

We Are



# Central Baptist Herald

## April, 2017

### 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

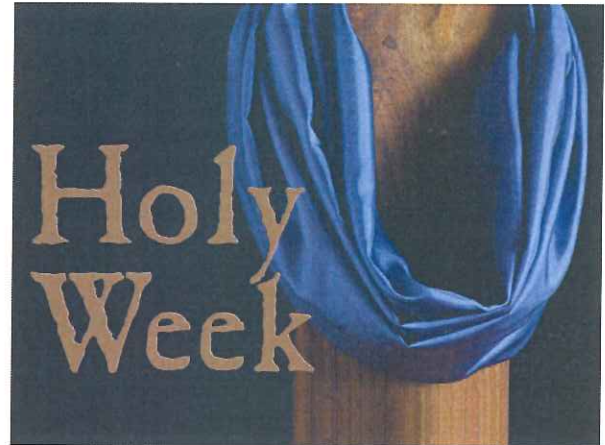
forgiveness and the empty tomb of the resurrection. This year, April is a high and holy month...for the first half. But after April 16<sup>th</sup>, what will April have in store for us? For most of us, we think of Easter as a party. The church often treats it this way. At a party, we love the decorating 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



**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.)**

**ORDER EASTER LILIES NOW! CONTACT PRISCILLA WARNER....DETAILS: PAGE 3**

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## Stewardship - The Prophet of Giving

In our culture, having and getting more is seen as a virtue. Our status, our reputation, our sense of security and our self-image are linked to the stuff we have. Our national economy depends on consumers wanting to get rid of old things and purchase the newest and brightest products.

The Christian who gives significantly from her or his income to the work of God in the world is a prophet. Giving is a counter-cultural act that undermines the momentum of our consumerism. It is not simply rich people taking from our surplus resources to support good causes; it is the people of God saying "No" to the power structure of our world. Giving is a part of being "poor in spirit." Giving comes out of a prayerful encounter with God.

### Mission Trip Update



Teams of folks who will be going to Mt Holly, NC gathered on our church campus to become proficient in the types of tasks they will be doing when an intergenerational group from Central reciprocates with a church who came here last summer "on mission." The hammer and nail team will build steps and a pathway to a new prayer garden, painters and cleaners

will assist with improving temporary quarters for use by the church that is without a sanctuary due to a fire, while another team will clear brush and other bushes in order to construct a prayer garden. Still another team will visit and interact with residents of nursing homes .

**Thank you** for supporting the fundraising efforts of these mission-minded folks. Your generosity will help with the travel expenses for the July 23-28 event. The potato bar and the cupcake sale were both very productive events. The soup 'r chili cook-off was also well-attended and productive.

It is estimated that the team still needs to raise approximately \$3,000 more, in order to make this trip available to all who wish to participate. The next fundraiser being planned is a carwash off campus, Saturday, April 22, 2-5 p.m. The team requests your continuing prayers for their ongoing preparations.

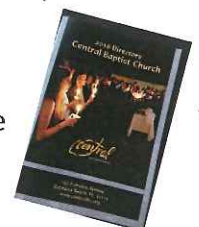


**Easter Offering  
Goal: \$35,000**

Special Envelopes  
provided in pew  
racks and on  
foyer tables.

### New Church Directories Are Here!!!

The new directories are here. If your photo is in the book and you were not able to get your free one yet, please stop by the church office to pick it up. A few extra books are available for members or regular participants on a first come, first served basis for \$5 each.



## Praising God!

### 2017 Year-to-Date (3/26/17)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 127

New Members: 0

Total Receipts: \$ 92,080.17

Total Spending: \$96,890.56

### Special Gifts this Month

#### In Loving Memory of:

**Tony Welch**

From: Gwen Bills, Dan & Carol Rutter

**Suzie Stoltz**

**For Youth & Children Summer Events &  
Central Mission Team**

From: Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

**Herdis Groop**

From: The J.O.Y. Class

Art & Joan Schrysen

**Herdis Groop**

**For the Prime Timers**

From: Bob & Mary Anne Trumbull

### 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.

### Facilities Update

A big thank you is due to all who contributed to the new roof on the sanctuary building; God blessed us with a skilled roofer who provided an efficient crew and who was able with Jim Scott's assistance to achieve better assistance from our insurance; amazingly generous contributions in the Christmas offering covered the difference. We have cause to be truly praising God!!

Exterior work on flower beds, fences and playground areas, as well as many other clean-up/fix-up projects are combining to make our campus shine!

The next "big" concern is the roof of the Adams Hall building which has been patched repeatedly, to no avail. Our Easter offering goal of \$35,000 will allow us to replace the roof. We are confident that God is moving in this downtown area and are so grateful for the active participation and financial support of Central's family and friends. Special envelopes for this offering are available on the sanctuary tables as well as in the pew racks. Thank you, in advance, for your prayerful consideration and continuing participation in our efforts to maintain and improve the facilities God has provided.

## 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)  
on 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.



## 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 27 - 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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