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# Central Baptist Herald

## January, 2018



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## Sonny's Sayings...



I grew up a Chicago Cubs fan. Therefore, love of baseball is at my core, but winning is not. We Cub fans, like the Red Sox and Indians for many years, were accustomed to uttering an often-repeated phrase: "Just wait 'till next year." The implication being, of course, that next year, things would start over, and the Cubs might have a chance.

Most often those words were spoken with a bit of fatalism. We knew the Cubs didn't have any really good players, and had no plans for good players in the next year. So saying "just wait 'til next year" was just an attempt to get Cardinals fans (every Cub fan's nemesis) off our backs and change the subject. But sometimes there was real hope. Maybe the second half of the year they had done well, or maybe they had a rookie or two that had shown some promise, and the team could build around them.

We often do the same thing with our lives. Families that I know have had a difficult year, will often say to me, "I can't wait for the calendar to change," or "I can't wait for this year to be over with," or even, "2018 is going to be a better year. It has to be."

But in real life, you do not get a "next year," preceded by months of down time (the offseason) in which you can trade for new players, or instill new practices with the ones that you already have. In real life, you don't get much of a spring training. Every day is a new day, but it still carries with it the concerns, the struggles, and the challenges of the previous day, along with its hopes and successes.

So when we turn over the calendar, and say "Happy New Year" to those around us, the slate is not wiped clean, no matter how much we would prefer for that to be the case. To quote a popular phrase these days, "the struggle is real." But that is not to say that saying "Happy New Year" is a futile exercise. Far from it. While our reality might not change, the way we view that reality can definitely change. Instead of seeing the drudgery of our lives – from the aches and pains to the difficult circumstances – we instead might be able to see an opportunity to sense and recognize God's presence, giving us the strength to face that drudgery. Instead of seeing the broken relationships or broken dreams of our lives, we might see that God can heal those relationships, and God can give us new dreams.

So this New Year, may you see God's love and grace more evident in the challenges that you face. May you not be determined by things in your past, or things that have been done to you. Instead, may you be determined by the God who created you, who loves you, and who will always be present with you. Happy New Year!

*Blessings. Sonny*

## Praising God!

### Year-to-Date (12/17/17)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 138

New Members: 12

Total Receipts: \$409,704.56\*

Total Spending: \$419,731.60

\* Includes \$50,000 from Trust Account

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING Goal: \$20,000**

Received to date: **\$7,425.00**

### Special Gifts this Month

#### In Loving Memory of:

##### Our Loved Ones

From: Gwen Bills

##### Robert S. Millar (Birthday 12/23)

From: Todd C. Smith (Birthday 12/23)

##### Aiden Tozer

##### For Children's Ministries

From: The Ready Class

##### Aiden Tozer

##### For Youth Ministries

From: Flo Mose, Art & Joan Schrysen,  
Carole (Betty) Crouch

##### Aiden Tozer

From: Juanita Epton

Richard & Lavelle Dycus

##### Mavis Asbury & Tivis & Josephine Gibson

##### For Christmas Offering

From: Bo & Peggy Lynn Gibson

##### Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi

##### For Christmas Offering

From Keith & Mary Ellen Schmitt

#### In Honor of

##### The J.O.Y. Class Teachers

From: the J.O.Y. Class

##### My Children & Grandchildren

##### For Christmas Offering

From: Burniece Miranda & family

#### From the Stewardship Committee:

As the new year dawns, many people make resolutions that are intended to change their lives: diet, exercise, attitude, etc. The notion upon which we build is that by making up our minds, we can improve our lives.

God's transformation of our lives is based not upon our resolve but upon divine initiative. We are not asked to change ourselves so that God will approve of us. God's love is constant and so intense that history revolves around this fact.

We are asked to respond to God's love. We are invited to share in the generous Spirit that is the foundation of the universe. When we give from the source of that Spirit, our lives are enriched by being brought into harmony with the Creator. Begin now to emulate the character of God. God is Giver; those who walk with God will want to align our character with that of God.





### Central Lifestyles: Engaging...Encouraging... ...Empowering

*"Let us not neglect meeting together,...  
but let us encourage one another.."*

-Hebrews 10:25



### Serving.. Sharing.. Giving..

*"In as much as you  
have done it unto the  
least of these.., you have  
done it unto me..."*

-Matthew 25:40



### Halifax Urban Ministries to Hold 10th Annual Empty Bowls Event Jan. 20, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

One of our ministry partners, H.U.M., whose primary goal is urban prevention and intervention of homelessness will hold their annual fund-raiser this month at the BCU Center for Civic Engagement, with silent auction beginning at 10:30 a.m. Keepsake bowls created at ten Volusia County schools will be featured, along with soup, salad and baked goods donated by area restaurants and various art and gift items. Tickets (\$20 each) may be purchased online at [www.HalifaxUrbanMinistries.org](http://www.HalifaxUrbanMinistries.org).



