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Performing Arts Camp July 9-13, 2017



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Sonny's Sayings...

When is it OK to be proud? According to Biblegateway.com, the Bible contains 61 verses with the word pride in them. 54 of those instances are in the Old Testament, 7 in the New. But regardless of the Testament or the book, there are

very few verses where pride is portrayed in a positive light. In fact, the Bible sees pride as a precursor to destruction, a deceiver of the heart, a divisive force, a flaw that causes us to lose focus, a characteristic that causes the Lord to cry, and many other negative things. Such words would lead us to believe that pride is a negative thing. In fact, pride was considered in the ancient church to be one of the seven deadly sins.

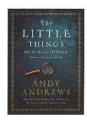
But the Apostle Paul does say, several times, that he is proud of certain churches and their ministry. He even says that, inasmuch as he is "an apostle to the Gentiles," he takes pride in his own ministry. So what gives? Is it OK to be proud? Is it OK to hear Melissa say of our 4 children who did a great job in the Performing Arts Camp that she was proud of them? Is it OK to say that I am proud of the all the people who have worked hard this spring and summer to get ready to go on the mission trip? Is it wrong that I am proud of our church's history and heritage? What makes "pride" OK or not OK?

The Bible seems to indicate that when pride points others to us, or especially, when pride leads others (and ourselves) to a sense of being better than others, it is destructive, and we should let it go. When pride points others to God, or celebrates the actions of others who are pointing to God, then it is a good thing. Ironically, then, when pride is infused with humility, it becomes a thing to celebrate. So when we see someone who has worked hard and succeeded in overcoming a struggle in their life, we should be proud, because it points to the power of God within them. When we see children growing up to be more mature, we should be proud, because it points to God working in their lives. And even, when we have worked hard to accomplish a task, and have put our best effort in, we should be proud, because to deny that sense of pride is to deny the provision and presence of God to help you meet your challenge.

So let us make sure that in all our dealings, we are proud of the presence, the provision, the grace, and the work of God in our lives. And let us also make sure that we work to erase the pride that displays our arrogance and our over-confidence. May God bless the rest of your summer, and may you experience and express God's love in all the relationships of your life.

Blessings, Sonny

Women's Christian Book Club Re-Starts 8/1 @ 1 pm



Be ready to discuss the first 3 chapters of The Little Things: Why the Small Stuff REALLY Matters at the first gathering.

> New participants always welcome! Call Alice Glover if you need a book.

About Stewardship...

have always made_ church a priority for me and my family. Keeping a church going is dependent on the stewards in the church. A steward is defined as "a person that is responsible for overseeing and protecting something worth caring about." Central Baptist is blessed to have many members that see the church as something worth caring about. I put tithes and offerings in my household budget to help remind me that it is a priority to me and it is something worth caring about. Please continue to be stewards of Central Baptist so that we can oversee and protect it for the families in the future. - Jennifer Goodwin, Central Stewardship Committee

Praising God!

Year-to-Date (7/23/17)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 133

New Members: 8

Mission Trip Participants: 31 Total Receipts: \$260,442.96* Total Spending: \$247,178.24

* Includes \$35,000 from Trust Account

Special Gifts this Month

In Loving Memory of:

Joyce Martin

From: Peggy Lynn Gibson

Bob Miranda

From: Burniece Miranda Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi

From: Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

Tia Nigh

From: Wayne & Ann Bishop

In Honor of:

The Gallman Family

From: Robert & Rita Horner

You Can Give 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 Visa and MasterCard accepted.



Linda's Log

As I write this today, our mission team is in NC, working together, learning to get along across the generations, "hearing" and "seeing" each other as unique individuals blessed with gifts and talents to share. I am so excited about the potential these experiences can bring to our church family moving forward. As you may already realize, mission trips aren't ends unto themselves. While it is true that the participants gain much from the relationships that are established while "on mission," and while it is true that the church can feel satisfaction and joy because we have contributed both prayer and finances to make this time of service possible, our real work is just beginning.

