

We Are



Your Place to Belong

### Sonny's Sayings...



This year, April is the month of Easter, the day of resurrection, of claiming the life that is born from death through God. This year, April also contains all of Holy Week, and the rollercoaster of emotions and spiritual gymnastics that it encompasses, going from Palm Sunday high to Good Friday despair, and back to the Easter high. This year, April contains the final build up to Good Friday and Easter, called Lent, that time where we acknowledge our own incapacity to conquer sin, and confirm our need for the cross of

forgiveness and the empty tomb of the resurrection. This year, April is a high and holy month...for the first half. But after April 16<sup>th</sup>, what will April have in store for us? For most of us, we think of Easter as a party. The church often treats it this way. At a party, we love the decorating and setting up, because as we prepare, we imagine those who will be present, who will compliment us on our decorations and planning, and we recognize the joy that comes in our preparation for the party. As we prepare for our church Easter party, we prepare to welcome long-lost family members, to put on our absolute Sunday best, to sing the loudest. We plan special choir numbers, and we prepare to bring our flowers forward to help decorate the church.

And then the party happens. It is awesome, and filled with bright and wonderful memories and smiles. But after the party, there is always a letdown. At a house party, the letdown comes when you have to clean up and put the house back together, often with the purpose of making it look like the party never happened. Not very exciting. In our churches, often the Sundays after Easter and Christmas are the least attended worship services in the church year. Why? The letdown. Because, consciously or unconsciously, we have treated these Holy Days like one time parties, and when the party is over, the excitement is over. Which brings us to the last half of April this year. It is post-Easter, after the Hallelujah Chorus, after the flowers.

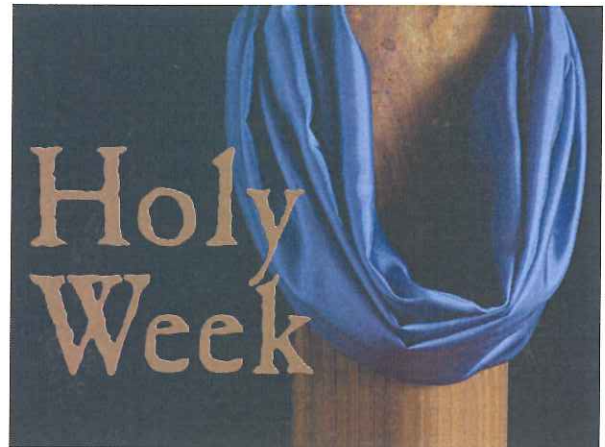
But to think of Easter as just an annual event is to miss it altogether. Easter is not a singular event. Easter is the annual reminder that we live, every Sunday (really every day), as the day of Resurrection, because Christ is in us.

So this year, I invite you to think differently about Easter. Yes, there will be pageantry; there will be flowers; there will be special music; there will be renewed friendships; there will be people we have not seen in a long time. But let us not think of it as a one time event; let us instead think of it as the opening celebration of what God is doing in us as we live in and embrace the resurrection in our own lives.

Blessings, Sonny

# Central Baptist Herald

## April, 2017



April 9-16

4/9, 9:00 a.m.: **Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, Egg Dyeing & Egg Hunt for Children and Families**

10:45 a.m.: **Palm Sunday Worship**

4/13, 6:30 p.m.: **"Journey to the Cross" a self-guided walk through the Holy Week events in church sanctuary**

4/16, 10:45 a.m.: **Easter Sunday Worship (Bring cut flowers to add to the cross.)**

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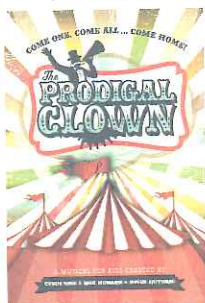
## Central's Performing Arts Camp : July 9-13

Registration for Central's Performing Arts Camp for kids grades 1 through 8 (completed) has begun, first come, first

served. Students will audition for speaking parts and solos on Sunday afternoon, July 9 (2-5 p.m.), and take home their scripts. Monday through Thursday (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) campers will learn the songs, lyrics, and movements for the production: they will also design and construct the stage sets. The musical drama will be presented Thursday night, July 13, at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary..

