

We Are



Central Baptist Herald
September, 2017

Don't Miss This!



Saturday, Sept. 16

6 P.M.

Adams Hall

A DOWN-HOME COUNTRY EVENING

Featuring

Some of your Favorite Entertainers: Live & IN-Person

Door Prizes & Give-aways

Wear Cowboy/Country Costumes, *Just for Fun!*

Menu: Phil Ransbottom's Pork, Beef or Chicken + Fixin's

\$10/Per Person; \$5 Kids' Menu

OR

Early-bird **Pre-pay (by Sept. 5)** : \$70/Table of 8

Reserve NOW! Limited Seating

Pre-pay Bill Bethea or in Church Office

Any Profits Will Benefit CBC Angel Tree Project

Y'all Come!

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Sonny's Sayings...

So by now, you probably know that the family and I went to South Carolina on August 21 to see the solar eclipse. When I realized the week before that we could get there within a day's drive, I knew that I was going to take

the kids, and we were going to drive to the area of totality, which ended up being in Orangeburg, South Carolina. It was certainly worth it.

As the day approached, I kept reading articles from people, both scientists and amateurs, who described seeing a solar eclipse as a "spiritual experience." So as I approached the day, I prepared myself to have a spiritual moment. After all, this is God's Creation, and seeing something like this was truly unique, but I kept wondering how would it be spiritual. Then on the morning of the 21st, a quote from TED.com popped up: "True awe, a sense of wonder and insignificance in the face of something enormous and grand, is rare in our lives." I thought to myself that events like parting the Reed Sea, the Resurrection, the multitude of angels appearing to the shepherds, would fit that description. That gave me direction in *how* to open my spirit. I was going to reflect on my insignificance in the face of God's magnificence.

But something entirely different took place. As the moon finally filled the entirety of the sun's face, and darkness fell on Orangeburg, I looked up at the eclipse with my naked eye, and it was like everything and everyone faded away. I was at a park with complete strangers, a lot of Floridians who had traveled like us, and all of my family. But it was as if I were all alone. I felt as if I could almost hear God actually speaking the words, "Look at this. This is what I can do.

And this is for you." After being mesmerized, I felt a tug on my arm (Carson), and a kiss on my neck (Melissa), both trying to get my attention, so I could be present with them in that moment. But the lure of the eclipse will stay with me for a while.

Reflecting on that moment, I thought of Jim Smith's words that I often steal: "God loves you as if there was no one else in all of Creation for Him to love." I could imagine God saying, "I want you to experience this moment as if there was no one else I did it for." And so, instead of feeling insignificant, I felt the opposite. I felt incredibly significant and important. I felt, for a fleeting moment, that sense of God's immense love, and that it was for me. God's love being for us is not always a lesson we need the eclipse for, but it does require that we open our eyes to see it.

I hope that the rest of the month is meaningful for you.

Blessings, Sonny



About Stewardship....WHY?

Our gifts to God are uniquely motivated. We do not give because we believe that God will make us rich because of our giving. We do not give in order to fulfill an obligation placed upon us. We do not give in order to meet the needs of the church. We do not give in order to discharge a debt we owe. We do not give in order to be seen by others as generous.

Why then do we give? Our giving is an act of worship! Our love of God and the things of God outweighs our selfishness, our consumer mentality and our need for recognition. We recognize this motivation when we place the offering in the order of worship. We give because we experience the holiness of God and cannot turn aside from God's presence.

- Lee Gallman, Central Stewardship Committee

Praising God!

