, Melissa, and I took 14 youth to Passport camp this summer, driving 14+ hours both ways to Danville, VA. The youth loved it so much they were ready to be in the bus that long again! They connected with their peers from around the country and invested in mission opportunities such as painting houses and visiting the Boys and Girls Club. It gave us songs to get stuck in our heads and memories to reference for hopefully years to come.

We've had our ups and downs as all groups do. Some that came no longer join us for various reasons and it continues to be a struggle to involve the parents and older members of the families. Melissa and I gained a new ally in Alice (my wife!), but we still need help from the congregation on Wednesdays and Sundays. One of the best ways you can get to know these young people is volunteering to help during these regular activities. Simply being present allows for both parties to become familiar with the other, breaking down any barriers that might have accidentally been set up for whatever reason. These kids want to have fun and be loved, and that can happen by merely listening to their stories, laughing at their (sometimes inappropriate) jokes, and showing an interest in what they are up to.

Central is now a safe haven for these young people who are in desperate need of belonging and security. Thank you those who have stepped up to allow for this to happen, namely Barbara Frase, Ron Langley, Ken Bryant, Anthony McCulley, Linda Pigott, and Melissa and Sonny Gallman. Thank you for those who donated for camp and for the youth room. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement throughout the journey. It has been a good start. I invite you to continue with us and/or join with us to make this next year even better!

Matt Nelson



Central's Servants:
Ellen Clontz
Faith Kicked In
by Joan Singley Schrysen



In 2004 Ellen and Ken Clontz were devastated: Ken had lymphoma. Ellen remembers walking around the neighborhood, questions swirling in her thoughts: How are we going to live? What are we going to do? How will we support ourselves? "One day I was praying and all of a sudden I just felt the burden lifted off my shoulders and I thought, 'We'll be fine, no matter what happens.' That's really when my faith kicked in."

Although prayer had long been a part of Ellen's life, it took on special meaning during those difficult days. As Business Manager at Mainland High School, Ellen supervised the clerical staff. One day they all marched into her office. Startled, she thought they were angry. To her amazement they said, "We're just here to pray." And pray they did, separately and together, in a circle around Ellen, a most touching and loving gesture. Happily, the lymphoma responded to both prayer and treatment, and Ken has been cancer-free since 2010.

Ellen is now retired after 36 years with the Volusia schools and is enjoying time for increased church activities – She helps with the CBS'ers and is president of the J.O.Y. class. Over the years she has served as a trustee, worked in the nursery, and taught Sunday School. She praises Central as a good, loving and caring church.

Ellen did not grow up in church. As a teen she was arrested and jailed. She appealed to Hal Marchman, an acquaintance of the family, and he went to court with her. "I'll straighten her out," he assured the judge. "I'm taking her to camp." She went not knowing anyone, but camp changed her life. The folks there loved her unconditionally. She made lifelong friends and met Ken there. They had a camp romance and eventually married. They have been faithful members of Central ever since.

It's not hard to understand Ellen's choice of a favorite Scripture:

*Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint. -Isaiah 40:31*

Through prayer and a faith that kicked in, Ellen has lived this scripture.

ELLEN AND KEN CLONTZ have been married 46 years. They have a son and a daughter and six grandchildren.

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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
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