

### Central Baptist Herald June, 2018

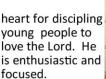
God calls us to Engage, Encourage and Empower Families and Individuals to Follow Christ!

## We Welcome Two New Part-time Church Staffers: Laurie Moran and Matthew Layton

Laurie Moran is our new Music Leader; she brings a wealth of musical experience as singer, songwriter, and musician especially in the secular genre, but her deep love for sacred music and contemplation were nurtured in the church. She studied music at Villa Maria College in Buffalo, New York, and she began teaching music when she came to Florida in 1992.

Laurie said, "Thank you for inviting me into your community to share in the music ministry. I'd like to encourage you to join us. All that is needed is a desire in your heart to sing or share your gifts and talents. My vision is to create an intergenerational music ministry where all will thrive from being together. I look forward to getting to know you."

Matthew Layton is our new Youth Leader. He comes to us from 1st United Methodist Church of Port Orange, where he has been a member for 8 years and has served as a leader in student ministries for the past two years. He comes with a real



Matt said, "I want to provide a youth group our students will love and yearn to be a part of. I look for-





Laurie Moran

Matthew Layton

ward to serving with all of you and to the fellowship ahead!"





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### Sonny's Sayings...

This month (June) marks 10 years that I have served as pastor of Central Baptist Church. It is quite hard to believe. The 3 children we had when we moved here have grown before all of our eyes. They have each taken a leadership position in the church – Isabel leading music, Cade inviting every friend he knows to youth, and Isaac being a leader in the children's ministry, and they have taught their

younger brothers the ins and outs of being pastors' kids, with all of its responsibilities and privileges. Melissa and I have gone from preparing for our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary to preparing for our 20<sup>th</sup>, and we have experienced all the challenges that come from this timeframe of our lives, as we moved into our 40's.

As a church, we have changed quite a bit, while in many ways we are still the same church we were when I started. There are lots of familiar faces still in church from the time that I started, but there are also lots of new faces. It is a sign of good continuity that Linda, Steve, and Gwen are still on staff, as they were when I started, and it is also a good sign of hope and progress that we continue to call people who have a vision for ministry. Like my children, it is important that we hold things in balance: those who love Central enough that they want to help us to remember what Central is all about and teach those who are newer the richness of our tradition; and those who love Central enough that they want to help us move effectively into the future, and want to teach those who are more established the new possibilities and opportunities for worship that are out there.

This balance is not easy, and it is true that from time to time, we might tip the scales more in one direction than the other, but what is most important is that we continue to move forward together as we strive to strike that balance. Lovingly and compassionately being the presence of God to each other, even when we might be on different tracks, is the signature of God's presence, and that is what will sustain us as we move forward. I continue to be optimistic about the next 10 years that God has



in store for our church, and I have lots that I am excited for. I hope and pray that you feel that same sense of hope.

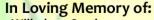
Blessings, Sonny

**Praising God!** 

#### Year-to-Date (5/27/18)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 127
New Members: 8
Total Receipts: \$160,520.92
Total Spending: \$174,204.63\*
\*\$84,421.38 paid to date for Hurricane
Irma repairs. Source: Flood Insurance

#### Special Gifts this Month



**Willodeen Sanders** 

From: The Ready Class, Donna Murphy

**Aiden Tozer** 

From: James & Louise Fink

Aiden & Louise Tozer

From: Mike & Patty O' Sullivan

Aiden & Louise Tozer
For: The Prime Timers

From: James & Tommie Lou Hitson,

**Louise Tozer** 

From: Shirley Hess, Nate & Phyllis Davis, The Ready Class,
Priscilla Warner, Richard & Lavelle Dycus,
Art & Joan Schrysen, Jack & Arlette Harris,
Bobby & Kathleen Brazell, Evelyn Holcomb

Aiden & Louise Tozer & Willodeen Sanders

From: Marty & Darla Petty, Gwen Bills, Russell & Mary Lou Barnhart, & Bo & Peggy Lynn Gibson

**Bob Kovalovsky** 

From: Mary Ann Kovalovsky, Charles & Ruth Bradford

Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi

For: Children & Youth Ministries From: Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

In Honor of:

The Birthdays of Martha Meadows & Mary Anne Trumbull

From: James & Tommie Lou Hitson

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#### Linda's Log

School is out for the kids and we all find ourselves steadfastly seeking summer sabbath. It matters not that the majority of us are able to travel ANY time of the year because we no longer are enslaved by our children's school calendar; there's just something about this time of year that makes us yearn for distant locales for wandering and relaxing. It's an exciting time for families with children and school-age kids because those super early bus rides are put on hold for a couple of months and most everyone gets a break from the intensity of weekday early morning hurry and hustle.

