

Central Baptist Herald November, 2017

Christival: Celebration of Christ in the Arts

As a part of the third annual celebration of Christ in the arts, we will observe "Christival" during the month of November. Area artists are invited to offer their works pertaining to the theme, "God's Beloved", for free display in the church sanctuary. Please call the church office (386-255-2588) or email Mary Bryant at mwbryant25@aol.com if you have any type of appropriate art for display (oil or watercolor paintings, sculpture, photography, etc.). Other types of artistic expression will also be an integral part of worship during this month.

This is a chance to acknowledge through both congregational and community participation that creativity is one of God's glorious gifts. All participants are cordially invited to attend and be recognized at the churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner in the social hall after worship on Nov. 19th. All art must be delivered to the church as soon as possible and picked up prior to December 1st.

Central Church Camp SOLD!

Central's Chair of Trustees, Tom Pokorny, recently reported that the church camp has been sold to the Veda Foundation Corporation. About half of the sale price was paid up front, with an agreement to a three-year payment plan for the remainder at 5.75% interest. Attorney Kit Korey represented the church in the transaction and at the closing. Details of the sale are public and available to church family.

The Church by-laws clearly guide the trustees in managing the funds that continue to support the Church's capital needs while maintaining and investing funds for long-term benefits and contingencies. Proceeds from this sale will be managed by them.

Even though this church camp chapter is coming to a close, the camp is still a critical part of Central's history. Many of our church members came to Christ at church camp; many of our members have spent lots of sweat and tears over the years in making it a great vitalized and re-visioned with another organization, we now have the opportunity to continue our current ministries, and develop others. Together we place our trust in God to do good things at the camp, as we now focus on making our other ministries more effective.

place for children, youth, adults, and guests to grow closer to God. So this is a bittersweet announcement for our church. We must now continue to trust that God remains active in our present and future.

Tom Pokorny, Jim Hitson, and Karen LaMotte, each served as chair of Trustees during the time the camp was for sale, and patiently led us through this process. They and the other board members are owed a debt of gratitude. The support and patience of the church family during this lengthy process have also been critical. Because our trustees have done as charged by vote of the church by transacting the necessary business arrangements that will allow the camp to be revitalized and re-visioned with another organization, we now have the opportunity to continue our current ministries, and develop others. Together we place our trust in God to do making our other ministries more effective.



Sonny's Sayings...

Melissa and I had a chance to head down to Miami toward the end of October for our overdue anniversary trip. We had a wonderful time, and had a few adventures. As we traveled, I wondered what kind of destruction I might see from Hurricane

Irma, which came through only about 6 weeks before we traveled. I expected to see some physical evidence. For example, after Hurricane Matthew came through last year, there were still piles of lawn trash in the Daytona area well more than 6 weeks after the storm. But in all the parts of Miami and Fort Lauderdale that we traveled, we did not see any evidence of damage.

I was struck by how quickly the city had cleaned up from the damage. My brother-in-law (Melissa's brother), who lives in Atlanta, was actually in Fort Lauderdale to help coordinate some of the clean-up. It is remarkable how innovative and energetic human creativity can be when it comes to tragedy and crisis. Perhaps that is part of how God hard-wired us. We hear all the time about people who thrive and remain calm when survival is on the line. That clearly took place in the places we visited. But I was also struck by how nature still bears the scars of such storms like Irma. On a merely cosmetic level, the beaches in Miami have a ridge on them that comes from the beach erosion that took place during Irma. Cape Canaveral Beach has the same. The forest between my house and the Tomoka River, has many trees that were snapped from the flooding. But those are cosmetic examples.

What we seem to know from scientists, is that, whether manmade or natural, the earth is warming up, and more hurricanes are coming, more extreme weather is taking place, and there doesn't seem to be an end in sight to this.

What we normally do when we get into these debates is to call each other extreme names: "tree-huggers" or "earth rapists," as if there were no middle ground. Neither of those names are particularly constructive. Rather than politicizing, what if we instead decided that, to the best of our ability, we will support things that show clear proof that they care for the earth. Genesis 1 tells us that we are to be the caretakers of the world God entrusted us with. Perhaps if we started there at the beginning of the Bible, we could let our economic and political views be informed by this faith starting point. And perhaps, if we applied the same ingenuity to caring for the earth that we do when we are cleaning up the blemishes nature gives us, we could find important common ground.