**Firm Registration Deadline is Sunday, June 18.**

Total cost is only \$50 / camper. For more information you may call the church office (386-255-2588) and speak to Linda



## New Member Class March 12 After Worship

The emphasis will be on how to get the most from your church membership. Central Baptist Church is anxious to help everyone, especially folks new to our faith community get connected in service and spiritual growth. Deacon Phyllis Davis, the Pastor and others will lead a lively discussion about what it means to be a Christian as well as a part of a church affiliated with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Participants will discover or affirm qualities that are uniquely Baptist and learn about various program and service options that are available. This activity will take place in Life-tree Café in the Marchman Building after worship.

Phyllis says that most of the invitations have been sent but that RSV Ps are very important so they will have enough food available. If you received an invitation and/or have questions about this gathering you may call her at 386-761-7642. Please respond NO LATER THAN MARCH 5.

## You Can Donate Now

Use this QR code to connect to your online bank. Your generosity means that Central can more easily shine a light for Christ in our neighborhood and around the world. You may also contribute at [www.centralbc.org](http://www.centralbc.org).



Visa and MasterCard accepted.

**Soup & Chili  
Cook-off THIS  
Sunday, 3/5.**



Call Patty O'Sullivan (386-672-2434) to let her know what kind of soup or chili you will be entering; we need lots of

soups and chili pots...there is no entry fee, but there are prizes for the best soup and the best chili. **Judging will be done prior to doors opening at noon, so bring your crockpots to Adams Hall beginning at 9:30, but no later than 10:00.**

Tickets are available at the door for food (\$5 /person, all you want to eat). There will also be salad, desserts and drinks included. Auction items this year include Dinners for 2, Yard Cleaning, Housecleaning, Bakery Goods, and a Backwoods Jeep Ride, as well as several Gift Baskets for raffle. New this year is a 50/50 Profit-Sharing Jackpot, so be sure to bring family and friends and extra spending money to join in the fun!

**All proceeds will benefit the summer inter-generational mission trip.**

## Praising God!

### 2017 Year-to-Date (2/19/17)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 140

New Members: 0

Total Receipts: \$ 54,039.85

Total Spending: \$ 64,138.93

## Special Gifts to Central This Month:

### In Loving Memory of:

**Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi  
For Children & Youth Summer Events  
& Central's Mission Trip**

From Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

**Bobby Chutjian**

From Evelyn Chutjian

### In Honor of:

**Sonny Gallman**

From the J.O.Y. Sunday School Class

**Central's Volunteers**

From Gwen Bills



## Log-in. . .

Have you noticed that on the back of our Sunday bulletin before the church staff is listed, the first line notes: "Ministers---All Members"? This is because we have been given in Acts 6, the example of Stephen, who was chosen and trained by the Apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need. We are all ministers, whether formally ordained or not. Jesus calls us to provide compassionate care for others wherever we find ourselves. Our church has multiple structures in place already to do this: shepherds, Sunday morning small groups and other weekly bible study gatherings, various committees and teams, prayer teams, GriefShare, counseling sessions, etc. These caregivers and caregiver groups are to be commended for the work they are already doing...often merely by inspiration and genuine compassion, without any real training or guidance. Over the course of time, there have been a few good workshops and training opportunities to help us learn a bit of the "do's and don'ts" for effective pastoral care, but we are now looking toward becoming a Stephen Ministry congregation to equip and strengthen our skills in this area.

Stephen Ministries is an established not-for-profit Christian education organization, founded in 1975, for the purpose of helping congregations give and receive Christian care. There are more than 12,000 Stephen Ministry congregations, from more than 160 denominations in all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces, and 24 other countries; and many of these have had Stephen

Ministry going strong for more than 30 years. Being affiliated with such an internationally recognized organization will give us the benefit of trust and confidence in the approaches and materials provided, but perhaps more importantly, being a Stephen Ministry church will give us opportunities to specifically and continually train laity to listen, encourage, and offer support when someone is in need.