I have a couple of suggestions for these summers days.

- 1. Intentionally spend more time with your family; call your favorite Aunt Betty or Uncle Harry and plan a get-together. Many budgets and/or health conditions dictate that a "staycation" is more feasible than a cross country jaunt, but there's no need to despair; after all, we LIVE in PARADISE! The beach and the river and all the dozens of beautiful local parks are free or nearly free.
- 2. Consider taking periods of digital sabbath. Having lots of people around all the time is no insurance against lonely times, especially in this electronic age when even parents are becoming more and more dependent (dare I suggest "addicted"?) to their cell phones and tablets. Be intentional about being present in the moment. Really LISTEN to friends and family...as much as possible without judgment or criticism...use summer sabbath as a chance to build or renew relationships.
- 3. Find some personal space for silence. Even though it's listed last in this article, silence is NOT the least important. Having been introduced to contemplative prayer a few years ago, during an especially stressful family time, I can attest to the value of taking time to rest in the Spirit. From personal experience, I can say emphatically that taking time to pray without words is valuable beyond definition or explanation. Silence can and will give the Spirit a chance to heal our wounded and weary lives. If you're not sure how to get started, come and talk to me about it. Truly, it's easier than you may think. .... And we have The Spirit to help us!!

I hope you'll join me and the rest of your church family in worship and relaxation that is meaningful and authentic.....I wish you a summer to remember as you draw closer to others and to Christ!

Loving and caring, Linda

#### Central Kids (Gr. 3-6) Attending Passport Kids Camp June 10th-13th!

This year's theme is "ENOUGH" with a mission focus on the Roma people of the world. For centuries this outcast people group has been unwelcome in many parts of the world. Systematic discrimination in Eastern Europe has left the Roma vulnerable to the long-term effects of little access to education, the inability to own land, or to have recognized rights as citizens. Passport campers will learn what Christians in Eastern Europe and even in St. Louis, MO, are doing to share God's love in tangible and life-changing ways. Then we will learn how we can help.

Staying on the campus of Stetson University in Deland, campers will enjoy wild and crazy games and Bible study; they will also have a chance to make friends from other churches while drawing closer to their friends at Central. Please pray for our safety and for positive life-shaping experiences during the week of June 10th-13th. *Prayer bracelets with the campers' names will be available in worship June 10th.* 

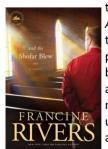
Central's children's ministry is especially grateful to all those



whose generous donations have greatly reduced the expenses of parents and made it possible to forego any fund-raising efforts for this activity. Thank you! SO MUCH!!

#### Women's Christian Book Club Reading a "Novel" For Summer Sabbath

"In the Old Testament, God called His people to action with the blast of the shofar, a ram's horn. He still calls His people



today. In this relevant and timely novel, And the Shofar Blew by best-selling Christian author Francine Rivers, dynamic young preacher Paul Hudson is committed to building his church— As Paul and those around him struggle to discern what it truly means to live out their faith, they must ultimately choose between their own will and God's plan."

This is the first fictional book chosen by this group. In the past the readings and discussions have centered around issues of faith and inspirational true stories. Just for variety, a book of fiction has been chosen for summer reading. The group will take a summer break and re-convene on August 14th at 1:00 p.m. to share responses and "ahah!" moments. The book is available from most online sources, including hardcover, paperback and kindle formats as well as from the local library as an eBook. Please let Linda Pigott or Alice Glover know if you need help finding a copy. And remember, new folks are always welcome to join this group.

#### Volunteer Extraordinaire, Corrie Wise, is Retiring

Please join in thanking her for 25+ years of faithful & loving service EVERY Sunday morning! God has richly blessed Central's children but she has clearly earned a break from service EVERY weekend. Thank you, Ms. Corrie! We LOVE you!!