As the team returns home, they may be physically tired, but they will likely return invigorated and refreshed because they will have been given a glimpse of what Central can accomplish here in this neighborhood and in other places closer to home, as well. The shared journey of loving service to others is a journey that Jesus not only advocated constantly, but totally exemplified, and mission trips help to "train" us to look for ways to help others. Mission trips soften our hearts and increase our

Mission Kits for Homeless Available NOW!

Several years ago, Holly Inglett told about a mission project their daughter Kate had participated in while a student at UF in Gainesville. Then a few months later Nancy Jones came forward and led almost the identical project with her Sunday School class here at Central. This spring our church has worked together to develop these same mission kits and this year Central's mission team has taken 100 of these kits to be distributed to homeless / needy folks in or around Mt. Holly, NC.

At the same time these kits were assembled for the mission trip, another 100 were prepared for each of us here at home to take in our cars to personally pass along to any homeless or needy individual in our area. If you were in worship on July 23rd you probably picked up one. There are more available in the church foyer. This is our church-wide project and you are encouraged to participate fully! When these are used, we can make more; let's work together to make a difference in the lives of those who may need a hand-up. It's a small action that can share the Love of Christ with another.

tolerance for "the other!" Participating in a mission trip can help us look beyond our own often petty feelings and preferences to seize opportunities to be more than any of us can be on our own. As Christ-followers we are no longer on our own! We have a Savior to guide and encourage and energize us! We have



fellow Christians to share the load and accomplish tasks that we cannot even envision on our own!

I invite you to intentionally interact with our mission team when they return. Let's allow them to come back and lead us to new heights of service in the Daytona Beach area, both personally and as a faith community. I believe that Christ has placed us here to serve and I believe that regardless of our physical age or stage, He still has something productive for us to do for others. I believe that if we each seek to find those "otherfocused" tasks we will be able to say like the selfless WWII Christian freedom fighter Corrie ten Boom, "Look around and be distressed; look inside and be depressed; but look at JESUS and BE ADDRESSED!" Serving together, Linda

Update from Central's Local Mission Team

I would like to thank everyone for their financial support for our Mission Trip to Mt. Holly and our summer programs. Your generosity is overwhelming!

Moving on to a NEW project: I had the pleasure of meeting with some new friends and joining a committee of folks from several area churches: Hope Lutheran, All Saints Lutheran, Ormond Presbyterian, Grace Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran. We six Christian churches are teaming with The Jewish Federation through Thrivent Financial and the Jerry Doliner Food Pantry to prepare and distribute food bags for 100 Christmas dinners for low income families. Each church is asked to collect and contribute 100 of a specific item to go in the bag. Our item is 100 boxes of stuffing. In addition, we also need to raise funds to buy the turkeys (at a discounted price, of course). Watch for details in the next few months on when and how you can contribute to both of these mission opportunities. I also learned that the food bank needs grocery bags. If you'll put your clean, used grocery bags in the bin provided for this in the office foyer, I'll make sure they are delivered.



Regular Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Faith Discussion Grp. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages), LifeTree Café, 10:45 a.m. Worship w/Preschool Nursery Provided

