

Central Baptist Herald July, 2018

Central On Mission—Gatlinburg, TN

Twenty-four missionaries from Central are working on-site in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, this week sharing the light of Christ in all their ministries. They are an inter-generational group of folks from fourth graders through senior adults. Their work includes working in a local food bank and the adjacent community garden, leading activities in nursing homes, and finishing and painting a porch on a Habitat house. By working and playing together (after

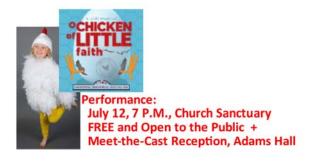
the day is done) there are wonderful opportunities for developing and deepening friendships and understanding across the ages and stages of life, across socio-economic and education levels.

There's just something about "going to another place" to serve that engenders cooperation and caring about each other as well as those being served. The nightly worship and after-hours fun and games are just as important as the work. Look inside this newsletter for additional action photos; this photo (right) was taken very early Sunday

morning at bus departure from the church. Other participants traveled on their own and joined the group in Gatlinburg.



Prayer bracelets with the names of each worker were distributed after worship on Sunday (7/24). These folks have been praying specifically for the person named on their bracelet, as well as for the whole group. We hope you will be in worship on July 1 to hear a little about their adventures. It's great that Central continues to be a congregation that supports action ministries.



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August 3-5, 2018

FREE! FREE! FREE!

Vacation Bible School at Central. Ages 3 through grade 5 (completed) ...Cool off Friday night and Saturday morning, with an afternoon "family" party and Sunday morning Special Presentation in Worship. Sign-up TODAY!

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Sonny's Sayings...

As I write this, I am with the mission team up in Gatlinburg, and we are being blessed as we bless those around us. It has been a good adventure already, and we are excited about the new people that we will meet. But this also marks the second week already this summer that I have been

out of town on church business (I was with the kids for Passport Kids earlier this month), and next week I will be on vacation with my family. That means that four of the last 5 weeks, I have been on the road, and not at the office.

I have certainly missed the day to day routine of being in the office, and out making visits, but I also feel like I have been needed in these places. Also, being away has given me something that all of us need, in one way or the other: some perspective. It has been good to see some of the different ways that ministry happens, even in settings that are different from ours. It has broadened my sense of God's presence to talk to people who are very different from me, yet who share the same faith journey as mine.

What has been nice for me is that, even as I have been away, and even as I have no intention of making this a habit, it has been re-assuring to know that there are lots of people that have kept the church rolling in my absence. The staff has worked hard preparing worship, managing the office, making pastoral visits, and other church stuff. But also, our lay leadership has been working hard. We are meeting regularly to develop a plan for the money that came from the sale of the camp that involves good stewardship. The trustees and building and grounds have been working hard on making sure that the building is in good shape after last year's hurricane.

And as a staff, even though we have not always been able to hold our regular staff meetings, we have had good discussions about how we can make worship as meaningful as possible and how to maximize our ministry potential. So while this has been a crazy month, and my back is complaining that I have not slept in my own bed for way too long, the summer has been good for me, for the church, and for those we have connected with. I look forward to being back in the regular routine soon, even as I enjoy this time away from the office.

Blessings to you this summer, Sonny



Praising God!

Year-to-Date (6/24/18)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 119
New Members: 9
Total Receipts: \$ 194,071.28*
Total Spending: \$206,561.52**

*This total includes \$10,609.15 received so far from interest on the camp sale.

**\$88,418.59 paid to date for Hurricane repairs is NOT included in YTD Spending above.
Source: Flood Insurance

Special Gifts this Month

In Loving Memory of:

Aiden & Louise Tozer

From: Jim & Joyce Page

Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi

For MOPS & Children & Youth Ministries

From: Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

In Honor of:

Burniece Miranda for Mother's Day

From: Randy Miranda Keith Schmitt's Birthday

From: Ruth Esther Compton, Shirley Hess

Central Baptist Volunteers

From: Gwen Bills

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...

The summer is in full swing! We have already been to Passport Kids Camp and the mission trip is underway. In less than two weeks, we will begin Performing Arts Camp (July 8-12) and Vacation Bible School will be three weeks after that! Whew! I'm thanking God for capable and conscientious leaders who give their time and attention (and sometimes their vacations) to serve God.

On July 23rd the MOPS leadership team will gather for a meal and make plans for our fall kick-off ...tentatively scheduled for August 20th. The Prime Timers leadership team is meeting next week to finalize plans for our Ice Cream Social and Bingo afternoon (2:00, August 24), as well as decide on September and October events/activities.

Planning is essential; collaborative decision-making is an absolute necessity but energy levels and time availability are both limited. When I dwell on the long "to-do" list, I sometimes almost feel panicked. But then I am reminded as in my morning

devotional reading today that God designed time as a protection for us. We could not bear to see our whole lifetimes at once. But God, who is unlimited by time, meets us in the PRESENT moment. He invites us to breathe deeply and take His time to be refreshed. The highest level of trust is to be able to enjoy being in His Presence moment by moment, confident

that our every need (not necessarily every want) will be supplied. Time is a gift (the Present!) and when we feel that overwhelming anxiety of "not enough hours in the day," God is near to remind us that there is ENOUGH. God is Enough, We are Enough, and there IS Enough for all.