Year-to-Date (8/20/17)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 138

New Members: 9

Total Receipts: \$285,972.74*

Total Spending: \$286,410.32

* Includes \$35,000 from Trust Account

Special Gifts this Month

In Loving Memory of:

Mavis Asbury

From: Priscilla Grimes, Rosenell Mounts, Carolyn Schaeffer, The J.O.Y. Class
Dave & Celeste Leone, Gwen Bills,
Charles & Penny McMillen, Alice Rippey
Burniece Miranda, Willodeen Sanders

Mavis Asbury & Don Maxwell

From: Bob & Mary Anne Trumbull

Mark Bishop

From: Wayne & Anne Bishop

Dean Carlson

From: Ken & Mary Bryant & Family

Donald Maxwell

From: Juanita Epton

Bill Rippey

From: Alice Rippey

Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi

From: Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

In Honor of:

July & August J.O.Y. Class Birthdays

From: Burniece Miranda

Alton & Mary Sheffield Birthdays

From: Carolyn Schaeffer

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 fall comes and we think about fresh starts with the opening of the school term and meeting and making new friends, I feel an increasing burden for the many folks who at one time worshipped and served at Central but are no longer regularly participating. I do not accept the notion that these folks are discontented and /or have no desire to be a part of our community of faith. Admittedly this may be the case for a few, and some may have found a better fit in a different faith community. However, I know from previous personal experience how difficult it can be to return to church after an extended absence. Sometimes it's simply that we've gotten out of the habit of worship and have allowed leisure activities or general busyness to consume us. Sometimes we fear being singled out as a returning prodigal if we come back or possibly we aren't certain we have been missed or that we would indeed be welcomed back.

Since we are all ministers with the responsibility to reach out, I'd like to challenge you to seek out an old friend that you haven't talked to in awhile. Although it's never a good time for a contrived set-up like the hilarious Capital One credit card ad where Jennifer Garner meets her old friend ostensibly to "catch up" but really only wants to sell her on a new credit card

Promotion Sunday, August 20

Seven reschoolers received plaques for promotion to the elementary department and five 6th graders moved up to the youth department as school opened in mid August. Second graders and sixth graders were awarded age-appropriate Bibles from the church.



Mission Kits for Homeless Available in Sanctuary!

Mission kits consisting of gallon-sized ziplock bags filled with toiletries such as soap, deodorant, wash cloth, socks, toothbrush & toothpaste, crackers or other snack are available in the church sanctuary for you to give to someone in need of a caring response to their homelessness. 100 of these have already been picked-up by church members to pass along. This is our church-wide project and everyone is encouraged to participate fully! We are making more now; let's all continue to 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.



Shine!, the children's praise arts activity for kindergarten-grade 5 has resumed 6:30-7:30 each Wednesday evening.

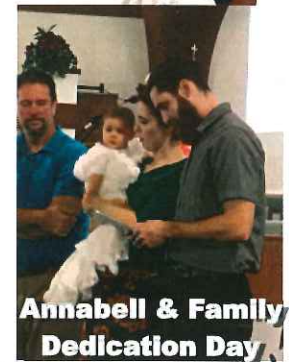
Women's Christian Book Club—Innovation

In recent years, this group has read dozens of books related to Christian living, but for variety and growth they are planning a 6-week topical Serendipity Bible Study called, "Maturing in Christ: Called to Discipleship." It's about thinking through priorities, relationships and goals. Beginning Tuesday, September 5th, each week, a different aspect of the subject will be discussed as illustrated in a specific passage of Scripture. New folks are always welcome; the course outline will be distributed at the lunch meeting on August 27th or you can request one from Linda (lpigottcbc@gmail.com). *Come and bring a friend!*

("What's in your wallet?"), it's always a good time to re-establish friendships based on real loving concern. And we sure won't succeed if we are fake! Expressions of love must be genuine. Friends can tell! Many times folks who have been away from church for a long time already feel intense, almost paralyzing guilt so truly renewing friendships can't include condemnation or criticism, just encouragement.

I have a long list of people I miss a LOT and I bet you do, too. I hope you'll join me this month in making a couple of phone calls to check on some absent friends to see how they are doing. We've a number of folks who do this all the time; perhaps you're one of them. If so, thank you for being alert and then showing your love by contacting an absent brother or sister. But if this is something you've been meaning to do, let me encourage you to act now. I believe that regular consistent participation in a community of faith is important to our spiritual well-being. YOU can make a difference in the spiritual life of others by showing that you care.