Blessings, Sonny

HELP NEEDED!

Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent & Christmas Monday, November 27, 3 p.m. Until...5:30? EVERYONE WELCOME! LOTS of tasks for all ages!

Praising God!

Year-to-Date (10/22/17)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 141
New Members: 9
Total Receipts: \$345,731.26*
Total Spending: 361,624.87

Special Gifts this Month

In Loving Memory of:

Jim Turner

From: Nancy Farr, Juanita Epton,

Richard & Lavelle Dycus,

Jim Turner, Ellie Jackson, Samantha Amos

From: Jim & Joyce Page, Shirley Hess,

Gwen Bills

Jim Murphy, Bill Rippey,

Carole Tarpley & Blain Wingard

From: Bo & Peggy Lynn Gibson

Bobby Chutjian

From: Evelyn Chutjian

Miriam Keil

From: Dan & Carol Rutter

Dr. Doyle Casteel

From: James & Leah Cameli

Carole Tarpley

From: Ned & Anne Myers

Samantha Amos

From: Dan & Carol Rutter & Anonymous Donor

Mavis Asbury, Fran, Stan & Ben Rawls,

& Donald Maxwell

From: Edward & Martha Meadows
Jim Turner For the Benevolent Fund,
Samantha Amos For Counseling Ministry,

Betty Turner For Prime Timers

From: Bob & Mary Anne Trumbull

Betty Turner

From: Dan & Carol Rutter, J. E. Atty David & Karen LaMotte

Art & Joan Schrysen

Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi

From: Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

Ann Bright

From: Terri Martin, Kim Schap, Bob Prior, Tammie Padgett & her grandson, The J.O.Y. Class

In Honor of:

Birthdays of - Peggy Lynn Gibson,
Burniece Miranda, Alton & Mary Sheffield
For Sanctuary Choir

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...

This month, with the onset of Thanksgiving celebrations, gratitude is an obvious theme. I just read a novel where the main character, in describing her adopted daughter's relationship to her memory-stressed grandmother, said that when the 12-year-old had a terrible day, she wanted more than anything, to go see "Gran," the one person who could help her see past the problems of the day. Her technique was when things seem worst, try to think of something good that happened... and that often leads to another positive and another peventually changing her outlook and general mood. It's kind of like "counting blessings!"

We've recently had some circumstances and situations that were less than desirable, but we know that all things on earth are constantly changing. Birth and death are a part of the natural order; no one on earth controls the weather; buying and selling are business as usual; tearing down and rebuilding are eventually required everywhere, and it's often impossible to move forward without a fresh start.

That's where my thoughts of gratitude are leaning today! Fresh starts and plans for rebuilding! It's exciting to see more and more children present on Sundays and Wednesdays and adults stepping up to guide them as they learn appropriate worship behavior; it's exciting to see the faithfulness of our Prime Timer leaders and Sunday morning leadership—both in Bible study and worship; it's joyful to see mission ministry from the summer mission trip carry over into our local community; I'm thrilled to hear that Passport Kids Camp is coming to Stetson in June, 2018 (instead of being two states away!); I'm looking forward to Christival this month as we celebrate the artistic gifts

and talents that God gives; conversations have begun to find ways to begin a MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers) activity in the new year; the nominating committee has been working hard to prepare for the annual church conference after worship on Nov. 12; the deacon body has had a great year of spiritual growth and compassionate service; we have a new roof and A/C for Adams Hall kitchen; Sylvia and the building and

grounds committee are working with insurance and various contractors to figure out how best to repair the hurricane damage; LOTS of folks stepped up to help with the hurricane clean-up and we raised about \$2000 (Oct. figures not yet final) for disaster relief for folks in other places! And this list is nowhere near complete nor "all-inclusive!" I am encouraged and increasingly thankful, just writing these few sentences!!