### Passport Kids Camp for kids grade 3-5 (completed) is being held at Stetson,

June 10-13, 2018. The total cost is \$308 per person. We must have at least 8 children committed (\$75 reservation fee required by Passport) to attend by January 24, in order to proceed with fund-raising to cover half the cost. Our plan is to raise half the fee so families will only be responsible for \$154 per child, due on or before April 30th (June Camps must be paid in full by May 1.). To share in the fund-raising proceeds, families must participate in the fund-raising events. Scholarships will be sought for any child who CANNOT cover their portion of the deposit and/or remainder of \$154. Please see Linda Pigott ASAP (396-255-2588) to reserve a spot for your child or grandchild.



### Linda's Log

**MOPs is coming to Central** (That's Mothers Of Preschoolers)! MOPS International has been building communities of moms and connecting women all over the world to embrace the journey of motherhood, together for over 40 years! It is our goal to establish a welcoming place here at Central for moms from every background, with any story, to meet Jesus. MOPS enables a genuine and engaging first-time church experience for both mothers and children, while intentionally helping them connect with each other. By providing safe child care and joyful leadership, moms are offered a much-needed break to pause and be reminded who they are, and to grow friendships in a caring atmosphere. Through this activity, our church can have a chance to connect with young families and intentionally provide encouragement and community at a time when mothers can easily feel isolated and overwhelmed! Jennifer Surgent and Mary Ellen Schmitt are already at work gathering a team of folks who will help make this happen twice a month in our church buildings. We are believing that God has already chosen those who will serve in various capacities and we're trusting that you will say yes when you receive the call. Training starts January 16th and our scheduled kick-off for regular MOPS gatherings is February 13th (thereafter, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday morning!). Jennifer has been a part of one of these groups in the past and is excited about helping to form a group here. Feel free to talk to her or Mary Ellen or me and let's get the word out, but more importantly, pray about how YOU can help make this happen! This is a great chance for Central to be a light to moms from all over Volusia County! To succeed, we have to BELIEVE big and strong! I BELIEVE God will use us in this place in this ministry in the New Year; will you answer His call?

Loving & caring, **Linda**

Regular Sunday Schedule:  
 9:15 a.m. Faith Discussion Grp.  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)  
 9:30 a.m. LifeTree Café  
 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  
 Resumes on 1/9  
 2:30 p.m. Beginning Bridge

Regular Wednesday Night Family  
 Resumes Jan 10th  
 5:45 p.m. Family Dinner,  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
 Shine!, Youth Gathering,  
 Nursery Provided  
 7:30 p.m. Choir, Sanctuary