The deacons are now reading together a book written by the founder of Stephen Ministries and GriefShare and DivorceCare are programs under the Stephen Ministry umbrella. So, there is a growing familiarity with this valuable programming/training. There are always many more people in need of care, in the congregation and community, than the pastors alone can care for. But there are also many gifted laypeople who are more than capable of providing high-quality Christian care—IF trained and organized to do so. The "Stephen" way provides in-depth training to designated leader(s) from the church staff and laity who will, in turn, provide training to folks from the congregation to become Stephen ministers. Becoming a Stephen minister is not an honor bestowed, it is a blessing to be shared. As we develop a steering committee for Stephen Ministry, more info will be shared. It's an exciting time to be working for the Kingdom at Central Baptist!!



Loving & caring, Linda

## Summer Events 2017



**Vacation Bible School** – June 9-10,  
"Son Treasure Island" (for kids, age 3-gr 5,  
completed)

- Games, Snacks, Bible Stories, Music and New Friends!
- Rotating Activities for Kids: Fri., 6-8 p.m. & Sat., 9 a.m.-12n.
- Lunch + Fun & Games for the Whole Family, Sat., 12-3 p.m.
- FREE!

**Performing Arts Camp**—July 9-13, "The Prodigal Clown"  
(for students grade 1-7, completed)

- Drama, Singing, Dancing, Set Design & Painting
- Sunday, 2-5 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Theatre Production: Thursday, 7p.m.
- Fee: \$50/student
- Sign-up Deadline: Sunday, June 18

**Intergenerational Mission Trip**—July 23-28, Mt. Holly, NC

- This is Central "on mission" doing good in partnership with a church that blessed Central last summer as they worked in our buildings and served in worship here and in Daytona Area nursing homes.  
This year a team of older children through senior adults from our church will serve in the Mt. Holly, NC, area in much the same way. This is a tremendous opportunity for bonding and serving together across the generations.
- Sign-up Deadline: May 1
- Fee: \$150/person, with participation in fundraisers

## ORDER MEMORIAL EASTER LILIES NOW!

Contact Priscilla Warner at 386- 872-4786  
or email her at [rnwarner14@gmail.com](mailto:rnwarner14@gmail.com)  
by Wednesday, April 5. Cost is \$15 each  
and may be picked up AFTER worship  
on Easter Sunday.

## Women's Christian Book

### Club to Discuss:

The recently released movie by the same name has rekindled an interest in William Paul Young's fictional attempt to explain the Trinity and our relationship to God as portrayed by a warm and welcoming African- American woman at the scene of a tragic event in the life of the story's main character.



It seemed like an appropriate follow-up to their recent book study about "letting go" of the past, so Central's Women's Christian Book Club will begin a 6-week conversation about this book and movie on April 11 at 1 p.m. in room 4. If you need her to order a book for you, please let Alice Glover know as soon as possible. The first four chapters will be the first session's focus. Questions? Call Linda or any other club member. New participants are always welcome.



# April 2017

**Regular Sunday Schedule:**  
 9:15 a.m. Faith Discussion Grp.  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, LifeTree Café, Pre-School Nursery  
 10:45 a.m. Worship w/ Preschool Nursery Provided