I hope you're making plans to bring a dessert or side dish and participate in the church-wide Thanksgiving Feast on Sunday, Nov. 19, after worship, a time to praise God for each bit of forward movement for the Kingdom! I'd like to challenge you to bring someone new to worship during this month prior to Advent. We have more blessings than we can count, but above all, we can be grateful for our unchanging Father who sees and knows our earthly worries and concerns. He's able to lead us victoriously through the trials and keep us energized in loving service. Let's spread the Word!! Loving and caring, Linda





Next Inter-generational Nursing Home Mission Activity, Dec. 16th

Residents at Riviera Senior Living Center (pictured above with some of our adults and children) enjoyed a visit in October that included a sing along and a craft.

We will go there again on Sat., Dec. 16 th at 1:45 to bring Christmas cheer and fun to the assisted living residents. ALL ages are invited to participate. The church bus will leave the parking lot at 1:15; children and youth who ride the bus need a signed permission form. Be sure to sign up in the church office to ensure we have plenty of supplies and to reserve your seat on the bus.

FROM SYLVIA & Building / Grounds Committee:

Your Building and Grounds Committee is working diligently with the insurance adjuster to begin repairs from the flood damage. A contractor will be hired soon to oversee the projects. We will keep you informed as to the progress especially if we have to temporarily close a section of Adams Hall and/or Marchman Building.

Other projects started prior to Irma are being resumed as soon as possible. Continue to keep us in your prayers and giving. We are always in need of volunteers for one time only or ongoing projects. As little or as much time as you can give.

In the meantime----"If you turn it on, turn it off"



Women's Christian
Book Club begins a new book, Nov. 7th. See Alice Glover to order your book.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11/19 Lonely Secrets Lear	ma - One Woman's Struggle fou Think You Can't ned in Solitary Confinement Standing Up For What You	500m	1 Birthday: Denver Cobb	2	3	4Birthdays: Carol Rutter Joyce Wolf
5 Communion Sunday All Saints Day Birthday: Mari Beth Wise	65:30 p.m. Deacons' Prayer Time 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg. Birthdays: Ricky McDaniel Joan Anderson Dianne Booher Rhiannon Bunn	7 Birthdays: Margaret Fulkerson Rachel Chetel Mailee Jee	8Birthdays: Patsy Hill Kim Ramery	9Birthdays: Joan Schrysen Rev. Doug Harrell Helen Cummins Broughman	10Birthdays: Gwen Bills Mae Holmes Jennifer Goodwin	11
1212:00 p.m. Annual Church Meeting 2:00 p.m. Prime Timers' at Daytona Playhouse 4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing UBIC Birthdays: Willodeen Sanders Norma Wolf Janet Wolfe	13Birthday: James Henry Robert Matthews	14	15Birthdays: Isabella Adinolf. Bill Bethea Evelyn Chutjian Caroline Wise Riley Wise	16	17 Newsletter Articles Due Birthday: Eileen Lippert	18Birthdays: Mike O'Sullivan Kai Smith
1912:00 Church Thanksgleing Dinner Birthday: Betty Wingard	20Birthday: Preston Bentley	21 Birthdays: Barbara Giles Michele Davis Charles Winchell	22Birthday: Larry Donaldson	23Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed Birthday: Art Schrysen	24Thanksgiving Hotiday - Office Closed Birthdays Matt Nelson Millie Webert	25Birthdays: Russell Barnhart Bill (WP) Wallis
26 Christ the King Sunday Birthday: Bob Baker	27 3:00 p.m. Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas All Helpers Needed	28Birthday: Travis Richardson	29	30	Family Dinner Menu: 11/1 Taco/Salsa Salad, Refried Bi 11/8 Fried Chicken, Mashed Poto 11/15 Chili, Chill Beans, Hot Dogs, 11/29 Baked Ziti, Green Beans All meals include Salad, Rolls, Bevi Cost - Seniors 65+: \$5, Adults: \$7, I	toes, Gravy, Mixed Veggles Baked Beans, Chips grages & Dessert.

Matt Nelson

I am just so proud of our youth! We worked together on a Sunday service and ended up pulling it off without any major train wrecks! They looked at John 4 (woman at the well) with Sonny and me to get creative ideas on how to deliver the core message of the text: God's love has no boundaries. For us, that means that God does not care about our past as long as we are

willing to move forward into a better future. Jesus does not judge the woman even though she is a Samaritan, a woman, and a woman of divorce. Her shady past would keep most rabbis away, most people away, but Jesus looks on her with compassion and changes her life completely. In their





conversation, he also reveals that God is not confined to the temple or Samaria, but is able to be freely worshiped throughout the earth. It is a good reminder that the church is not the only place we can experience God's presence with us. God goes with us throughout our daily routines, walking with us through tragedy and celebrating with us in tri-

umphs.