Regular Thursday Schedule  
 2:00 p.m. GriefShare Resumes 1/18

# January 2018

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
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| <b>Lifetree Café:</b><br>Sundays 9:30 a.m.<br>Marchman Bldg.,<br>Rm. 115<br><i>1/7 Make the Most of<br/>           Your Life</i><br><i>1/14 Care For Caregivers</i><br><i>1/21 News From the<br/>           Future</i><br><i>1/28 Friends for Life</i> | <b>1</b> <i>Happy New Year</i><br><i>Office Closed</i><br><b>Birthday:</b><br>Toni Jordan<br>Lily Richardson   | <b>2</b> <b>Birthday:</b><br>Louise Tozer                               | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b> <b>Birthday:</b><br>Tom McCulley  | <b>5</b> <b>Birthdays:</b><br>Catherine Bloom<br>Lavelle Dycus<br>Peggy Griffiths<br>John Moore<br>Camryn Thurman | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>7</b> <i>Deacon Ordination/<br/>           Installation</i><br><b>Birthday:</b> Dot Williams  | <b>8</b> <i>5:30 p.m.<br/>           Deacons' Prayer Time</i><br><i>6:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg.</i><br><b>Birthdays:</b><br>Dylan Adinolfi<br>Ben DeVane<br>Lisa Messersmith | <b>9</b> <b>Birthday:</b><br>Ethan Goodwin                              | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b> <b>Birthdays:</b><br>Chip Gallman<br>Larence Meadows   | <b>12</b> <b>Birthday:</b><br>Tommie Lou Hitson   | <b>13</b>   |
| <b>14</b> <i>3:30 p.m. Daytona<br/>           Solisti Chamber<br/>           Concert</i><br><i>4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing<br/>           At UBIC</i>  | <b>15</b> <i>5:00 p.m. Bldg. &amp;<br/>           Grounds Mtg.</i><br><b>Birthday:</b> Harold Byrd   | <b>16</b><br><i>9:00 a.m.—Training for<br/>           MOPS</i>          | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b> <b>Birthday:</b><br>Geri Cravener<br>Sylvia Meincke  | <b>19</b> <b>Birthday:</b><br>Jim Page  | <b>20</b><br><i>Deacon Breakfast &amp;<br/>           Planning Mtg.<br/>           8 a.m.-12 noon</i> |
| <b>21</b> <b>Birthday:</b><br>Elaine Holt  | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b> <b>Birthday:</b><br>Peggy Glatt<br>Jon Jackson<br>Carl Vastle | <b>24</b> <b>Birthday:</b><br>Gloria Wilson                     | <b>25</b> <i>11:00 a.m.<br/>           Prime Timers'<br/>           Thursday Brunch</i><br><b>Birthday:</b><br>Betty Collins   | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b> <b>Birthday:</b><br>Amanda Nixon  |
| <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b> <b>Birthday:</b><br>BJ Meyer   | <b>30</b> <b>Birthday:</b><br>Betty Gentry                              | <b>31</b> <b>Birthday:</b><br>Ruth Esther Compton<br>Andy Rawls | <b>Family Dinner Menu:</b><br><i>1/10 Pot Luck, Veggies</i><br><i>1/17 Fried Chicken, Mac &amp; Cheese, Green Beans</i><br><i>1/24 Pork chips, Lima Beans, Corn</i><br><i>1/31 Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,<br/>           Mixed Veggies</i><br><b>All meals include Salad, Rolls, Beverages &amp; Dessert.</b><br><b>Cost - Seniors 65+: \$5, Adults: \$7, Kids &lt;18 eat FREE</b> |   |   |



## YOUTH & WORSHIP

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." We bid farewell to 2017 and hello to 2018! As we move on to another New Year, I wanted to take a moment to look back on how things got started two and a half years ago when I came to Central. Perhaps as we look back, we can reflect together on how to move forward to make 2018 the best year yet.



I've said it before and I'll say it again – I owe the current edition of Central Youth to Nancy Jones. It is funny to look back on how it all came to be. Living across the street from a family of six, Nancy invited the Livingston boys to come to church. Johnny and Braden went to the children's department, but Jason and Tyler quickly became the consistent core of the youth group along with Isabel and Danielle. Jason started dating a young woman named Isabella and she was brave enough to tag along with the boys and soon she was a regular as well. Then their neighborhood friends, Emily and Ian, became curious and decided to give us a try. This led to an

interesting dynamic because the group all attended another local church closer to their homes. A new era began where it was not a guarantee the kids would show up Sunday or Wednesday because they might just be at the other church. During this time, Isabella's brothers, Dylan and Niko, started to ask their sister if they could come with her to church. Hi-



larily, she did not want them to come because she wanted the group to remain small and she thought they would be too immature. An agreement was reached for them to come every other week, which before long became basically every week.

With the new blood bringing new energy into the youth department, some on-the-fringe kids (Alyssa, Camyrn, Jake, Jamani, Josh, Jovan, Hailee) from before I started began to renew their interest in attending. Soon we had regular numbers hovering around 10-15, way more than the 2-3 at the beginning. It was a fun learning curve to navigate the growing numbers, arranging rides, and figuring out who would be there and who not.

Jump forward a bit and we have lost several students to other extracurricular activities, some to relocation, and one or two for seemingly no reason. Such is life among teenagers! But we've also added a few more friends in Daniel, Jumari, Nick, Noah and Wain. Melissa and I have more help with Alice, Laura, Lisa, Kirk and Kristin adding to the mix.

All this review to say two things: change begins with one person stepping out in faith. Without Nancy our group would look totally different. Will the next phase be caused by your faithfulness? Who in your world might need a group of young disciples learning and growing together? Who might you know who may be called to serve alongside our volunteers to lift up and inspire our youth?

The other is that the time we have with these kids may be short, but I believe the impact can last a lifetime. As we show them there are people who love them and want them to succeed, they are building confidence to be the children of God they were created to be. As they are loved, they learn to love others. So, for all those involved, thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do for me and for the youth. Don't lose faith and always remember that what you do makes a difference. Here's to 2018! -Matt



### Deacon Breakfast & Visioning—Jan. 20th

Our pastor has promised pancakes at 8:00 a.m. before the annual deacon planning and visioning gathering scheduled for Saturday, January 20th. Goal-setting and establishing priorities for 2018 will be the major theme of the morning along with practical information and discussion of deacon duties and responsibilities.