**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

**Regular Wednesday**  
 5:15 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

**Regular Thursday**  
 2:30 Grief/Share

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

<p><b>Lifetree Café Meets Sun. 9:30 a.m. &amp; Wed. 6:30 p.m.</b>                  In the Marchman Bldg., Rm 116                  4/2 Living After a Suicide                  4/9 Smile a While                  4/16 Amazing Grace                  4/23 I am the 99% - Cla\$\$ Warfare                  4/30 Hey, Good Lookin' at Central Manor today</p>	<p><b>3</b> 5:30 p.m. Deacons' Prayer Time                  6:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Birthdays: Red McNeil, Skip Newton                  No Book Club Today</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10:30 a.m. Communion at Indigo Manor</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><i>Family Dinners: Wed. 5:45 p.m.                  4/5 Beef Tips &amp; Noodles, Broccoli                  4/12 No Wed. Night Dinner                  4/19 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies                  4/26 Tacos, Onion/Tomato Salad, Salsa, Chips, Cheese</i>                  All meals include salad, rolls, beverages &amp; dessert unless otherwise stated. Cost: Seniors 65+: \$5, Adults: \$7, Kids under 18 eat FREE!</p>	<p><b>7</b> Birthdays: Darla Petty</p>	<p><b>8</b> Birthdays: Aiden Lauxman</p>
<p><b>2</b> Solisti Chamber Concert Orchestra                  3:30 p.m. Cost: \$10                  4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing At UBIC                  Birthdays: Marie Davis</p>	<p><b>10</b> 5:00 p.m. Bldg. &amp; Grounds Mtg.                  Birthdays: Lynn Whitesides</p>	<p><b>11</b> Birthdays: Marian Monaghan</p>	<p><b>12</b> Birthdays: Ken Miller, Tim Ruttler                  No Wed. Night Dinner                  There will be Lifetree Café</p>	<p><b>13</b> 6:30 p.m. Journey to the Cross - Church Sanctuary                  7:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Rm. 4</p>	<p><b>14</b> Good Friday</p>	<p><b>15</b> Birthdays: Pam Inglett, Kippi Dobbins</p>
<p><b>16</b> Easter Sunday                  He is risen!</p>	<p><b>17</b> Birthdays: David Carlson</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Birthdays: Joan Williams</p>	<p><b>20</b> Birthdays: Elizabeth Powers</p>	<p><b>21</b> Newsletter Items Due</p>	<p><b>22</b> 2:00-5:00 p.m. Carwash fundraiser off campus                  Location TBA</p>
<p><b>23</b> Birthdays: Diana Allen</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> Birthdays: Barbara Frase</p>	<p><b>27</b> Birthdays: Flo Mose, Lyle Spoonhunter, Margie Warren</p>	<p><b>28</b> 10:00 a.m. Cracker Creek Trip</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> Birthdays: Noah Burrous, Terri Kendall</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>					



## Matt Nelson

Final Fantasy VII is my favorite videogame of all time. While it is not the first game I ever played, it was revolutionary for its time, with 3D models of characters you can control, visually stunning cut-scenes, and a fairly mature storyline dealing with environmental concerns, gender issues, and the search for one's true identity. I love the gameplay; I love the characters; I love the story. I've probably played all the way through this 60+ hour game five times. Nearly two years ago, the company that made Final Fantasy VII told the public it was working on a "remake" of the classic game. They had a trailer with updated graphics and everyone went crazy (in a good way). Then info started coming out regarding the "remake" factor of the game. The developers were telling journalists that they would not just be putting a shiny new coat of paint on the old game, but would be "remaking" it with modern styles and mechanics.

If you are still with me at this point, let's keep going. The original was a turn-based Role Playing Game (RPG), meaning that you would dictate the actions for each of your characters in turn, also allowing the enemy a chance to take their own turn. This made for very tactical-minded gameplay, making decisions for the whole party and watching those decisions unfold. The new remake would be an action-RPG. The player would control and make decisions for one character while the rest of the party was controlled by the AI or computer system. While there is nothing wrong with this style of gameplay, it is not what made FFVII great. They are making a completely different game using the same characters and storyline. Many people, especially newcomers to the franchise, are incredibly happy about the changes. Others, like me, are lamenting the loss of an era, begrudging a company who would alter a beloved franchise to cater to the desires of a new generation.

Do you see a parallel here? Is there a reason I am talking about a videogame and describing in such detail the manner in which it is being remade? Of course – it has to do with the church! The church is being "remade." It is not getting a new coat of paint – it is becoming an entirely new thing. It is using the same characters and story while taking on trends from the world that appeal to a new generation of believers and making something different. There are people who are ecstatic about this change, hailing the past ways as arcane and boring. Many others are lamenting the loss of an era.