Serving together, *Linda*



Annabell & Family Dedication Day
Pictured above: Pastor Sonny with Epiphany Grubbs and David Schwinbart as they commit themselves and dedicate their daughter Annabell to be raised to love the Lord, 8/27.

September 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Regular Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Faith Discussion Grp. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages) LifeTree Cafe 10:45 a.m. Worship w/ Preschool</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Regular Wednesday Night Family 5:45 p.m. Family Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>Regular Thursday 2:30 p.m. GriegShare</p>			
	<p>LifeTree Cafe: Sundays 9:30 a.m., 9/3 "Getting Past the Past" 9/10 "A Safe Place" Confronting Child Abuse " 9/17 "Is Church Obsolete" 9/24 "Forgiving the Unforgivable"</p>			<p>Family Dinner Menu: 9/6 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Lima Beans 9/13 Soft Tacos/Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Corn Chips 9/20 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Bread 9/27 Easy Chicken Parmesan w/Hash-brown Casserole, Carrots All meals include Salad, Rolls, Beverages & Dessert. Cost - Seniors 55+: \$5, Adults: \$7, Kids >16 eat FREE</p>			
3		4 Holiday - Office Closed Birthdays: Karen Meadows	5 Birthdays: Anthony McCutley Jerry Penny Zoe Ryan	6 10:30 a.m. Communion at Indigo Manor	7 Birthdays: Betty Ront Carolyn Moss Steve DeVane		
10	11 5:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grounds Rm. 4	12	13 2:00 pm Children Visit Nursing home Birthdays: Matthew Lauzman	14 Birthdays: Dan Rutter	15		16
	<p>Rock the Universe at Universal Studios - Youth 4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing at UBIC</p>			<p>Newsletter Articles Due Birthdays: Steve Bransom Richard Finley</p>			<p>6 P.M.—Down-Home Country Evening</p>
17 Birthdays: Tom Pokorny Jacob Weaver Joshua Weaver	18	19 Birthdays: Diane Dunn	20 Birthdays: Bob McDaniel Burniece Miranda Janet Collins-Free	21 Birthdays: Kristen Anderson Jim Sloopman Priscilla Warner			23
24 Birthdays: Noah Anderson Elaine McCutley	25 Birthdays: Lorraine Harrell Foye McClelland	26	27	28 11:00 a.m. Prime Timers Thursday Brunch, AH Birthdays: Deana Aloi			30

Matt Nelson

A new school year and new beginnings for our youth group! We've had several new students join the fray and several more graduate to high school! The sixth graders add some welcome energy to the mix because I'm not sure how much energy the high schoolers have left! I do not envy their early mornings.

We had a fashion competition with the twist: they would be judged by mystery judges. Turns out those judges represented the 70s, 80s, and 90s, and while some outfits might have fit in with a certain period, there have been some major changes in the past 40-50 years of fashion. Gwen Bills was our special guest for the evening and helped us judge the event – thanks Gwen! We talked about fitting in and how we always have this pressure to fit in with the ways of the world, but the ways of the world are vain and fickle. All that matters is to fit in to God's plan for your life, not if you have the latest gadgets or hottest clothes.

Then instead of keeping a ball bouncing in the air, we tried to keep

a balloon from rising to the ceiling. We learned about Jesus rebuking Peter for rebuking Jesus and talked about the things we don't want to let die in our own lives. Grudges seemed to be the big one, but we also discussed how big a distraction our technology can be from building genuine relationships when we are together.

We're off to a great start! Everyone is looking forward to Rock the Universe – thank you to everyone who contributed to allow some who couldn't go join us! Continue to lift up our youth in prayer and go out of your way to show them they are loved and welcome here at Central .



-Matt

Building & Grounds Update

By the time you receive this newsletter the work in Adams Hall should be completed! A BIG thank you to all who contributed in any way to this project. And a BIG thank you to the Missions Trip team for cleaning up the playground! Other projects continue on a daily basis.

Our Wish List (if you can contribute in any way: time, tools, equipment, etc.)