I trust your time with God this summer is refreshing and uplifting...especially as you generously give your time in His service.

Loving and caring, Linda



Performing Arts Camp: July 8-12

There are a FEW slots still available for campers. (Kindergarten through Middle School)

Don't delay. Register today or call Linda in the church office.

Have you registered your child for
Vacation Bible School?... It's the first weekend in
August... No Fees! All children age 3 through grade 5
(completed) are welcome. But we MUST pre-register so we
will have enough materials available... See Linda Pigott or
Darla Petty. Forms are available in church foyers. "Polar
Blast" is this year's theme. Join the fun and learning
"where Jesus is COOL!"



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Birthdays: Mary Covington Sarah Petty Marty Richardson	2 No Deacons' Meeting	3 11:00 a.m.—Prime Timers Team Meeting 11:00—Grocery Shopping Bus for Central Manor	4 Holiday, Office Closed Birthday: Charity Hunter	5 Holiday, Office Closed Birthday: Stephany DeVane	6Birthday: Vicki Smith	7 Birthdays: Doris Scott
8 2:00-5:00 p.m. Performing Arts Camp Birthday: Carson Gallman	9:00 a.m2:00 p.m. Performing Arts Camp Birthday: Mary Anne Daskovs	10 9:00 a.m2:00 p.m. Performing Arts Camp	I 1 9:00 a.m2:00 p.m. Performing Arts Camp Birthdays: Fred Meincke June Swartzfager	129:00 a.m2:00 p.m. Performing Arts Camp 7:00 p.m. "O Chicken of Little Faith" Producion & Meet-the-Cast Birthdays: Reception Ken Bryant Garrett Wiggins	13	14Birthdays: Leah Case Donna Murphy Sara Smiley
15 Birthdays: Light'nin Epton Janie Harris Terri Martin	16 Birthday: Shirley Hess	17 11:00—Grocery Shopping Bus for Central Manor	18 Birthdays: Ann Beck Lee Gallman Jim Scott Maria Tantalo	19 Birthdays: Leah Jones Richard Rand	20	21 Birthdays: Candace Candage Charlie Giles Joan Maxwell Samantha McCulley
22Birthdays: Doris Claxton Richard Dycus	23 12:00 p.m. MOPS Leaders Thank You/Pre- Planning Luncheon Birthday: Claudia Penny	24Birthdays: Bo Gibson CJ Vasile	25 Birthdays: Logan Case Jim Hitson Jolene Mayer Bill Schap	26 Birthdsays: Sydney Murrell Trenton Free	27 _{Birthday:} Joy Wallis	28 Birthday: Laura Cason
29	30 Youth Attend "Linked Happens"	31 Youth Attend "Linked Happens" 11:00—Grocery Shopping Bus for Central Manor Birthday: Jamari Ponder		Lifetree Café: Sundays 9:30 a.m., Marchr 7/1 After the attack 7/8 In the News 7/15 What's God Up to? 7/22 Wounded Warrior 7/29 Simplify Your Life	nan Bldg., Rm. 115	

Absentee Balloting

"There's a church business meeting in two weeks and I'm going to be away. How will I be able to vote?"

"Three people from my class will be away the Sunday of the meeting but I'll see them at lunch tomorrow. Can I just pick up their absentee ballots and drop them off at the church after lunch?"

for Church roll call purposes only.

Here is the process recomme

How? Individual requests for absentee to the church office in person or leading to the church office.

"Email is great! All the way in Idaho and I've heard about the meeting! I'll just call the office and ask them to fill out my absentee ballot!"

Almost any time of year, members of our congregation are away on the Sunday of a church business meeting or are unable to attend for some other reason. Sometimes, the process for voting by absentee ballot has been unclear. The Deacons recently reviewed the church Bylaws and have outlined a process that is summarized below.

Here is the text from our church Bylaws: Article I, Section D - Rights of Members

Voting – Subject to the provisions herein, every Member of the Church, with the exception of Watch Care Members, is entitled to vote at all elections and on all questions submitted to the Churc in conference, provided the Member is present or provision has been made for absentee balloting. When any Church Member is unable to be present at any election, an

absentee ballot will be accepted prior to the election, in a sealed envelope with said Member's name on the envelope, for Church roll call purposes only.

Here is the process recommended by the Deacons: How? Individual requests for absentee ballots may be made to the church office in person or by email. Due to the limited amount of time for absentee balloting, requests by phone, which would involve mailing the ballot back and forth, should be avoided. Ballots will either be accepted in the church office in a sealed envelope or by email from the member's own email address in which case the email will be printed and placed in a sealed envelope. The member's name will be on the outside of the envelope only for the purpose of the Church roll call.

When? Absentee ballots will be available through the church office by noon on Monday following the communication meeting and will be accepted through the end of the day on Friday of that week.

Changes Made During the Business Meeting? If changes are made to proposals during the business meeting when voting takes place, those who have submitted an absentee ballot will be contacted and given an opportunity to vote on the final language.

-Laura Cason, Moderator





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Ice Cream Social

Beat the Summer Heat.....

Ice Cream Social and Bingo
Adams Hall, Aug. 24th, 2:00 p.m.
Sign-up in Church Office
FREE Ice Cream
BINGO: \$.25 / Card (Proceeds for Missions)
Exciting NEW Prizes



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