This new game has the potential to be great. Or it may go the way of several "remade" Hollywood movies that can't hope to stand against the original. But have you ever heard a young person talk about the new version of a movie you once loved? They will almost guaranteed *love* the new movie and find the old version droll and dumb. Developers still make turn-based RPGs, but the market for them has apparently dwindled enough to convince major developers to change direction to fit with the times. Churches that stick to older models still exist, but times truly have changed.

What do you think? Are these "remakes" of church just a fad, following the money and the fame and the young fan base? Or are they necessary evolutions to an ever-changing institution to meet the needs of a new generation? Come find me and tell me what you think.

Matt



### Prime Timers! Organizing Events for Spring

- April 9 - "Come Back to the Five & Dime, James Dean", 2 p.m. @ New Smyrna Beach Little Theatre
- April 20 - Thursday Brunch featuring the UBIC Academy Band, 10 a.m., Adams Hall
- April 28 - Cracker Creek Boat Tour & Picnic, 10 a.m., Port Orange
- May 21 - "DreamGirls" @ Alhambra Dinner Theatre in Jacksonville

Sign-up in Church Office or at Prime Timers' Thursday Brunch

Questions? Call Tommie Lou (386-767-0123)





*Central's Servants:*

MIKE O'SULLIVAN

**Golf Pro and Deacon**

by Joan Singley Schrysen



- Professional Golfer's Association (PGA) member for 54 years, 24 as an officer
- Pro of the Year several times
- Played 36 tournaments in one year, Oceanside Country Club's record-holder with a score of 58
- Mike O'Sullivan Trophy named for him

Mike O'Sullivan is a true golf pro, even though he didn't start playing until he was fifteen and never had a lesson in his life. His first clubs were old and beat up, but he watched good players and played with a lot of them, getting better and better.

In the Air Force after high school, Mike won the 8th Area Championship and qualified for the McDill Air Base team. After his discharge he turned pro, serving as Club Pro, playing a lot of tournaments and teaching.

Raised a Catholic, Mike, like so many, left the church of his childhood and remained unchurched throughout most of his adult life. He married and raised a family before his first wife died of lung cancer. About 14 years ago he renewed his friendship with a fellow Mainland High School graduate. Patty also a widow, was a lifelong, active Baptist. After their marriage, twelve years ago, Mike continued unchurched for a while, watching television while Patty went to church on Sunday mornings. One day he announced, "If you're going to church, maybe I'll go with you." Eventually he was rebaptized - on the same day as Patty's granddaughter.

Mike first came to Central about the same time as Sonny and joined in 2009. Over the years, he developed a great regard for Sonny's Bible studies. Patty reports "Mike is like a sponge. Wednesday nights, Mike absorbs all of that."

Mike has served Central many ways, sometimes drawing on his golf background. Reporting on several Homestead mission trips: "I used to take 2000 balls and some old clubs down there, and the kids could beat the balls out in the field. They had more fun than you can imagine." He also taught golf at Central's camp.

For several years people asked Mike to serve as deacon, and he always declined. Despite years of service on the Building and Grounds Committee and various mission trips, he felt unqualified. This year, in prayer, Mike was assured that his time had come to serve as deacon.

Mike O'Sullivan's practicality, humility and realism gleaned from a lifetime in the world of golf are unique blessings for Central and her deacons.

MIKE AND PATTY O'SULLIVAN have a truly blended family, proudly declaring it one family: two sons, four daughters, ten grandchildren and one great grand child.

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**Pancakes and Egg Hunt—Palm Sunday, 9 A.M.**

Children, 5th grade and younger, and their families are invited to enjoy pancakes and egg dyeing in the children's suite (main bldg. upstairs) on Palm Sunday morning. This will be followed by an egg hunt on our campus. Please help us spread the word and also let us know if you'd like to "stuff" some Easter eggs.



**SAVE THE DATE: April 22, Off-Campus Carwash (Mission Trip Funding) 2-5 P.M., Location TBD**

**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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