Regular Tuesday Schedule 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study, Rm. 4 1:00 p.m. Women's Christian Book Club. Rm. 4 2:30 p.m. Beginning Bridge, Marchman Bldg., Rm. 115 Regular Wednesday Night
Family Activities Resume 8/16
5:45 p.m. Family Dinner
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Shine!, Youth Gathering, Nursery
Provided in the Church Bldg,
7:30 p.m.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Regular Thursday 2:30 p.m. GriefShare Begins 8/10 August 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	August Topics for Lifetr 8/6 "Science and Religi 8/13 "Coping With Grief 8/20 "They Hacked My L 8/27 "Concussion - Form	on - Can They Co-exist?" - Your Path to Peace:	$1_{Birthdays:}$ Alton Sheffield Jack Wingard	210:30 a.m. Communion at Indigo Manor Birthdays: Iris Bly Anderson Burrows	Birthdays: Hailee Moon Ed King Pauline Thompson		5 Birthdays: Joyce Page Shirley Peirano Matthew Penny Beth Swartzfager
	6 Birthdays: Anne Bishop Kenny Clontz Alice Gailey	7 6:00 p.m. BelCanto Summer Sing	86:00 p.m. BelCanto Summer Sing Birthdays: Karen LaMotte Mary Sheffield	9	10Birthday: Betty Turner	11 Birthday: Phil Rand	12 Birthdays: Alyssa Moon Hazel Venuti
	13 3:00 p.m. Children's Back-to-School Pool Party	1 45:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grounds Rm. 4 Birthdays: Carol Oakes Mark Gibson Terri Vasile	15Birthday: Ann Litvaney Garrett Swartzfager	16	17	18 Newsletter Articles Due Birthdays: Gage Wiggins	19 6:00 p.m. Country Hoedown (Dinner/Music)
	20 9:30 a.m. Promotion Sunday Pancake Breakfast 10:45 a.m. Children's Promotion Recognitions	21 Birthdays: Tommy Adams Estelle Bethea Alyssa Goris Kay Peebles	22 Birthdays: Peggy Lynn Gibson Katie Inglett	23 Birthdays: Don Turner Michael Davis	24 11:00 a.m. Prime Timers Thursday Brunch, A.H.	25 Birthday: Michael Wise	26
note	27Birthdays: Bobby Albovias Tracy Wallis Cale Warren	28 5:30 p.m. Deacons' Prayer Time 6:00 p.m Deacons' Mtg.	29 _{Birthday:} Lilliana Bentley	30	31		

Matt Nelson

Bo Burnham is a comedy genius. Nearly 27 years old, he was discovered on YouTube performing comedy in song, accompanied by his own guitar, piano, or self-made tracks. Check him out: seriously. He is not exactly "clean," but his commentary on today's culture is astounding. Comics tend to be funny because they take the ordinary and shine a light on it from another angle. Bo is no different. In his most recent Netflix special Make Happy, Bo steps on many toes, but in doing so he is taking awkward subject material and making it accessible. My favorite part of the show is a small break before his final act. He has the houselights come up and says that now they are all the same, well, they are all still facing him, but they are all people with problems. He then begins a rant on social media and performance culture we find today.

Burnham notes that he and those in his generation were told growing up, "Express yourself; have things to say. Everyone will care about them." Parents set everyone up to fail, because most people do not grow up to live in the spotlight. People then flock to social media because that is their stage; that is where they feel validated and they can show their very best versions of themselves. "Social media is the market's answer to a generation that demanded to perform. So the market

said 'Here, perform everything to each other all the time for no reason.'" Bo finally states that we are all performing, but "if you can live your life without an audience, you should do it." A performer telling his audience not to perform.

I find Bo is spot on. It seems everyone is expected to be happy and rich and famous and funny and attractive and it is simply impossible to live up to the constant pressure and expectations put on by our own obsession with self-worth. But it isn't self-worth we are preserving; it is an



image, a façade. Expectedly, Jesus says something similar, but instead of printing it out, I'd like you to come tell me his thoughts and your own thoughts on the subject. What images are we creating of ourselves, of the church, of our country? How can we learn to live our lives without a need to please an audience?

-Matt



COMING AUGUST 19.....
6 P.M. ADAMS HALL

A DOWN HOME COUNTRY EVENING

Featuring

- Some of your Favorite Singers .. Live & IN-Person
- Door Prizes & Give-aways
- Wear Cowboy/Country Costumes, just for fun!
- Phil Ransbottom's Pork, Beef or Chicken + Fixin's
 \$15/Person or \$100/Table of 8
 Low Price Kids' Menu Available
 Reserve NOW! Deadline: Monday, Aug. 14th
 Choice of Entrée and Seating
 Pre-pay Bill Bethea or in Church Office
 Any Profits Will Benefit CBC Angel Tree Project

Children's Back-to-School Pool Party, Sun, 8/13

The Betheas have graciously offered their home for a back-to-school children's pool party on Sunday afternoon, August 13, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Please watch for an email with details and directions the week before. Mark your calendars now. A couple of years ago when they hosted the same event, one of our elementary age boys exclaimed that "this was the most fun he had had all summer long!" They really do know how to have fun! Kids will not want to miss it! So, parents, be sure to save the date and make sure Linda has your correct email address for details.