The youth's main component was a skit in place of our typical sermon. Jumari played Jesus, Isabel, Niko, and Noah played modern versions of the woman, and Isabella, Danielle, Jahwain, and Cade held signs displaying thought bubbles for the others. Other than a microphone issue, they were committed to their roles and delivered a performance to be proud of. There were also several readings and prayers throughout the service and they took offering and served Communion.

I hope that their experience leading in worship reminds them that they are capable of serving and leading in this church. Maybe it will inspire them to serve at other times during the year and

times during the year and not just special occasions

like this. Perhaps it also gave a new appreciation for the process leading a service, as nothing comes out of thin air. Hard work and effort are required to lead God's people in worship.

That's it for now. Come to Trunk-'r-Treat and get ready for Christival! Thank you for all of your love and support.

-Matt







A Message from the Stewardship Committee

A New Testament teaching on giving which may be helpful is found in 1 Corinthians 16:2: "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income." This passage brings out four points: we should give individually, regularly, methodically, and proportionately.

The matter of your giving is between you and God, and He always takes into account our circumstances. He knows when they are beyond our power to direct and control. The important thing is that we see giving as a privilege and not a burden. It should not be out of a sense of duty, but rather out of love for the Lord and a desire to see His kingdom advanced.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 says: "Remember this: Whoever sows

sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

The deeper question, you see, is this: What has priority in our lives? Is Christ really first—or do we put ourselves and our own desires first? Make sure Christ is first in your life, and then <u>ask</u> Him to guide you.

Remember we lost a Sunday of giving due to Hurricane Irma. Please take this into consideration as you prayerfully consider what your offering will be.

Holiday Meals for Needy Families

We are partnering with Hope Lutheran, All Saints Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran of NSB, and Ormond Presbyterian in preparing 100 Christmas food baskets for families who would otherwise have no Christmas feast. Please begin bringing boxes of stuffing on 11/5. (We need 100 boxes).

For this same project we have already collected \$333 (Change for Change) toward the purchase of turkeys for these baskets. If you wish to donate by check, please make it payable to the Jerry Doliner Food Bank and give it to Darla Petty, mission team leader or put it in the offering plate CLEARLY marked.

Daily Devotionals for Advent

A list of suggested Scripture readings will be provided in the foyer for those who wish to participate in special devotional readings during the season of Advent which begins on Dec. 3.

Some may prefer an online devotional such as d365 that is available to be delivered to your daily email or as a free app for mobile devices that will actually remind you each day to participate. This particular app is more than a simple reading; it also includes music, commentary and a brief prayer. This daily devotional is offered year round but during Advent, special writings called "Following the Star" are provided. If you need assistance finding this, see Linda and she'll be happy to help you.



December 14, 11:00 a.m.

A Christmas Feast! \$2

Bingo @ 10:45

Entertainment:

(Back by Popular Demand!)
"The Shenanigans"
Holiday Musical Follies

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

Prime Timer Adventures



Daytona Playhouse November 12



Angel Tree Mission Project

The annual Angel Tree project will benefit preschoolers from needy families at The Chiles Academy Day Care. Angels will be available for your selection on trees in the sanctuary Dec. 3. Wrapped gifts need to be returned for distribution by Dec. 14.



Custodian.....Steve Lauxman

Servant Leadership

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ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE—Nov. 12, Noon

This is an important meeting that will include election of church officers and deacons for 2018. <u>Deacon nominations will be received through Thursday, November 2</u>. Please prayerfully consider the qualifications for deacon candidates and secure agreement from the nominee prior to submitting the nomination form. Four new deacons are needed to replace the four who will rotate off at the end of the calendar year; they will serve with Laura Cason, Barbara Frase, Chip Gallman, Anne Myers, Mike O'Sullivan, Marty Petty, Mary Ellen Schmitt, and Priscilla Warner who will continue in their 3-year terms.

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