Individual copies of *Jesus Outside the Lines* (\$11 each), to be used for the deacon's next book study, have arrived and may be picked up from Linda Pigott. Please be in prayer for these church leaders who seek to be spiritual leaders discerning and doing God's will within this community of faith.

### Annual Church Financial Plan Approved

The 2018 budget was approved by those present in conference after worship on December 10th. Initial proceeds from the sale of the church camp are being handled by the trustees, and are not being used for regular operating expenses. The approved budget can be viewed in the church office.

### To Give Now...

You may use this QR code to connect to your online bank, or you may give online at [www.centralbc.org](http://www.centralbc.org). Your generosity means that Central can more easily shine a light for Christ in our neighborhood & around the world. Visa and MasterCard accepted.



### Building & Grounds Update

As we begin the new year, the Building and Grounds Committee welcomes Kirk Leister as a new member and thanks returning members: Ken Bryant, Larry Donaldson, Tom McCulley, Sylvia Meincke, Marty Petty and Ronnie Walton.

The Building and Grounds Committee, according to the By-Laws, is charged with maintaining the church buildings, grounds, furnishings and equipment in a safe, functional and attractive manner. Also, in conjunction with the church staff, B & G works with any requests for usage of the church property and sees that the church is fairly compensated monetarily.

At this printing, most of the hurricane repairs in Adams Hall have been done, and work has begun on classrooms in the Marchman Building. As repairs are completed, keep in mind that Adams Hall is available for receptions, birthday/ anniversary parties, banquets, awards dinners, vendor fairs, etc. The sanctuary is available for weddings, funerals, concerts, programs, etc. We welcome your requests and referrals. This can supplement the tithes and offerings toward the cost of maintaining our facilities. Active church members receive a discounted rate. And remember: Conserving electricity is good stewardship, so in the meantime.. If you turn it on - please turn it off . :-))



## *Central's Servants: JIM PAGE* **Minister to the Marginalized**

by Joan Singley Schrysen



Few know that during the Cold War Jim Page flew missions over the North Pole as an Air Force navigator with the Strategic Air Command. Fresh out of the University of Florida, Jim served three years on active duty before returning to GE in Syracuse, New York to resume his career as an electrical engineer.

As a project manager, Jim led a team charged with developing computer-generated display systems – visual simulations using early digital technology – to train pilots. As satisfying as this was, Jim's true calling lay in a different direction.

"I've always felt I needed to be out giving aid and comfort to people on the margin," Jim said. Over the years, Jim served four groups of the disenfranchised.

He and his wife Joyce started teaching and leading youth groups while Jim was in the Air Force, stationed in Tampa. Their team teaching continued through the years, in a succession of churches, until they landed at Central. Here they started a much-needed class for young adults that continues to this day, although the young adults are no longer so young.

Even before the Pages joined Central, Hal Marchman asked them to lead a discussion group for alcoholics at the Stewart Marchman Center. Fearing they could not relate since they were not alcoholics themselves, they were reluctant to accept. In true Marchman fashion, Hal reassured them, "Of course you can do it." Thus began a long ministry to addicts and alcoholics spanning 24 years.

In the early 90's HIV and AIDS were little understood and greatly feared. Any victim was avoided and stigmatized. Jim began to minister to these patients with loving care and concern. He led a seminar on HIV/AIDS at Central and recruited others to share in this ministry. His work with AIDS/HIV patients continued long after Jim disconnected from it.

Finally, Jim has always felt that each child should have the opportunity to develop into the best person he could be. For 15 years as a Guardian Ad Litem Jim served as an advocate for children who were afflicted and abused.

Youths, the addicted, HIV/AIDS patients, children – each are on the margin in one way or another – yet over the years countless individuals have had a better life because of Jim's commitment to minister to the marginalized.

JIM PAGE and his wife Joyce have three children and four grandchildren (three living).

### **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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Come Early for Bingo: \$.25/card / FREE Prizes  
**\$2 Meal**

Entertainment—To Be Announced

**Sign-up** in Church Office or Call Tommie Lou  
(386-767-0123)

**Coming This Month:** (Date & Time TBD)  
**Trips to Dixie Crossroads Seafood, Titusville**  
**& DeLeon Springs Pancake House**

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