## June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lifetree Café: Sundays 9:30 a.m., Marc 6/3 Living with Autisr 6/10 In the News 6/17 Fatherless 6/24 Money, Money, Mo					<b>1</b> Birthday: Meg Pokorny	2Birthdays: Sonny Gallman Alice Glover
<b>3</b> Birthday: Betty MacMinn	4Birthday: Diane Welch	<b>5</b> Birthdays: Adeline Bethea Jan Gibson Candy Newton	6	<b>7</b> Birthday: Thomas Jee	8Birthday: Don Musser	9
10 Passort Kids Camp @ Stetson Univ. {Leave Church 12 Noon}  Birthdays: Al Neimann	11 Passport Kids Camp @Stetson Univ.	12 Passport Kids Camp  @ Stetson Univ. No Pastor's Bible Study  Birthday: Jack Harris	13Passport Kids Camp @ Stetson Univ {Return to Church 2 P.M.}  Birthday: Joan Rademacher	14Birthday: Reid Burrows	15Birthday: Keith Schmitt	16
17 Commissioning of Mission Participants Birthdays: Will Bethea Jean Peck Winnie Sapp	18 <sub>Birthday:</sub> Bettie Witt	19 5 P.M—Church Council	<b>20</b> Birthday: Cal Martin	21	22Birthday: Marty Petty	23
24 Intergenerational Mission Trip Gatlinburg, TN  Birthdays: Michelle Carlson Carla Cribbs	25 Intergenerational Mission Trip- Gatlinburg, TN Birthday: Brittany Pigott	26 Intergenerational Mission Trip- Gatlinburg, TN No Pastor's Bible Study Birthday: Connor Case	27 Intergenerational Mission Trip— Gatlinburg, TN  Birthday: Wayne Bishop	28 Intergenerational Mission Trip- Gatlinburg, TN	29 Intergenerational Mission Trip— Gatlinburg, TN Birthday: Larissa Adams	30 Intergenerational Mission Trip— Gatlinburg, TN Birthday: Amy Meyer

#### **MOPS Summer Break**

Mothers of Preschoolers generally takes a break when school closes for summer vacation because frequently moms with preschoolers also have at least one older child as well and this would make scheduling more complicated than helpful. Central's MOPS leaders will gather soon

to plan for the fall kick-off and to thank the faithful and energetic volunteers who served in our initial start-up! Please continue to pray for Central's volunteers and for the moms and



children God has already chosen to participate in the Fall. May we be open, inviting and hospitable always.

# 2018 Graduates! Congrats!



#### **HighSchool**

Jahwain Bush - Atlantic High, Daytona Beach, FL

Connor Case - Mainland High, Daytona Beach, FL
Markus Eldridge - Spruce Creek High, Port Orange, FL
Sunni Mashburn - Bucholtz High, Gainesville, FL
Vann Meadows - Spruce Creek High, Port Orange, FL
Jamari Ponder - Atlantic High, Daytona Beach, FL
Ramsey Rippey - Headland High, Headland, AL
Cole Roberds - Herndon High, Herndon, VA
Charlot Schutzler - Santa Fe' High, Alachua, FL
Allison Van Milligan-Colorado Springs High, CO
Rayne Wilson - Lake Brantley High, Altamonte Springs,
College & Universities

Melody Guthrie—B. A., University of Washington Jessica Matthews—B.S. University of Florida Samantha McCulley - M. S., University of North Florida Wonu Ogundele - B.S., Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ Matthew Penny - B.S., University of South Florida



#### Performing Arts Camp—July 8-12 Registrations Needed NOW!

Forms and details are available on the church website and on church foyer tables. \$50 covers 4 1/2 days of arts and crafts (We make and paint the scenery!) as well as fun and games while learning a musical drama to present on Thursday evening. Kindergarten (completed) through middle school are welcome. We begin on Sunday afternoon, July 8th and perform the musical drama Thursday night, July 12th.

#### Summer Youth Group Fun is Just Beginning.....

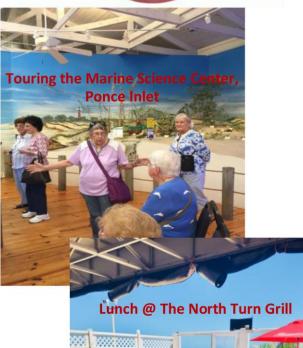
Be sure to share your contact info with Matt, Melissa, or Ron to ensure you don't miss out on ANY of the fun and learning this summer. Big plans are underway for a summer mission trip, as well as opportunities to hangout with other area youth groups. Be sure to see Matt to get info about making commitments for worship at Student Life in July and Rock the Universe for Fall. Remember, it's always okay to bring your friends!



#### **Arts at Central**







Upcoming Event: Fall Fun Fellowship

Bingo + FREE Ice Cream Social

Thursday, August 24, 2 p.m., Adams Hall

Big Prizes—Bingo Proceeds for Missions

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Youth Leader Matthew Layton
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