

We Are



# Central Baptist Herald

## September, 2018

### Christmas Choral Music Preparation Beginning

The choir has begun learning the music to *The Mercy Manger* to be presented on Sunday, December 16. In addition to regular Wednesday evening rehearsals, Sunday afternoons twice a month are also planned. Laurie, our music director, is very excited about the enthusiasm for doing such “an amazingly beautiful and meaningful Cantata.” She is encouraging us to invite friends and/or family to sing with us. Telling the story of the birth of Christ in song is one of the most relatable outreach opportunities available. All ages and all faith traditions are welcome! Please don’t hesitate to invite any singers you know to participate. Questions? Need a songbook or CD? Call the church office and leave a message for Laurie; she’s anxious to help you engage.



*“What God did two millennia ago was so unexpected, so far from anything we could comprehend, we failed to recognize it. God, the Father showed us mercy. The infinitely Holy reached out to the utterly sinful. God, the Son came to us. The mundane was confronted by the miraculous—a Child in a manger, the Bread of Life in a feeding trough for animals. From the foundations of the earth, He planned mercy—in a manger. It was a **mercy manger**”.*

### Painting with the Spirit—8/25/18



### October is Pastor Appreciation Month

There will be a Pastor Appreciation Luncheon after Worship on Sunday, October 7, hosted by the deacons, in celebration of Sonny’s 10-Year Anniversary at Central. Questions or to Volunteer? See Laura Cason or Marty Petty.

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## Sonny's Sayings...

In his book, *As a Man Thinketh*, James Allen says this: "You will always gravitate toward that which you, secretly, most love...Whatever your present environment may be, you will fall, remain, or rise with your thoughts, your Vision,

your Ideal. You will become as small as your controlling desire, and great as your dominant aspiration..."

Those words, which I read as a part of my daily devotion, gave me pause. They are, in essence, the spiritual parallel to the health truth: "You are what you eat." Jesus talked about this in his comments to his disciples: "It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles...what comes out of the mouth comes from the heart."

So I gave pause to the words above that come from James Allen, and I thought about my own life. Pastors are human beings (something I have proven to Central over and over again!), and there are times when our minds are not where they are supposed to be. For example, I sometimes get focused on attention and accolades, rather than transformation and discipleship. And, like many of you, I'm sure, I can sometimes let my mind gravitate toward negativity. "The church isn't growing like I want it to." "Why don't more people sign up for volunteer positions?" "Why isn't the worship more "dynamic?" All those thoughts and more can sometimes cloud my mind, and pretty soon, my overview of church and ministry can grow pretty dim and desperate.

But there are also times that my mind gravitates toward the positive. "Look at the people whose lives we are really touching!" "Look at how many people are involved in the new ministries we have started!" "Look at the energy of people who are working to get our youth group up and running!" "Look at the work of the people who are tireless in their energy with Prime Timers!" And in those times, my mind moves in a very positive direction, and I think of the endless possibilities of what God can do in our church.

So after giving all of this some thought I made a new resolution for myself, that negativity would not win the day. I hope that you will all give this some thought as well. Don't let yourself dwell on what is not right, whether in your own life, or in the church. Instead, focus on the things that we can celebrate. And keep feeding those things. I hope we can take this approach in our church as well, and really zero in on the good things that are taking place in our community.

Blessings, Sonny

### Results of Church Conference Voting

The counting committee reported that all items voted on at the recent church conference passed by a significant margin. Thanks to the church family for prayerful consideration and support of your church leaders.

## Praising God!

### Year-to-Date (8/27/18)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 120

New Members: 10

Total Receipts: \$274,282.80\*

Total Spending: \$299,129.45\*\*

\*\$14,093.66 from camp sale interest is included in Total Receipts.

\*\*Additional \$91,098.59.59 has been paid to date for Hurricane Irma repairs. Source of Funds: Flood Insurance

Proceeds from the sale of the camp have been placed into a Vanguard account until further decisions are made.