- Trim hedge in back parking lot
- Spray to eliminate weeds in the "percolated" areas of parking lot
- Help us continue to be good stewards of our space, money and other resources...Electric/AC is one of our biggest regular expenses: Remember, "if you turn it on, turn it off." :-))

In the meantime...., -Building & Grounds Committee



Participants will experience two nights of powerful tunes from Christian Rock's brightest stars at Universal Studios. Central's

Youth will be attending Florida's biggest Christian music festival the weekend of Sept. 8-10 at Universal Studios. The church bus will leave from the parking lot at 5 p.m. Friday and return by 5 p.m. on Sunday. MANY thanks to the generous donors who made this possible! It's so exciting to see our congregation investing in teens.

There will be a candlelighting ceremony, powerful Christian music, as well as Sunday morning worship. Please pray for their safety and the success of this weekend of fun and faith activities.

Central "On Mission"



Prayer Garden Construction

Mt. Holly, NC



This past month on Sunday afternoon at the Petty home, the 2017 mission trip participants met for a de-briefing and time of brainstorming ways to apply the lessons learned in our local neighborhoods. This past Saturday, dilapidated unusable playground equipment was removed from the back playground at the church...back-breaking, hard work that is a direct result of the "can do" attitudes that were fostered on the trip. And on the 13th, a school early release day, kids and adults are planning to visit a nursing home in the afternoon leading a sing-along and doing a craft project with the elderly residents.



- Dinner Cruise—Thursday, Sept. 28, 4 p.m., \$27.70—Cash, please...payable by 9/21
- Tea & Tour of Lillian Place—Tuesday, 10/17 \$20.20—payable at the door
- Daytona Playhouse—Sunday, 11/12, 2p.m., \$20: "Blame it on the Movies! The Reel Music of Hollywood" Sign-up & pay in church office!

Church Surveys are coming Sept. 17th!

Don't miss your chance to communicate with the church leadership.

Central's Servants ...

Joan Rademacher

Compassion with Gratitude

by Joan Singley Schrysen

"A God thing!" That's what Joan

Rademacher, Central's Counselor, calls her chance encounter with Jim Scott soon after retiring from Daytona State College. He requested her re-sume leading to an interview with the Central's Counseling Team Leaders.



But her compassion almost sabotaged this meeting. Concerned about the inability of clients to pay the going rate of \$120, Joan really wanted to do pro bono counseling. The Counseling Ministry Team felt that paying clients get more out of counseling. Joan proposed a compromise: a sliding scale - of just \$10 to \$30. She quickly added, "I won't keep the money - I will turn it all over to the church." For six years now, she has worked under this arrangement. "It's win-win, a deal made in Heaven," she says happily.

Asked about the best part of counseling: "Watching people grow. When something has been monumental and they finally make it over, and I had a part in it - Ohhh..., that is so rewarding!"

The most difficult? "A resistant client. They know they have to do something, but they're unwilling to do it. You can't push them. They have to do it themselves."

Growing up south of Chicago, Joan attended Southern Illinois University to become an English teacher. During her senior year, her English professor told her, "You're going to be a wonderful English teacher, but you have a very compassionate side. You should consider going on for a masters degree in counseling. Your personality is just made for it." Joan finishes the story: "So I thought about it and applied to grad school. Long story short: she was correct. I love English, but I love the counseling more."

Joan's compassion is matched by her gratitude. Each night she falls asleep thanking God for the blessings of the day. "I realize I wouldn't be where I am today without the love of God." She is especially grateful to be at Central. "From the time I first walked in the door, everyone has been so loving here. You get hugs and so much appreciation. It's a wonderful place to be. I thank everyone for treating me as one of the Central family, for trusting me with what goes on in their lives and giving me the opportunity to help."

Joan Rademacher's compassion and gratitude: true blessings for Central's Counseling Center.

JOAN RADEMACHER has a twin sister. Joan and husband Jim have been married for 49 years. They have two daughters and two grandsons.

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New Time: 11:00 a.m.

Come Early 10:45 Bingo: \$.25/card



FREE Prizes

Card Donations for Local Mission Project

\$2 Lunch

This Month's Entertainment:

Jonathan Brady



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

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
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