Performing Arts Camp 2017 Big Success!!

This year's Performing Arts Camp was a great success! The Prodigal Clown performance on Thursday evening was very well-attended! We had a larger group of campers this year; the leaders were exceptionally well-prepared; we had special vocal coaches from Bel Canto Community Choir to assist our soloists; and the campers seemed to be having fun and truly enjoyed singing and acting out the modern day drama similar to the prodigal son from Scripture. There were MANY affirming compliments after the production, but one of the most exciting comments was that the "message" of unconditional love was loud and clear.

The week began with a reading of the story from Luke and sessions were bathed in prayer, both in-session and in the homes of others in the congregation who care about young folks and who are anxious for us to remain in God's will as we serve this age group. It is great to see our young people who are enthusiastic about artistic expression and great to be a part of a faith community that affirms the connection between faith and art. At the "after" party, Bel Canto president, Marie Downey announced plans for a youth community choir beginning in October that will sing with them at their community Christmas Concert in Central's Sanctuary in December. They are hoping that some of the voices from our PAC will join them for this event. It sounds like another exciting opportunity to partner with the community to share our faith. Watch for upcoming announcements about this in another month or so.

Central's Servants: JIM SMITH

Called to be Chaplain

by Joan Singley Schrysen

Jim Smith is a Chaplain with a capital C. God's loving guidance has directed him towards this throughout his entire life. Early on he knew he was des-

it was not as a parish

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tined for the ministry, but equally sure it was not as a parish preacher.

At seminary in Louisville, Jim took a course in pastoral care that required field work, weekly visits to Hazelwood Tuberculosis Hospital. He flourished in this setting, reading everything he could find on the subject. Jim had found his niche.

Following a year's internship, Jim was hired as chaplain at Shands Teaching Hospital at the University of Florida in Gainesville, an incredible opportunity for a man just out of school. A massive place with patients from all over the world, he served there for two and a quarter years until a sticky political situation forced him out.

Devastating as this development was, the Lord was still at work in Jim's life. During his years at Shands he often visited a seminary friend, Doug Harrell in Daytona. In the Lord's perfect timing, Halifax Hospital was introducing a chaplaincy program, and Jim was hired as their first chaplain. His service there for almost 38 years is legendary. Upon his retirement, the hospital honored him by naming the chapel the James E. Smith Chapel.

Asked about the most satisfying part of his work, Jim replied, "Getting to walk with people wherever they were in their lives, to accompany them, to minister to them. It's just a tremendous thing: being part of their lives." The most difficult part was having to say goodbye to so many people. All this ministry and caring came with a price. "I've had to handle and manage grief and sorrow, but I've had the University of Florida Fighting Gators to get me through—taking my children to the football and basketball games really helped me deal with all the pain and sadness."

At Halifax, Jim enjoyed writing a monthly article for the in-house newsletter *The Halifax*. In retirement he is writing a book entitled *The Rest of the Way*. "When people are going through illness, divorce, or any crisis, they get so far into it and then they have to decide what they're going to do ...the rest of the way. I think it will be a good use of my experience."

So even in retirement, Jim Smith continues his chaplaincy.

JIM SMITH grew up in a blue collar family in North Carolina and joined Central in 1975 when he moved to Daytona. He has three children, one grandchild with another on the way.

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Activities Resume August 24

New Time: 11:00 a.m.

Come Early for Bingo: \$.25/card / FREE Prizes
Card Donations To Be Used for Local Mission Project
\$2 Lunch

This Month's Entertainment: Sawgrass Junction

Sign-up in Church Office or Call Rosenell (386-253-1369)
Questions? Call Tommie Lou (386-767-0123)

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