### Special Gifts this Month

#### In Loving Memory of:

**Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi**

**For MOPS, Children, Youth & General Fund**

From: Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

#### In Honor of:

**The 50th Wedding Anniversaries of**

**Jon & Vicky Jackson, Edward &**

**Martha Meadows, Alton & Mary Sheffield**

From: Edward and Martha Meadows

#### Funding Carpet Cleaning in the Children's Suite

From: Lifetree Café Participants

### 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](http://www.centralbc.org).







## Linda's Log

FOMO! Are you familiar with this acronym? My kids tell me it means "Fear Of Missing Out!" How about IDK? That means "I Don't Know"...I figured that one out for myself! :-))

In our text-messaging culture, there are shortened ways to express most any idea or emotion—emojis, abbreviations, even new words! Now, I'm all for being more efficient, whether it's communication or a physical task to be completed, but I have a nagging suspicion that we are rushing through our lives, trying to do so much, so quickly, that accuracy and relationship are consumed in the fiery haste.

Real honest to goodness growth...requires time and focus; it can't be rushed; there are no abbreviations for perseverance and sincerity of purpose. God is calling each of us to commit to a focused time that honors his command to love Him above all others and above all things and to a lifestyle that takes time to consider the needs of "the other."

I read a research report this week that showed that the primary determining factor for whether adult children from "churched" families continued to be active church participants as independent adults was the centrality of the study of scripture during their upbringing. Even church-going families lost the next generation when Scripture was not studied at home. Just as we suspected, the church can't do it all; parents need to commit to reading the Bible WITH their children. Children need to see their parents studying the Bible for themselves and adhering to its teachings. If "love God and others" is continually practiced at home, this way of life is continued into the next generation. There are no shortcuts. We learn what we live.

I have had the privilege of working with children at church, as well as being a parent; before I did either of those, I was a child development teacher. Both my education and experience, as well as current research fully support the importance of strong parenting role models. I remain convinced that even though the training we give young boys and girls at church is immeasurably important, our impact will be horribly diluted or perhaps even diminished if we do not nurture the parents as well. This is one of the reasons I am so excited that Central is offering MOPS. Our Mothers of Preschoolers activity is growing slowly but steadily... This month's topics are: Sept. 10—"Your Family Plan", and Sept. 24—"Boundaries for Kids." Please continue to pray that the Spirit will continue to work through our patient, positive leaders who feel called to share a faith for all generations with these young moms. May your faith deepen as you bless others.

Loving and caring, Linda



## Polar Blast Vacation Bible School 2018



# September 2018

**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  
 2:30 p.m. Bridge

**Regular Wednesday Schedule**  
 5:45 p.m. Family Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Shine! & Youth Group, Nursery Provided  
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**Regular Thursday Schedule**  
 2:30-4:30 p.m. GriefShare

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Lifetree Café:</b> Sundays 9:30 a.m., 9/2 Living a Rich Life 9/9 The Art of Listening 9/16 Miracles or Mere Coincidences 9/23 When Anxiety Strikes 9/30 A Family Divided						<b>1 Birthday:</b> Emily Goodwin
<b>2 Birthdays:</b> Gary Jones Edward Meadows	<b>3 Holiday -</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>4 Birthday:</b> Karen Meadows	<b>5 Birthdays:</b> Anthony McCulley Jerry Penny Zoe Ryan	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Birthdays:</b> Steve DeVane Betty Fant Carolyn Moss  <i>Youth to go to "Rock the Universe"</i>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 1:00-2:30 p.m. Cantata Practice</b>	<b>10 9:30-11:30 a.m. MOPS - "Your Family Plan"</b> <b>6:00 p.m.—Deacons' Mtg.</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 Birthday:</b> Matthew Lauxman	<b>14 Birthdays:</b> Patrick Burgess Dan Rutter	<b>15 Birthdays:</b> Steve Branson Richard Finley Vicky Jackson
<b>16 Birthdays:</b> Debbie Bagnato	<b>17 Birthday:</b> Carol Adamek Tom Pokorny Jacob Weaver Joshua Weaver	<b>18</b>	<b>19 Birthdays:</b> Kristofer Bransom Diane Dunn	<b>20 Birthdays:</b> Janet Collins-Free Robert McDaniel Burniece Miranda	<b>21 Birthdays:</b> Kristen Andreason Jim Shoopman Priscilla Warner	<b>22</b>
<b>23 1:00-2:30 p.m. Cantata Practice</b>	<b>24 9:30-11:30 a.m. MOPS - "Boundaries for Kids"</b>  <b>Birthday:</b> Albeiro Alzate Elaine McCulley	<b>25 Birthday:</b> Carol Bechberger Loraine Harrell Faye McClelland	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Prime Timers Day Trip to Lake Mary to Fred's Market and Restaurant.</i> <i>Bus Departs @ 10:30 a.m.</i>	<b>28 Birthday:</b> Deana Aloï	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>  <i>Shine! Sunday for Elementary Children During Worship</i>					<b>Family Dinner Menu:</b>  9/5 Baked Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Green Beans, Carrots 9/12 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables 9/19 Breaded Chicken Breast, Thighs & Drumsticks, Tater Tots, Mixed Vegetables 9/26 Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables  <i>All meals include Salad, Rolls, Beverages &amp; Dessert.</i> <i>Cost - Seniors 65+: \$5, Adults: \$7, Kids &lt;18 Eat FREE</i>	



## Update from Building & Grounds

A huge thank you to all who came out to help fill our dumpster!! And we did!! To the fill line!! There were many who came to help on several days during the 2 weeks we had the dumpster. And to each and everyone of you a hearty thank you! All of the pews in the sanctuary have been vacuumed and the carpet in the choir loft, the platform and front part of church was cleaned. Much of what was done is not readily visible.

An update on the construction work. We have terminated our contract with ServPro and are in the process of hiring another contractor to complete the job. Please continue to be in prayer for this to begin soon and be completed in a more reasonable time frame. We appreciate all of you for your patience and understanding.

-Building & Grounds Committee



## Area Youth Groups Gather for "Linked"

The last week of summer break found Central's youth group engaging each night with other youth groups from the surrounding community. "Our" Matt even led one of the sessions! The theme focused on beauty in brokenness; specifically from Scripture, they considered how God used Peter's sorrow and guilt to mold him into the man he was meant to be.

The week ended with a bike relay to draw attention and raise funds to help combat human trafficking that is occurring in our own community.

Thanks to all the parents and other leaders who helped ensure the participation of our teens. There's simply no better place to be than interacting and developing friendships with agemates who love Jesus.







**Bingo &  
Ice Cream  
Social  
Last Month**

**SO Much  
FUN!!**

**NEXT:**

**Day Trip to Lake Mary to  
Fred's Market & Restaurant, Thursday, 9/27  
Bus Departs at 10:30—Limited Seating  
Sign-up NOW in Church Office**

**Questions**

**Call Tommie Lou (386-767-0123) or  
Rosenell (386-253-1369) or  
Linda (386-255-2588)**

**MORE Upcoming Activities on POSTED Flyers!**

## Women's Christian Book Club Resumes

This group is doing a 4-week video series by Andy Stanley called *Discovering God's Will for Your Life*. New folks are welcome to join this covenant group that meets each Tuesday in room 4 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. There is safe sharing and discussion after viewing the videos. They are in the process of discerning their next book to read.

### Servant Leadership

Ministers. . . . . All Members  
Senior Pastor. . . . . Rev. Sonny Gallman  
Assoc. Pastor of Discipleship/Outreach . . . . Rev. Linda Pigott  
Youth Director. . . . . Matt Layton  
Choir Director . . . . . Laurie Moran  
Organist. . . . . Penny Redfearn  
Pianist. . . . . Meg Pokorny  
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## Upcoming Parking Lot Repairs

The back asphalt parking lot will be resurfaced and resealed and the front parking lot broken areas will be repaired beginning Tuesday, September 11th and scheduled to be completed by Thursday, September 13th. The parking lots will be closed at various times but parking will still be available during the work. Please be aware and park accordingly. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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